

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 13, 2024



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DOVER, NH**

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### **City Hall hours:**

Monday-  
Thursday:  
8:30 a.m. to  
5:30 p.m.

Friday:  
8:30 a.m. to 4  
p.m.

### **Recycling Center hours:**

Tuesday,  
Thursday,  
Saturday:  
8:30 a.m. to

## **Waterfront committee to meet as building construction begins**

### **Panel to discuss potential ground lease with Great Bay Rowing, review proposed boathouse design**

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee meets next Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the McConnell Center's Room 305.

At the meeting, the committee will discuss and potentially vote to endorse a proposed 40-year ground lease with Great Bay Rowing, which would allow them to construct a 5,400-square-foot boathouse on the waterfront property. Any lease would require City Council approval before going into effect. Great Bay Rowing will also present a proposed design of the boathouse, a privately funded building that would not use any city funds. The ground lease calls for an annual rent of \$12,000, which would increase by \$1,000 per month every 10 years, with Great Bay Rowing responsible for operation and maintenance costs. The lease also calls for Great Bay Rowing to develop programs with the Recreation Department to educate the public about paddle sports.

CDWAC will also receive updates on the public and private construction elements at the waterfront. Construction of the new waterfront buildings continues at a rapid pace, with foundations constructed throughout the River Street loop

3:30 p.m.

road. The site will see more workers in the coming weeks to continue the vertical construction of the new buildings. Construction of the public parks pavilion building is getting closer to reality, with the city expected to release the construction bid as early as next week.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

The meeting will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



Portland Avenue between Cochecho Street and Chapel Street has reopened to two-way traffic. Work on the retaining wall project will occasionally require one-lane, alternating traffic as the project wraps up. The work area is pictured here on Thursday, Sept. 12.

## Portland Avenue opens to two-way traffic as retaining wall work nears completion

### Alternating one-way traffic occurs as needed for remaining project work

The temporary traffic signals on Portland Avenue by Cochecho and Chapel streets were removed Wednesday, allowing the resumption of two-way traffic as the work on the retaining wall project nears completion. However, motorists should anticipate a single lane of alternating one-way traffic within project limits, which will occur as needed to complete the project.

The remaining work includes pouring the remaining concrete sidewalk, which is anticipated to be completed early next week. However, the new sidewalk section will be closed until the safety railing is installed, which is not expected for weeks or more due to product availability. Milling and paving Portland Avenue within the project limits is projected to occur around the end of the month.



Work began earlier this year to rebuild the critical retaining wall supporting Portland Avenue. It was built to allow a new sidewalk section along the wall between Chapel and Cochecho streets and includes new street lights.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

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## Registration now open for the 16th annual Apple Harvest Day 5k

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that registration is open for the 2024 Apple Harvest Day 5k. Now in its 16th year, the Apple Harvest Day 5k will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8:30 a.m., beginning and ending on St. Thomas Street in front of the Dover District Courthouse. This year's race underwriter is Portsmouth Regional Hospital.



“Apple Harvest Day is a favorite event for the Dover community, and Portsmouth Regional Hospital, which has a freestanding ER in Dover, is proud to once again be a sponsor,” says John Skevington, interim CEO of Portsmouth Regional Hospital. “This year, we decided to go the extra mile and serve as the underwriter for the Apple Harvest Day 5k. We’re looking forward to getting out there alongside our community, both on the 5k course and at our booth on Central Avenue.”

The USATF-certified course winds through historic downtown Dover and is perfect for advanced runners as well as beginners and families. Registration fees are \$30 for adults 21 and over and \$20 for runners under the age of 21. To register, visit [dovernh.org/AHD5k](https://dovernh.org/AHD5k). Online registration closes on Oct. 1, and in-person registration will be available at the Chamber until Oct. 4 or on the day of the race at the start line. Fees after October 1 are \$35 for runners 21 and over and \$25 for runners under 21. Cash prizes are awarded to the top finishers.

Before and during the race, runners and spectators can enjoy free coffee courtesy of New Hampshire Coffee Roasters. Following the race, each runner over the age of 21 will receive two complimentary pours of North Country Hard Cider, with non-alcoholic apple cider available for minors. Non-runners can purchase cider tokens at a cost of \$5 each.

The 40th Apple Harvest Day Festival kicks off at 9 a.m. on Oct. 5 with 300 vendors, two entertainment stages, children’s amusements, and two food courts. To see which vendors have signed up for Apple Harvest Day this year, visit [appleharvestday.com](https://appleharvestday.com). For more information about Portsmouth Regional Hospital, visit [portsmouthhospital.com](https://portsmouthhospital.com).

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and other programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](https://www.dovernh.org).



The final runner displays her T-shirt as she crosses the finish line at the 2023 Apple Harvest Day 5K Road Race.

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## Road closures, parking restrictions in place Sunday for Horne Street School 5k

Dover Police Chief William Breault announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street 5k Run and Fran's Fitness Walk on Sunday, Sept. 15.

To accommodate the event, which begins at 9 a.m., the following road closures are in place:

- **Sixth Street:** northerly direction from Grove to Whittier Street (9 to 9:30 a.m.);
- **Horne Street:** both ways between Glenwood Avenue and Redden Street (8:45 to 10 a.m.);
- **Whittier Street:** both ways from Sixth Street and Glenwood Avenue (9 to 9:45 a.m.)
- **Glenwood Avenue:** easterly direction from Sixth to Whittier Street (9 to 9:45 a.m.)

Residents should expect detours or delays on Sixth Street, Whittier Street, Horne Street and Glenwood Avenue between 9 and 10 a.m. Dover police personnel and event

volunteers will help manage traffic flow on the race route. The event starts and ends at Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School, 78 Horne St., Dover.

Parking will be prohibited on Conifer Commons and portions of Sixth and Horne streets Sunday morning. Event parking is available at the school and nearby neighborhood streets.

More information about the 5K race and two-mile fitness walk is available online at [Race Roster](#) and [Dover Race Series](#).

Contact Dover Police Lt. Marn Speidel with any traffic-related questions at 603-742-4646.

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## Dover honors 9/11 victims and first responders in City Council ceremony

In a tribute to the victims and heroes of Sept. 11, 2001, the Dover City Council held a remembrance ceremony during its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024. The event, marking the 23rd anniversary of the terrorist attacks, brought together city officials and first responders to reflect on the tragic day.

Dover Mayor Robert Carrier opened the ceremony by inviting members of Dover Fire and Rescue and the Dover Police Department to the podium. The solemn occasion served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by first responders and the enduring impact of 9/11 on the community.

Interim Fire Chief Perry Plummer, who spent 24 years with the department and previously served as the state's director of Homeland Security, recalled the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"It's been 23 long years since America's darkest day," Plummer said. "I remember it like it was yesterday."

Plummer emphasized the importance of remembering not only the lives lost but also the heroic actions of first responders.

"Let's remember that firefighters and police officers saved over 20,000 people before giving their own lives," he said.

Police Chief William Breault read the names of the Dover residents who perished in the



attacks: Kathleen Shearer, Michael Shearer, Douglas Stone, and David Scott Suarez.

Deputy Fire Chief Craig Chabot explained the significance of the bell-ringing tradition in firefighting history.

"The signal was a sign of honor and respect for all firefighters who had made the ultimate sacrifice, and it's become a time-honored tradition," Chabot said.

Following Chabot's explanation of the tradition, Dover Fire and Rescue Division Chief Keith Irwin and Dover Police Capt. David Terlemezian performed the ceremonial tolling of the bell. The five measured dashes, repeated three times, echoed through Council Chambers, honoring not only the fallen first responders of 9/11 but also military members who have lost their lives in the subsequent War on Terror.

The ceremony concluded with Chief Plummer expressing gratitude to the Dover police officers and firefighters for their ongoing service to the community.

"The acts of selflessness will be building blocks for a better community and a better world," he said.

Mayor Carrier closed the remembrance by thanking all attendees for their participation and for keeping the events of 23 years ago in their hearts.

The ceremony can be viewed online here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=HuR5weTZXZcpC3Kw>

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## State Primary Election results available online

The New Hampshire State Primary Election was held this week on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024. Election results for Dover are available [online here](#).

The primary election allows voters to select their party's nominees for various offices to appear on the general election ballot. This year, Dover voters cast their ballots for several key races. Republicans and Democrats chose their respective nominees for United States Congress, Governor, Executive Council, State Senator, and State Representatives. Additionally, Strafford County positions such as County Commissioner, County Attorney, County Sheriff, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and Register of Probate were on the primary ballots.

According to the election data, voter turnout for the primary was 28% across all six wards in Dover. The total number of ballots cast was 5,608 out of 20,223 registered voters. Ward 4 saw the highest turnout at 32%, while Ward 1 had the lowest at 24%. Absentee voting played a role in the primary, with 305 absentee ballots cast out of the total 5,608 votes.

More detailed election results information is [available online](#).

The winners of this primary election will appear on the ballot for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

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## Election officers needed in all wards for Nov. 5 General Election

The City of Dover seeks election officers to assist at polling places at the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. Election workers are needed in all of the city's six political wards.

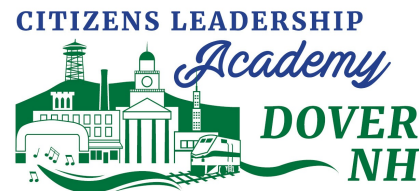
Election officers are paid positions working under the direction of the Ward Moderator who oversees the election process. Duties include aiding voters, maintaining order, opening and closing the polls, and processing the vote counts. The Ward Moderator will provide any necessary training for election officers who must be at least 18 years old and live in Dover.

Interested? Contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018 or email City Clerk Jerrica Vansylvong-Bizier at [CityClerk@dover.nh.gov](mailto:CityClerk@dover.nh.gov) who will forward your information to the moderator in the ward where you reside.

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## Citizens Leadership Academy offers behind-the-scenes look at local government

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Dover, will once again offer the Citizens Leadership Academy this October. The free program provides Dover residents a unique opportunity to learn about local government operations and explore ways to contribute to the city's future.



The 2024 Citizens Leadership Academy will meet on Oct. 10, 17, 24, 26 and 31, and Nov. 7. Each session brings together a diverse group of residents who want to deepen their knowledge of Dover's municipal structure and actively participate in civic life. Attendees will gain insights into the key issues impacting the city and learn how they can get involved in maintaining and improving Dover's quality of life.

This year's program will include presentations from city officials, offering an inside look at how various departments contribute to the community. Topics and dates for the 2024 Citizens Leadership Academy are as follows:

- Oct. 10 – Getting to Know City Government with City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr.
- Oct. 17 – Public Safety, the Police Department, with Police Chief William Breault
- Oct. 24 – Public Safety, Fire and Rescue, with Fire Chief Perry Plummer
- Oct. 26 – Community Services Bus Tour with Community Services Director John Storer
- Oct. 31 – Culture, Recreation and Quality of Life with Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, Recreation Director Kevin Hebert, Planning Director Donna Benton, and Library Director Denise Lafrance
- Nov. 7 – Dover's Education System and CLA Graduation with Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, and members of the City Council and School Board

Participants are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible to get the full benefit of the program, but attendance is not mandatory at every session. The program is free of charge and open to all Dover residents.

For more information or to sponsor this program, visit [www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy](http://www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy), call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218, or email [events@dovernh.org](mailto:events@dovernh.org).

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing the economic well-being of its members and the community.

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## Citywide hydrant flushing begins Sept. 22

The City of Dover Community Services' Utilities Division will begin its seasonal flushing of select fire hydrants throughout the city starting Sunday, Sept. 22. Hydrant flushing will occur daily overnight from 8 p.m. through 6 a.m. from Sunday night to Friday morning for an estimated four to five weeks.

The city's flushing program is critical for maintaining water quality and pressure throughout the distribution system. During the flushing, crews open select hydrants to move water through the system with enough velocity to scour the pipes and remove the buildup of any naturally occurring sediment and minerals. Water flushing also ensures fire hydrants are operational and allows public works to assess water pressure and flow for firefighting purposes. Flushing locations are indicated by the presence of city vehicles with flashing lights.

No water service disruption is expected, though there may be brief times of lower water pressure. Hydrant flushing can result in discoloration in tap water, but the water remains safe to drink. To remove discoloration, run the tap for several minutes until clear. If discoloration persists, customers can create an [online service request](#) anytime or contact Community Services during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 603-516-6450.

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### Upcoming Meetings:

#### **Dover Utilities Commission, Sept. 16, 6 p.m.**

The Dover Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

#### **Parking Commission, Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m.**

The Parking Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

The City of Dover is currently accepting bids for the following projects:

- [Professional Consulting Services: Land Use Analysis of the Master Plan](#)
- [Municipal Security System](#)
- [Indoor Pool Filter Replacement](#)
- [Snow Plowing and Hauling Services for City Streets and Parking Lots](#)
- [Replacement Evaluation of County Farm Road Culvert](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

For more information, please contact the Finance and Purchasing Office at (603) 516-6030.



**Cochecho Waterfront  
Development Advisory  
Committee, Sept. 17,  
5:30 p.m.**

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

**Open Lands Committee,  
Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission's Open Lands Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

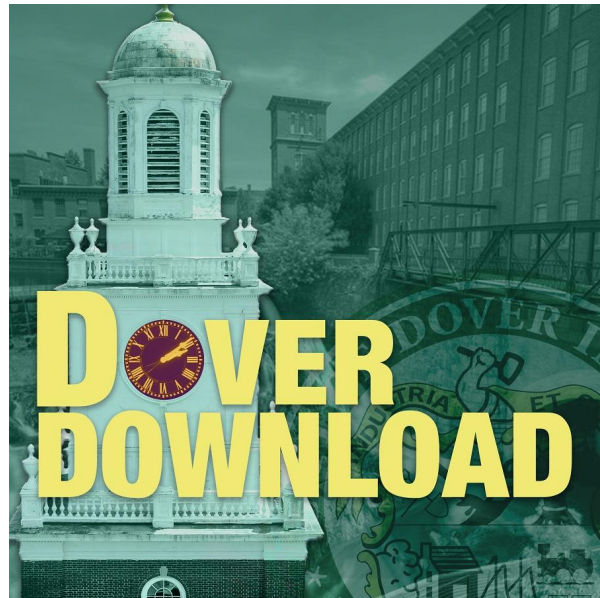
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

**Zoning Board, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.



**Shaking the Cage: Sam Allen  
and the Dover School Board  
of the 1990s**

In the latest episode of Dover Download, the first in a series with Dover's education policymakers, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Sam Allen, who served on the Dover School Board from 1993 to 1996. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3MikeMG>.

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**Dover Download 'Question of the Week'**

We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the results for the previous week. Participating is easy – click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question:

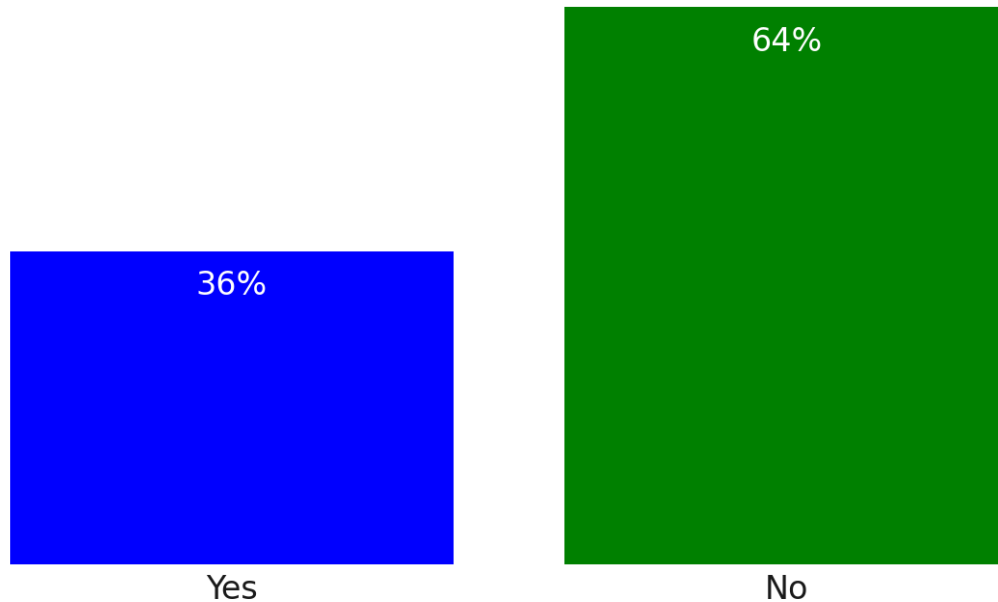
**"How often do you visit the Recycling Center on Mast Road?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mhvuum>.

*Please note that if you don't already have an account with Polco, the city's polling system, you will be asked to create one. Responses are anonymous.*

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, "Have you ever used public transportation in Dover?"

## Have you ever used public transportation in Dover?



The following events are from various historical records, sources, and texts about the history of Dover.

For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information [located here](#).

**Sept. 18, 1724** — The town selected Capt. Paul Gerrish and Capt. Benjamin Wentworth to act as representatives or lawyers for the town. Their job was to handle any legal cases involving people illegally using the town's common land, including both ongoing and future cases. They were also given the authority to hire other lawyers if needed.

**Sept. 14, 1821** — The commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the Dover military companies formed a volunteer association under the title of "Soul of Soldierly," and under command of Capt. Brewer made their first public appearance that day in uniform. (*Strafford Register*)

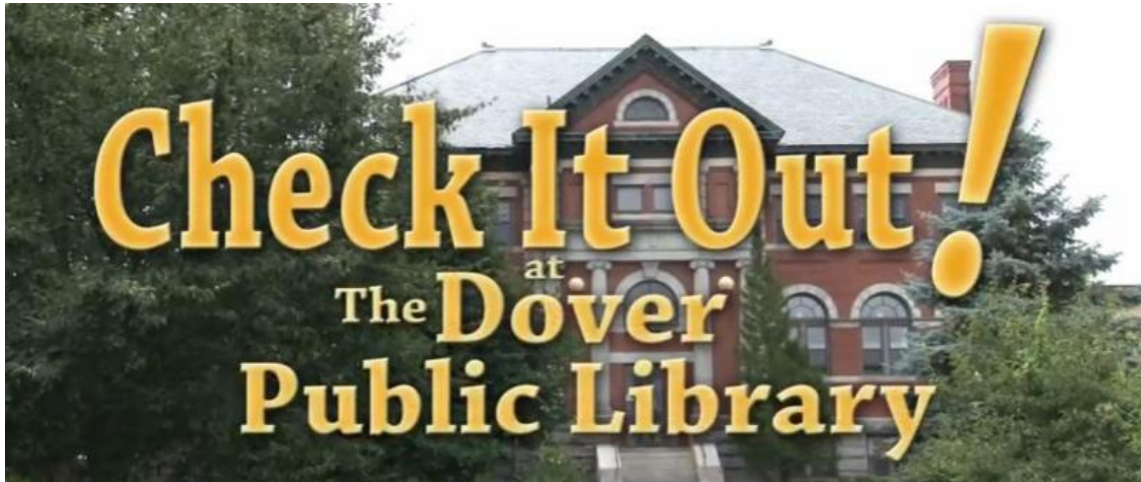
**Sept. 21, 1843** — The new Freewill Baptist Meeting House on Washington Street was dedicated on this day. The building no longer exists.

**Sept. 20, 1853** — Gas lights were first used in Dover on this day. The lights had been installed in the mills and many stores by the gas company, which had opened earlier that year.

**Sept. 18, 1857** — While digging the cellar for a house on Nelson Street, workers uncovered the foundation of a chimney and part of a cellar wall. These were believed to be the remains of either the garrison house belonging to the son of Peter Coffin or the first tavern in Dover, which was known to be in that area. Along with the foundation, human

bones, thought to be from a woman, were found, as well as a spoon that hadn't been used for more than 150 years. (*Dover Enquirer*) (To learn more about this story, tune in to next week's *Dover Download* podcast.)

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## Learn how to find and identify more birds

Dover Public Library will host a virtual program on bird watching Monday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m.

"Find & Identify More Birds: How to Pick a Patch" features author and birder Heather Wolf. The educational lecture will teach participants how to discover and classify more birds by picking a "patch," a place close to home where they can watch birds often.

Wolf will provide tips on how to locate a patch and use it as a "classroom" to become a better birder and connect more deeply with nature.

Registration is required for this virtual program. Visit the library's website to register and receive a link to the live stream. The program is in partnership with the Groton, Chelmsford, Tewksbury, and Ashland public libraries.

Wolf, a Brooklyn-based birder, photographer and educator, is the author of "Find More Birds" and "Birding at the Bridge." She works with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology as a web developer and teaches birding classes at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Wolf also gives guided walks and lectures for various organizations in New York City and beyond.

Signed copies of Wolf's book "Find More Birds" are available from Aesop's Fable. To request a signed copy, write a note in the checkout section at [aesopsfable.com/products/find-more-birds](https://aesopsfable.com/products/find-more-birds).

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [library.dover.nh.gov](https://library.dover.nh.gov) or call 603-516-6050.

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## This Week at the Library

### **Monday, Sept. 15, 10 to 10:45 a.m.** **Preschool STEM Storytime**

Children aged 3-5 can register to join us on Monday mornings for our Fall STEM Storytimes. Our sessions includes books, songs, educational activities, and an exploratory science project. During this Sept/Oct session we'll learn about Squirrels and the science of Apples,

### **Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10 to 10:30 a.m.** **Baby Storytime**

For babies 0-24 months with a caregiver, this is a joyful, half-hour lap-sit story time with books, songs, and movement.

### **Wednesday, Sept. 18, 10 to 10:30 a.m.** **Family Storytime**

Children of all ages with caregivers are



Leaves, Pumpkins and more! This preschool program is designed for children to attend independent of their caregivers.

*Registration required.*

**Monday, Sept. 15, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Book Club for 2nd and 3rd graders**

Are you a fan of the Sophie Mouse series by Poppy Green? If you are in 2nd or 3rd grade and have read one or more books in the Sophie Mouse series come meet with other fans to talk about these popular books. (First graders who have read a book from the series are welcome to join us as well.) We will also make a craft related to the series. This a monthly program that highlights a different series each month.

*Registration required.*

**Monday, Sept. 15, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Teen Dungeons & Dragons**

Do you love the idea of exploring fantastical worlds? Do you have a love of collaborative gameplay and an active imagination? Then Dungeons and Dragons is for you! Join Dungeon Master Michael for this beginner series, where you will create your own character, play a one-shot story campaign, and learn the basics of D&D 5th Edition. This program is for teens entering grades 6-12 only, and all supplies will be provided.

**Monday, Sept. 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**In the Shadow of Red Eye: A Bigfoot Experience**

Join Producer, Lead Investigator, and New Jersey Native Mike Familant as he shares his experiences researching and tracking down the truth behind North America's most iconic cryptid, Bigfoot.

In-person and virtual.

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Baby Storytime**

For babies 0-24 months with caregiver. A joyful, half-hour lap sit story time with books, songs, and movement.

invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

**Wednesday, Sept. 18, 11 am to 12 pm**

**All Abilities Club: Legos**

This inclusive program for adults welcomes those with disabilities as we create art and craft projects. Each session of this hands-on program will feature a different art exploration.

**Thursday, Sept. 19, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

**Arts and Crafts Storytime**

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend storytime independently, without a caregiver. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

**Friday, Sept. 20, 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Family Place Workshop**

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable five-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health. *Register once for the entire five week series.*

**Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Meaningful Conversations**

Be a part of a different kind of conversation - one that welcomes every perspective in a search for the deeper spiritual truths that unite us. Participate in free spiritual discussions and classes with others in your community. All are welcome. Come weekly or just once.

Topics change weekly.





**Wayne Gower, right, commander of American Legion Post 8 in Dover, addresses members of Dover Fire and Rescue and the American Legion during a check presentation at the Legion on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024. The American Legion Post 8 in Dover raised \$4,000 to contribute to the Dover Fire Toy Bank.**

## **American Legion Post 8 donates \$4,000 to Dover Toy Bank**

The American Legion Post 8 in Dover presented a \$4,000 check to the Dover Fire Toy Bank on Friday, Sept. 6, helping to restock toys destroyed in a recent flood.

The donation comes after a water line break in early August flooded the downtown mill building where the toy bank was housed, ruining the entire supply of gifts meant for children in need during the upcoming holiday season. The Dover Fire Toy Bank, operated by the Dover Firefighters Charitable Association, has been assisting families in need for over 40 years, typically helping more than 100 families annually.

Wayne Gower, commander of American Legion Post 8, presented the check to Dover Fire and Rescue representatives during a ceremony at the Legion hall.

"Dover Fire, they truly are the heroes for us every day," Gower said. "We're very honored as the American Legion family to present the Dover Firefighters Association with a check from the Post 8 family with \$4,000 to help with the toy bank recovery."

Gower also thanked Legion members for their generosity and hard work in fundraising, emphasizing the organization's commitment to community service.

"These are the things that we do as an organization that allows us to give back to our community," he said. "And that's all because of the hard work that all of you do here and the hard work on the weekends raising money."

Daniel Furman, vice commander of Post 8, emphasized the Legion's commitment to supporting the community's youth.

"One of our pillars, one of the highest initiatives, is children and youth," Furman said. "We're trying to do as much as we can to continue making things good for the kids."

Dover firefighter Michael Kilday expressed gratitude for the Legion's support and the community's overwhelming response.

"It's awesome to see the community all come together and help us out," Kilday said. "The

fire department usually doesn't ask for help. So when we do, it definitely shows how great this community and the city of Dover is, helping us out."

The Dover Fire Toy Bank is seeking additional donations of new, unwrapped toys for children from newborn to age 12. Donations can be dropped off at any of Dover's three fire stations or mailed to: DPFFA, PO Box 1004, Dover, NH 03821.

For more information, contact the Toy Bank Hotline at (603) 516-TOYS (8697).



Daniel Furman, left, vice commander of American Legion Post 8 in Dover, presents Michael Kilday, a firefighter with Dover Fire and Rescue, with a \$4,000 check on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024. The American Legion Post 8 in Dover raised the money to contribute to the Dover Fire Toy Bank.

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## Dover firefighters to hold inaugural golf tournament to help raise money for charity

Dover Professional Firefighters will host a golf tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Cochecho Country Club beginning at 8 a.m. All funds raised will support the Dover Professional Firefighters Charitable Association's numerous community outreach programs, including the Dover Fire Toy Bank and Operation Warm.

The Toy Bank helps over 125 families in the community by providing new toys and gifts for their children during the holidays. Toys that are not immediately given out to families serve on stand-by to assist if belongings are damaged in a fire. Operation Warm provides brand-new winter coats to elementary school children in need.

Participation includes greens fees, continental breakfast, lunch buffet, and raffle prizes. All skill levels are welcome. For more details or to register, visit: <https://local1312.rsvpify.com/>

Dover Professional Firefighters Charitable Association is also seeking raffle prize donations and sponsorships. For more information, please contact Michael Kilday at [Kilday\\_M@yahoo.com](mailto:Kilday_M@yahoo.com) or by phone at 603-953-8711.



# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES:



The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce held several ribbon-cutting ceremonies recently to recognize new Chamber members.



## Wing-itz

Wing-itz is Dover's premier sports bar and grill, proudly offering fresh hand-cut wings daily and over 30 original sauces. Wing-itz was first established in 2007 and now boasts three restaurants in North Hampton, Dover, and Newmarket. In April 2024, the Dover location moved into a larger space at 256 Central Ave.

Wing-itz is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 256 Central Ave. in Dover. To learn more about Wing-itz, visit [wing-itz.com](http://wing-itz.com).

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## Milk St. Studios

Milk St. Studios is a rehearsal space for musicians in the Seacoast area. The space offers five turnkey studio rooms that are available for rental, some by the hour and some monthly. In addition to the music rehearsal rooms, Milk St. Studios has a spacious showroom available to rent for other events and needs.

To learn more about Milk St. Studios, visit their website [milkststudios.com](http://milkststudios.com). To contact the owner, Kurt Eddins, email [kurt@milkststudios.com](mailto:kurt@milkststudios.com).

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## Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, Professional Association

Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, Professional Associates (LMRPA) is a certified public accounting firm serving the needs of businesses and individuals. LMRPA first opened its first office in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire in 1973, and now have locations in Dover and North Conway. The Dover office recently celebrated a move to its new location at 273 Locust St., Suite 207.

To learn more about Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, Professional Association, visit their website at [lmrpa.com](http://lmrpa.com). To contact the Dover Office, call 603-749-2700.

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## Jon Crean Photography

Jon Crean is a photographer based in Southern New Hampshire who specializes in event, food, and sports photography. In addition to taking photos for events, Crean sells colorful, artistic prints of nature shots that he has taken.

To see Jon Crean's photos, visit his website at [joncreanphotography.pixieset.com](http://joncreanphotography.pixieset.com) or his Instagram page [@joncreanphotography](https://www.instagram.com/joncreanphotography). To contact Jon Crean about upcoming event availability, email him at [joncreanphotography@gmail.com](mailto:joncreanphotography@gmail.com).

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## Real Property Management Seacoast New Hampshire

Real Property Management Seacoast New Hampshire is a trusted leader in property management that serves Rockingham and Strafford Counties. The company specializes in single-family and multi-family residencies, ensuring that your investment is protected, maintained and in compliance with the broad array of local, state and federal laws. Real Property Management Seacoast New Hampshire recently celebrated its 10th anniversary.

To learn more about Real Property Management Seacoast New Hampshire, visit their website at [rpmseacoastnh.com](http://rpmseacoastnh.com) or call the office at 603-343-2202.

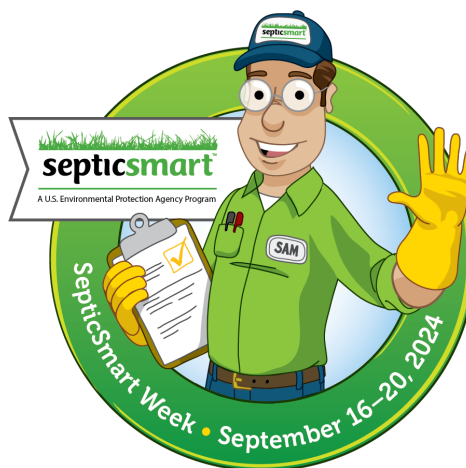
The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and other programs, or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

## EPA SepticSmart Week Sept. 16-20

### Is your septic tank due for a pump?

Is your septic system working as it should, and are you using it properly? Is it due for a pump? A significant source of groundwater pollution is from failed septic systems.

Next week is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart Week, an annual event to remind septic users of the importance of proper use and maintenance. One in five U.S. homes have septic systems, according to the EPA. If your septic system is not properly maintained you may be risking your family's health, hurting the environment, and flushing thousands of dollars down the drain.



When household wastewater exits the septic system, it seeps into the ground where it joins the groundwater and then travels to our streams, rivers, lakes, and drinking water aquifers. A properly designed and functioning septic system treats this effluent and eliminates harmful bacteria before it leaves the septic system.

Pumping, inspecting and maintaining your septic system will help keep it functioning properly and avoid environmental and financial catastrophes. Regular maintenance will

help prevent wastewater from backing up or overwhelming the leach field, which would turn a yard into a soggy, expensive mess. A septic tank pump ranges from \$250-\$500 and should be done every three to five years. Compare that to a leach field replacement, which may cost upwards of \$20,000.

Learn more about how to be a SepticSmart homeowner at <https://www.epa.gov/septic/septic-system-care-and-maintenance>, <https://www.des.nh.gov/land/septic-systems> and <https://getpumpednh.com/>.

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## **Pope Memorial Humane Society to host 40th-anniversary open house**

Pope Memorial Humane Society, Cocheco Valley, will celebrate its 40th anniversary with an open house on Sunday, Sept. 15, from 1-4 p.m. The event will feature food trucks, a cash bar, games, raffles, a photo booth, and adoptable animals. Guests who pre-register with a \$15 donation will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

This event marks four decades of providing care for homeless animals in the region.

For more information, visit [popememorialsociety.org](http://popememorialsociety.org).

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## **6th annual SOS Recovery Rally to take place Saturday at Henry Law Park**

SOS Recovery Community Organization will host its 6th annual Recovery Rally at Henry Law Park on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free, family-friendly, and part of National Recovery Month, celebrating individuals and families in recovery.

The rally will feature live music, speakers, activities for all ages, and a showcase of local artists. Exhibitors representing prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services will be on hand to provide resources and support.

SOS Recovery Community Organization, located in Dover at 4 Broadway, offers peer-based recovery support services to individuals in substance use recovery. Through its network of recovery centers, SOS provides a safe and welcoming space for all seeking to achieve and maintain recovery.

For more information, visit [sosrco.org](http://sosrco.org).

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## **Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant**

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Arena Commission
- Arts Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Heritage Commission
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee

- Planning Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/)

To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier at [j.bizier@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.bizier@dover.nh.gov). Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

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## City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Utility Systems IT Technician**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Fleet Inventory Coordinator**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **FireFighter / AEMT**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Lead Mechanic - Fleet**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Gym Attendant, Part-Time**
- **Working Foreman - Utilities**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Laborer, Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

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## Dover School District employment opportunities

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **DALC Childcare Coordinator**
- **Dean of Student Services**
- **Elementary School Classroom Teacher**
- **Noon Aide/Recess Monitor**
- **Paraprofessional**
- **Paraprofessional - Special Education**



- **Parking Lot Supervisor**
- **Preschool Paraprofessional - Special Education**
- **School Adjustment Counselor**
- **Spanish Teacher**
- **Special Education Para**
- **Special Education Teacher Case Manager**
- **Speech and Language Assistant**
- **Substitute Teacher**

For more information about these positions, [click here](#).

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