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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 15, 2023



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## Drainage, utility work underway at waterfront

The contractor making public improvements to the city's waterfront development site has begun installing the stormwater drainage system and is preparing to begin installing new utilities.

Since work began in June, the contractor, Northeast Earth Mechanics, LLC., has cleared trees and stumps from the eastern slope of the 29-acre site. Workers have also removed overhead utility infrastructure and some existing yet abandoned stormwater, sewer water, and gas utilities. The installation of new utilities will begin this month.

Thursday,  
Saturday:  
8:30 a.m. to  
3:30 p.m.

The first part of the project is public improvements, including constructing a new street system for site access and establishing necessary utilities for the upcoming buildings. The project includes a new 3.4-acre public riverfront park, shoreline stabilization, site grading for projected sea-level rise, and a new stormwater management system with green infrastructure. Since much of the work for developing the site for future commercial development involves subsurface work, the public may not see a dramatic change at the waterfront site until the subsurface work is complete.

One priority for the contractor is readying pad site C, where private developer Cathartes plans to begin its work next year. The development plan includes three mixed-use buildings, two multi-family buildings, and three clusters of townhouses. Approved by the Planning Board in June 2022, the waterfront development aims to revitalize the Dover waterfront and introduce approximately 26,000 square feet of commercial space and 418 residential units, comprising both rental and condominium units for sale.

This week, the paddle sports dock was removed for the season. The dock is not likely to be installed until the summer of 2025 to allow crews to do the stabilization work along the river's edge and other work to make the site safe for public access. The city is working to find a temporary site for kayaks and canoes to enter the Cochecho River until the dock is reinstalled. A current public option is to launch from state-owned Hilton Park off Hilton Drive in Dover Point.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee, which the City Council tasked with overseeing the development, will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 26, to review the progress to date. In addition, the committee will receive a presentation on the park pavilion design plans. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the McConnell Center's Room 305. It will be televised on Channel 22 and <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, and also available for on-demand viewing. [Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

For more information about the waterfront development project, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/cochecho-waterfront-development/>

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## Dover Police Chief gives overview of illegal drug issues at Council workshop

At a [City Council workshop](#) this week, Dover Police Chief William Breault gave a presentation on the city's illegal drug issues and the police department's strategies to combat them through enforcement, prevention, and outreach assistance.

Chief Breault stated that illegal drug use, particularly of opioids like fentanyl, remains a major problem in Dover and the Seacoast region. He noted that drug overdose deaths statewide increased 11.5% from 2021 to 2022, reaching record highs, with fentanyl being involved in most cases. Dover has seen seven fatal and 35 non-fatal overdoses so far this year.

Chief Breault said the department takes a hardline stance on enforcement, partnering with state and federal agencies on task forces to go after major drug dealers and traffickers. He cited major seizures of drugs, cash, and firearms from these operations. However, he acknowledged challenges like bail reform that quickly put dealers back on the street.

For prevention, Chief Breault highlighted the department's youth programs, media campaigns, and community partnerships aimed at stopping drug abuse before it starts. But he warned that prevention competes against influential pro-drug messaging and the perception that drugs are not dangerous.

Chief Breault stated that outreach assistance for those already trapped in addiction is also crucial. He touted the department's social workers who provide direct aid and connect people with treatment. But again, he noted hurdles like privacy laws between agencies and refusals to accept help.

"Our philosophy is we'd rather provide assistance and offer you a way to get assistance and improve your quality of life, not just continue the quality of life that you have," said Chief Breault.

The Chief made clear that illegal camping is not tolerated but that a humane, progressive enforcement approach is taken. He reiterated that homelessness is not a crime, but the department will continue enforcing laws prohibiting drug dealing, crimes, and trespassing.

Chief Breault reiterated that he and his department welcome input and stressed that drug issues are not unique to Dover but affect the entire state. He said the department constantly works on new solutions but also needs the community's help.



# Tropical Storm Warning in effect

## Strong winds and rain expected to begin overnight

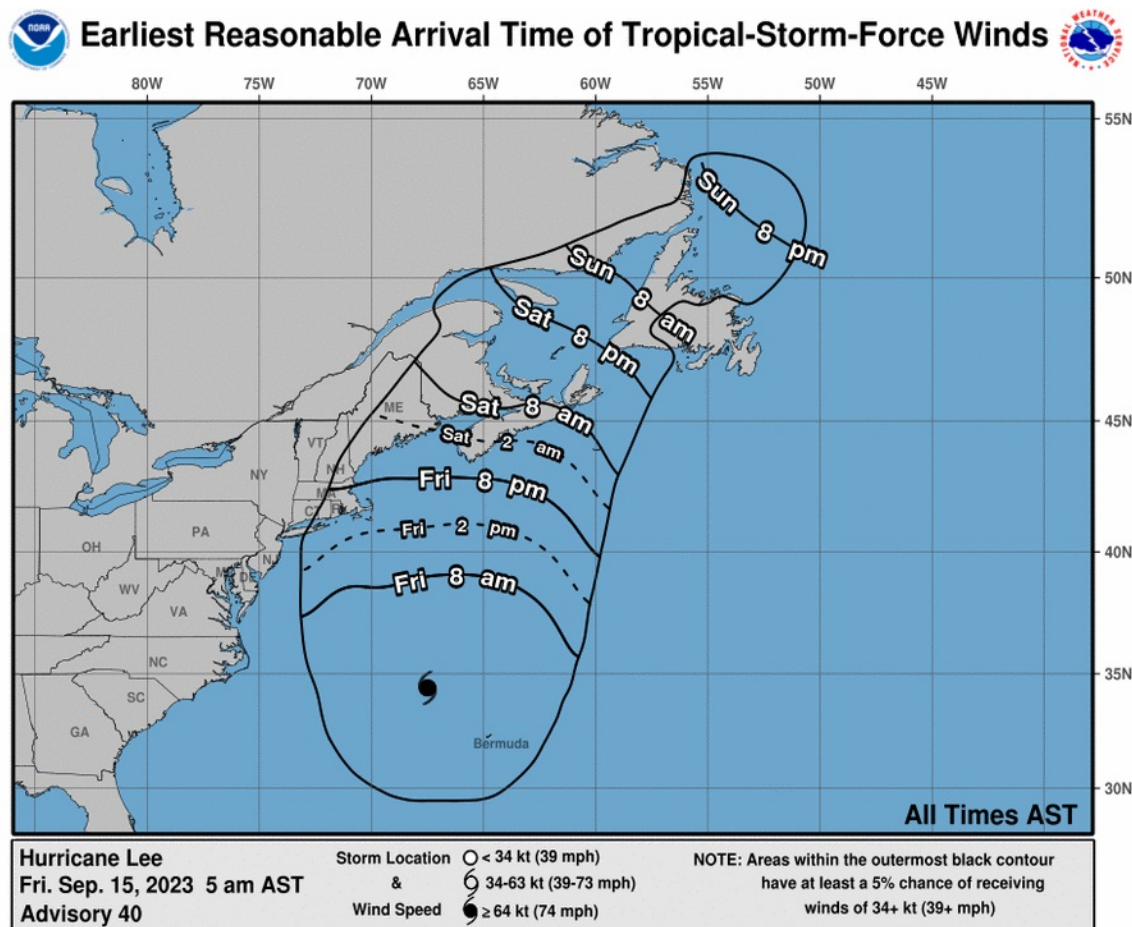
As Hurricane Lee approaches, the National Weather Service has issued a Tropical Storm Warning along the New Hampshire and Maine coast.

Hurricane Lee is anticipated to enter the Gulf of Maine late tonight or early Saturday. As the storm moves north, it is expected to weaken, but the wind field will continue to expand significantly.

The potential exists for tropical storm conditions to develop by this evening, which may continue tonight through Saturday afternoon. The strongest winds are expected across coastal portions of New Hampshire and western Maine. Large, pounding surf and one to three feet of storm surge will bring the potential for beach erosion and minor to moderate coastal flooding. Heavy rainfall is also possible.

Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Michael McShane urges the public to prepare for the storm and high winds of 39 to 57 miles per hour, which may down trees and limbs and create power outages. Lightweight outdoor items should be secured in preparation for the storm. Chief McShane urges everyone to have a [disaster plan](#).

Please check the National Weather Service frequently for the latest updates. The forecast for Dover can be viewed at <https://go.usa.gov/xPGSn>.



# 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 and Fitness Walk on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Traffic will be closed to through traffic to accommodate the event, which begins at 9 a.m.:

- **Sixth Street**, northerly, from Grove Street to Whittier Street, 9 to 9:30 a.m.
- **Horne Street**, from Glenwood Avenue to Redden Street, 8:45 to 10 a.m.
- **Whittier Street**, from Sixth Street and Glenwood Avenue, 9 to 9:45 a.m.
- **Glenwood Avenue**, from Sixth Street to Whittier Street from 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.

On-street parking restrictions will be in effect on the entire length of Conifer Commons and portions of Sixth and Horne streets on Sunday morning. Limited event parking is available at the school. Those attending the event are encouraged to park legally on the surrounding neighborhood streets.

More information about the 5K race and two-mile fitness walk is available at <http://www.hornestreetschoolrace.com> and <https://www.doverraceseries.com>.

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



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

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Dover, will once again produce the Citizens Leadership Academy this October. The free program offers

Garrison City residents a firsthand look at local government and municipal operations and provides attendees an opportunity to help shape the city's future.

The 2023 Citizens Leadership Academy will meet on Oct. 12, 19, 26, and 28, and Nov. 2 and 9. Each year, this program brings together people from diverse segments of the community interested in meeting and working with others to address key issues critical to maintaining and improving Dover's quality of life. It will increase citizens' knowledge of the community and introduce them to opportunities to become active community members.

"Citizens Leadership Academy graduates are encouraged to initiate discussions with other residents as well as business and government leaders and contribute their knowledge, imagination, and energy towards the betterment of the community," says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce.

This year's Citizens Leadership Academy will include presentations from City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Deputy City Manager/Development and Strategic Initiatives Christopher G. Parker, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton, Library Director Denise LaFrance, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron, Fire Chief Michael McShane, Police Chief Bill Breault, Community Services Director John Storer and Recreation Director Gary Bannon.

"Citizens Leadership Academy is a great opportunity to learn more about local governance in Dover and discover how to become a better informed and involved citizen," says Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "The program provides participants with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the various city departments and a behind-the-scenes look at how these departments each support and contribute to the quality of life we enjoy in our community."

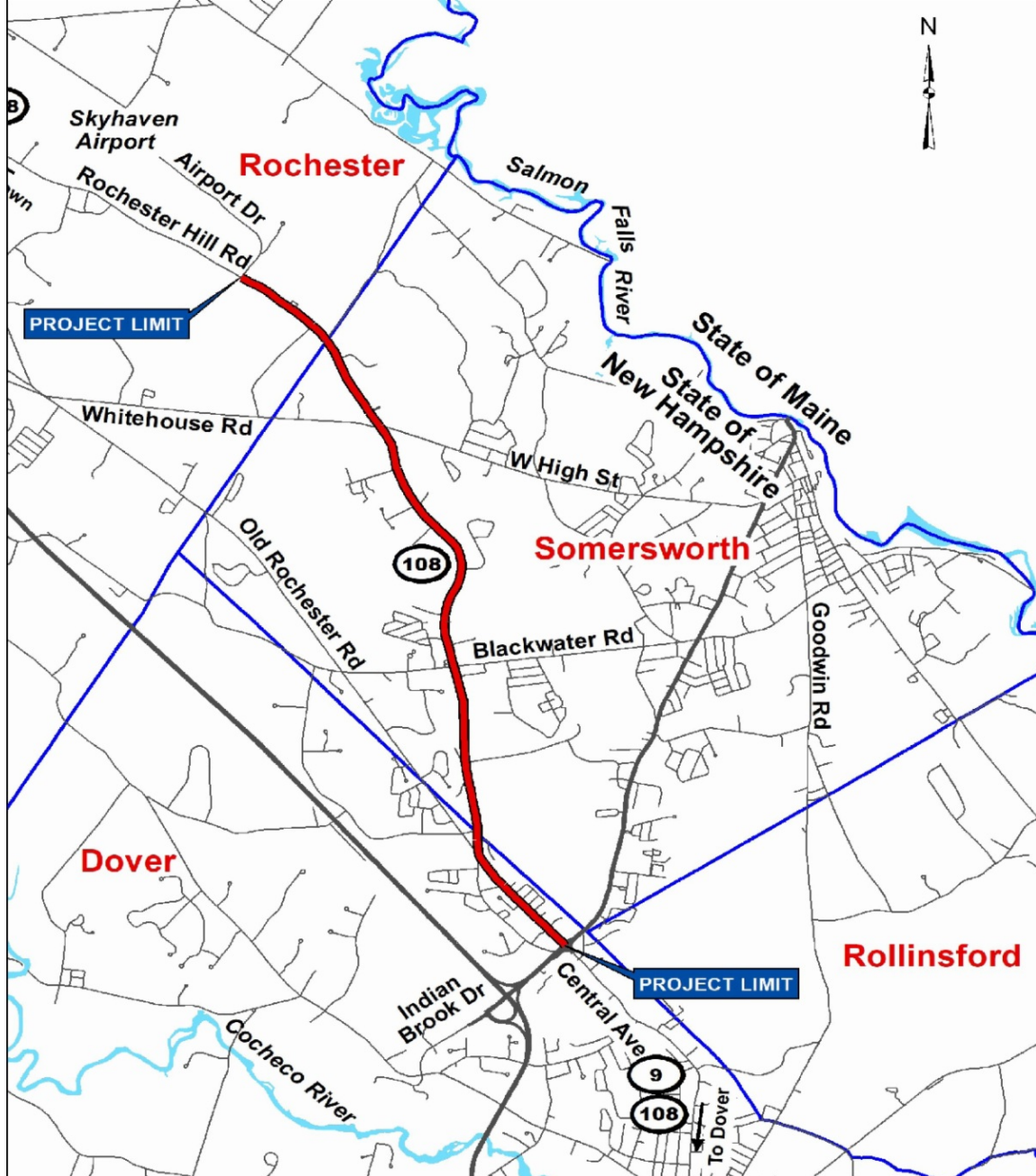
Participants are not required to make every meeting, but regular attendance is strongly encouraged. This program is free of charge and is open to Dover residents. Attendees can register online at [www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy](http://www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy). For more information, 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 association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community.

For information on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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## NHDOT seeks public input on Route 108 improvements at upcoming meetings

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation invites the public to attend and ask questions about the improvements under consideration along Route 108 between Dover and Rochester.

NHDOT is conducting a preliminary engineering and environmental review of proposed improvements to a five-mile section of Route 108 of its Dover-Somersworth-Rochester 29604 project.

NHDOT is holding three Informational meetings, which will contain the same overall presentation but will have more details about the project for the host city. Each meeting begins with an open house where improvement plans will be displayed, followed by a formal presentation and opportunities for the public to ask questions.

- **Dover:** Tuesday, Sept. 19, Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave.
- **Somersworth:** Thursday, Sept. 21, Somersworth City Hall, 1 Government Way
- **Rochester:** Tuesday, Sept. 26, Rochester Public Works, 209 Chestnut Hill Road

At each meeting, the open house begins at 6 p.m., and the presentation at 7 p.m. For

more information, visit the project website at <https://www.108tricitycompletestreets.com/>.

NHDOT programs and services are administered by the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all applicable regulations to ensure nondiscrimination. Should you need this information in alternate formats please contact the NHDOT Public Information Office at [info@dot.nh.gov](mailto:info@dot.nh.gov), or by phone at 603-271-6495, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483, TDD access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964.

## NHDOT Ten Year Plan public hearings

The Governor's Advisory on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT), will hold three public hearings in the Seacoast area for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's draft 2025-2023 Ten Year Plan. The draft plan is available at <https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/ten-year-plan>. The

Seacoast public hearings:

- **Durham:** Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 3 p.m., Durham Town Hall, 8 Newmarket Road
- **Dover:** Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m., Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave.
- **Rochester:** Thursday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m., Rochester City Hall, 32 Wakefield St.

GACIT hearings are occurring this month and next around the state. The complete schedule is available at <https://www.dot.nh.gov/about-nh-dot/calendar>.

GACIT is comprised of the Executive Council and the NHDOT commissioner. The purpose of these hearings is to receive public comments/testimony on transportation projects and priorities included in the draft plan, as recommended by NHDOT to GACIT. Those not able to attend the meetings can submit written testimony by 4 p.m. on Nov. 3, 2023.

For more information, contact NHDOT at 603-271-3734.



Mayor Robert Carrier, left, displays a sign received from Brendan Madden, founder of the New Hampshire Coalition of Service and Support Dogs, at Wednesday's City Council meeting. Carrier presented a proclamation to Madden in recognition of National Service Dog Month.

## Mayor proclaims September as National



# Service Dog Month

Dover Mayor Robert Carrier this week presented a proclamation declaring September as National Service Dog Month in the city. The proclamation was accepted by Brendan Madden, founder of the New Hampshire Coalition of Service and Support Dogs (NHCSSD), at the Wednesday, Sept. 13 City Council meeting.

The proclamation highlighted service dogs' vital role in assisting people with disabilities. It noted that approximately 500,000 service dogs in the U.S. provide critical support to those with mobility, visual, hearing, and other impairments. National Service Dog Month honors these dogs and raises awareness about their contributions.

Madden founded NHCSSD after receiving his first service dog, Japhy, in 2005. The organization assists service dog owners and promotes awareness about service dogs' importance. Madden was honored to accept the proclamation on behalf of the service dog community.

Mayor Carrier's recognition of National Service Dog Month underscores the city's commitment to supporting disabled residents and their service animals.

The complete proclamation can be viewed here:

<https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/city-council/proclamations-and-awards/>

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Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, left signs a proclamation declaring the week of Sept. 17 as Constitution Week. Accepting the proclamation is Christine Down, regent of the Margery Sullivan chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## City Council recognizes Constitution Week, DAR, with proclamation

Dover Mayor Robert Carrier recently proclaimed the week of Sept. 17 as Constitution

Week in the city.

At a recent City Council meeting, Carrier presented the proclamation to Christine Down, regent of the Margery Sullivan chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The proclamation recognizes the 236th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. It calls on citizens to learn about, understand, and defend the founding document.

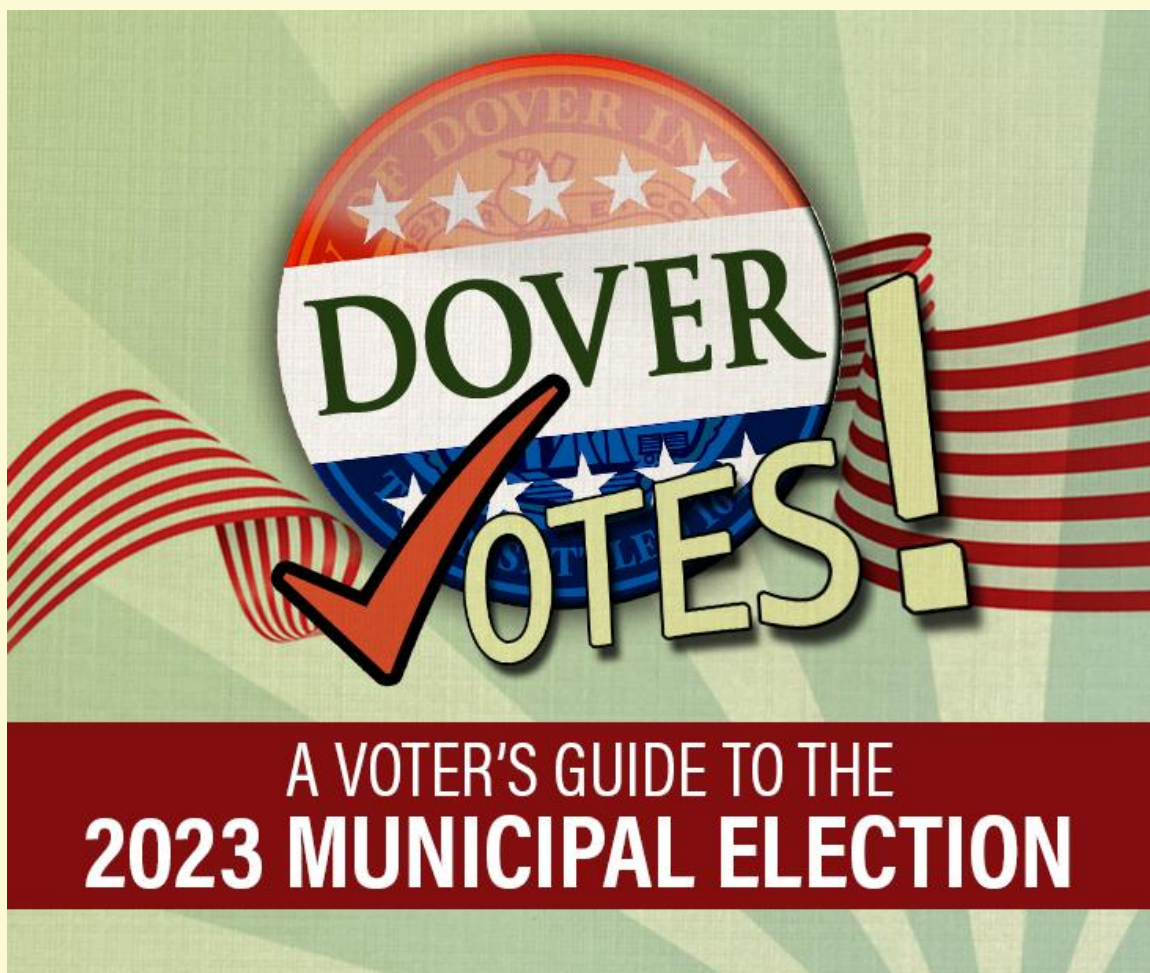
Carrier noted that the Constitution became the law of the United States on June 21, 1788, when New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

The weeklong celebration was first declared in 1956 through a resolution passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The observation aims to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

According to the proclamation, the DAR has been the primary advocate for the awareness, promotion, and celebration of Constitution Week. The nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization has worked to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and secure America's future through educational programs.

The proclamation can be viewed here: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/city-council/proclamations-and-awards/>

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## **Candidate filing period for municipal election continues through Sept. 22**

The candidate filing period for Dover residents seeking to run for elected office, including

Mayor, City Council, School Board, and election officers, continues through Friday, Sept. 22 at 4 p.m.

Eligible candidates must file a written declaration with the City Clerk's Office, which is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a complete list of elected positions and qualifications, visit the city's [2023 Municipal Election webpage](#), which lists candidates who have already filed for office.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018.

## **Deadline to change party affiliation before the Presidential Primary is Oct. 6**

The deadline to change political parties before the New Hampshire Presidential Primary is Friday, Oct. 6, New Hampshire Secretary of State David Scanlan announced this week.

Scanlan also announced that the filing period for the Presidential Primary is from Oct. 11 through Oct. 27. He will announce the Presidential Primary date later this fall.

Dover voters who want to change their party affiliation before the primary should do so at the Dover Clerk's Office in the Customer Service Center on the Ground Floor of City Hall, 288 Central Ave. It is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registered voters may check their voter information by visiting <https://app.sos.nh.gov/viphome>.

Undeclared voters can vote in the Presidential Primary, but they must choose either a Democratic or Republican ballot and will become a registered member of that party. Those who wish to return to undeclared status after voting can sign a form to change back to undeclared before leaving the polling place when the Presidential Primary occurs. Only voters registered as undeclared can change back to undeclared at the polling place after voting.

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Dover Police Department

# Breaking Barriers:

## Strengthening Police-Community Relationships

A monthly series fostering transparency, community, and connection.

September:

## Coffee with a Cop

THURSDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 21**

Gallivant  
Global Eatery  
442 Central Avenue  
9:00am - 11:00am  
All are welcome!



## Record summer rains a reminder to improve stormwater management and flood resiliency

With extreme rainfall causing severe flooding and infrastructure damage across New

England this summer, the City of Dover is exploring options to improve stormwater management and flood resiliency. Precipitation in the region was more than twice normal from June to August, with several storms dumping over 5 inches of rain in just hours.

While neighboring communities have suffered millions in property damage, Dover has so far avoided major flooding impacts. However, the frequent deluges underscore the need for sustainable funding to mitigate future flood risks.

A proposed Stormwater and Flood Resiliency Utility could provide a consistent revenue stream to support flood-control projects. A stormwater utility assesses fees based on a property's impervious surface area -- such as driveways, patios, and rooftops -- that generate stormwater runoff.

Residents can learn more at an Oct. 17 public workshop, at McConnell Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m. City officials urge citizens to attend and provide input on building a more flood-resilient city.

The Dover Utilities Commission and the City Council's Ordinance Committee will also discuss the utility at a joint meeting on Monday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall's Council Conference Room. [Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

According to Gretchen Young, Dover's Environmental Projects Manager, a stormwater fee would create a more equitable and proportional distribution of cost and is expected to reduce the burden on residential property owners. For example, commercial sites with large parking lots or other impervious cover may have a relatively low assessed tax value but would shoulder more of the cost under stormwater fee scenario, offsetting some of the costs borne by single-family residents.

The City Council aims to vote on a stormwater utility ordinance by the end of this year, with implementation in fiscal year 2024 if approved. Additional public input sessions will be scheduled.

Residents can visit [www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/stormwater-management/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/stormwater-management/) for more information.

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## Upcoming Meetings:

### Utilities Commission, Sept. 18, 6 p.m.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

### Ordinance Committee and Utilities Commission Joint Meeting, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.

The Ordinance Committee and Utilities Commission will hold a joint meeting on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

## City to auction bicycles on Saturday, Sept. 23

The City of Dover will hold a public auction of bicycles on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023.

The auction will begin at 9 a.m. and occur at the Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road. A total of 32 bicycles will be auctioned off.

Bicycles may be previewed after 8:30 a.m. on the day of the auction.

Children 18 and under will be allowed to bid against other children 18 and under on a bike until all children have won one bike for themselves, after which all other bikes will be open to bidders of any age.

The auction will occur rain or shine. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

A list of items [can be viewed here](#).

The list is subject to errors and omissions, and items may be added or withdrawn at any time prior



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

### **Pool Advisory Committee, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.**

The Pool Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Dover Indoor Pool Meeting Room, 6 Henry Law Ave., Dover.

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

### **Planning Board Technical Review Committee, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Zoning Board, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, 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/>.

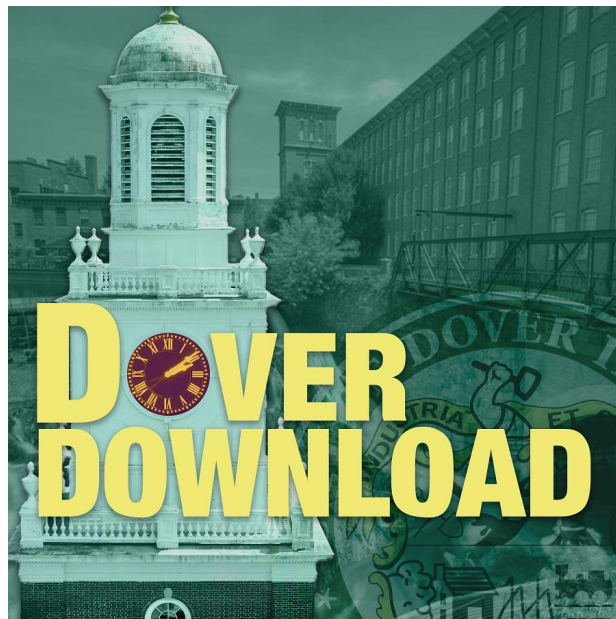
to the auction.



### **Missed the meeting? Catch it again online**

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.



In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Chad Kageleiry, a longtime real estate developer in Dover. Kageleiry discusses growing up in Dover, getting started in real estate by buying and fixing up small properties, and gradually expanding into larger commercial and residential projects over his 35-year career. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/462hFws>.



# City working to fix street lights going out intermittently

City staff have been working to fix the issue of some street lights going out intermittently during the night. City staff and residents have reported lights going off and then coming back on.

Staff has been working with its street light maintenance vendor to diagnose and fix the issue as quickly as possible.

The city encourages the public to report any street light issue, whether a street light is on during the day or going off at night, to the online [Service Request Portal](#).

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## 'Voices of Dover' series: Anthony Colarusso. Jr.

The Voices of Dover oral history video series continues this week with an interview of Anthony Colarusso, Jr., retired Chief of Police for the Dover Police Department. The series captures important stories and memories from longtime Dover residents as part of the 400th-anniversary celebration of the city's founding.

In the latest installment, Colarusso shares insights from his 33 years in law enforcement in Dover. He discusses how the city and police department changed, from the crimes faced in the 1980s to the opioid epidemic. He also talks about the police department's growth, its focus on professionalism, and how the new police station has aided officers. Colarusso offers a unique perspective as a longtime resident and the city's former top law enforcement official.

The Voices of Dover series is an initiative of the Dover400 Committee. The video interviews showcase the rich history of Dover through the personal recollections of its lifelong residents. More interviews will be released in the coming months as the city celebrates 400 years since Dover became the first permanent European settlement in 1623.

The videos are being released weekly through 2023 and may be viewed at [dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400](https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400) or [Dover400.org](https://Dover400.org).



## Upcoming events for Dover's 400th anniversary

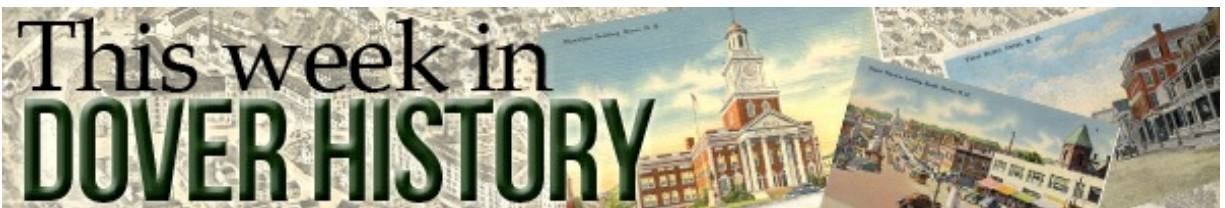
Dover400, the committee organizing Dover's 400th-anniversary celebration, has events scheduled throughout the year as the city reaches this historic milestone.

Upcoming events include:

**October 7: Apple Harvest Day Festival.** A day-long family event features over 300 vendors, great food, live entertainment, and more! <https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day>

**October 7: Apple Harvest Day 5K Road Race.** The race course winds through historic downtown Dover and is perfect for advanced runners, beginners, and families. Register: <https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day-5k-road-race>

Stay up-to-date on the latest events by visiting [dover400.org](https://dover400.org).



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. 20, 1853** — Gas lights were first used in Dover this evening, the mills and many stores having been supplied with it by the Gas Co., which was established this year.

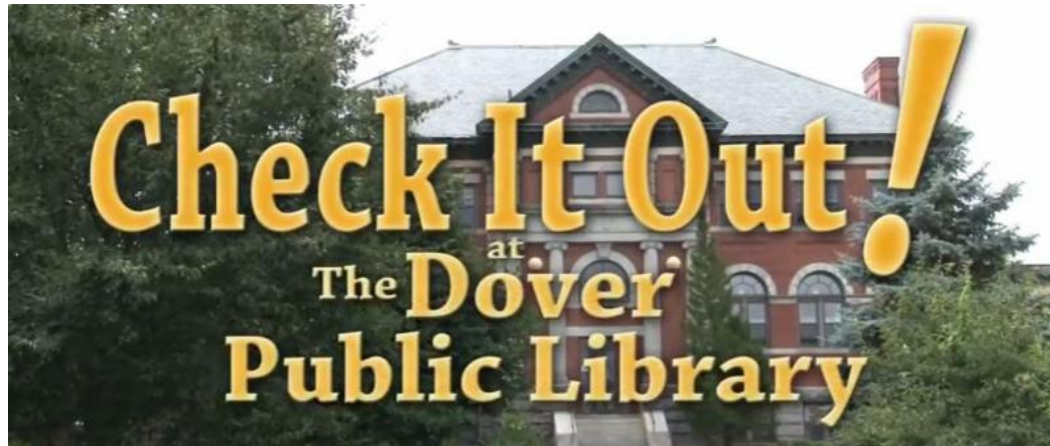
**Sept. 20, 1853** — A gold medal was presented to Hon. John P. Hale by the sailors of the U. S. Sloop of War Germantown, as a testimonial for his success in procuring the abolishment of flogging in the Navy.

**Sept. 18, 1857** — In digging the cellar for a house on Nelson street, the foundations of a chimney and part of a cellar wall were disinterred, which are supposed to be the remains of the garrison house of the son of Peter Coffin, or of that of the first tavern opened in Dover, which it is known stood in that vicinity. Within the abutment were also found human bones judged to be those of a female, and a spoon differing entirely from anything that had been in use for more than 150 years. (Dover Enquirer)

**Sept. 17, 1938** — Dover Mayor Dennis McDonough died on this day, while still serving as mayor. Just days before, McDonough had lost his bid to be seek the Democratic nomination for United States Representative.

**Sept. 19, 2001** — A memorial service was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church on State Street in Portsmouth for Michael and Kathleen Shearer, who were aboard United Airlines Flight 175 bound for Los Angeles when terrorists hijacked the aircraft and crashed it into the south tower at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. The Shearers had recently moved to Dover where they had built their "dream home."

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## This Week at the Library

### **September VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Everyday Dinners* by Jessica Merchant. Throughout the month of September, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages.

Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.ainaire@doover.nh.gov](mailto:e.ainaire@doover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

### **Monday, Sept. 18, 6 to 8 p.m.**

#### **Dungeons & Dragons: 14-plus Group**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 14 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us for adventure, strategy, and imagination in the Trustees Room. The group meets every other Monday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

### **Monday, Sept. 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Monday Evening Book Group**

Come celebrate the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read in the Library

this romance of a daredevil test pilot who has everything but loses the woman he loves—only to discover that true love never dies, and the things that matter remain Forever Young.

### **Weds, Sept. 20, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

#### **Fall STEM Event**

This fun STEM event for Autumn focuses on the science of Apples and the colors of the season. Kids aged 3-10, with their caregivers, will best enjoy this event. No registration is required.

### **Weds, Sept. 20, 6 to 7 p.m.**

#### **Teen Advisory Board**

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7-12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings to share their ideas, help to plan future events/services for teens and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

### **Weds, Sept. 20, 6 to 8 p.m.**

#### **Family Game Night**

Join the library on the third Wednesday of every month to play a fun selection of card and board games, and meet other board game enthusiasts in the



Lecture Hall. *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak is the chosen title and copies of book are available at the Dover Public Library adult circulation desk while supplies last.

**Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Mother Goose on the Loose**

For babies through 2 years and parent/caregiver, Mother Goose on the Loose is a 30-minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

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**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**  
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, strategy, and imagination. The group will meet every Tuesday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required.

**Weds, Sept. 20, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Adult Knitting Group**  
Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

**Weds, Sept. 20, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Family Storytime**  
Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to this program that includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

**Weds, Sept. 20, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.**  
**Caregiver Café**  
Dover area family caregivers are invited to join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education and conversation.

**Weds, Sept. 20, 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**  
**All Abilities Club:**  
**Wednesday Morning Movie**  
Come for a showing of Forever Young. Mel Gibson and Jamie Lee Curtis star in

community! All ages welcome!

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Arts and Crafts Storytime**  
Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 5 to 8 p.m.**  
**Magic the Gathering**  
Join us every Thursday to play Magic the Gathering. Collect cards, build decks, and duel other players. All ages and skill levels are welcome. No materials are required.

**Friday, Sept. 22, 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. 23, 11 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Family Storytime**  
Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program that includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

**Saturday, Sept. 23, 2 to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Lego Club**  
Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or you can build their own creations. This is a family event for people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library. CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.





## Woodman Museum celebrates Dover's most famous crime-fighting brothers

The Woodman Museum is hosting two Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (TMNT) events on Sept. 15 and 23 to celebrate the comic Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird developed nearly 40 years ago. Eastman and Laird founded the comic book company Mirage Studios in their home in Dover in March 1984.

The first event is the Art Show Reception at the Thom Hindle Gallery tonight, Friday, Sept. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Special artwork from the original Mirage Studios artists Jim Lawson and Steve Lavigne will be on display with prints for sale. Jim Lawson, the comic book writer and artist, will attend a meet and greet. The event is sponsored by Jetpack Comics. TMNT merchandise will be available for sale.

The second event is a TMNT Family Movie Night on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This event was originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, but was postponed due to the weather. This event includes:

- Outdoor movie screening of the first live-action TMNT movie from 1990;
- Free entry into the TMNT exhibit in the Thom Hindle Gallery provided by the Woodman Museum;
- Pizza provided by Kendall Pond Pizza;
- A Free TMNT Comic provided by Jetpack Comics;
- TMNT mask crafting table by the Dover Public Library;
- Photo area provided by the Dover 400.

The Woodman Museum is located at 182 Central Avenue. The events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the [woodmanmuseum.org](http://woodmanmuseum.org).

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## Court and Union Reconstruction Project neighborhood meeting on Sept. 21

Engineering staff from the City of Dover's Community Services will hold a neighborhood meeting about its updated design plans on Thursday, Sept. 21. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Facilities, Grounds and Cemetery office at 145 Court St.

At the meeting, staff from the city and Wright-Pierce, the contracted design consultant, will present its updated project design, including feedback gathered from the first neighborhood meeting on July 16, 2022, and a subsequent online poll.

## **Oak Street railroad bridge to close for two weeks beginning Monday**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation will close the Oak Street bridge that crosses the railroad tracks between Portland Avenue and Broadway to all traffic for 14 days this month to make bridge repairs.

The closure begins Monday, Sept. 18. Only the bridge will be closed. All nearby residents will retain access to their homes; access will also be available to Salmon Falls Stoneware. This work was originally scheduled to occur in August but had to be postponed.

The repairs will allow the bridge to be used until it's replaced, currently scheduled for fiscal year 2027, according to the NHDOT's 2023-2032 Ten-Year Plan.

For more information, contact NHDOT at 603-271-3734.

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## **Dover Area Woman's Club plans food drive**

The Dover Area Woman's Club will hold a food drive on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at two locations in Dover. Donations will be accepted at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Shaw's Supermarket, located on Central Avenue. The drive is part of the club's National Day of Service.

Donations will benefit the Dover Food Pantry and End 68 Hours of Hunger. Most needed items include boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, canned beans, boxed pasta, and pasta sauce.

The food drive is the Dover Area Woman's Club's major service project for the year.

For more information, contact Mary Jane Lowe, Dover Area Woman's Club president, at [mjc253.home@gmail.com](mailto:mjc253.home@gmail.com).

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## **Great Bay Changemaker Bootcamp accepting registrations**

Are you someone who cares about creating positive change for your community and the environment? If so, the Forward Foundation invites you to dive into the environmental challenges facing New Hampshire's Great Bay region and learn how to become an effective changemaker in your community.

The Great Bay Changemaker Bootcamp is a four-session program for residents and friends of the Cochecho River watershed who want to make a difference and explore the region's environmental challenges.

To learn more about this opportunity and how to apply, visit:  
<https://www.forwardnh.org/great-bay-changemaker-bootcamp>

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**American  
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# *OUT OF DARKNESS* **DOVER COMMUNITY WALK**

**SAT, SEPT 23RD  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
HENRY LAW PARK  
DOVER, NH**



**REGISTER**

Join us for DMHA's 3rd Annual Out of Darkness Community Walk to raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention. This year's event will include resource sharing and a downtown walk route that will take us up and around Central Avenue.

If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org)



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## **Dover Farmers Market open through Oct. 4**

Stop by the Seacoast Eat Local Farmers Market held every Wednesday, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the softball field at Guppy Park. Pick up some local goods, enjoy live music, and enjoy the community-focused atmosphere.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.seacoateatlocal.org/dover/>

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## **Ukulele Music Festival**

## returns to Dover

The Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group (SNHUG) is holding their 8th annual ukulele festival, SNHUGFEST, this Saturday, Sept. 16, starting at 11 a.m. at the Rotary Arts Pavilion Stage in Henry Law Park. This free, all-day event features ukulele performances from near and far, food vendors, raffle prizes, and more entertainment.



Several bands are slated to perform, traveling from across New England and beyond. Some of the scheduled performers include the Unlikely Strummers, Amy Kucharik, Kristina Looney, Ukulele Strummers of Southern Maine, the Ukulidiots, the Desperate Strings Trio, Uke Pitt, Steve Roy, the Ukes of Hazard, the Kukuleles, and June and the Honey Badgers. The popular Grand Finale Jamalong will be led by Lee Urban.

All proceeds from SNHUGFEST 2023 will support the Ukulele Kids Club, which provides music therapy and instruments for hospitalized children in New Hampshire and across the United States. The SNHUG has raised over \$100,000 for this cause through their annual festival.

Those interested can find more details about the SNHUGFEST lineup, schedule, parking, and more on the [Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group website](#). Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and their ukuleles to participate in the jam sessions.

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## Greater Seacoast Day of Caring is Sept. 20

The Granite United Way "Day of Caring" is Wednesday, Sept. 20. This community-wide effort brings together volunteers and local businesses to provide short-term, project-focused volunteer service to local non-profit and public organizations. This day allows volunteers to assist community organizations in achieving their goals and become engaged within the community.

[Sign up](#) to volunteer.

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# VOICES FROM THE CEMETERY CASTING CALL

The Woodman Museum is looking for interested volunteers of all ages to take part in this year's production of *Voices From the Cemetery* on October 14th and 15th. This is a guided, day-time, educational tour through Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover, NH that sees roughly 400 guests brought to 10-12 historic scenes.

**Interested in being a role-player? Contact Jonathan Nichols at [director@woodmanmuseum.org](mailto:director@woodmanmuseum.org) or (603)742-7680**



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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 the:

- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Heritage Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board



- Arts Commission
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Committee to Address Community Housing Needs

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 Susan Mistretta at [s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.mistretta@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:

- **Deputy City Clerk**
- **Utility Laborer**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Arena Maintenance/Ice Resurfer**
- **Gym Attendant**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Technician**
- **Police Systems IT Technician**
- **City Clerk/Tax Collector**
- **Swim Instructor**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Maintenance Mechanic Utilities**
- **Director of Human Resources**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Officer**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Firefighter / EMT**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**
- **Laborer - Public Works, Streets, and Stormwater**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **City Planner**
- **Camera Operator**

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:

- **Boys and Girls Assistant Cross Country Coach - DMS**
- **Boys and Girls Swim and Dive Head Coach - DHS**
- **Girls Basketball Coach - DMS**
- **Girls JV Basketball Coach - DHS**
- **DALC Teacher of Adult Foundational Skill and HiSET Preparation**
- **Custodian for C&W Services - Dover School District**

- DALC Teacher of Adult Foundational Skill and HiSET Preparation
- Paraprofessional Unified Paraeducator - DHS
- Special Education Teacher Case Manager - Various
- Science Teacher - DHS
- Paraprofessionals - Various
- Literacy Interventionist - DMS
- Noon Aide/Recess Monitor - Frances Hopkins
- Special Education Aide - Various
- Special Education Teacher Case Manager - DHS
- Substitute Teacher - Various
- Fire Science Instructor - CTC
- Long Term Kindergarten Substitute Teacher - Woodman Park
- Title 1 Interventionist Tutor - Woodman Park

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

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