

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

September 20, 2024



CITY OF DOVER, NH

288 Central Avenue Dover, NH 03820 603-516-6000

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



Great Bay Rowing waterfront ground lease before Council Sept. 25

Exploring solar array, amending CDBG actions plans also on agenda

Next week, the City Council will consider authorizing the city to enter into a long-term ground lease with Great Bay Rowing, allowing the construction of their planned boathouse near the Cochecho River at the waterfront development site.

The 40-year lease received an unanimous endorsement from the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee at its <u>Sept. 17 meeting</u>. 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. CWDAC also gave a preliminary endorsement of the boathouse design and tasked its subcommittee to work with

Great Bay Rowing to help finalize the design. The boathouse 3:30 p.m. construction would be privately funded and not use any city funds. The Council will also consider taking a step towards installing a solar array at the city's wastewater treatment facility on Middle Road, a topic of a June 5, 2024 council workshop. The resolution would authorize the City Manager to execute a letter of intent with ReVision Energy, allowing the city to partner with ReVision to submit an interconnection application to Eversource, the first step in the process. The Council authorization would also allow the city to expend up to \$75,000 for the process, with \$10,000 for ReVision and \$65,000 for the required Eversource studies. The meeting will begin with three public hearings on pending resolutions. One is on a substantial amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) actions plans for fiscal years 2023 and 2024, which received the Planning Board's endorsement on Aug. 27. Two others are on accepting and expending two N.H. Department of Transportation grants. One is a \$4.5 million Congressionally Directed Spending grant for reconstructing Central Aveue between Stark Avenue and Silver Streets. The grant requires a \$1,125,000 million city match. The other is on \$3 million Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant the city would utilize to improve Route 108/Durham Road from Mast Road to Daley Drive based on the recommendations of the "Route 108 – South Corridor Study" from Aug. 2017. The grant requires a \$600,000 city match. Click here for the complete agenda. The meeting will be held in City Hall's Council Chambers

The meeting will be held in City Hall's Council Chambers starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

Citywide hydrant flushing begins Sunday

The City of Dover Community Services' Utilities Division will begin its seasonal flushing of 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 asses 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 <u>online service request</u> anytime or contact Community Services during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 603-516-6450.



Dover's Adventure Playground remains closed as upgrades and repair work continues.

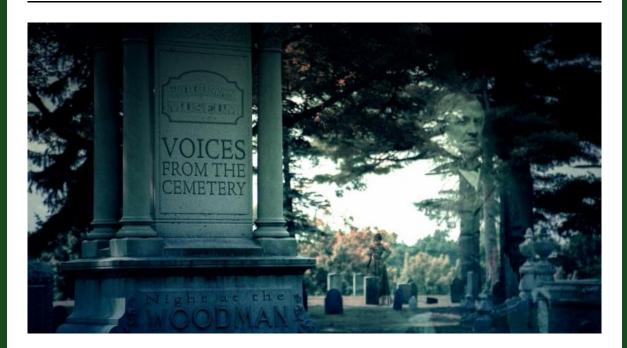
Adventure Playground closed one more week to complete maintenance work

Section of pool parking also remains closed

The closure of the Dover Adventure Playground at Henry Law Park will be extended one more week to complete maintenance and repairs. The park is now anticipated to reopen on Friday, Sept. 27. A section of the adjacent public parking lot for the Dover Indoor Pool and the Children's Museum of New Hampshire also remains closed through next week.

Work ongoing since the park was closed on Sept. 9 include replacing wooden posts with granite, replacing the park's woodchips and replacing the wooden trough and decking at the water pump, repainting the gundalow, and installing a footing for the shade pavilion.

The park and closed parking spaces will reopen once the maintenance work is completed. For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.



Woodman Museum seeks volunteers for

Voices from the Cemetery event

The Woodman Museum is seeking volunteer actors, tour guides and ticket takers for its annual "Voices from the Cemetery" fundraiser on Oct. 12-13 at Pine Hill Cemetery.

The event features costumed performers portraying historical Dover residents, offering visitors a glimpse into the city's past through guided tours of the cemetery.

Volunteers will help bring to life notable figures including the museum's founder, war heroes and local personalities. The family-friendly tours last approximately 40 minutes and are suitable for all ages.

Advance tickets are recommended, with a limited number available for walk-up purchase.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the museum at <u>director@woodmanmuseum.org</u> or 603-742-1038.

The Woodman Museum, now in its 108th year, is located at 182 Central Ave.

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 <u>www.dovernh.org/citizens-</u> <u>leadership-academy</u>, call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, or email <u>events@dovernh.org</u>.

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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Transportation Advisory Commission, Sept. 23, 6 p.m.

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, September 23, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Police Department Community Room, 46 Chestnut Street, Dover.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Joint Building Committee, Athletic Complex, Sept. 23, 6 p.m.

The Joint Building Committee-Athletic Complex, will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

McConnell Center Advisory Board, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Dover Housing Authority, Sept. 24, 12 p.m.

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Planning Board, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.



On the Agenda: Planning Board, 9/24/2024

Want a closer look at what's coming up at the next Planning Board meeting? Join Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton <u>as she reviews</u> what's on the agenda at the Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, Planning Board meeting. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online.

The video can be viewed at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?</u> <u>hash=UUwKwRdoUzJFmnLM</u>.

Election officers needed in all wards for 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 Vansylyvong-Bizier at

<u>CityClerk@dover.nh.gov</u> who will forward your information to the moderator in the ward where

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

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

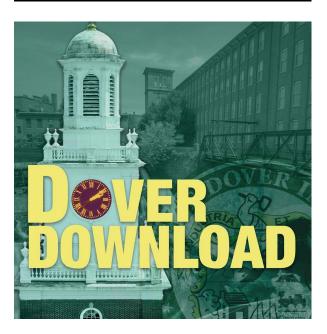
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- <u>Professional Consulting Services: Land</u> <u>Use Analysis of the Master Plan</u>
- <u>REBID: Municipal Security System</u>
- Indoor Pool Filter Replacement
- <u>Snow Plowing and Hauling Services for</u> <u>City Streets and Parking Lots</u>
- <u>Replacement Evaluation of County</u> <u>Farm Road Culvert</u>
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- Waterfront Pavilion
- <u>Sixth Street Bridge Replacement</u>

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's <u>bid page</u>. Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

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



Britt Ulinski Schuman's Reflections on Dover School Board Service

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, the second in a series with Dover's education policymakers, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Britt Ulinski Schuman, a former Dover School Board member who served from 2007 to 2009. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <u>https://bit.ly/47q4il9</u>.

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.

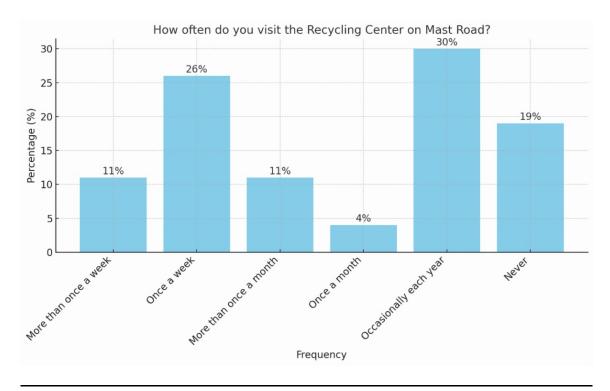
This week's question:

"Have you visited the Woodman Museum in Dover?"

Let us know here: <u>https://polco.us/mu7uh6</u>.

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





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 <u>located here</u>.

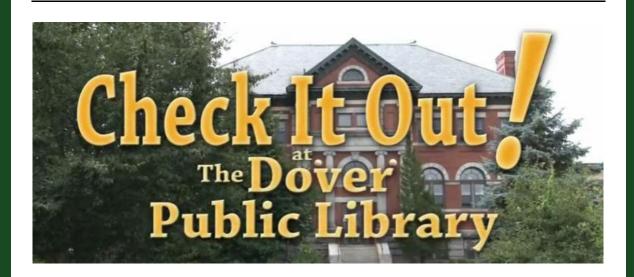
Sept. 27, 1648 — The town council on this day stated that anyone who missed a town meeting without a good reason would be fined 6 shillings. In the 1600s, town meetings were deemed a critical component of local government. Participation was a civic duty considered so important that citizens could be fined for not attending.

Sept. 21, 1842 — Jeremiah Smith of Dover died on this day at the age of 83. Originally from Exeter, Smith spent the last years of his life as a resident of Dover. He was a representative in Congress during George Washington's administration, and for many years, he was a judge of the United States and state courts and governor of the state.

Sept. 23, 1921 — The H.E. Meader greenhouses on Back River Road expanded to offer over 1,100 rows of gladiolas, comprising over a half-million bulbs in 250 varieties. The greenhouses had sold over 100,000 bulbs the previous year.

Sept. 26, 1931 — 16-year-old Dorothy Drew was back in Dover after a short adventure in Boston. Four days earlier, she had scooped up some of her brother's clothes, disguised herself as a boy, and headed south to Boston. It was reported that she arrived in Boston's West End with high hopes for excitement but almost no money. While lowering her voice and asking a West End resident about where to find a place to sleep, a Boston police officer overheard the conversation and took both Dorothy and the man to the police station. Although her disguise had worked well so far, she finally gave in and admitted the ruse. She was reunited with her family in Dover a few days later, including her worried father, who had reported her missing almost as soon as she was gone.

Sept. 22, 1998 — City Prosecutor George Wattendorf, who had been instrumental in creating the state's 1993 stalking law, spearheaded the production of an educational video to replace traditional brochures for victims. The 15-minute film, shot locally with Garrison Players actors and Dover Police, depicted realistic scenarios and offered safety tips. The project followed a successful domestic violence video that had gained international attention. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, the anti-stalking video was set to be widely distributed through various channels, including video stores, libraries, and the internet. Wattendorf retired from the city in 2006 and entered into private practice.



This Week at the Library

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Silent Reading Group

It's a book club with no assigned reading, no expectations, and no rules. Share light discussion on the book you brought and enjoy the quiet, productive space of the library. Bring a snack. Bring a friend. Come read!

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Chess Group

Adults and teens are invited to drop in to play a game or two and meet other folks interested in all things chess. Please bring a chess set if you have one!

Thursday, Sept. 26, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime Monday, Sept. 23, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Big Kids Storytime Join us for a fun storytime for kids in grades K-2. We'll read more in-depth books, and follow our stories with an accompanying craft. Children attend this event independently, without a caregiver. *Registration required.*

Monday, Sept. 23, 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. 23, 7 to 8 p.m. VIRTUAL: Find and Identify More Birds: How to Pick a Patch Author and Birder Heather Wolf discusses how to find and identify more birds by picking a "patch," a place close to home where you can watch birds often. She'll be giving tips on how to pick a patch and how to use it not only as a "classroom" to become a better birder but also as a way to connect more deeply with the nature that surrounds you. *Register to receive live stream link.*

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 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.

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6 to 8 p.m. 18+ Dungeon World

Drop in and play Dungeon World 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday night of the month, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets. 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.*

Thursday, Sept. 26, 6 to 7:30 pm Decoupage Journals Create a custom journal in this beginner level decoupage class. We'll be creating decoupaged covers for 4x6 sized notebooks, perfect for mini journals, keeping lists, recording your dreams or your mood, logging the books you've read, or as simple artist notebooks. You are also welcome to bring in your own paper bound notebook to customize during class if you want a different size. This class is suitable for adults and teens. *Registration required.*

Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cocheco River Writers

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

Friday, Sept. 27, 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.*

Friday, Sept. 27, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. After Hours Teen Party: Back to Kindergarten Night

Do you long for the simple days of your early childhood? Feeling nostalgic? Then this night is for you! Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to this special after-hours program where we'll revisit some favorite activities from our kindergarten days such as coloring, watching cartoons, Play-Doh, blocks, finger painting, etc. Food and drinks will be provided. *Registration is required.*

Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Family Dance with The Suite Studio Families are invited to come dance with Jenna from The Suite Studio! You are Wednesday, Sept. 25, 11 am to 12 pm All Abilities Music Club Join us for a lively sing-along to your favorite tunes.

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Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Get Lit! Book Club

Join the Library at Roost (50 Pointe Place, Dover) to discuss *The Other Black Girl* by Zakiya Dalila Harris. All are welcome! welcome to wear/hold your babies while you modify the dance moves, or they can nap/watch from their bucket seat while you dance. For kids who are able to walk, and for those kids who are older and have sick dance moves themselves, they can dance beside you! However your body moves is the RIGHT way! Come for some fun and some good laughs.

Saturday, Sept. 28, 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.





Styrofoam materials, including food packaging and mailing materials, are not recyclable through Waste Management. Styrofoam left in recycling bins curbside will not be taken. It should be disposed of in regular household trash or reused in some way. Styrofoam packaging peanuts may be reused for your own shipping or added to bottom of sizeable plant pots before adding soil to minimize weight and take up space.

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.



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 <u>dovernh.org/AHD5k</u>. 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 <u>appleharvestday.com</u>. For more information about Portsmouth Regional Hospital, visit <u>portsmouthhospital.com</u>.

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/

To apply, complete an application, <u>available here</u> 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 <u>j.bizier@dover.nh.gov</u>. 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.

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

Seasonal Maintenance Worker

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

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
- Noon Aide/Recess Monitor
- Noon Supervisor
- Occupational Therapist
- Paraprofessional
- Paraprofessional Special Education
- Parking Lot Supervisor
- Special Education Para
- Special Education Teacher Case Manager
- Substitute Teacher

For more information about these positions, click here.

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