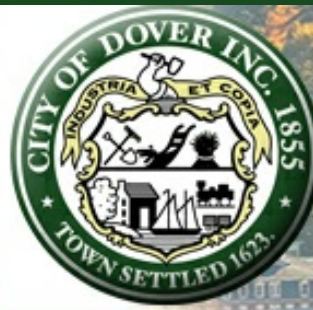


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 5, 2025



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3:30 p.m.

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Purchase of shipping containers for public safety training structure before City Council

The City Council is expected to authorize the purchase of used shipping containers for Dover Fire and Rescue to create a joint public safety training structure at its Wednesday, Sept. 10 meeting.

The project would stack and join 12 40-foot shipping containers to form a three-story structure with a peaked roof for vertical and elevated entry training. The training structure would be a joint effort of Dover Fire and Rescue, Dover Police Department and the Strafford County Regional Tactical Operations Unit, commonly referred to as the SWAT team. It would provide training for search and rescue drills utilizing firefighters' self-contained breathing apparatus, joint police-fire threat simulations, the tactical unit's forcible entry, stairwell and room-clearing drills, and provide an area for student training for Dover High School's firefighter program.

Also on the agenda is a resolution to authorize the

abatement of outstanding charges and accrued interest previously invoiced to the Cocheco Friends for the Dover Holiday Parade traffic details.

Additionally, there are resolutions that would authorize contracting for laboratory testing services, the purchase of a wheeled excavator and approving amendments to the Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority operating rules.

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

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on DoverTV and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>.



Filing period for Nov. 4 municipal election opens Monday

The filing period for candidates seeking Mayor, City Council, School Board or election officer positions in the November municipal election is from Monday, Sept. 8, through Friday, Sept. 19.

Interested candidates must file a written declaration with the City Clerk during the filing period if they want to appear on the municipal ballot for the Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, election.

All elected positions are two-year terms that begin in January 2026. Visit the [2025 Municipal Election webpage](#) for information on the elected positions, qualifications and compensation.

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

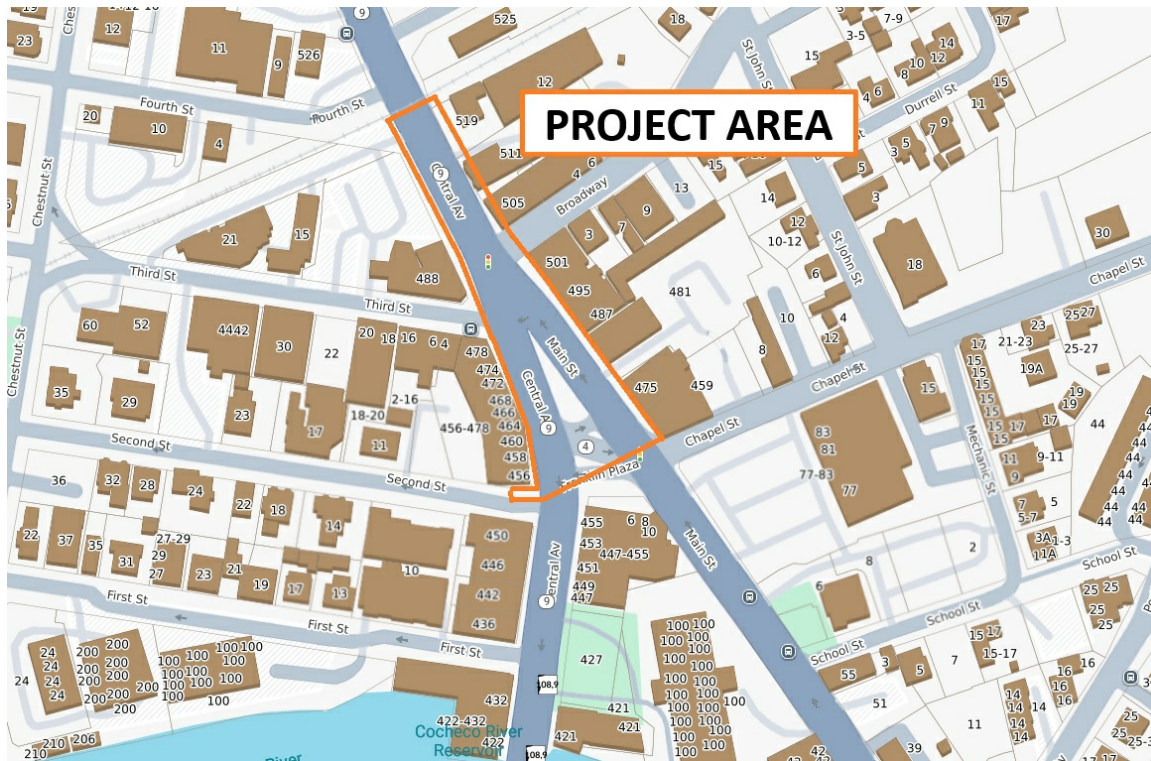
Supervisors of the Checklist in session today

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, at 3 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, and make corrections that may be necessary to the checklist, such as party affiliation, address and name changes.

[Click here](#) for the agenda.

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



Next phase of downtown light replacement project begins Monday

Central Avenue lights from train tracks to Second Street to be replaced

Workers will begin replacing 22 downtown streetlights on Monday, Sept. 8, as part of the second phase of the downtown light replacement project. The work will require parking restrictions and lane shifts.

The lights will be replaced along both sides of Central Avenue from the rail crossing to Second Street on the eastern side and Chapel Street on the western side. It also includes replacing two lights in the traffic island where southbound Central Avenue traffic turns left onto Chapel Street. The goal is to reuse the buried electrical conduit to minimize the need for excavation.

Work will begin at the rail crossing on Sept. 8 and work south towards Second Street. Crews will work Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The goal is to complete the project before Apple Harvest Day on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Parking restrictions will be in place around the work area. Between Third Street/Broadway and the rail crossing, all spaces will be blocked off. For the remainder of the project, the city anticipates only blocking the two parking spaces near the light they are replacing.

The first phase, completed earlier this year, replaced lights at the Central/Third/Broadway intersection and within the adjacent Franklin Square median. The upgrades are part of an overall project to improve downtown lighting, including around crosswalks, for improved visibility and pedestrian safety. Many of the lights being replaced were installed in the late 1970s.



Liberty Mutual campus redevelopment plan before Planning Board Tuesday

Developer seeks to establish Residential Commercial Overlay District and site plan approval for Phase 1

A real estate developer will appear before the Planning Board on Tuesday to seek a conditional use permit and Phase 1 site plan approval for the redevelopment of the Liberty Mutual property on Sixth Street, which will also include a public hearing on the plan.

Manchester-based Brady Sullivan Properties, led by Shane Brady and Arthur Sullivan, seeks to convert the 350,000 square foot office building at 150 Liberty Way into a mixed-use building with residential and commercial uses. Brady Sullivan has a purchase and sales agreement with Liberty Mutual for the site.

If granted by the Planning Board, the conditional use permit would establish a Residential Commercial Mixed-Use Overlay district over the 218-acre property, which is zoned Innovative Technology. The conditional use permit would allow them to develop their master plan for the property.

The project narrative included in the application states that Brady Sullivan has a three-phase development plan. Phase 1 would convert the 350,000-square-foot building at 150 Liberty Way into a mixed-use building with 37,000 square feet of commercial space and 245 residential apartments with a mix of one, two, and three-bedroom apartments, according to the application. The site plan application before the Planning Board is only for this phase.

Phase 2 would entail converting existing office space in the building at 100 Liberty Way into additional residential units. Phase 3 proposes constructing a new, mixed-use building. Each phase requires a site review plan to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board.

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

The Planning Board meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will be televised on DoverTV and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit

[here](#).

City Council, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Sept. 11, 6 p.m.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.

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/>.

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.

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bit.ly/doverdownload and select Dover Planning Review.

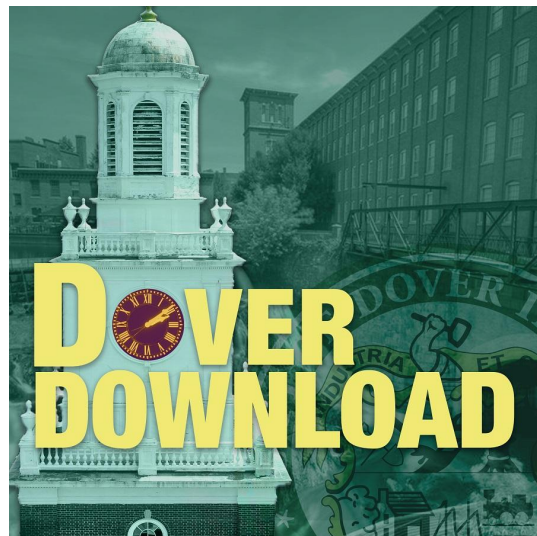
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Disposal of City Owned Real-Estate Rollinsford NH Map 3 Lot 9](#)
- [Crack Repair for Outdoor Athletic Courts](#)
- [Installation of Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic System](#)

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



Back to School: New Cell Phone Rules and Dover's Academic Year Ahead

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Dover School District Superintendent Dr. Christine Boston about the 2025-26 school year, then reviews recent city government activities with Erin Bassegio from the Planning Department and Brian Early from Media Services. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4INd48L>.

currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion 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, [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. 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.



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

Simply visit dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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 satisfied are you with street lighting in your neighborhood and around Dover?"

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

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.



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

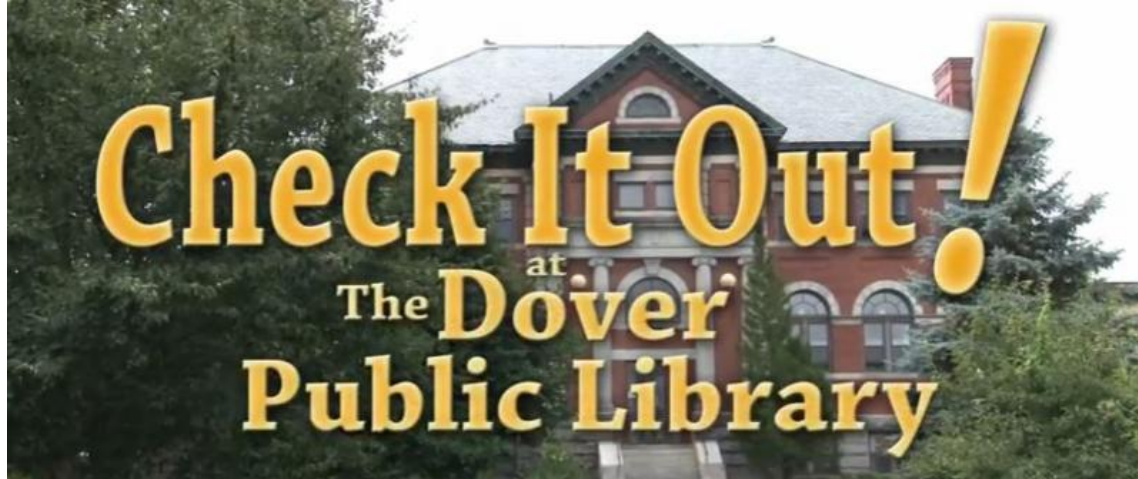
Sept. 8, 1844 — Thomas W. Waldron, 30, a Dover native and son of Daniel Waldron, the last owner of the Waldron Homestead, died while serving overseas as the United States consul at newly British Hong Kong and as a U.S. naval supply agent for China trade. A veteran of the U.S. Exploring (Wilkes) Expedition, Waldron had been appointed by President John Tyler in 1843 as the first American consul in Hong Kong, a post created after the Treaty of Nanking opened the port to Western commerce. He died within a year of taking office during official travel; Dover sources record the date and place as Sept. 8 in Hong Kong, while U.S. diplomatic histories report Sept. 18 in nearby Macau, likely from cholera. He is buried in Macau's Old Protestant Cemetery. His service was honored by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during an American Foreign Service Association memorial ceremony in 2009.

Sept. 9, 1851 — Dover, like many towns in New England at the time, was troubled by a wave of suspicious fires. Known at the time as incendiary fires, these were blazes deliberately set, often destroying homes, barns, or mills. The problem had become so widespread by 1851 that Dover's residents convened a special town meeting on this day. At that meeting, the town's selectmen were granted authority to offer cash rewards for the capture of those responsible. They were also directed to establish a night watch and to form a committee of vigilance to maintain a constant lookout for suspicious activity.

Sept. 6, 1861 — On this day, proclaimed by President Abraham Lincoln as a National Day of Fasting, Dover joined communities across the country in prayer and reflection during the early months of the Civil War. Local clergymen delivered sermons suited to the solemn occasion, and that evening, townspeople, setting aside party politics, gathered in City Hall for a large public meeting. The hall was filled as speakers offered patriotic and stirring addresses, reflecting both the gravity of the war and the unity felt in Dover at that moment.

Sept. 8, 1999 — George J. Kay, a longtime figure in Dover's schools and civic life, died at the age of 78. Born on Sept. 9, 1920, Kay devoted more than four decades to the Dover school system, serving as Dover High School principal, assistant superintendent, and coordinating construction projects at several schools. He also led McIntosh College until 1979 and later took on interim leadership roles in Rochester and Hampton. In 1985, Kay briefly served as Dover's interim city manager.

Sept. 11, 2011 — On the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Dover fire and police departments gathered with the community at Henry Law Park for a solemn commemoration. The Dover Fire and Rescue Honor Guard tolled the station's bell in honor of the 343 firefighters who died that day, a tradition once used to signal a firefighter's death in the line of duty. The Rev. Susan Garrity and Mayor Dean Trefethen reminded those present that, like the memories of Pearl Harbor or President Kennedy's assassination, 9/11 marked a generation-defining moment. Fire Chief Richard Driscoll spoke of the fire service as a family bound together by sacrifice, underscoring the vow to "never forget." The ceremony concluded with firefighter Brendan Driscoll's moving bagpipe performance of "Amazing Grace."

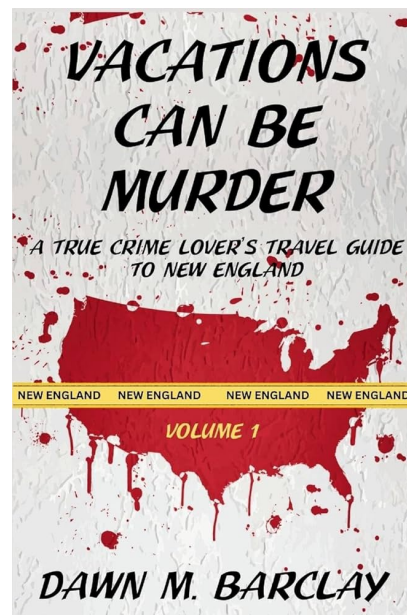


A true crime lover's guide to New England

Up for a true crime road trip? Get the down and dirty on exactly where the major crimes of New England occurred, and where the bodies are buried.

Join Dover Public Library virtually on Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. for “Vacations Can Be Murder” with Author Dawn M. Barclay. The program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

Along with a brief overview of some of the major crimes committed in New England, Barclay will tell you where to find the best crime and ghost tours, which hotels and restaurants are former jails, courthouses, or harbor paranormal activity; where infamous criminals are/were jailed, and which venues and attractions might feed your fancy for murder and justice. Let Barclay help you traverse New England’s criminal landscape in an organized and entertaining way!



Barclay is a veteran travel trade reporter who has served as senior or contributing editor on several magazines, including Travel Agent, Travel Life, Travel Market Report, and, most recently, Insider Travel Report. Her book, “Traveling Different: Vacation Strategies for Parents of the Anxious, the Inflexible, and the Neurodiverse”, considered the autism travel bible, won the Lowell Thomas Gold Award in 2023 from the Society of American Travel Writers Foundation. It also won Honorable Mention from ASJA's Arlene Awards for Books that Make a Difference, and took first place in the Maxy Awards (inspirational/self-help category.) When not writing about travel, Barclay pens psychological/domestic/romantic suspense and edits crime fiction anthologies as D.M. Barr.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

Lecture reveals history of 'forever chemicals'

Discover the story of how PFAS, a set of toxic chemicals many people are unfamiliar with, spread across the entire country.

Join the Dover Public Library virtually on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. for “Poisoning the Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America” with award-winning Journalist

Sharon Udasin. The program is in partnership with the Nashua Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

Based on original reporting in four highly contaminated towns and incriminating documents, Udasin traces a history of corporate greed and devastation of human lives. The talk is based on the book of the same name Udasin co-wrote with Journalist Rachel Frazin.

PFAS, also known as “forever chemicals”, are found in everyday products, from cooking pans to mascara, and are estimated to be in the bloodstream of 97% of Americans. In this talk, Udasin shares evidence that the makers of forever chemicals may have known for decades about the deadly risks of their products, which their own scientists have been documenting since the 1960s.

Udasin is an environment reporter, based in Boulder, Colo., who has been delving into water contamination and conservation issues for 15 years. She was a Ted Scripps Fellow in Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado Boulder and has reported for The Hill, The Jerusalem Post, and The New York Jewish Week.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Monday, Sept. 8, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Preschool STEM Storytime
McConnell Center, Room 306

Children aged 3-5 are invited to participate in a science storytime this Fall. Each week, children will discover a Fall theme, utilizing stories, songs, and games, and highlighting a STEM activity.
Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Green Burials & Death Doulas
McConnell Center, Room 306

Learn more about natural and green burial practices as well as the important role of death doulas with Sarah Clark of Lotus and Lavender Natural Burial.

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Baby Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306
For babies 0-24 months with caregiver. A joyful, half-hour lap sit story time with books, songs, movement, and rhyme.

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Friends of the Dover Public Library
McConnell Center, Room 306

As a member of this group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group which supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$20 per year. This organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as cultural events for the community.

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids
McConnell Center, Room 306

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their imagination and creativity to the Drop-In Open Art Lab. We will have a variety of supplies available for you to use to create artwork of your own design.

Thursday, Sept. 11, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Arts and Crafts Storytime
McConnell Center, Room 306

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. 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Reading Rainbow Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *Even Though I Knew the End* by C.L.Polk. Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Plan Your Native Garden with
NH Pollinator Pathways
City Hall Auditorium

Come join us at this native plant design-your-garden landscaping workshop. Bring

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

McConnell Center, Room 306

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

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 11 am to 12 pm
All Abilities Club: Art for All
Great Bay Services

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.

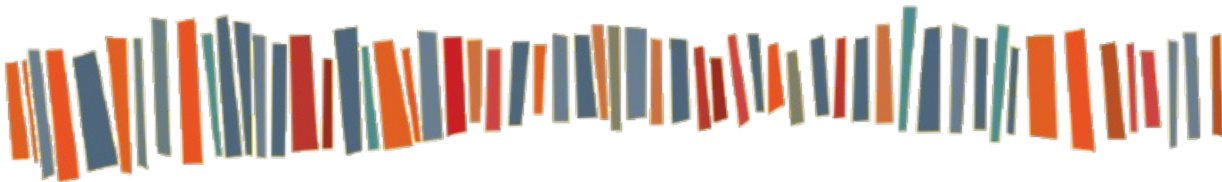
Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2 to 3 p.m.
Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club
McConnell Center, Room 306

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book is *Cabin* by Patrick Hutchinson.

your questions and ideas about creating and growing your own gardens. The workshop will begin with a short presentation on the basics of pollinators and designing a native plant garden. After the presentation, there will be professional gardeners and landscapers available to help you plan your garden.
Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Family Dance with The Suite Studio
McConnell Center, Room 306

Families are invited to come dance with Jenna from The Suite Studio! You are 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.



Great Bay Yacht Club to hold small-boat regatta on Sept. 6

The Great Bay Yacht Club will host its annual small-boat regatta on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Dover Point. Races will launch from Hilton State Park and compete on Great Bay, with a cook-out and awards gathering following at the club on Wentworth Terrace.

The regatta welcomes sailors of all ages and celebrates the club's long-standing tradition of community racing among dinghies and classic small boats, such as MerryMacs, Handy

Cats, or similar one-design classes.

This event continues GBYC's mission to foster the spirit of sailing in the greater Great Bay area, offering a fun, informal atmosphere for both seasoned sailors and newcomers alike.

The rain date for the event is Sunday. Sept. 7.

For more information, including regatta schedule, class eligibility, registration details, or contact information, please visit <https://greatbayyachtclub.org/regattas-events/>.

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:

- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer, Per Diem or Part-Time**
- **Police Officer**
- **Wastewater Pump Station Operator**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Maintenance Specialist - Streets**
- **Arena Attendant, Seasonal Part-Time**
- **Media Services Technician, Part-Time**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Technician**
- **Assessing Data Technician**
- **Deputy City Engineer**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Management Analyst - Tax Assessing, Temporary**
- **Gym Attendant, Part-Time**
- **Utilities Technician**

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

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:

- **Attendance Secretary**
- **Ski Coach**
- **DALC Teacher of Adult Foundational Skills and HSE Preparation**
- **DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)**
- **Interventionist**
- **Noon Aides**
- **ESOL Interventionist**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Student Support Counselor**
- **Noon Supervisors**

- **District Student Support Counselor**
- **Freshman Boys Soccer Coach**
- **Girls Middle School Volleyball Coach**
- **Freshman Girls Soccer Coach**
- **Substitute Nurses**
- **Paraprofessionals**

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

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