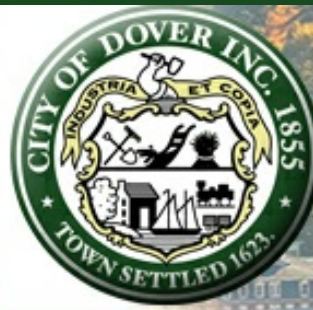


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 6, 2024



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City Hall hours:

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

Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4
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Recycling Center hours:

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



State primary election is Tuesday, Sept. 10

The state primary election will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024. Polling hours in Dover will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The election will determine political party nominees for the general election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. There are two ballots for the Sept. 10 primary election: one for registered Republicans and one for registered Democrats. Undeclared voters may declare a party at their polling location on Election Day and receive that party's ballot. Voters may change party status back to undeclared by signing a form at the polls following the vote.

The City of Dover's [2024 State Primary Election webpage](#) has sample ballots for the Republican and Democratic primaries for each of Dover's six wards. The page also has the polling locations for each ward.

Polling locations

Dover has six polling locations, one in each city ward. The

polling places are:

- **Ward 1** - Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street, 78 Horne St.
- **Ward 2** - Dover Ice Arena, 110 Portland Ave.
- **Ward 3** - Woodman Park Elementary School, 11 Towle Ave.
- **Ward 4** - Garrison School, 50 Garrison Road
- **Ward 5** - Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive
- **Ward 6** - Hellenic Center, 219 Long Hill Road

What ward do I live in?

Dover's election pages also have an interactive map showing which ward a residence is in. [Click here](#) to view the ward boundary map. Voters may also call the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018 for assistance.



Capital improvement appropriations get public hearings at Sept. 11 meeting

Approval of a McConnell Center lease agreement, amending city's flag display policy also on agenda

The City Council will hold two public hearings on proposed Capital Improvement Program appropriations at its Wednesday, Sept. 11 meeting.

One public hearing is on a pending resolution that would authorize an FY2025 CIP appropriation of \$621,075 to fund technology equipment for Dover public schools. The money would be transferred from the School Technology Capital Reserve to fund the non-debt finance purchase of laptops that will replace outdated equipment. The School Board adopted a similar resolution at its [Aug. 19, 2024 meeting](#). The proposed appropriation follows the School Board's adoption of the School Department's Technology FY2025-2030 CIP plan at its [May 13, 2024 meeting](#).

Another public hearing is on reprogramming \$451,200 of unexpended CIP appropriations from the South End Fire Station Building Improvements project to the Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) CIP replacement program; the Council will vote on the resolution at its Sept. 25, 2024 meeting. SCBA is a critical component of firefighters' equipment, providing breathable air in hazardous environments. The reprogramming of unexpended CIP appropriations does not authorize new bonding nor increase the city's debt. The \$987,000 SCBA replacement cost was included in the City Council adopted FY2025-2030 CIP as a grant-financed project; however, the forecasted grand funding did not come to fruition, the resolution background material states. The city plans to use \$535,800 in federal COVID-19 grant funds and \$451,200 in reprogrammed CIP funds for the purchase. The City Council authorized \$830,000 in bonding for the South End Station project in the FY2022 CIP. However, the current estimated project cost is more than that amount; thus the City Manager recommends reprogramming part of the

funds for the critical SCBA gear. The amount needed to complete the South End Station project will be included in the FY2026 CIP to allow the renovation to stay on track.

The City Council will also consider a resolution that would ensure that all of the city's official communication about state-designated holidays will use the state-designated holiday name listed in RSA 288:1, as prescribed by new state law Chapter 182 that goes into effect on Sept. 10, 2024. The resolution also states the city will continue to commemorate the importance of local holidays, such as Indigenous People's Day, Juneteenth and Native American Heritage Day.

Also on the agenda:

- Authorizing the city to award the bid for fire inspection services for city and public school buildings to Minuteman Security & Life Safety of Manchester;
- Amending the city's policy governing flag display to include Recovery Month in September and Indigenous Peoples' Day in October;
- Approving a three-year lease for the non-profit Community Solutions, Inc. for office space in the McConnell Center.

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

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



Tri-city mayors seek winter operator for Willand Warming Center

The mayors of the Tri-Cities of Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth, in collaboration with the Strafford County Commissioners, are seeking proposals from qualified entities to operate the emergency warming center on Willand Drive in Somersworth.

The City of Rochester [issued the request for proposals](#) on Sept. 4, 2024 on behalf of the mayors and county commissioners. Responses are due to Rochester City Hall by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024.

The RFP seeks pre-planning and operation of up to 50 beds of the warming center from Nov. 15, 2024 through March 31, 2025. The warming center would operate as needed to provide overnight shelter to unsheltered residents when winter weather poses a significant life safety threat. The emergency management directors of the tri-cities would collaboratively determine the operation of the warming center with the goal of providing at least 24 hours notice for operation activation. The EMDs' decision to activate the warming center will be based on weather conditions pre-determined by the mayors, including temperature, wind chill, precipitation, and other weather-related conditions. RFP respondents are encouraged to suggest opening conditions as part of their submitted proposal.

Support for the operation of the Willand Warming Center is provided by the cities of Dover, Rochester, Somersworth and Strafford County as part of a collaborative cold-weather safety plan. Contributions are a combination of operating funds and in-kind services. The City of Dover owns the warming center property at 30 Willand Drive, which it purchased in 2020 with grant funds.

For more information, including a link to the complete bid documents, visit <https://www.rochesternh.gov/bids/bids/bid-25-14-willand-warming-center>.

Contractor to work overnight to rehab section of sewer pipes

Those in project area will receive notices to limit sewer use during overnight work

A city contractor is installing liners in the sanitary sewer main on a section of Central Avenue and Ash Street to extend their life while reducing the potential of inflow and infiltration from groundwater. Completing the work will require temporarily sealing off individual connections to the sanitary sewer main for one night, six to eight hours.

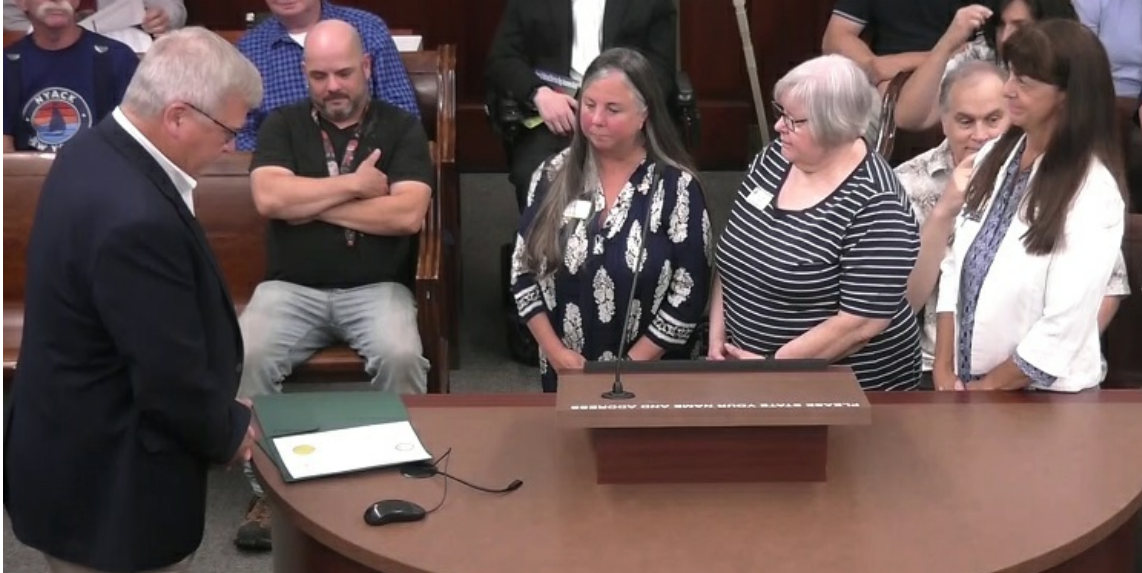
The project consists of cleaning, video inspection, and relining about 2,700 linear feet of sewer lines: Central Avenue from Wentworth-Douglass Hospital's emergency room entrance to Ash Street and on Ash Street from Central Avenue to Mount Vernon Street. It's anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.

The contractor, Green Mountain Pipeline Services, LLC of Bethel, Vermont, will twice notify residents and businesses when their connection will be sealed off: one week before and 24 hours before. The notices will remind users to limit the water going down drains to an absolute minimum during the overnight. Do not use washing machines or dishwashers. If you must shower, leave the water in the tub until your service has been restored. Any sump pumps connected to the sewer system must be disconnected and/or discharged elsewhere to avoid possible damage to the liner or sewer backups. Failure to follow the instructions may cause sewer discharges to back up on the property.

The contractor will again notice the property when sewer service is restored.

During the operation, users may detect an odor. This usually occurs in houses or buildings with dry or non-existent plumbing traps. In most cases, odors can be minimized by pouring several gallons of water down sinks, showers and toilets.

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



Proclamation marks Constitution Week

Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan read a proclamation at the Aug. 28 City Council meeting declaring Sept. 17-23, 2024 as Constitution Week in Dover.

Members of the Margery Sullivan chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were present to accept the proclamation.

The proclamation recognizes the 237th anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 2024.

"The Constitution is our Nation's guiding document, and it is important to recognize and celebrate its existence while recalling the strength and bravery of those who fought for The Constitution and its amendments throughout history," the deputy mayor said, reading from the proclamation.

The document notes that the Constitution officially became U.S. law on June 21, 1788, when New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

"Constitution Week is a great opportunity for citizens to learn about, understand, and defend the Constitution," Shanahan read.

The proclamation calls on Dover citizens to observe Constitution Week and reflect on the importance of this foundational document.

The complete proclamation can be viewed here:

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Conservation Commission, Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Parking Commission to hold public hearing on proposed winter parking ordinance modifications

The Dover Parking Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center to receive input on the city's recommended changes to its winter parking ordinance.

Recreation Advisory Board, Sept. 9, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at the McConnell Center, Room 224

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

Ethics Commission, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.

The Ethics Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

School Board, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, the McConnell Center.

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

Zoning Board, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, Sept. 11, following regular meeting

The City Council will hold a non-public meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, immediately following the City Council's regular meeting, in

The proposed ordinance modifications would limit parking to only one side on four additional city streets annually from Dec. 1 to April 1. This request is due to instances where plowing equipment cannot pass through during storms or post-storm cleanup, creating a public safety issue for emergency vehicle accessibility. The recommendations are intended to maintain the city's storm-based parking ban approach that helps maximize parking availability while balancing the critical public safety need for access to all streets and neighborhoods.

If the Parking Commission endorses the proposed ordinance changes, they will be sent to the City Council for consideration, which will also include a public hearing.

The streets to be added to the ordinance include:

- Adelle Drive, southerly side from the traffic circle, easterly to the end of the road, including the turnaround area;
- Sylvan Drive, northerly side from the traffic circle easterly to the end of the road, including the turnaround area;
- Grove Street, easterly side from the intersection with Sixth Street, northerly to the intersection with Hough Street;
- Grove Street, westerly side from the intersection with Hough Street, northerly to the intersection with Ash Street;
- Maple Street, easterly side from the intersection with Sixth Street, northerly to the intersection with Ash Street.

The city is also mailing public hearing notices to property owners on these streets.

Those who cannot attend the public hearing may send their opinions to parking@dover.nh.gov before the Sept. 17 meeting. It will be included in the agenda materials.

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Professional Consulting Services: Land Use Analysis of the Master Plan](#)
- [Municipal Security System](#)
- [Indoor Pool Filter Replacement](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors

Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Planning Technical Review Committee, Sept. 12, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.

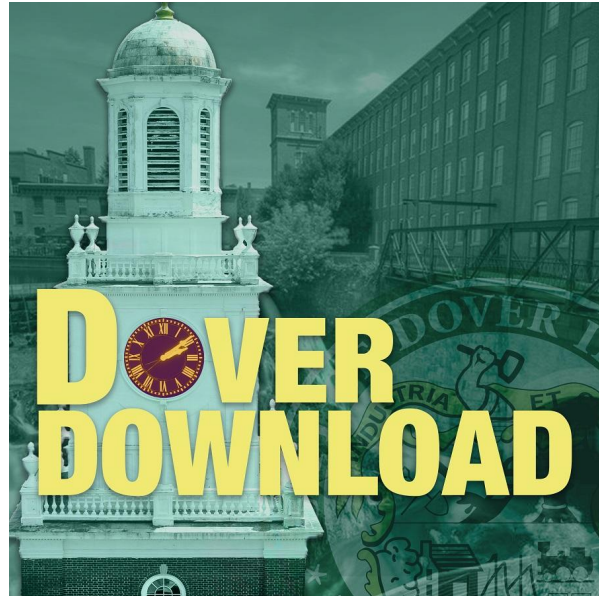
The Solid Waste Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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/>.

can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

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



A new school year begins and August meeting update

In the latest episode of Dover Download, In this episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with William Harbron, the superintendent of Dover schools, about the upcoming school year and recent developments in the district. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/479BCTD>.

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 ever used public transportation in Dover?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m7b8b7>.

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.

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, "What is your favorite summer activity in Dover?"

- Outdoor dining
- Cochecho Arts Festival

- Summer reading and other programs at the Dover Public Library
 - Kayaking
 - Farmer's markets
 - Dover Community Band
 - Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool
 - Family time in the backyard
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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. 15, 1667 — The grand jury cited the town for lacking several important items and officials that were considered essential for a properly functioning settlement in colonial America. These included:

- Stocks and a whipping post (for public punishment)
- Standard weights and measures (for fair trade)
- A sealer of leather (an official who inspected and certified leather goods)
- A pound (for holding stray animals)
- A watch house (for local law enforcement)
- Gunpowder, match cord, and bullets (for defense)

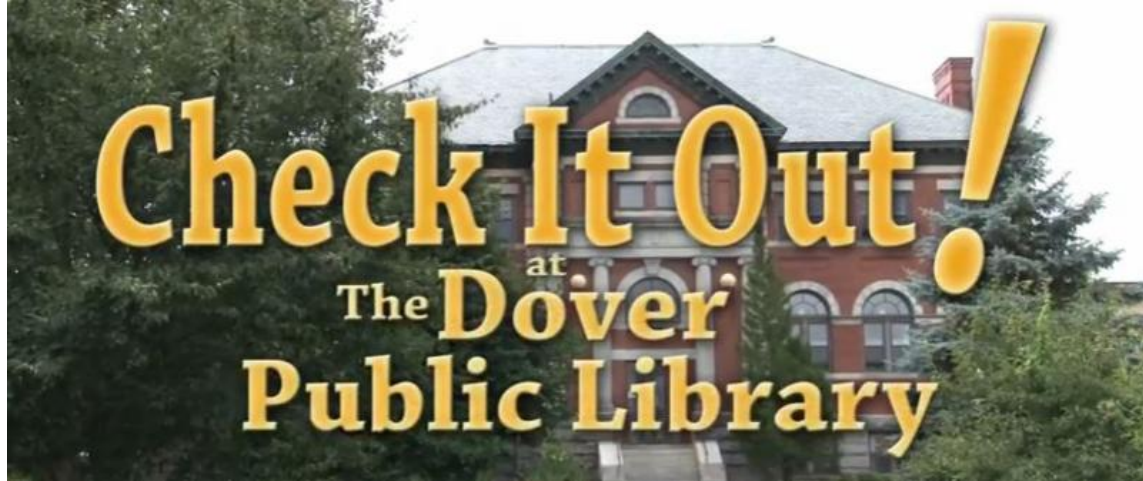
The court ordered the town to acquire these items and appoint the necessary officials by the next court session. Failure to do so would result in a 5-pound fine.

Sept. 13, 1797 — The town voted to officially designate and map out land on Pine Hill for use as a cemetery. The town clerk was to receive the official plan.

Sept. 9, 1813 — Dover observed a National Day of Fasting, as proclaimed by President James Madison. This day of fasting was called in response to the ongoing war with England, now known as the War of 1812. President Madison's proclamation of a National Fast Day was in keeping with a tradition dating back to the country's founding. Such days were called during times of crisis or national hardship, encouraging citizens to pray, reflect, and seek divine guidance or intervention.

Sept. 7, 1863 — Work began at The Cocheco Manufacturing Co. after a yearlong suspension.

Sept. 8, 1896 — James McKenney, a former resident of Biddeford, Maine, was sentenced to seven years of hard labor at the Concord State Prison in New Hampshire. The sentencing came after McKenney was found guilty of arson for setting fire to Margaret Gorman's barn in Dover on Nov. 13, 1895. The trial took place in Dover the previous week. After only two hours of deliberation, the jury returned a guilty verdict. Judge Clark of the Supreme Court handed down the sentence.



Unravel the mystery of Bigfoot at the Dover Public Library

Bigfoot, Sasquatch, Grassman, Skunk Ape or Big Red Eye — whatever name you choose to call this large, bipedal hominid, Mike Familant has probably tried to track it down.

Join producer, lead investigator and New Jersey native Mike Familant at Dover Public Library on Monday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. as he shares his experiences researching and tracking down the truth behind North America's most iconic cryptid, Bigfoot. This is an in-person event with the option to watch virtually from home. If you wish to watch online, register on the library's website to receive a link to the live stream. A Q&A will be held after the presentation and Familant will be available for photographs and autographs.

From the Florida swamps to the North Country of Maine and everywhere in between, Familant has been researching Bigfoot for over 13 years and has captured some impressive proof along the way. He will exhibit some extraordinary evidence backed by facts that he and his team have collected throughout their journey, along with some of the unfortunate experiences that come along with "Bigfooting."

Familant began recording his efforts to track down Bigfoot in 2016 after becoming frustrated with the lack of true research expedition shows on television. He created his own show called "In the Shadow of Big Red Eye." The show is currently filming its eighth season. Familant also created the docuseries "Squatchables" about how to get into Bigfooting. You can learn more about the team's expeditions and newest evidence by

following the "Sussex County Bigfoot" YouTube channel, "In the Shadow of Big Red Eye" Facebook page, or visiting the website shadowofredeye.com.

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.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Library to host puzzle swap and puzzle race events

The Dover Public Library will host two puzzle-themed events this September, catering to jigsaw enthusiasts of all levels.

The Amazing Puzzle Race

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m., the library will host its first-ever Amazing Puzzle Race in the Lecture Hall. Eight teams of two to four people will compete to be the fastest to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The winning team will receive \$80 in gift cards to Diversions Puzzles & Games.

Interested participants can sign up on the library's website. Space is limited, and spectators are welcome.

Puzzle Swap

On Saturday, Sept. 14, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the library will hold a fall puzzle swap. Participants can trade up to five gently used puzzles for new-to-them ones during the event. After 3 p.m., any remaining puzzles will be available for free, with no limit.

The library is currently accepting donations of adult puzzles with 250 pieces or more. Donations can be dropped off at the library's front desk from Wednesday, Sept. 11, until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13. Puzzles must be complete and in good condition, with an image of the completed puzzle included.

Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at <http://library.dover.nh.gov> or call 603-516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Sunday, Sept. 8, 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!

Monday, Sept. 9, 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. 9, 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2 to 3 p.m.

Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 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. 12, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Arts and Crafts Storytime

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend

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.

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

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

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 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.

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Friends of the Dover Public Library**
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. 11, 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.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 11 am to 12 pm All Abilities Club: Art for All

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.

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. 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reading Rainbow Book Group

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *The Magic Fish* by Trung Le NGuyen. 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.

Friday, Sept. 13, 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. 14, 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.

Saturday, Sept. 14, 1 to 3 p.m. Puzzle Swap

Donate your gently used puzzles and then come back to trade out for some new-to-you ones! Puzzles can be dropped off starting on Wednesday, September 11 through 4:30 pm on Friday, September 13. Then on Saturday, September 14, you are invited to the library's Lecture Hall to come pick out up to 5 puzzles to take home. After 3 pm, all puzzles leftover are free for the taking (no limitations)! Please bring a bag or box to take home puzzles in.



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

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

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

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

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

Dover Professional Firefighters

GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 8th, 2024

General ALARM

\$150/person
\$600/ team

1st ALARM Sponsorship:

\$250 for signage
at a hole

2nd ALARM Sponsorship:

\$1,000 for
4 golfers,
4 t-shirts, &
signage at a hole

3rd ALARM Sponsorship:

\$2,500 for
4 golfers,
program promo,
signage at a hole,
& 4 polo shirts

COCHECHO COUNTRY CLUB

All funds raised will go to Dover Professional Firefighters
Charitable Association

Dover Fire Toy Bank seeks donations after losing holiday gift supply in flood

The Dover Fire Toy Bank lost its entire supply of toys and gifts for the upcoming holiday season due to a water line break on Aug. 4. The break caused approximately 6 inches of water to flood the downtown mill building where the gifts were stored.

This marks the first time in over 40 years that the Toy Bank is starting the season without any supplies to help children and families in need. Since its inception in the mid-1970s, the Dover Fire Toy Bank has assisted thousands of families, distributing gifts to over 100 families annually within the city.

The Dover Fire Toy Bank is now seeking community assistance to restock its supply of new, unwrapped toys and games for children from newborn to age 12. Donations can be made in the following ways:

- Drop off new, unwrapped presents at any of Dover's three fire stations:
 - Central Fire Station: 9-11 Broadway
 - South End Fire Station: 25 Durham Road
 - North End Fire Station: 262 Sixth St.
- Mail checks to: DPFFA, PO Box 1004, Dover, NH 03821. Make checks payable to Dover Firefighters Charitable Association. Include "Toy Bank" in the memo line.

The Dover Fire Toy Bank is run by the Dover Firefighters Charitable Association, a registered 501(c)(3) organization. The DFFCA's EIN is 99-2710043.

For questions or media inquiries, please contact the Toy Bank Hotline at (603) 516-TOYS (8697).

Snapology offers after-school program for students in grades K-6

The Dover School Board recently voted to add Snapology as a stop on the bus routes from both Woodman Elementary School and the Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street.

Snapology offers an affordable, interactive after-school care program on either a weekly or monthly basis. Activities include S.T.E.A.M. classes, workshops, team building or Creative Play. Students can also receive homework assistance, read a book, have a snack or work on a puzzle with a friend.

Contact Snapology for more information: <https://www.snapology.com/new-hampshire-dover/>.

Let them loose!
Recyclables
should not be
bagged but placed
directly in the bin.



Brought to you by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Though it may seem like a good idea to contain various recyclables in a plastic bag, recyclables should not be bagged. Place your recyclables directly into the recycling bin. Save your plastic bags and reuse them to pick up after your pet, as trash can liners in your home, or for picking up litter on your walks. For questions about what may be recycled, visit the Recycling Center [webpage](#).



Wanted: One majestic tree to light up Dover's

Henry Law Park this Christmas

Each year, a new Christmas tree is raised at Henry Law Park, signaling the beginning of the winter holiday season in Dover. The City of Dover is seeking this season's tree, and is asking area residents to consider donating the perfect candidate, already growing in your backyard.

The ideal Christmas tree for Henry Law Park is an evergreen, preferably a white spruce or balsam fir, between 25 and 35 feet tall and growing evenly on all sides.

Have a tree that fits the description? Would you like to share it with the entire community this holiday season? Contact the City of Dover Recreation Department, and a staff member will evaluate the tree. If it's the perfect tree for the park, the City will arrange to cut down the tree and relocate it to Henry Law Park by the end of November.

For more information or to volunteer your perfect Christmas tree, contact Recreation Director Kevin Hebert at 603-516-6401 or k.hebert@dover.nh.gov or Assistant Recreation Director Rick Conway at 603-516-6401 or r.conway@dover.nh.gov.

Payne Street to remain closed until mid-October

Payne Street (formerly River Street) will remain closed between Henry Law Avenue and Washington Street through at least Oct. 15, 2024, for work related to the Cochecho Waterfront Development project.

The ongoing closure allows contractors to complete utility installation and roadway work; it also ensures worker safety.

Public parking is also prohibited on Payne Street. Public parking is available nearby, such as on Henry Law Avenue.

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

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, [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.

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**
- **Maintenance Specialist I**
- **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**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Gym Attendant, Part-Time**
- **Working Foreman - Utilities**
- **Afternoon Library Page**
- **Diesel Mechanic**

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:

- **DALC Childcare Coordinator**
- **Dean of Student Services**
- **Elementary School Classroom Teacher**
- **Noon Aide/Recess Monitor**
- **Paraprofessional**
- **Paraprofessional - Special Education**
- **Parking Lot Supervisor**
- **Preschool Paraprofessional - Special Education**
- **School Adjustment Counselor**
- **Spanish Teacher**
- **Special Education Para**
- **Special Education Teacher Case Manager**
- **Speech and Language Assistant**
- **Substitute Teacher**

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



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