



OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA

Welcome to the October Issue of OUR TOWN

Dover Days was a great success thanks to Parks and Recreation and all the other Town committees and Departments who helped make it such a great day! It was good to hear from so many that they are already signed up for and receiving this newsletter!

This month we have updates on recruitment for Town positions, useful recycling information and lots of great events from the Dover Town Library, Council on Aging and High School sports. All of these events are open to everyone in the town, so come along and meet other members of the community!

If you are part of a Town board/committee/commission and would like to submit content for the November issue, please contact [Ruth Townsend](#)

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Board of Selectmen



**In
Brief**

Board of Selectmen (BOS)/Warrant Committee (WC)

The Warrant Working Group continued to assess Warrant Committee roles and responsibilities, budget timelines, resident outreach efforts, and messaging content. The members met with the Town's communications consultant, who will review their materials and outreach efforts. The Warrant Committee met on Wednesday, September 20 to be briefed on progress to date. The review is expected to be completed by December, including identifying and planning next steps.

Chief of Police Search Committee

The Police Chief Search Committee has been working toward selecting a new chief following the retirement of Peter McGowan. The committee has met six times in extended executive session (as allowed by law) to thoroughly and carefully screen the remaining 12 candidates, debating and analyzing each of the 12 answers from the candidates. The number of candidates was reduced from 12 to 6. The Search Firm facilitator and the chair of the committee, Selectman John Jeffries, are very happy with the progress, depth of preparation, and thorough analysis of each applicant. The final six candidates will complete a Technical Assessment of Police Policy, Law, and Response before a panel of Police Chiefs, which will be viewed by committee members.

Administration Staffing

Two candidates for the open Assistant Town Administrator position were interviewed on September 12. The interview panel recommended one of the candidates for further consideration.

Board of Selectmen Roles and Responsibilities

The BOS completed a document outlining a management framework (Roles and Responsibilities) of members. They identified the following as key responsibilities: Leadership, Management (through the Town Administrator), Financial Management, Human Resources, Setting Strategy/Direction, and Structure. The document has been sent to all Boards and Committees for comments and feedback.

Town Financial Investment Advisory Working Group Members Sought

As part of an ongoing review and update of Town operations, the BOS is searching for Dover residents with interest and experience in municipal finance for a Town Financial Investment Advisory Working Group. The responsibilities of this group will be to review Dover's current financial investment policy and strategy, as well as the services provided by the Town's financial advisors and managers. To be considered, please email mdisciullo@doverma.gov with a brief expression of interest and relevant experience.

Community Center Project Update

During the last month, the main focus continued to be asbestos abatement, including additional asbestos identified during construction. The cost of asbestos removal will likely be greater than originally estimated and will require the use of some project contingency funds. The base scope including floor tile, windows, sinks, and roofing are essentially complete. The additional identified asbestos abatement is well underway with additional windows, corkboards, lintels, doors, and sinks also substantially complete. Commencement of boiler abatement is pending. Permanent power to the building has been disconnected, and temporary power installation is in the works. The site-related progress has included site clearing, grubbing, and grading around the building. The existing oil tank was also removed. Temporary power to the construction trailer was installed. The external building demolition is expected to begin early October and will last approximately two weeks.

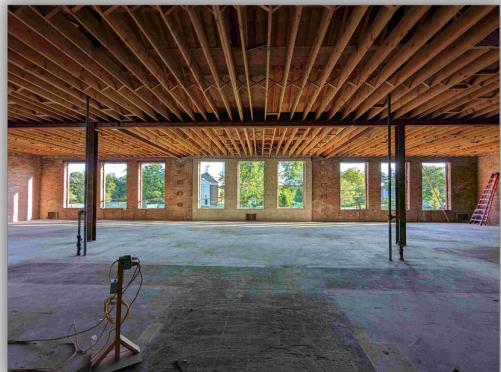
Board of Selectmen cont.



Digger in front of building and dug up ground



Dug up ground and grass in front of building



Gutted large room



Two people in haz. mat. suits removing debris on construction site



Room with exposed pipes and covered sections

Work on the Community Center Building

In Brief

Community Center Club - an opportunity for students (grades 6-12) to follow this project through to completion. More information can be found later in this newsletter.

Hale

With the recent discussion revolving around Hale and the conservation restriction it is a good time to look at Hale and the land it owns in more detail.

What is Hale?

The Hale property covers more than 1,200 acres, many miles of trails, and four ponds in Westwood and Dover. More than half of Hale's 1,200 acres are in Dover (680 acres). Beginning in 1918, Robert Hale opened his land to the youth of Boston and local communities for scouting and camping, acquiring additional parcels in succeeding years. For more than 50 years, Hale has offered academic, recreational, and nature-based programming on this land, and permitted the public to enjoy the trails on the property.



Map showing sections of Westwood and Dover MA and ground belonging to Hale

In Depth

Where is Hale?

Hale is on both sides of Powissett Street from the Noanet parking lot to the Transfer Station (and goes to the Westwood border). Hale's car entrance is in Westwood, leaving the impression that Hale is in Westwood. Almost all Dover residents drive through Hale as they travel to the Transfer Station. Many people have been walking in Hale for years but likely thought they were in Noanet Woodlands or in the back woodlands of Powissett Farm.

Board of Selectmen cont.



In Depth

Who owns Hale?

The property is owned by Hale Education (formerly Hale Reservation), an independent, private, non-profit educational organization. The land located in Dover is currently not restricted in any way from development and represents a major asset of the organization.

Why should I care?

Hale is offering the town the opportunity to acquire a Conservation Restriction (CR) on the 680 acres in Dover for \$10 million. This CR would permanently protect this land as open space rather than being used for development. Beginning in 2019, the Dover Hale Partnership Task Force evaluated Dover's options and, in January 2022, recommended that the BOS proceed with the CR. In partnership with the Trustees, the BOS is in the final stages of drafting the Conservation Restriction. The completed CR will be provided to the community for its review and consideration. The purchase will require two approvals from voters, in both a Special Town Meeting and a subsequent townwide referendum to bond the purchase.

The **abc** 's of Dover Water



This section will provide residents with more information on how water supply works in Dover. If you are an Aquarion customer and would like more information on the work being carried out to improve the supply system for you in town please go to their website. www.aquarionwater.com

Water Source

a Dover's sole source of water is ground water. Approximately 70% of homes are served by private wells with the remaining 30% of homes served by Aquarion Water Company ("Aquarion"), a private company owned by Eversource that acts as the public water supply company for 72 cities and towns in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. A limited number of homes in town receive water from Walpole or Natick

Water Distribution (Infrastructure)

b Dover has limited infrastructure to provide water and sewer services to homes. The only infrastructure that exists is in the center of town, which provides water to Town buildings and approximately 70 homes. Aquarion owns the distribution infrastructure that provides water to their customers.

Water Quality Regulation

c Private wells are not subject to regular water quality testing; however such testing is required by the Board of Health for new wells and upon the sale of a home. Click here for more information: <https://ecode360.com/32765999>. Aquarion is a public water supplier, and as such is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for water quality and the Department of Public Utilities for rates.

Water Facts, not Folklore

Water Facts, not Folklore
Fire hydrants in Dover cannot be used for fire suppression as the Town does not have infrastructure to supply water to the hydrants nor is there sufficient pressure for fire suppression.

Board of Selectmen cont.

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), which provides water to much of Greater Boston, has extra water capacity and the town could connect to the MWRA. However, since the town does not have the infrastructure in place to deliver the water to households, a connection to the MWRA would necessitate a large capital investment by the town.

The Town has no enforcement authority in connection with Aquarion service to their customers or the quality of water provided to their customers. The town is simply a customer of Aquarion.

All residents in Dover are permitted to drill private wells. However, such wells are subject to Board of Health, Planning Board, and Building codes and regulations.

The Town has a water bylaw which gives it the authority to enforce water restrictions for outdoor watering throughout the town when deemed necessary.

The Town monitors ground water level through monitoring wells, to determine capacity of the aquifer.

The Town, with Town Meeting approval, retained CDM Smith to conduct a study to evaluate alternative water sources for the town, model the capacity of the aquifer and provide recommendations for sustainability of water in town. The report should be available by the end of the year.

The report will include cost estimates related to the connection by the Town to alternative water sources, including the capital investment required to install a delivery system for water to all residents of the town.

Additional information regarding water is available on the Dover's Website, accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://www.doverma.gov/567/Dover-Water-Resource-Information>

Meet the Team

Town of Dover Welcomes New Human Resources Director



Meet Robin Tusino, Human Resources Director for the Town of Dover and Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools. Robin comes to the Town of Dover as an experienced and dedicated HR professional, having served in progressive leadership roles in Human Resources for the City of Framingham and the Town of Wellesley. As Human Resources Director, her role is to support the Town Administrator, Superintendent, Personnel Board and all employees with the day-to-day operations of human resources including recruitment and retention, compliance, training, benefits and compensation, and employee relations. Robin stated, "This is an exciting time to be joining Dover's administration. I am passionate about HR and look forward to working with a dedicated team of professionals."

State Representative

Representative Denise Garlick



State Representative – 13th Norfolk District
Serving Needham, Dover, and Precincts 1 and 2 in Medfield

Interested in learning more about statewide news? Click the link below to find out more about the work of Denise Garlick, State Representative, and sign up for her weekly newsletter.
<https://repgarlick.com/blog/>

Parks and Recreation



Dover PARKS & RECREATION
where you live, where you grow

Click [here](#) to register for programs and find out more.



Below are three of the many events COA is offering this month. Email the COA at coa@doverma.gov to learn about other events!

Superfoods and nutrients for your immune systems with Tricia Silverman

Monday, Oct. 2 at 10:30 a.m. HYBRID (Zoom and in-person) in the Community Room at Dover Town Library.

Certain foods and nutrients may help your immune system to function at its best. Learn about and see examples of foods to add to your next shopping list. Hear about interesting research that supports a whole-foods based anti-inflammatory diet to support your immune system. Tricia Silverman is a registered dietitian, certified life and wellness coach, and fitness and yoga instructor. She is the owner of Tricia Silverman Wellness, an international speaker and author, and a professor at Northeastern University. This program is generously funded by Friends of Dover COA.



Lady in black jacket, blue top



Teacher and pupils sat around a table looking at a book

Kindergarten at 60, with Author Dian Seidel

Friday, Oct. 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall, Dover Town House.

Hear Dian Seidel's intriguing retirement tale. Teaching kindergarten in Thailand wasn't the job Dian Seidel had in mind when, at age 60 and craving adventure, she convinced her husband that they should try working abroad. But coping with rambunctious children, sweltering heat, and Covid-19 turned out to be the challenge she needed.

Struggling to understand Thai culture, could she learn Thailand's essential lesson: mai pen rai, don't worry, keep cool? Seidel explores universal themes via the adventures of everyday life. Meet the author, hear a reading from her book, and learn about Thailand and her unforgettable experiences there. Books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Wellesley Books. For more information about Dian Seidel, including her contributions to the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, visit her website: www.DianSeidel.com

Music Appreciation: Opera, Ballet, Symphony, Musical Theatre with Ron Williams

Mondays, Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Dover Town Library.

Cost: \$10 per session or \$35 for the series

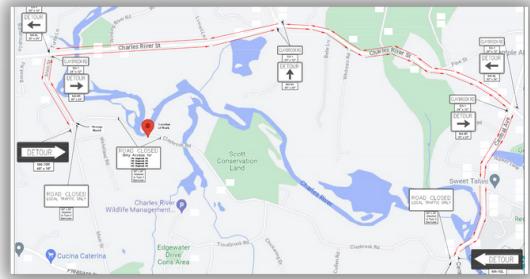
Have a thousand questions about classical music and theater but were afraid to ask? Now is your chance! Join instructor Ron Williams in exploring the performing arts from ballet to Broadway over a course of four weeks.



Man in gray suit and white shirt

In this Lifetime Learning series, we will explore Cosi fan Tutte, a comic opera by Mozart (Oct. 16), Giselle, one of the most popular ballets (Oct. 23), a symphony by Gustav Mahler (Oct. 30), and finally the musical Phantom of the Opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber (Nov. 6). Each class includes an overview and discussion of the work and composer, followed by viewing and listening to edited versions of a performance. Ron Williams maintains a private voice studio in Natick and has performed in opera houses throughout the U.S. and Europe. He currently sings with the Boston Lyric Opera and was part of the groundbreaking new opera "Omar," which garnered a Pulitzer Prize for composer Rhiannon Giddens. He performed roles with several companies nationally including San Francisco Spring Opera and Detroit Opera.

Department of Public Works



Map of a section of Dover MA showing road closures and detour

Road reinforcement work



Side view of road reinforcements



Side view of road reinforcements

The Claybrook Road Project

Work has started on repairing the damaged section of Claybrook Road close to Main Street. Claybrook Road is closed with a detour in place.

All 400' of PZ-22 steel sheet piles have been installed as of September 15, 2023 and are embedded approximately 25'-29' below grade. Roadway construction will continue as the tieback system (providing horizontal reinforcements) are installed and the roadway subgrade is reconstructed. The project is on time and on budget.

Thank you for your patience as this work is completed.

Board of Health



Dover's Board of Health will be offering a FLU CLINIC on Friday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town Garage, located at 2 Dedham St. Registration is required and can be done online at <http://bit.ly/DoverVaccineSignup> or by calling 508-785-0032, ext. 232. Vaccines will be billed to health insurance. An Informed Consent form is also required and is available on the Board of Health web page. Please bring the completed Informed Consent form with you to the clinic.

For adults and children aged 9+, administered by Osco Pharmacy, Medfield

Library

Trustees of the Dover Town Library

New dog sculptures at Dover Town Library

Have you noticed the two new sculptures outside the doors to the Children's Library? "Winsome Dog" and "Resting Hound" are by former Dover resident Amelia Peabody, (1890-1984). In addition to her extensive philanthropic work, Miss Peabody was an accomplished artist, exhibiting her works widely until the age of 85. She built a studio in Dover in 1933 on her Mill Farm property (about a mile from the library). At one point, the two dogs flanked the entrance to her studio. The sculptures are a generous gift from the Estate of Beatrice Adams and join three other Peabody works, which were donated by the artist to commemorate the opening of the building in 1968.



Stone dog sculpture



Steps leading to door of white house with dog sculptures on top of steps

The Two Dog Sculptures at Amelia Peabody's Studio



Stone dog sculpture

Library cont.

Dover Town Library and COA present...

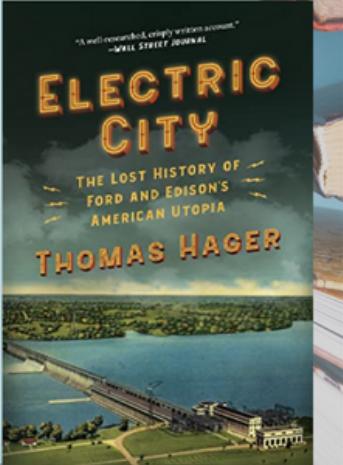
PageTurners Book Club

Tuesday, October 10th at 2:00pm at the library

Electric City: The Lost History of Ford and Edison's American Utopia

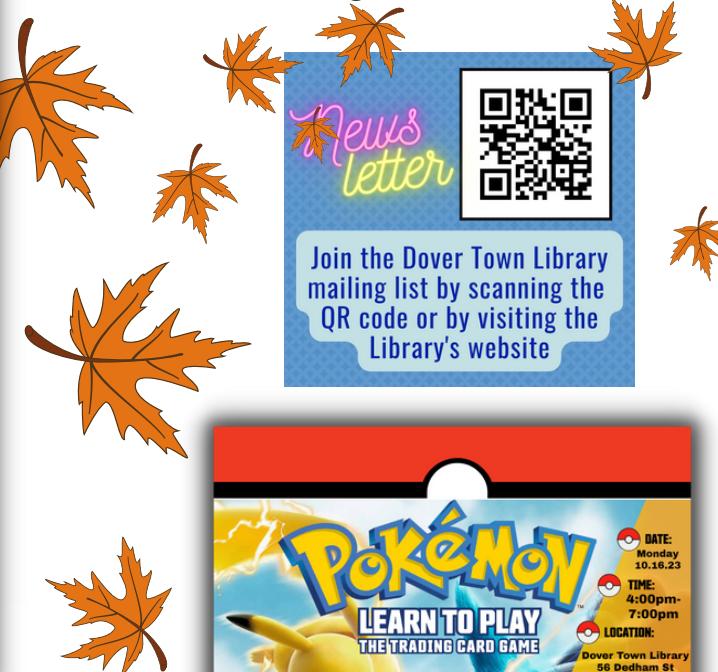
by Thomas Hager

Copies available at the Dover Town Library



October events at the Library

Highlights of just a few of the many events at the Library this month. Click [here](#) for more events and registration.



Pokémon
LEARN TO PLAY
THE TRADING CARD GAME

DATE: Monday, October 16, 2023
TIME: 4:00pm - 7:00pm
LOCATION: Dover Town Library, 56 Dedham St, Dover, MA

TAKE HOME A FREE DECK!

OnTheGo.Games [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [OneUpGamer](#) [@one_up_games](#)

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Monday, October 23
3:30pm to 4:30pm

Join us for

LOTERIA

a Latin American game similar to Bingo

No Spanish needed but you might learn a word or two!
Open to all ages
Multiple rounds will be played, each limited to 18 players.



ONE UP GAMES ON THE GO! PRESENTS

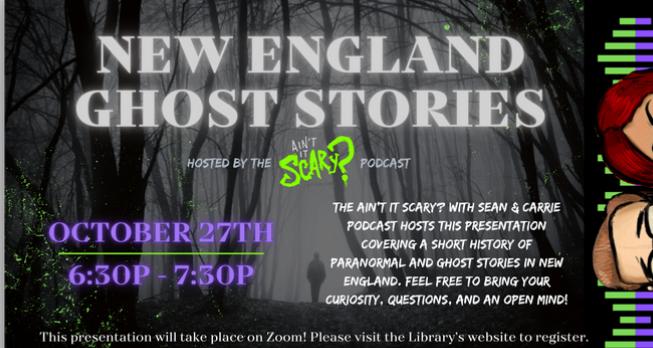
LEARN TO PLAY MAGIC

THE GATHERING

For Teens 12-17

Dover Town Library
56 Dedham St, Dover, MA

Friday, October 27th, 2023
3:30pm-6:00pm



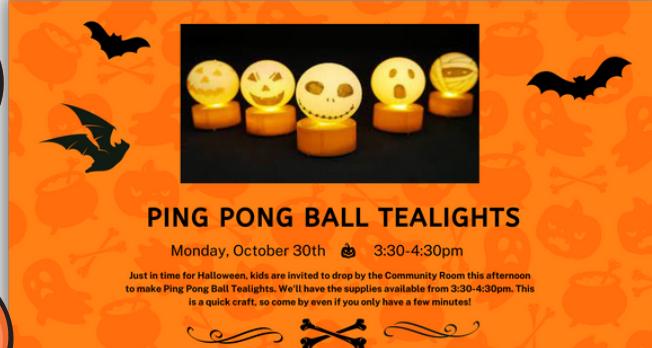
NEW ENGLAND GHOST STORIES

HOSTED BY THE *AIN'T IT SCARY?* PODCAST

OCTOBER 27TH
6:30P - 7:30P

THE *AIN'T IT SCARY?* PODCAST HOSTS THIS PRESENTATION COVERING A SHORT HISTORY OF PARANORMAL AND GHOST STORIES IN NEW ENGLAND. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR CURIOSITY, QUESTIONS, AND AN OPEN MIND!

This presentation will take place on Zoom! Please visit the Library's website to register.



PING PONG BALL TEALIGHTS

Monday, October 30th 3:30-4:30pm

Just in time for Halloween, kids are invited to drop by the Community Room this afternoon to make Ping Pong Ball Tealights. We'll have the supplies available from 3:30-4:30pm. This is a quick craft, so come by even if you only have a few minutes!

Schools

Chickering Elementary School

Chickering School welcomed 499 students this fall, with two integrated preschool classrooms, and four or five classes at each grade, Kindergarten through Grade 5. Chickering continues to run 10 buses in conjunction with the regional schools, bringing students in for a start time of 7:50 a.m.

This school year was kicked off with a cereal box food drive collecting just over 600 boxes of cereal!! You can see the giant cereal box domino rally that the school created in this [video](#).



Stacked cereal boxes in front of school mural

This cereal food drive is becoming a tradition for Chickering families as they work to fulfill their motto, 'Chickering School is a place where children learn, laugh, grow, care and make a difference'. Students learn about food insecurity and how they can help others to make a difference.

Academically, students and teachers are adjusting to new classes and completing beginning of the year assessments. These assessments help the school to assess students' areas of strength and growth so they can build common learning strategy groups and all class learning experiences. In addition, they use the data to assess student growth over the year and as part of their continuous curriculum review. They have two curriculum pilots underway: Math and their SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) curriculum. More information can be found here, [website](#).

Dover Sherborn High School

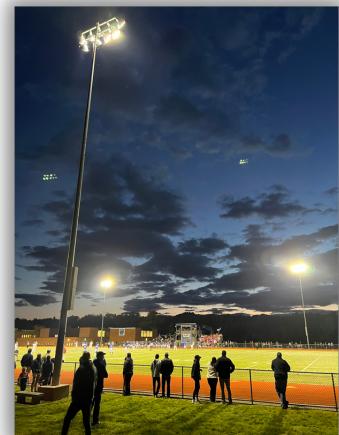
DS Athletics has about 300 student-athletes playing a fall sport.

Our Fall Varsity records as of 9/28/2023 are: (win-tie-loss)

Field Hockey 4-1-1 Girls Soccer 6-1 Boys Cross Country 3-0

Golf 7-2 Boys Soccer 5-1-1 Girls Cross Country 3-0

Football 1-2



Football game under floodlights with spectators

Click on this link <https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=6096> to see dates and times of upcoming games and come along and cheer on your town teams a great time for families of the players and any town sports fans!

Police

Congratulations and all the best Chief McGowan!

The Dover Police Department and the town would like to congratulate Chief Peter McGowan on his retirement! We are grateful for his 13 years of service and wish him all the best!



The Dover Police Department uses Onsolve CodeRed to notify residents about emergencies and significant events in our community. We will be conducting a test of the system in October. [Click here](#) to sign up for notifications.



Head and shoulders shot of man in police uniform

Capital Budget Committee

Town Begins Fiscal Year 2025 Budgeting Process

While the Town's 2024 fiscal year just began on July 1 (and goes through June 30, 2024), Town officials and staff are now starting the budgeting process for fiscal year 2025, which begins on July 1, 2024. Each month in this newsletter we will provide you with:

- Updates on this process
- Which boards and committees are involved
- A schedule of relevant board and committee meetings and their agendas
- How to get involved



The 2025 fiscal year budget process begins with planning around the capital budget. The capital budget is where larger investments in infrastructure (think roads, drainage, building improvements) and equipment (think DPW vehicles) is planned. In mid-September, all departments were asked to prepare their capital requests not only for fiscal year 2025, but also likely capital requests for fiscal years 2026-2029, to assist in the Town's long range financial planning. These requests are due to the Capital Budget Committee by October 6.

The Capital Budget Committee (CBC) is a seven-member committee appointed as follows: one member of the Board of Selectmen, two members of the Warrant Committee, and four at-large members. The Committee prepares a capital budget plan for use by the BOS and WC in their budget deliberations. The CBC also brings its recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting.

In next month's newsletter we will cover the work around preparing the annual operating budget.

Conservation Commission

Protecting Open Space Helps Combat Climate Change

Dover is blessed with abundant open space, both public and private. Protecting these open spaces and keeping them in their undeveloped natural state is crucial to creating a more resilient and sustainable future. Healthy and protected open spaces help combat the effects of climate change in a number of ways:



- Provides Carbon Sequestration: Open spaces such as forests, wetlands and meadows act as carbon sinks by absorbing and storing carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere. Trees, in particular, are excellent at sequestering carbon through photosynthesis. The forest floor and soils are also 'carbon sinks' to store significant carbon that is released when disturbed. When these areas are preserved, they continue to capture and store carbon, helping to reduce the overall concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere that is contributing to climate change.
- Protects our Water Supply Quality & Quantity: Residents rely on wells within Dover to provide their drinking water - even Aquarian draws its water from groundwater wells in Dover. Open space, especially wetlands, naturally filter and recharge the groundwater and aquifers and ensures adequate and sustainable water quality and quantity. In extreme rainfall, the filtering protects our water's quality. In drought, recharge protects our water's quantity.
- Prevents Flooding during Extreme Rainfall: Dover's open spaces include critical wetlands and watersheds that regulate and improve surface and groundwater recharge. By preserving these areas, we can prevent flooding of critical infrastructure and homes.

Conservation Commission cont.

- Preserves Biodiversity for Resilience: Open spaces support diverse ecosystems with a variety of plant and animal species. Biodiversity is essential for ecosystem resilience and adaptation to changing environmental conditions. Healthy ecosystems can continue to provide valuable services, such as pollination and water purification.
- Encourages Recreational Opportunities: Open spaces, especially with trails and interconnections, provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and encourages people to spend time in nature. In addition to mental and physical health benefits, this can lead to a greater appreciation for the environment and a stronger commitment to conservation efforts. Protected open space is at the heart of what makes Dover special and we encourage you to enjoy and explore our beautiful open spaces. Please support the Town's efforts to preserve and protect these invaluable spaces. To learn more about the Town's open spaces and trails click on this link: www.doverma.gov/324/Outdoor-Recreation-in-Dover

In addition to administering the MA Wetlands Protection Act, the MA Rivers Act, and Dover's local Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Conservation Commission stewards over 570 acres of Town-owned open space, including Wylde Woods/Centre Street Corridor (200 acres), Valley Farm (66 acres) and Springdale Meadows (23 acres, behind 46 Springdale Ave.) The Commission holds Conservation Restrictions (CRs) on an additional 84 acres. If you're a landowner and would like to learn how you can preserve and protect your land through a CR or gift, please contact the Commission office by calling 508-785-0032 ext. 233, or emailing them at conservation@doverma.gov. The Conservation Commission is charged with protecting the Town's wetlands and streams. If you're planning a construction project or tree cutting and you think there may be wetlands on your property, please contact the Commission to see if any approvals are needed. Thank you for helping to protect our environment!

Open Space

Guided Walks in the Fall

Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Hale's Nimrod Rock:

Free but please register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/715717198407>

Join the Open Space Committee to stroll through Powisset's fields and Hale's woodlands and to enjoy the view from Nimrod Rock! Stay after and enjoy Fall Fun at Powisset Farm!

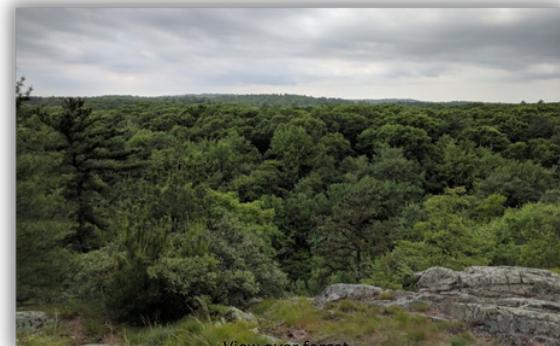
The walk will be over uneven, slippery rocks, with short steep pitches and wet ground. Wear appropriate footwear and bring walking sticks and cameras. Sorry, NO dogs. They will stroll in misty rain to shine. Walks will continue through November and December. Click on the links below for more information.

Saturday, Nov 11 at 10:30 a.m. - Hale's ponds: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/715747809967>

Saturday, Dec 9 at 10:30 a.m. - Hale stroll with Cider and Doughnuts:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/715730638607>

As always, all their events can be found at their 'collection': <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/saturday-strolls-in-dover-217389>



View over forest



Community Center Club

Interested in
Architecture,
Project
Management,
Construction,
or Interior
Design



Community Center Club for Students Grade 6-12 (from Dover & Sherborn)

Follow the project with us and get involved!

We are offering a rare opportunity for students to follow the Dover Community Center Project from conception through to completion. As a member of this club, you will follow the project step by step with professionals from the Project Management, Architecture, and Construction Team as well as other industries who will help us to complete this new center.

Workshops will be on Wednesday evenings, twice a month (maximum) at the construction site in Dover, 7 – 8.30pm. First session on October 18th.

Attendees can request letters confirming attendance at these sessions to use for college or work applications.

REGISTER using this link <https://forms.gle/EuqkSU5oj8vJpjgx8>

Please register before Saturday October 14th.

Register
Here

Recycling Committee

Town of Dover Transfer Station sign



Dover Special Recycling Days - Saturday, Oct. 21

Furniture, bicycles, tires, and a collection of reusable bags for A Place To Turn.

The Dover Recycling Committee (DRC) announces two fall special recycling days. Saturday, Oct. 21 will be collections for furniture, bicycles, tires, and a special collection of reusable bags for A Place To Turn.

The Bike Connector, (<https://www.bikeconnector.org>) will accept bicycles on Saturday.

Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This non-profit, which works with schools and community organizations, accepts bikes in any condition and repairs them through an educational workshop. It then provides the bikes to those in need for affordable transportation to school, activities and work.

Special furniture collections are being offered on three Saturdays: Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. New Life Furniture Bank of Walpole will be on-site to accept specific items of furniture for families in need. New Life, a non-profit organization, accepts furniture and household items to provide to those in need at no charge. It does not accept items needing repair. If an item is not suitable for a family member or friend, it is not suitable for donation. Please check their website for acceptable items: <https://newlifefb.org>.

Automobile tires will be accepted on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tires are to be placed in the designated collection area. Dover Mobil has generously provided the financial support for tire disposal. Dover Transfer Station RED vehicle stickers are required for participation.

Recycling Committee cont.

Dover Special Shredding Day – Saturday November 4

The DRC announces a special shredding day on Saturday, November 4 at the Transfer Station. On-site document enhanced shredding is being sponsored by Jay Hughes and John Hughes of Dover Country Properties. An industrial-grade shredding truck will be on-site on from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dover Transfer Station RED vehicle stickers are required for participation.

Recycling Guidelines for Halloween

Don't trash your pumpkins. Pumpkins are 90% water, which means they easily and quickly break down. This makes them a great addition to your compost pile. They can be smashed or cut up for quicker decomposition in your backyard or can be brought to the yard waste area at the Transfer Station. Please do NOT throw these in the trash as they increase the trash weight and incur a cost to be hauled away and incinerated.

The DRC recommends you continue to reduce, reuse, recycle and save money on your Halloween decorations. You can make decorations from recycled materials you already have around the house including candy bowls from recycled paper, Halloween monsters from recycled juice boxes, luminaries from cans and pumpkins from plastic bags. Look for great ideas online.



Transfer Station Tidbits – Not Just Trash!

- Try It Before You Buy It - [Dover Library of Things](https://dovertownlibrary.libguides.com/c.php?g=1239000) (<https://dovertownlibrary.libguides.com/c.php?g=1239000>) rents toys, games, tools, kitchen appliances and more.
- Furniture Collections the third Saturday of every month for charity.

October Quick Links

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