



OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA

Welcome to the July Edition of OUR TOWN!

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THIS EDITION

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Welcome to the July edition of OUR TOWN! Read on to find out what our Town Departments, Boards, and Committees have been working on! Summer has officially kicked off, and with that, there are some important updates and reminders for residents to be mindful of. The Town House has been operating under a new set of business hours, Parks and Recreation has been enjoying the summer sun, and multiple departments have been coordinating outdoor walks for residents to enjoy this month! We hope you enjoy this edition of OUR TOWN!

Board of Selectmen

Town House Business Hours Change:

The Dover Town House has recently implemented new operating hours in transitioning to a four-day work week. Under this new schedule, the Town House now opens half an hour earlier at 8:30 AM each day and extends its hours until 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. The office is closed on Fridays. Under this new schedule, Town House employees will maintain the same total number of work hours each week but will condense them into a four-day period.

	<u>Old Hours</u>	<u>New Hours:</u>
Monday:	9:00AM – 5:00PM	8:30AM – 5:00PM
Tuesday:	9:00AM – 5:00PM	8:30AM – 7:00PM
Wednesday:	9:00AM – 5:00PM	8:30AM – 5:00PM
Thursday:	9:00AM – 5:00PM	8:30AM – 5:00PM
Friday:	9:00AM – 1:00PM	CLOSED

This change in hours positively impacts our residents by offering increased flexibility and improved access to Town House offices for working individuals. With later business hours on Tuesdays and earlier openings each day, residents will benefit from more consistent hours across the various offices in the building. In addition to improving access for residents, this change will also help with the recruitment and retention of talented employees.

Parks & Recreation

Summer Club is Off to a Splashing Start!

Summer Club at the Connors Center is officially underway, and we're already having a blast! Campers are soaking up the sun and diving into a week full of fun, playing volleyball and wiffle ball, cooling off with water games, and making memories with friends. We can't wait to see what the rest of the summer brings!



Conservation Commission



RSVP HERE!

Click Here For More Information!

Learn About Our Watershed!

Edible Plant ID Walk

Thursday, July 17, 2025 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Charles River Watershed, which includes the Town of Dover, is home to over 100 species of edible wild plants, some of which are more nutritious and/or flavorful than their cultivated counterparts. These include native species, like Spicebush and Wild Bergamot; non-native weeds, like Chicory and Burdock; and invasive species, like Dame's Rocket, Garlic Mustard, and Japanese Knotweed. Join naturalist and wild food enthusiast Russ Cohen and Charles River Watershed Association staff on a walk to learn about at least 18 species of edible wild plants. Keys to the identification of each of these interesting edible, medicinal, and pollinator species will be provided, along with information on edible portion(s), season(s) of availability, and preparation methods, as well as guidelines for safe, ethical, and environmentally responsible foraging. Attendees should be prepared to walk one mile. The event will occur rain/shine. Remember your bug spray!

The Conservation Commission is charged with protecting and preserving the Town's wetlands, natural resources and open space. We are available to help you with any questions or concerns about protecting our environment. If you think there may be wetlands on or near your property, please contact the Commission to see if any approvals are needed before starting a project or removing any trees. You can reach the Commission Office by calling 508-785-0032 extension 7 or by emailing conservation@doverma.gov. Thank you for helping to protect our environment!

Recycling Committee

Recycling Committee 2025 Spring Clean Up

Thanks to all who signed up to pick up trash on 100% of Dover's streets this year. While we allocate April as our annual clean-up month, we hope that Dover residents will make a year-round effort to keep their streets garbage-free. It sure looked nice out there, but it's an ongoing fight to keep our streets clean, so please do your part on your street year-round!

Special Recycling Day a Success!

Our May 17th Special Recycling Day was a BIG success! In addition to our regular collections for Bike Connector and New Life Furniture, we also asked for donations of wheeled luggage and backpacks for **Generic Ministries** and shopping bags for local food pantry, "A Place to Turn". Thanks to everyone who came out with bikes, housewares, furniture, luggage, and bags for these worthwhile organizations! **The next Special Recycling Day will be Saturday, October 18th**, and YES – the shredding truck will be back from 9am – noon, or until full!

Important Reminders

Invasive plants (such as garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, Japanese barberry, multiflora rose, winged euonymus, common reed, and European buckthorn)

CANNOT be disposed of in the compost pile at the Transfer Station. To help curb their continued spread, please bag these invasives and place them in the solid waste/trash containers.

Summer is here! Don't forget your sunscreen – but remember that not all sunscreen containers go in your recycling bin. Recycle empty aluminum tins and plastic bottles, but send tubes, sticks, and aerosols to the trash, please! Soak up more tips at RecycleSmartMA.org

Open Space Committee



2nd Saturday (Long) Stroll Up Noanet & Powisset Peaks

July 12th, 10:30 am to ~12:30 pm
Guided Walk through Dover's Open Spaces
Free but please Register

Please join us for a guided walk up Powisset Peak in Hale, as well as the Trustees' Noanet Peak, sponsored by the Dover Open Space Committee (OSC). Note that this is a **longer and more difficult walk than usual**.

On **July 12th**, we will walk through Hale, the Trustee's Noanet Woodlands, and may touch Dover's Larrabee-Whiting Estate. We will sample just a few of a remarkable network of trails that weave through this exceptional open landscape of over 2300 Acres!

This walk will be somewhat steep at times, and parts will be over uneven ground, possibly slippery rocks, so wear appropriate footwear. Bring walking sticks, water, binoculars, and cameras as well as hats, sunscreen, and bug/tick repellent. Polite dogs on leash. Kids welcome! We will stroll in misty rain to shine.

Parking information will be emailed to registered participants **Friday, 7/11**.

Don't forget to visit the Powisset Farm Store (10 am - 4 pm) before or after the stroll! Trustee members get a 10% discount, so join then if you are not a member.

Board of Health

Massachusetts Arbovirus Update

The Board of Health reminds Dover residents to be mindful of mosquitoes when spending time outdoors. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has announced that West Nile virus has been detected in mosquitoes in Massachusetts for the first time this year.



The time when mosquitoes are most active is dusk and dawn. The tiger mosquito (which has been identified in Norfolk County) is active all day. It is important to wear bug repellent when spending time outdoors. Be sure to regularly empty, throw away, or cover containers that hold water.

To learn more about Massachusetts Arbovirus updates, click the link below!

Stay safe outdoors, wear bug spray, and enjoy the beautiful weather, Dover!

[Massachusetts Arbovirus Updates](#)

Planning Board

Save the Date! MBTA Communities Act Special Town Meeting

Join the Planning Board on September 29, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Mudge Auditorium of Dover Sherborn High School (9 Junction Street) for a special Town Meeting regarding the MBTA Communities Act. At the meeting, Dover citizens will be asked to vote on a proposed update to the zoning bylaw that would allow multi-family housing by right in a specific overlay district location in Town in compliance with the MBTA communities' Act Requirements. (section 3A, of MGL c. 40A)

A MBTA Public Hearing is scheduled for September 8th at 7 PM. More details will be provided soon.

