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Online tool provides new way to look at City budget

The City of Dover is excited to announce the launch of an online budget visualization tool which allows the public to see the City's expenses and revenue in a simple, straightforward manner. Visitors to the site can input their annual property tax and fees and see how that money would be expended in the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget. Visitors can also view budget information for the past two fiscal years.

"I'm pleased to release our new budget tool that allows citizens to view complex budget information in an approachable and interactive way," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "This site enables our citizens to explore budget information and drill down into detailed spending and revenue data to clearly illustrate how the budget supports important services."

Visual Budget provides a visual representation of where revenue is proposed to come from, how the money will be used, dedicated funds and existing debt obligations. It also includes more detailed information about the proposed budget, as well as prior years' adopted budgets. Missed the meeting?

Community Calendar

Discover Dover with Peek at the Week

Meetings this week:

City Council, April 18, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Zoning Board, April 19, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting, on Thursday, April 19, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit <u>dovernh.viebit.com</u>.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.

After entering a tax bill amount or using the average amount, citizens can dive into the budget details simply clicking on budget categories.

Visual Budget is part of Dover's Budget Revealed initiative, an online resource for comprehensive access to the City of Dover's budget process, including detailed information about how the City's budget is created and managed.

To explore Dover's Visual Budget, visit <u>Budget Revealed</u> <u>here</u> and click on Visual Budget.



Budget presentations continue

On Wednesday, April 11, the City Council held a workshop to discuss the budget. The workshop <u>can be viewed here</u>. The workshop was followed by a regular meeting which included a public hearing on the school portion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget. The meeting <u>can be</u> <u>viewed here</u>.

On Wednesday, April 18, the City Council will hold a workshop to review the proposed budgets for the Police Department and Fire and Rescue. The workshop will begin at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

A special page devoted to the fiscal year 2019 budget, which is updated throughout the budget process, <u>can be</u> <u>found here</u> at the City's <u>Budget Revealed online resource</u>.

The remaining budget meeting schedule is as follows:

- April 18, 7 p.m.: Workshop, Review of Police, Fire and Recreation budgets;
- April 25, 6 p.m.: Workshop, Community Services and general budget discussion;
- April 25, 7 p.m.: Regular meeting, City budget public hearing;
- May 2, 7 p.m.: Workshop, General budget discussion, followed by a Special Meeting for budget



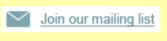
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> City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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• May 9, 7 p.m.: Regular meeting, fallback date for budget adoption.



Want to stay up to date on the budget process? Sign up for the <u>Budget Revealed newsletter here</u>.

Third Street lot to close April 16

The Third Street parking lot will close starting Monday, April 16 as construction begins on new residences and commercial space. Public parking along the tracks is expected to reopen in December.

All other nearby parking lots and on-street spaces will remain open, including the Transportation Center lot and the Chestnut Street lot.

For more information, contact the Parking Bureau at 516-6132 or parking@dover.nh.gov.



Spring street sweeping begins April 23

Downtown street sweeping concludes today

City of Dover Community Services crews will begin spring street sweeping on Monday, April 23. Street sweeping operations begin at 3:30 a.m. and continue for two consecutive eight-hour shifts throughout the day. Work is expected to be complete prior to the end of June.

Downtown street sweeping operations, which have been underway for several weeks, will conclude today, Friday, April 13.

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

Road closures, traffic restrictions in place Saturday for road race

Dover Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announces the following road closures for the 6th annual SMA 5K run/walk event on Saturday, April 14, 2018, part of the Dover Race Series. More information is available at <u>saintmaryacademy.org/sma-5k/</u>.

The event begins at 9 a.m. on Church Street (between Saint Mary Academy and First Parish Church). The course ends at the same location.

Road closures include:

- Church Street, 8 to 11 a.m.
- Locust Street, between Silver and Kirkland Streets, 8:55 to 10 a.m.
- Locust Street, between Trakey Street and Central Avenue, 9 to 9:30 a.m.
- Atkinson Street, 9 to 10 a.m.
- Fisher Street, 9 to 10 a.m.

Additional brief closures or traffic delays will be in effect in the downtown area near City Hall to accommodate the start of the race (9 a.m.). Drivers and residents will encounter delays on other streets along the course including Rutland, Elm, Belknap, Trakey, Summer, and Nelson streets between 9 and 10 a.m.

The course includes a portion of Dover's Community Trail between Fisher and Folsom Streets.

Parking restrictions will be in effect on Church Street on Saturday until 11 a.m. Event participants may park in the municipal parking garage on Orchard Street or in any other downtown municipal lot.

For questions about traffic implications, contact the Dover Police Traffic Bureau at 742-4646.



Catch Dover Middle School's production of 'Shrek Jr.' this weekend

The Dover Middle School Drama Club will stage "Shrek Jr.: The Musical" this weekend.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. The show takes place at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15.

All shows are held at Dover High School.

For more information, call 603-516-7200.



Dover Pride Cleanup is May 5

One of Dover Main Street's flagship activities, Dover Pride Cleanup, will be held on Saturday, May 5, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding by noon.

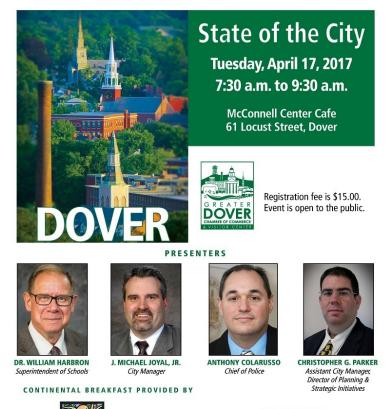
The Dover Pride Cleanup event starts with a pancake breakfast served by the Kiwanis Club at 8 a.m. in the Mill Courtyard, 421 Central Ave. From there, hundreds of volunteers, with help from the City's of Dover's Community Services Department, will rake, prune, sweep, mulch, weed, paint and plant their way through multiple sites in the downtown area. Wentworth Greenhouses donates plants for the planters in the downtown core, which volunteers will help install. The event finishes with a pizza lunch back at the Mill Courtyard sponsored by Kendall Pond Pizza. Bottled water and soda is provided by Seacoast Coca-Cola.

Dover Pride Cleanup is an opportunity for community members to give a few hours of time by contributing some sweat equity to make Dover look its best for the coming tourist season. This civic volunteer effort is an important aspect to help keep the downtown area clean and beautiful throughout the spring and summer, and also provides cost savings to the City of Dover.

As always, community volunteers are the key to the success of the project. Individuals, groups, or families can spend just an hour, or come for the entire morning. Locations will be set up by Dover Main Street. Groups or organizations wishing to volunteer for a specific site should can register here.

All participants should bring home gardening supplies, if available, including gloves, brooms, rakes, and other gardening hand tools they may have from home. Other supplies are available on site at the mill courtyard and at the clean-up locations.

For more information, <u>click here</u>, or call 603-740-6435.





Space is limited. Register today! Register at www.dovernh.org/economy • Call 742-2218 for more information.

THE PORTABLE

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Dover Chamber to host State of the City April 17

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the annual state of the city on Tuesday, April 17, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the McConnell Center Cafe.

Hear city leaders discuss their vision for the future and priorities for the upcoming year. This year's speakers are City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron, Chief of Police Anthony Colarusso., Jr. and Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker.

A question-and-answer session will follow the remarks.

The cost of the event is \$15 and is open to the public.

The Chamber encourages those interested in attending to register in advance at <u>www.dovernh.org/economy</u>. Registration is required.

The program is sponsored by Eversource.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 603-742-2218, or visit <u>www.dovernh.org</u>.

Dover Chamber accepting scholarship applications, educator of year nominations

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for its Student Scholarship program which will award one area student \$1,000 to be used towards post-secondary education costs. The Chamber is also collecting nominations for their annual Educator of the Year award which includes \$1,000 to be used towards classroom expenses. Both programs are organized by the Chamber's Business and Education Partnership and sponsored by Measured Progress, Inc.

The Student Scholarship is awarded to a local student either entering or continuing a post-secondary education who demonstrates a commitment to their community through volunteerism while maintaining a good academic record. All applications must be submitted to the Chamber no later than 5 p.m. on April 30. The recipient's name is announced in late May/early June. Last year's scholarship winner was a homeschooled student, Turner Jennings of Madbury.

The Educator of the Year award recognizes a local education professional who employs innovative education strategies, demonstrates on-going leadership and cooperation and makes a lasting impact on their community and students. Educator of the Year nominations can be submitted by students, parents, colleagues or community members and must be received by the Chamber prior to 5 p.m. on May 11. The Educator of the Year will be announced in early June. The 2017 winner was Garrison School physical education teacher Sarah Loranger.

"On behalf of Measured Progress, it is our pleasure to continue sponsorship of this program that acknowledges excellence in educational practices from both the student and educator perspectives," said Jeanne Supple, Executive Assistant at Measured Progress. "Each year the candidate pool for each award is impressive. I look forward to reviewing this year's applications and presenting each of the awards."

Scholarship applications and Educator of the Year nomination forms can be picked up at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave., or found online at <u>www.dovernh.org/scholarship</u>.

Joe B. Parks public gardens launches Adopt-a-Bench program

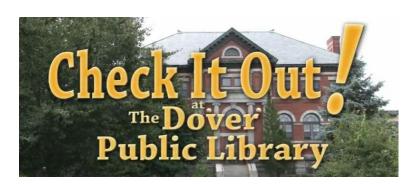
The Friends of the Joe Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is launching an



Adopt-a-Bench program to replace nine benches in the garden. To adopt a bench or for more information, visit www.joeparksgarden.org/index.php/2018/02/27/adopt-a-bench/.

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is located between 400 Central Avenue and Chestnut Street, along the banks of the Cocheco River, and forms a series of beautiful gardens filled with wild flowers, unique rhododendrons, mountain laurel, hostas, daylilies and countless other plants, many relocated from Joe Parks' own gardens. Formerly a neglected area along the river, the Riverwalk Garden was planned by Dover horticulturalist Joe B. Parks, built by more than hundred volunteers, and dedicated in June, 2008. Joe was extremely proud of the fact that all of the work at the Riverwalk Garden was done by volunteers. The garden features a Japanese Garden installed and maintained by Dover High School horticulture students, Lorraine's Corner, a meditation and healing garden installed and maintained by Amy's Treat and dedicated in memory of Dover resident Lorraine Goren and several sculptures created and installed in the garden by art students from Dover High School. Each garden is maintained by a volunteer garden tender.

For more information, visit <u>www.joeparksgarden.org</u>.



Spend school vacation at the Library

April school vacation is almost here, and the Dover Public Library has events planned for each day that week.

On Monday, April 23 from 2-4 p.m. join us for Messy Art. Kids will love it because they get to create with lots of unique materials, and parents will love it because the mess won't be in their house. We plan to be outside so dress accordingly.

Our Snap Circuit sets and all the accessories will be available on Tuesday, April 24 from 2-4 p.m. in the

Children's Room. Kids in grades three and up can learn about electronics by making lots of fun projects.

On Wednesday, April 25 at 10 a.m. dancers from the Northeastern Ballet Theatre will perform as Disney princesses. After the show, you can have your picture taken with the ballerinas, make some princess crafts, and have refreshments.

Are you a fan of the Fly Guy series by Tedd Arnold? If you are - and who isn't? - celebrate with us on Thursday, April 26 from 2-4 p.m. in the Children's Room. Crafts, games, activities, and snacks will all be part of the fun. Kids in grades 5 and up are invited to join us on Friday, April 27 at 2 or 3 p.m. for our exclusive Harry Potter-themed Escape Room. An Escape Room is an interactive game where participants work as a team towards a goal by cracking codes and solving puzzles. Costumes are encouraged and registration is required. To register visit our website at library.dover.gov or call us at 516-6050.

We round out the week with a showing of the movie "Paddington 2" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28.

And don't forget, we have books, audiobooks, DVDs and museum passes available to check out. The Dover Public Library has programs and materials to keep the entire family entertained for the vacation week.

Join the StoryWalk in Downtown Dover this Saturday

The Dover Public Library and Dover's Economic Development Office are sponsoring a child-friendly StoryWalk on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the downtown. The self-guided walk, featuring the book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury, will begin at Franklin Plaza and continue on down Central Avenue. After completing the walk, enjoy all the great shops and restaurants Dover has to offer, then come to the Children's Room at the Library to make a fun craft related to the story.

StoryWalk is an innovative and delightful way for children and adults! - to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from this popular children's book will be attached to wooden stakes installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the street, you'll be directed to the next page in the story. StoryWalk was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vt. and developed with the help of Rachel Senechal at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library's Children's Room at 603-516-6052.

COMING UP AT THE DOVER COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

Join the Senior Center on a trip to the "Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays"

Join the Dover Community Senior Center for a visit to Fenway Park to see the "Red Sox vs. Blue Jays" on Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

The bus will depart at 11 a.m. from the Dover Arena Park & Ride, Portland Avenue, on a luxury Silver Fox Coach Bus en route to Boston.

You'll arrive at Fenway Park about an hour and a half prior to the 1:05 p.m. game time, allowing you time to view pregame warm ups. Enjoy all the action from third base side Grandstand seats as you watch the Red Sox battle the Blue Jays. The bus will arrive home back in Dover at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$105 for members and \$110 for nonmembers. Trip includes round-trip transportation, driver tip and admission to the game.

For more information, contact Linda Jarvis at 603-516-6437.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, <u>located here</u>.



April 19, 1856 - The salaries of City officers were

established as follows: Mayor, \$200; City Clerk, \$200 and fees; City Marshal, \$100; Assistant, \$50; Treasurer, \$50. Voted to purchase the lot known as the "sand bank," adjoining Pine Hill, for \$300. Valuation of the city this year \$3,562,978. Rate of taxation is 88 cents on \$100.

April 14, 1861 - Intelligence of the surrender of Fort Sumter to the rebel guns of South Carolina, was received in Dover on Sunday April 14, and full details of the capitulation on Monday the 15th, with a call from President Lincoln for 75,000 troops to suppress the insurrection, and maintain the honor, the integrity, and the existence of our Union. On Monday evening, the citizens of Dover, without distinction of party, and almost without notice, assembled at the City Hall, to take action in relation to the condition of the country. Finding the large Hall occupied for another purpose they filled to overflowing the Court Room below, many being unable to obtain admission.



April 15, 1865 - Our citizens of all parties were deeply shocked by the appalling intelligence from Washington of the assassination of the President. The deed reported was so monstrous that at first many refused to believe it, but incredulity was soon forced to give way to the official report, confirming the sad news.

The flags were at once placed at half-mast, all the bells in the city were tolled, business was suspended and many stores and other places were draped in mourning.

April 16, 1865 - The death of the President was the theme of the pulpit in all our Churches, some of them were draped in mourning.

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April 18, 1865 - The City Council held a special meeting and passed a series of appropriate resolutions in relation to the exalted life and character of Abraham Lincoln and the great loss the Nation sustained in his death, and appropriated a sum of money towards observing the funeral obsequies on Wednesday the 19th, conforming to the request of Acting Secretary of State Hunter at Washington, and Governor Gilmore of this State. A resolution was also passed appointing a committee to invite some fit person to deliver an eulogy upon the late President at an early day.

How to contact your elected representatives

The City of Dover makes it easy to reach out to your local, state, county and federal elected officials by providing contact information for City Councilors, state representatives and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.



Visit the City's online resource,

<u>Find My Representative</u>, for a complete list of local, county, state and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which councilor represents your ward? You can find out <u>more information about the City Council here</u>.

Wondering what ward you live in? Access the City of <u>Dover's interactive ward map</u>. The map also includes polling locations.

A list of School Board members and contact information <u>can be found here</u>.

Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2018 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or <u>online</u>.

In addition to online licensing, rabies information can also be updated online and the certificate mailed to the City Clerk's office. A checking account is required for online dog license registration. To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

To renew online, <u>click here</u>.

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



Support the Dover Veterans Park with engraved brick donation

A new City park to honor all veterans is expected to be constructed and open this fall, in time for Veterans Day. The park will be located on the front lawn of the McConnell Center.

To help fund the construction and maintenance of the Dover Veterans Park, park organizers have launched a brick donation campaign. The bricks will be installed on the entrance walkway and engraved with the name, military rank and branch and years of service for individual service members. Bricks can be purchased by anyone wishing to honor a veteran who has served our country. A red 4-inch by 8-inch brick costs \$50. A larger 8-inch by 8-inch brick costs \$100.

Brick donations can be made online here.

The Dover Veterans Park was first proposed by a committee consisting of Mayor Karen Weston, City Councilor John O'Connor, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., and Recreation Director Gary Bannon. The City Council subsequently included some funding for the park in the annual Capital Improvements Program. The McConnell Center was chosen as an ideal location because it is near some of the City's memorial monuments and named after Capt. Joseph McConnell, a Dover native, Korean War Veteran, and the first Triple Jet Ace.

The Dover Veterans Park is intended to recognize all veterans.

For more information about brick donations, visit <u>www.dover.nh.gov</u> or call the Dover Recreation Department at 516-6410.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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 the following positions:

- Maintenance mechanic
- Camera operator
- Sports Instructor III Track
- Playground supervisor
- Playground counselor
- Gym attendant
- Summer day camp counselor

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

CITY OF DOVER 🙆 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? <u>Sign up now</u> to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, <u>click here</u>. An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

Your City needs you! City boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions. The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, <u>click here</u>.

To download an application for board and commissions, click here. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for upto-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail <u>here</u>.