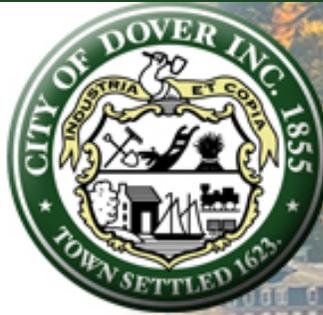


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Meetings this week:

Planning Board, April 22, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, April 23, 7 p.m.

The Police And Garage Facility Building Committee will host a special meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 6 p.m., in Room 306 of the McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street. The meeting will be for the sole purpose of obtaining citizen input on the exterior aesthetics of the new police facility and parking garage.

Residents and business owners are invited to share their thoughts and ideas, and provide input to the exterior look of both the new police facility and parking garage that will be constructed in what is currently the Orchard Street Parking Lot.

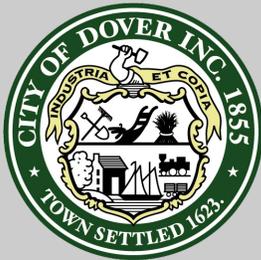
For more information, visit the City's website for a [special page](#) devoted to the police facility, or [click here](#).

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

To view meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.



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Dover to hold second workshop on downtown traffic study

The City of Dover will host a second public workshop for the City's ongoing Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access and Streetscape Study on Monday, April 21, at City Hall. The workshop begins at 6 p.m.

The workshop is intended to explore and refine potential solutions to vehicular circulation issues and pedestrian comfort and safety in downtown Dover. A previous workshop on Jan. 21, 2014 was an opportunity for the general public to learn more about traffic conditions downtown, as well as offer opinions. The upcoming workshop will also draw upon findings from a series of meetings held during the last several months by the City and its consultant team with various stakeholders and the City's Transportation Advisory Committee.

At the April 21 workshop, the City's consultants will present three design and circulation alternatives (having different approaches to traffic circulation, streetscape character, and pedestrian and bicycle facilities) and discuss their relative implications. Workshop participants will then break into groups to explore each alternative and record their preferences, reactions, and recommendations. One important issue to discuss at the April 21 workshop will be whether downtown's major streets- Chestnut Street, Main Street, Central Avenue, and Washington Street-should remain one-way in some fashion, or be changed to two-way traffic flow.

"The Cecil Group has done a thorough review of the existing conditions downtown, looking at traffic counts, travel lane usage as well pedestrian patterns," said Christopher Parker, Dover's Director of Planning and Community Development. "Through this they have developed three alternatives that are ready for public review."

The City is very interested in hearing from the public, and all are welcome to join. Parker notes that, "we don't want to have these suggestions reviewed blindly, we need the public to see options and to give feedback. The users of the downtown includes residents, businesses owners and consumers, and we want to understand how changes may or may not impact the vibrancy of downtown."

Parker added, "From this point, the consulting team will

work on a preferred alternative, which will be reviewed for costs and efficiency of implementation. This proposal will be reviewed by the public at a workshop in the late spring."

This subsequent public workshop will allow the public to review the preferred design, which will include more detailed streetscape components such as trees, paving, and furniture; pedestrian amenities such as enhanced crosswalks and narrower crossing distances; and a refined traffic circulation plan.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT

The City's Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access and Streetscape Study is intended to continue the revitalization of Dover's historic urban core. The study focuses on rebalancing the downtown circulation and streetscape network so that future conditions may support a mixed-use environment that is more convenient, pleasant, and economically vibrant. The study is envisioned to result in a revitalization plan with four key goals:

Create a more attractive pedestrian-oriented environment,
Make vehicle circulation more clear and convenient,
Simplify links to parking, and
Expand bicycle and transit links to and through the downtown.

The City of Dover's Planning Department is guiding this study. The Cecil Group, a professional planning and design firm, has been retained to help carry out the planning study, along with firms RSG and Gibbs Planning Group. Concerned about pedestrian safety on Chestnut Street, the City Council approved the study's funding in December of 2012 as part of the FY2014-FY2020 Capital Improvement Program.

The report and design plans are expected to be complete by the end of August 2014. The following schedule provides the expected timeframes for key milestones in the planning process:

- December 2013 through January 2014 - Data Collection and Evaluation of Existing Conditions;
- February 2014 through April 2014 - Development and Refinement of Alternatives ;
- May 2014 through June 2014 - Development of Preferred Design;
- June 2014 through September 2014 - Development of Final Report.

Once a final report has been submitted, staff will review implementation items for insertion into upcoming Capital Improvement's Programming requests.

For more information, please contact Christopher Parker, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development, City of Dover, 603.516.6008, c.parker@dover.nh.gov.

Your guide to the FY2015 budget

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., recently presented the proposed fiscal year 2015 budget to the City Council, kicking off several weeks of budget deliberations.



City of Dover
New Hampshire

The City Council adopts a budget in June.

Proposed Budget
Fiscal Year 2015

As the budget process continues, visit the City's [online resource for the FY2015 budget](#), part of the ongoing Budget Revealed initiative.

As submitted to the City Council
By City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr.

The City's online FY2015 budget page will be updated throughout the budget process, including links to the proposed budget and related materials, department presentations, a calendar of upcoming meetings, video, and much more.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the FY2015 proposed City of Dover budget.

Dover Listens releases results of education sessions

Earlier this year, Dover Listens, a non-affiliated group of citizens promoting open discussion of community issues, hosted three public forums on education, titled Strong Schools, Strong Community.

Over 175 people participated in the sessions. A range of topics was discussed at each event. The most frequently discussed issues included:

- Understanding where we are: information and data;

- Attending to student experiences
- Supporting teachers and understanding the impact of standardized testing;
- Prioritizing the health and well-being of young people;
- Engaging and communicating with the community ;
- Investing in infrastructure.

For more information, including the reports that detail the results of these sessions, visit <http://doverlistens.org/>.

Arbor Day Foundation names Dover Tree City USA

Dover was named a 2013 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Dover earned Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Dover make smart investments in urban forests," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

In a letter to Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr., Rosenow added, "Residents of Dover ought to be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in a partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

Dover Youth to Youth holds drug takeback day April 26

On Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Dover

Police Department, Dover Coalition for Youth and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Medications can be brought for disposal to the Dover Police Department at 46 Locust Street. The service is free, anonymous, and no questions will be asked.

"Over half of teens report that prescription drugs are easy or very easy to get" according to Dover Coalition for Youth coordinator, Vicki Hebert. "Seventy percent of teens who abuse prescription drugs obtained the medications from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. We are holding this event to allow community members to dispose of their medications and remove the source of temptation from their home."

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Surveys show that one in five New Hampshire high school students have used a prescription drug that was not prescribed to them.

This is the seventh national take back initiative that Dover has participated in. The last seven events have resulted in over 1,000 pounds of drugs being collected. "The community has let us know that they are looking for safe ways to dispose of their medications by consistently coming out for take back days and turning in hundreds of pounds of drugs at each year." said Chief Anthony Colarusso of the Dover Police Department.

Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards. The DEA states that unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply.

If you are unable to attend a collection event during the national take back day visit the Food and Drug Administration website at www.FDA.gov to learn about other recommended disposal methods.

For more information about the take back event visit the DEA website at www.DEA.gov. If you want to learn more about the local problem and how you can get involved contact the Dover Coalition for Youth at 603.516.3279 or

online at www.DoverCoalition.org.

Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2014 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.

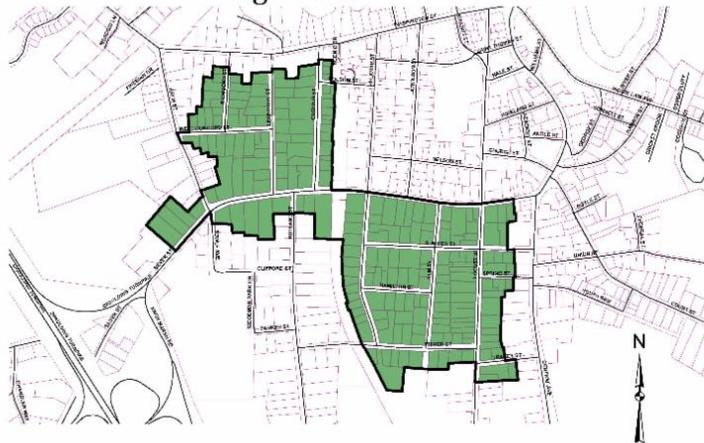
Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or online.

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, click [here](#).

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

Heritage Residential District



Silver Street rezoning update:

Meeting slated for April 23

The City of Dover is currently undertaking an effort to update the zoning for the areas surrounding Silver Street, the goal of which is to celebrate and support some of Dover's most historic neighborhoods. The project is an offshoot of the Gateway Rezoning Study which resulted in the rezoning of Broadway, Portland Avenue, and Central Avenue to the Central Business District. The Planning Board also considered rezoning Silver Street; however, "residents expressed concern that this would detract from the historic residential character of Silver Street, rather than enhancing it," said Tim Corwin, Assistant City Planner. Instead, it was suggested the City take a broader view of Silver Street to include the surrounding neighborhoods.

Based on this feedback, Planning Department staff and the project consultant worked this past winter to identify the areas around Silver Street which share a common historic heritage and which could benefit from a single zoning district designed to support and enhance their historic character. The identified areas are primarily residential and exhibit a rare collection of Victorian architecture.

"Their original residents were likely senior managers and foremen from the mill facilities that lined the Cochecho River, as well as other community professionals," said Christopher Parker, Director of Planning and Community Development.

The bulk of the structures in what staff is tentatively calling the "Heritage Residential District," date from the Civil War era to the early 1900s. Although there has been some in-fill development, the primary structures are characterized by wide porches, bay windows, steep roofs, and intricate and involved woodwork. Collectively they create very walkable, pedestrian friendly neighborhoods. It is the intent of the proposed zoning district to retain, supplement, and replicate these distinct architectural buildings as a tribute to the history of the City of Dover.

"The idea is not to create a historic district overlay designed to regulate home improvements," said Jeff Taylor, project consultant. "Rather, the idea is to use context sensitive zoning regulations to ensure that any new construction fits in with the historic character of these neighborhoods."

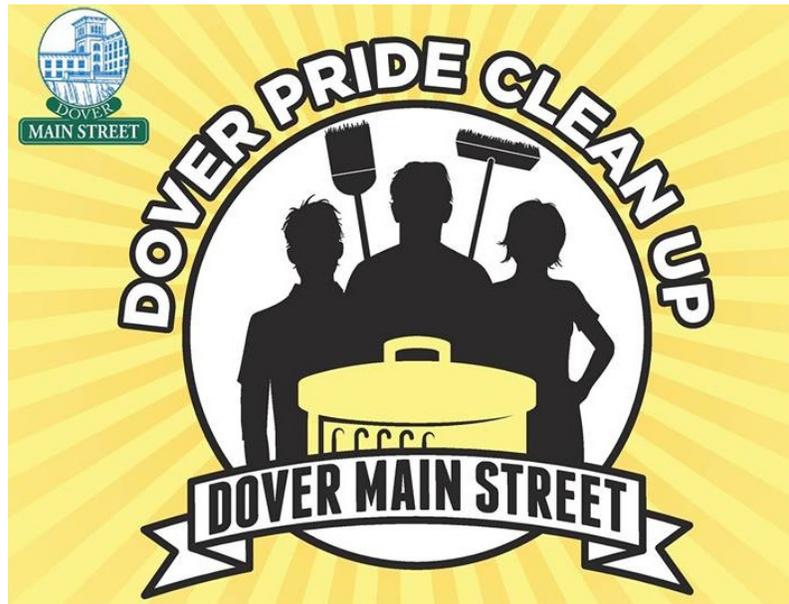
Corwin says that draft zoning regulations for the "Heritage Residential District" have been prepared and are ready to be vetted by the neighborhood's property owners and

residents.

"As with other projects undertaken by the Planning Department, public input drives both the process and the product," Corwin said. "Public participation is key to ensuring that any zoning changes enacted reflect the values of the community."

To present their ideas, Planning Department staff and the project consultant have scheduled a neighborhood meeting for Wednesday, April 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Silver Fountain Inn, 103 Silver St., hosted by the Silver Inn Fountain proprietors, Jim and Pam Pidgeon.

For questions or comments about the project, please contact Tim Corwin, Assistant City Planner, by phone at 516-6008 or by e-mail at t.corwin@dover.nh.gov.



Dover Pride Clean Up Day sweeps up May 10

This year's Dover Pride Clean Up Day will be held Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join Dover Main Street for this annual showcase of civic pride during which hundreds of volunteers help clean up Dover's public spaces, parks and gardens.

This year's sponsors are Centrix Bank, Wentworth Greenhouses, and the Dover Kiwanis, who sponsor the breakfast that starts the day, and to Kendall Pond Pizza

and Coca-Cola who provide all the volunteers lunch at the end of the event.

For more information, or to sign up, visit www.dovermainstreet.org or the event's [Facebook page](#).

Musical poetry with John Perrault at the Dover Library April 22

Come to the Dover Public Library on Tuesday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. for an upbeat musical visit with balladeer John Perrault. In "Barbara Allen to Blackbird", hear the poems and songs that make us laugh, cry, tell our story, and remind us who we are.

Guitar in hand, this former Portsmouth Poet Laureate will sing the story of Song and Poetry -- the passion of their engagement, the bliss of their marriage, the tragedy of their divorce, and now their long process of reconciliation. This getting back together began with the work of Wordsworth and Coleridge, who counseled merging the old ballad form with the personal lyric from the heart. Emily Dickinson took heed. As did Frost. As did Langston Hughes. And it continues right through today in the poetry and songs of writers like James Wright, Mary Oliver, Bob Dylan, and Lennon and McCartney.

This free program, a salute to the romantic tradition, is sponsored by the Friends of the Dover Public Library in conjunction with the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

John Perrault is the author of "Jefferson's Dream" (Hobblebush Books, 2009); "Here Comes the Old Man Now" (Oyster River Press, 2005); and "The Ballad of Louis Wagner" (Peter Randall Publisher, 2003). His poems have appeared in The Christian Science Monitor, Commonweal, Poet Lore, the Salmon Poetry Anthology Dogs Singing, and elsewhere. He is a New England Foundation for the Arts and NH State Council on the Arts touring artist, and a presenter for the NH Humanities Council.

John was a co-recipient of the Rosalie Boyle/Norma Farber Award, 2008, from the New England Poetry Club; a finalist in the 2007 Comstock Review Poetry Contest; and a past recipient of the Virginia Prize from The Lyric. He was poet laureate of Portsmouth, New Hampshire from 2003-2005.

Selected ballads and poems may be sampled at johnperrault.com. For more information, call the Dover



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, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



April 18, 1836 - The small pox was prevalent in Dover this year and a number of deaths occurred from it.



April 18, 1861 - At a special meeting of the City Council, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously passed:

Whereas, Civil war has been inaugurated, our Glorious Union assailed, and our institutions endangered, and whereas, our fellow citizens promptly and cheerfully answer to the call of the Government, for aid in this its hour of peril, therefore:

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Dover, that the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and hereby is appropriated for the benefit and wants of the families of those who have responded, or shall respond to the call of their country for the support of its Constitution and Laws, and that the Mayor with such as the Common Council may join, be a committee to properly distribute the same. (The Common Council on their part joined Messrs. Burr, Haynes and N. Twombly.)

The Mayor was authorized to purchase and present a revolver to each citizen of Dover enlisting as a volunteer.

The City Treasurer was authorized to borrow \$3000, to meet extra expenses.

The City Hall was also set apart for the use of the soldiers enlisting, for a drill room, and the Mayor was authorized to cause the National Flag to be displayed on the City Hall building and from the flag staffs on Franklin Square, the expense thereof to be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

A recruiting office was opened April 17, by George W. Colbath, by authority from the Governor. Before Saturday the 20th, he had enlisted a full company, when he received orders to keep the enlistment open for another company. More than the requisite number were obtained, upwards of 150 having applied for a place in the ranks.



April 19, 1865 - Bells were tolled throughout the day for President Abraham Lincoln, who was assassinated on April 15, 1865. Guns fired every 30 minutes from 10 A.M. till 6 P.M. Flags draped in mourning were displayed throughout the city. Services were held at the Unitarian, Congregational, Belknap, Episcopal and Calvin Baptist Churches.



April 20, 1862 - It is recorded as a matter worthy of remembrance that the farmers at this time were hauling wood on the top of the snow "across lots" without regard to roads and fences. In the same week (April 17 and 18) the thermometer rose to 77, its greatest altitude in April for 15 years.



April 22, 1852 - The paper-hanging manufacturing operation of Crawford & Busby on Fifth Street was lost to fire. The financial loss is reported to be about \$4,500.

City's boards and commissions keep our community vibrant

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, including new members to fill vacant positions.

The boards and commissions below are now seeking to fill vacancies for regular and alternate seats:

- Arena Commission
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, click [here](#).

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.

Dover Chamber seeking scholarship applicants

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee is seeking applications for their student scholarship. One recipient will be awarded \$1,000 to use for post-secondary education, courtesy of Measured Progress. Click [here](#) to download an application. Applications are due by Wednesday, April 30.

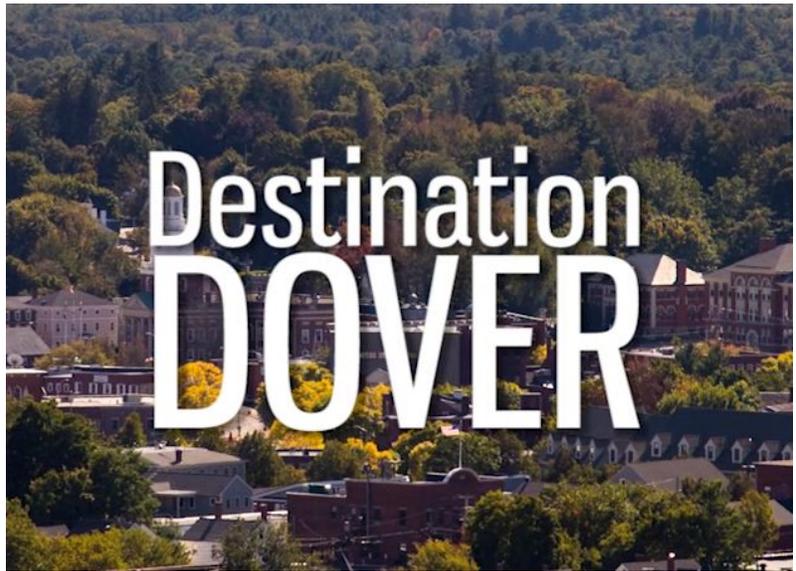
The Chamber is also accepting nominations for the 2014 Educator of the Year Award.

For more information, visit the Greater Dover of Chamber's [website](#) or call 603-742-2218.

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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 up-to-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 [here](#).

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, click [here](#).

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.

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