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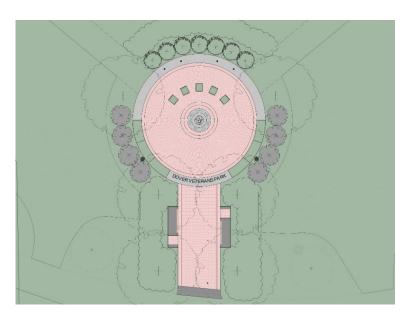
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Friday, August 11, 2017



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

Meetings this week:

School Board, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, 2017, at 7 p.m. in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

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

Waterfront Committee, Aug. 15, 7 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, at 7 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

Zoning Board, Aug. 17, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center. 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.

National Citizen Survey seeks opinions from Dover residents

Residents in the City of Dover are encouraged to participate in the 2017 National Citizen Survey, which provides a snapshot of the community and helps Dover measure service performance and quality, and assess community needs. The survey is now open online to all Dover residents.

"Participation in the survey is very important," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "Feedback from this survey helps guide decisions that affect our City. I encourage all Dover residents to take the survey and help us chart our community's future."

The results of the National Citizen Survey, combined with other feedback, helps the City Council, various City boards and commissions and the City administration understand and respond appropriately to the needs of the community in the upcoming years, as well as make comparisons with peer cities.

The city contracted with National Research Center, Inc. to participate in The NCS, an instrument that was developed in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) in 2001 to To view the agenda, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit <u>www.dover.nh.gov/dntv</u>.

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



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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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provide cities with a low-cost, high-quality method to conduct market research.

The survey centers on community livability and includes questions about the quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, rating of local government services and resident use of services.

The online survey can be accessed here: <u>http://bit.ly/2hnkZ2J</u>.

Survey results will be made available after the survey concludes.

The National Citizen Survey was among the first scientific surveys developed to gather resident opinion on a range of community issues, and has been used in more than 350 jurisdictions across 46 states. The NCS is a highquality cost-effective scientific survey of resident opinion and an important benchmarking tool that allows for comparison among communities. Communities using The NCS have reported that the tool helped improve performance, strengthen communications with community stakeholders, and identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

Dover Police to hold "Blue and You" session Aug. 15

Dover Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announces that on Aug. 15, 2017, from 5 to 7 p.m., the public is invited to come to the Dover Police Department at 46 Chestnut St. for another Dover Blue and You meeting. This is the first of the quarterly meetings the Dover Police Department will host as a follow-up to last year's Dover Blue and You engagement event.

Some of the participants who attended last fall's event were interested to hear more about the role of school resource officers and how they operate. This is an opportunity for members of the public to meet one of Dover's school resource officers and learn about how the officers in the schools interact with students and the administration.

Another theme from the feedback from the prior event was focused on transparency and accountability. In response, the Dover Police Department will also show the participants the monthly and annual statistics on the department's website. These statistics range from crime statistics to use of force and citizen complaints.

Everyone is welcome to attend and learn more about the department, ask questions on any topic and interact with their law enforcement professionals.

city? Check out the City of Dover's official <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>twitter feed</u> for the latest updates.



Filing period for municipal election opens Sept. 11

The filing period for the City of Dover municipal election begins Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. and ends Friday, Sept. 22, at 4 p.m.

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

Candidates for City Council, School Board, and all ward positions, must be a registered voter in Dover and complete the necessary filing paperwork at the City Clerk's office, located at City Hall. A valid driver's license or passport is required at the time of filing. Candidates for City Council must be a resident of Dover for at least one year.

Voters will choose candidates for City Council, Mayor, School Board, as well as moderators, ward clerks, supervisors of the checklist and selectmen, from each ward.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018 or visit the 2017 <u>Municipal Election page here</u>.



The Central Avenue Bridge Friday morning, Aug. 11, 2017.

Central Avenue Bridge work nearly complete, both lanes open

Parking restrictions in place Sunday

The Central Avenue Bridge reconstruction project is

nearly complete. As of today, Friday, Aug. 11, crews have reopened both lanes of the bridge.

The area from First Street to Waldron Court will be posted as no parking on both sides of Central Avenue on Sunday, weather permitting. The parking restriction will be in place to allow Community Services to paint parking stalls. Work is expected to be completed Sunday night. This work will complete the Central Avenue Bridge reconstruction project.

Some parking restrictions may remain in place while the project contractor remains on site.

All other parking areas will be available during this time.

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



Cochecho Arts Festival continues this week

The 31st annual Cochecho Arts Festival continues tonight, Aug. 11, 2017 at 6 p.m. with Olivia Frances at the Rotary



Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park. Joel Cage will also perform. The show is part of the Liberty Mutual Headliner Spoltlight series and is sponsored by DF Richard and Federal Savings Bank.

The festival lineup for the upcoming week includes:

- Tuesday, Aug. 15, 10:30 a.m.: Jeannie Mack, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Amtrak Downeaster Children's Series Spotlight and sponsored by CHaD at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital;
- Wednesday, Aug. 16, 3:30 p.m.: Dan Walker, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Avenue), part of the Farmers Market Spotlight series and

sponsored by Portsmouth Christian Academy at Dover;

 Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m.: Chippy and the Ya Ya's, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Shark in the Park Series Spotlight and sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.

The festival features dozens of live performances over seven weeks that span the Tuesday Children's Series, Wednesday Farmers Market Acoustic Stage, Shark In The Park, Friday Night Headliner Series and Opening Acts, Dinner and a Movie Series and Theater on the Cochecho.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is the most popular Summer Music Festival in the Seacoast. The festival draws over 10,000 people to downtown Dover from the beginning of July through August.

For more information, visit <u>www.cochechoartsfestival.org</u> or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.



Dover Recreation survey seeks input on new playground

Dover Recreation is now conducting on online survey about the new Adventure Playground at Henry Law Park. The survey is looking for feedback about the how the park is used and how it can be improved.

The survey can be accessed here: Adventure Playground Online Survey

City of Dover and surrounding towns to hold Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the City's Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road.

The goal of Hazardous Waste Collection Day is to allow for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. Residents of the four communities can bring household hazardous waste to Community Services for safe disposal.

The following household waste will be accepted: fertilizer with acids; bathroom cleaners; brush cleaner; pesticides car waxes/polish; disinfectants; corrosives; fungicides; creosote; furniture polish paint/stain/finish; insect spray; driveway sealers/tar; metal polish (lead and oil based); lighter fluid; flea powder; mothballs; rust preventative; pest strips/traps; gasoline; oven cleaner; solvents; pesticides; radiator flush; photo chemicals; thinner/turpentine; poisons; roofing tar; rug cleaner; wood preservatives; pool chemicals; and wood strippers.

Empty containers are not hazardous. Please dispose of them in your regular trash.

Explosives, asbestos, latex paint, oil (new or used) and antifreeze will not be accepted.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Dover is for household residents only. Proof of residency is required.

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



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>.

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Aug. 16, 1725 - At a meeting of the freeholders of Dover Parish, at Cochecho meeting house, Col. Waldron moderator, it was "voted that our minister Mr. Jonathan Cushing's salary that the town gave him of 100 pounds in the year 1717, shall be made as good to him as it was at his first settlement amongst us."



Aug. 12, 1875 - As a team in which two ladies and five children were crossing the the bridge at Dover Point, the horses became frightened by an awning on a boat which was passing underneath, and began to prance. The lady who was driving, fearing that she might wreck the carriage or spring over the rail, whipped him into a trot, being desirous to get over the bridge quickly. As she did so, she casually noticed a sign forbidding horses to go over the bridge faster than a walk on penalty of a fine. This led her to pull in the frightened animal, and just as she had done so, she saw that she was within a few feet of the open draw, which is a swinging draw. Had she allowed the animal to have gone on at the speed he had attained, he would have plunged into the boiling flood below, and seven lives would have been lost. There is a gate or bar on the bridge to prevent just such occurrences and the criminal neglect of the toll-gate keeper to use it might have resulted in a very serious catastrophe. (The Dover Enquirer)

Aug. 11, 1920 - Census returns announced on this day show Dover's population as 13,029, a decrease of 219 from 1910. However, this is seen as actual growth because Dover lost about 1,000 inhabitants when the Cocheco Print Works moved to Lawrence, Mass., a few years prior.

Aug. 14, 1925 - Dover's new downtown electric street light system is turned on at 8 p.m. for the first time. To celebrate the event, a Mardi Gras is held, including 4,000 people in the carnival parade and 10 bands. Over 20,000 people attend the festivities.

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Aug. 17, 1925 - M&M Bakeries, Inc. of Dover inaugurated the first air delivery of fresh baked bread in New England, if not the world, when a speedy plane made the trip of 12 miles as the crow flies, to Portsmouth, in 7 minutes, 12 seconds. The delivery was made in less than 25 minutes of the receipt of a request for extra loaves.

Join the Dover Chamber for a walking tour of historic Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer its next guided walking tour of historic Dover on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 10:30 a.m.

Tours begin at the Dover Chamber and will leisurely stroll through Dover's Historic Downtown area, with numerous stops along the way during which the Guide will point out places of interest, offer historical perspective, and share stories and anecdotes about the people, places and events that have helped shape Dover. The cost of the tour is \$8 per person.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 603-742-2218.

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 hiring the following positions:

- Maintenance Mechanic Utilities
- Gym attendant
- Arena maintenance ice resurfacer
- Arena attendants
- Lifeguards
- Swim instructor

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

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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 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 <u>here</u>.