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#### Meetings this week:

Zoning Board, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

#### Friday, August 15, 2014



Community support, donations sought for Henry Law Park improvements

The City of Dover and the Children's Museum of New Hampshire have been working together for several years to come up with a plan to overhaul the playground area in Henry Law Park. The Henry Law Park Improvement Project involves a total renovation of the area of the park behind the Indoor Pool now occupied by a play structure and out of service wading pool. It also included new walkways to connect with the area of the Rotary Arts Pavilion and front of the park and many other new features.

Concept plans have been drawn up using input from several public meetings where the needs of the park were listed and ideas were brainstormed to bring all of the best possibilities out for this area of the park. The cost of the project as the current plans detail are estimated to be over For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

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



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

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

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\$400,000. The City has allocated \$250,000 in capital improvements funding and a very generous anonymous donor has contributed \$100,000 to the project.

The balance of approximately \$100,000 is needed to get this project under way and there are opportunities for individuals, organizations and businesses to donate through several means.

Anyone interested in contributing can contact Gary Bannon, Dover Recreation Director, at g.bannon@dover.nh.gov or 516-6410.

There is also the opportunity to donate via Go Fund Me by going to the link <u>http://www.gofundme.com/c8ebd4</u> to contribute.

More information will be forthcoming on the City of Dover's website about contributions and progress on this exciting project.



# State Primary 2014: A Guide for Dover residents

The state primary in New Hampshire will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014.

The City of Dover maintains an election page with important information about the primary, including polling places, sample ballots, a ward map, and much more.

To visit this election resource, <u>click here</u> or visit <u>http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2014-state-primary/index.html</u>.

## Rogers Street water main replacement begins Aug. 18

City of Dover Community Services crews will install a new water main on Rogers Street from Portland Avenue to Cocheco Street, beginning Monday, Aug. 18, 2014.

The work will take place between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, and is expected to take one month to complete. There will be no on street parking at this time.

Rogers Street will be closed to through traffic during work hours of operation; however, Rogers Street residents will be able to access to their homes.

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

# As new school year approaches, SAU announces important dates

Elaine Arbour, Superintendent of Schools, announced the events and activities surrounding the opening of Dover's public schools for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

School and room assignment cards will be mailed during August to all elementary and middle school students enrolled in Dover public schools. Information relating to bus assignments will be included in assignment card/letters to those students eligible to ride a bus. To be eligible to ride the bus, elementary (including kindergarten) students and fifth graders must live a mile or more from school, middle school students, except fifth grade students, must live at least one and one-half miles from school, and high school students must live at least two miles from the school.

Bus schedule information will be available beginning Aug. 15 in the schools, at the office of the Superintendent, or by calling First Student at 742-5984. Complete bus schedules are posted on Dover's School website at www.dover.k12.nh.us "Information for Parents" and will be published in Foster's prior to the opening of schools. Parents of students who receive special busing within Dover should call the bus company, The Provider, at 1-800-660-9664, with any questions. Parents with questions regarding other special busing arrangements should call the Special Education office at 516-6722.

New Hampshire law states that no student may be admitted to public schools unless proof of immunization has been presented prior to entrance. Parents of new students should be prepared to present a copy of immunization records before the opening day of school.

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Open house for kindergarten and first-grade students and those students in grades two through four who are new to

Dover will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014, between 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. at Horne Street School and Woodman Park School. Open house at Garrison School will take place on the same day between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Parents may visit with their children during the open house hours to familiarize themselves with the school, to meet the staff and principal, and to make the opening of school less hectic. On this day, parents will be responsible for their own transportation. Parents of kindergarten and first grade students for whom physician's reports have not submitted to the school are asked to bring that report with them to the open house.

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014, the first day of school, the elementary schools will open their doors at approximately 8:05 a.m. with students in their rooms at 8:15 a.m. School will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m.

#### **DOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who are new to the school district are invited to come to the middle school on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. for an orientation program and tour. After the orientation programs, students who have not previously registered during the summer will be asked to stay to complete registration information and assessment testing. Students will be asked to complete placement assessment tests including a math assessment for all grades and reading and vocabulary testing for students in grades 5 and 6 and a free writing sample from students in grades 7 and 8. Registration requirements include: a copy of the student's birth certificate, immunization record, proof of a medical physical dated August 27th, 2013 or after (or proof of an upcoming appointment date and time), and proof of Dover residency (ex. Utility bill or lease). Seventh and eighth graders will not be enrolled without an updated rubella immunization.

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014, the middle school doors will open at 7:20 a.m. and school will begin at 7:30 a.m. Students who have not been assigned a homeroom should report to the Guidance Office at 7:15 a.m. Dismissal will be at 2:20 p.m.

#### DOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Orientation for the ninth graders will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The primary purpose of the orientation program is to acquaint new students with the building, their schedules, and the DHS community. Homeroom assignments can be found on the schedule mailed home to students and will also be posted in the cafeteria and outside the main office. Students should retrieve their welcome packet in the café when they arrive. At 8 a.m. the freshmen will be joined by DHS Student Ambassadors to kick off orientation.

Bus Transportation for freshmen on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014 will be provided for all bus students from Barrington, Dover and Nottingham. Buses will run their normal routes and pick up students at their established stops. Students will be dismissed at noon and will be transported home to their respective stops at the end of the abbreviated day. For Dover residents only, as outlined in the Bus Transportation Letter mailed home, there is an annual bus transportation fee of \$50 for students (\$20 for reduced lunch students and \$10 for free lunch students).

All students walking to school should arrive by 7:30 a.m. to allow time to check in.

All students return to school on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014 and pickup will occur at their regular a.m. bus stops. The high school doors will open at 7:20 a.m. and school will begin at 7:40 a.m. Dismissal will be at 2:30 p.m.

#### DOVER HIGH SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

The first day of school for all Dover High School Alternative Program students is August 27, 2014. School begins at 7:40 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

### Dover committees to host tour of the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area

The City of Dover Open Lands and Community Trails committees will host a tour of the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 5:30 p.m. New Hampshire Fish and Game biologist Jim Oehler will lead a wildlife walk.

The Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area is located on the west shore of the Bellamy River, between Dover and Portsmouth.

The Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area consists of a wide variety of land types, vegetation and wildlife habitats. The tour is a perfect opportunity to explore this beautiful area and learn more about the habitat and the important

role land owners play in helping preserve the area's natural beauty.

Directions to the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area are as follows: From Route 108 (Durham Road), head south on Back River Road for approximately 1.6 miles, turn left on Rabbit Road, right on Old Garrison Road, the left at the sign to the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area. From Route 4 in Dover, head north on Back River Road for about 1 mile, turn right on Rabbit Road, right on Garrison Road, then left at the sign to the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area gate.

To register, or for more information, contact Steve Bird, City Planner, at <u>s.bird@dover.nh.gov</u> or 603-516-6008.

The rain date will be Wednesday, Aug. 20.



Tour the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area

## Cochecho Arts Festival this week

The Cochecho Arts Festival's popular Headliner Series continues tonight at 6 p.m. at Henry Law Park.

Upcoming performances are:

• Friday, Aug. 15, 6 p.m., The Mallet Brothers Band with Andrea Szirbik (Sponsored



by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and hosted by 105.3 The Shark) Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park:

• Tuesday, Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m., The King of Silly-Todd

Wellington (Sponsored by Profile Bank), Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;

- Wednesday, Aug. 20, 3:30 p.m., Martin England (Sponsored by Holy Rosary Credit Union) Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave.
- Wednesday, Aug. 20, 6 p.m., Blue Matter (Sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark), Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

The annual festival is organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, visit <u>http://www.cochechoartsfestival.org</u>.



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.



**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. 17, 1925** - The 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.

**Aug. 18, 1933** - Insurance companies agree to pay the City of Dover \$151,000 for the loss of City Hall, which burned down on Aug. 3 that same year. City hall was built in 1892 at a cost of \$250,000.

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**Aug. 19, 1806** - Mr. Watson, while tinloading a gundalow in the evening, accidentally fell overboard and was drowned.

**Aug. 19, 1788** - A violent hurricane destroyed hundreds of acres of woodland in New Hampshire, including Dover, unroofed many barns, and did much other damage.



**Aug. 20, 1820** - There was a severe drought ihis summer and vegetation was also much injured by grasshoppers corn and potatoes on the higher ground being almost entirely cut off.

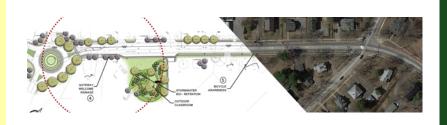
# Supervisors of the Checklist in session Sept. 2

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters and make other necessary corrections to the checklist. Party affiliation cannot be changed during this session.

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





# City web page details Silver Street reconstruction project

Following a July 9, 2014 vote of the City Council, the City of Dover is beginning the reconstruction of Silver Street. Work will span from the Spaulding Turnpike Exit 8 ramp to Central Avenue, approximately 4,300 linear feet.

The reconstruction of Silver Street originally started as a water main, street and drainage replacement project. Since the initial design started, including input from residents, the project has evolved into an upgrade of a gateway to the downtown. The project now consists of water main replacements, drainage improvements including a rain garden near the Woodman Park School, street and sidewalk reconstruction, landscaping, wayfinding, lighting, and traffic signalization improvements.

A new web page dedicated to the project is now online. This resource includes updated information about construction work, neighborhood meetings, important documents, and other related media. In addition, residents can sign up via email for a newsletter with updates about the project.

The web page will be updated throughout the construction process.

To visit the web page, <u>click here</u>.

### Guided walking tours of historic Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will once again offer Guided Walking Tours of Historic Dover on Saturday mornings this summer, from May 24 through Sept. 13. Tours begin 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.

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

# 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.

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 <u>here</u>.

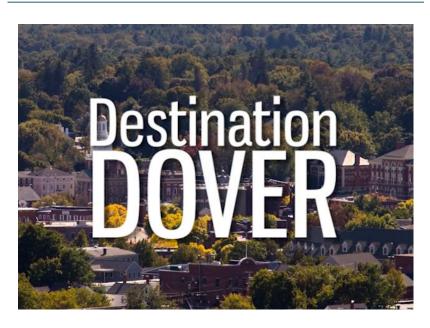
To download an application for board and commissions, click **here**. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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

# Stay social with your City



Want the latest announcements and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official **Facebook page** and **twitter feed** for the latest updates.





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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 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>.

### 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 the City's website at <u>www.dover.nh.gov/dntv</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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