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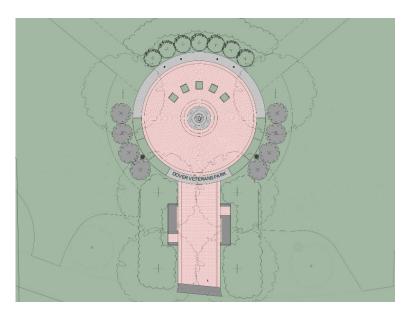
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Support the Dover Veterans Park with engraved brick donation

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, Discover Dover with Peek at the Week

Meetings this week:

School Board, Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017 in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, Aug. 22, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, Aug. 23, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

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

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

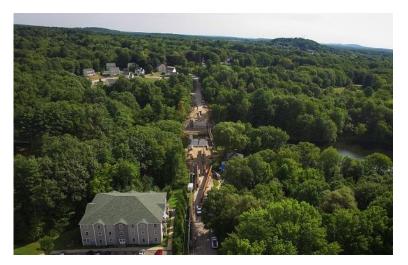
military rank and branch and years of service for individual service members. Bricks can be purchased by anyone wishing to honor a veteran who has served our country. A red 4-inch by 8-inch brick costs \$50. A larger 8-inch by 8-inch brick costs \$100.

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.



Crews working additional hours on Whittier Street Bridge project

The Whittier Street bridge contractor, E.D. Swett, is now working six days per week, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The additional hours are necessary as crews work to open the bridge to traffic prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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



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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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Call for Cast Members: Woodman Museum's "Night at the Museum" event returns in October

For its fifth annual re-enactment event, the Woodman Museum will present "More Voices from the Cemetery" Oct. 14-15, 2017 rain or shine, on the grounds of Dover's picturesque and historic Pine Hill Cemetery.

Approximately 60 cast members are being sought to act, lead tours, or provide event assistance during this twoday production when dozens of famous (or infamous) Dover residents will rise from the dead at their gravesites to entertain you with details from their most interesting lives. All acting roles are for adults, but no acting experience is required. We are seeking individuals with an interest in bringing history to life, and in helping Dover's oldest museum, now in its 101st year.

In two dozen scenes, laid out all over Pine Hill Cemetery, history will come to life in October during the 90-minute escorted tours of this burial ground that dates from 1731. More than 40 noted, nefarious, or notorious Dover citizens will come to life beside their headstones, regaling visitors with tales of mirth, woe, and amazement. Among the residents lifting their voices in the cemetery will be sea captains, business leaders, soldiers, politicians, ministers, lost lovers, and even a famous opera singer.

For those thinking about participating, there will be a Cast Orientation Session on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Museum's Keefe House (15 Summer St.). You are invited to meet the production staff, ask questions, and talk with others who've participated in previous "Night at the Museum" events. After the orientation, you can decide if you'd like to sign on to the cast as a character, as a Tour Guide, or help out behind the scenes.

Tickets for "More Voices from the Cemetery" will go on sale in September at the Woodman Museum and on its website. This is a family-friendly tour, suitable for all ages. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

For additional information and/or to volunteer with "More Voices from the Cemetery", call the Woodman Museum at 603-742-1038, visit http://woodmanmuseum.org/night-museum-2017-casting/ and sign up online to join the fun.

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 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.



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>.

Public hearings set for Ten-Year Transportation plan

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) will hold 19 public hearings across New Hampshire to review and receive input on the update of the State's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2019-2028). The public hearings will begin in September.

A public hearing in Dover is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at 4 p.m. in the auditorium at Dover City Hall.

The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public comments and testimony on transportation projects and priorities included in the draft 2019-2028 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan as recommended by

the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to GACIT.

Those not able to attend the meetings can submit written testimony within 10 days of the completion of the public hearings. (no later than Nov. 6, 2017 at 4 p.m.)

Written comments should be addressed to:

William E. Watson, P.E. Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance New Hampshire Department of Transportation John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive P.O. Box 483 Concord, NH 03302-0483

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact Sharon Allaire at (603) 271-3344, or NHDOT, P.O. Box 483, Concord, N.H. 03302-0483 - TDD access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964.

Copies of any documents related to the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2019-2028) will be available for review on the <u>NHDOT website</u> prior to the first Public Hearing or by contacting the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance at the Department of Transportation (603-271-3344).

Cochecho Arts Festival wraps up for season

Tonight's show moved to high school

The 31st annual Cochecho Arts Festival continues tonight, Aug. 18, 2017 at 6 p.m. with **Mellow Yellow** and opening



act **Zach Benton**. Due to the weather, tonight's show will be held in the auditorium at Dover High School. The show is part of the Liberty Mutual Headliner Spoltlight series and is sponsored by DF Richard and Federal Savings Bank.

The festival lineup concludes next week with:

• Tuesday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m.: "Back to the Future," Cocheco Mills, part of the Optima Bank Dinner and a Movie Series, sponsored by Shaheen and Gordon.

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, located here.

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Aug. 19, 1704 - Joseph Pitman is slain by the Indians as he was guarding some mowers, not far from the meeting house.



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.

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Aug. 22, 1829 - William Bentley, a native of England, was drowned in attempting to swim across the Cochecho, a short distance above the Falls - aged 32.

Aug. 20, 1864 - The City Council voted to pay the highest bounty authorized by law (\$200), in addition to the State and United States bounties, to such citizens as should

enlist prior to the 5th of September.



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.

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>.