

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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Filing period for District 13 special election opens Aug. 28

The filing period for the special election for state representative in District 13, representing Ward 1 in Dover, opens Monday, Aug. 28 and closes Friday, Sept. 1, 2017. The special election was approved by the Executive Council on Wednesday, Aug. 23.

The special election follows the resignation of state Rep. Isaac Epstein on June 30.

Candidates for the special election can file with the Dover City Clerk's office at City Hall on Monday, Aug. 28 and Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Candidates filing after Aug. 29 and through Sept. 1, must file with the Secretary of State's office in Concord.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Friday, Aug. 25, from 3 to 3:30 p.m. to register new voters interested in filing for the vacancy.

A primary election, if necessary, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017 and the special election held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017. If a primary is not needed, the election will be held Oct. 24.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at

School Board, Aug. 28, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, Aug. 28, 2017 in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

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.



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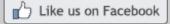
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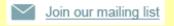
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

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



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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>.

City of Dover and surrounding towns hold Hazardous Waste Collection Day this Saturday

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;

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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.

City flags at half-staff for Dover's first female mayor

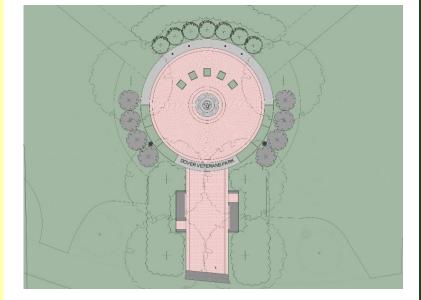
City flags will remain at half-staff over the weekend in recognition of Dover's first female mayor, Geraldine Sylvester, who died on Wednesday, Aug. 23. City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., on Thursday instructed all City flags to be lowered to half-staff through Sunday.



Geraldine Sylvester first served on the Dover City Council at-large in 1970, serving seven consecutive terms, including as Dover's first female mayor from 1974 to 1975. In 1978, she and her husband, Robert, were jointly named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

She also served in many local, state, and federal positions, including president of the Dover Chapter Business and Professional Woman for two terms, vice president of the National Conference of Republican Mayors and Municipal Officials, executive board member of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, for which she also served as the association's first female president.

Calling hours for Geraldine Sylvester will be held today, Aug. 25, at Wiggin-Purdy-McCooey-Dion Funeral Home, 655 Central Ave., in Dover, from 3-7 p.m. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the New Castle Congregational Church, 65 Main St., in New Castle.



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.

Catch up with the mayor and superintendent over coffee

A Coffee with the Superintendent and Mayor will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the McConnell Center cafeteria.

Coffee with the Superintendent and Mayor is open to everyone and provides an opportunity for discussion on all school and city matters of interest with Dover Mayor Karen Weston and Superintendent of Schools William Harbron.

For more information, contact Mayor Weston at k.weston@dover.nh.gov.

Dover Mini Maker Faire®

Fifth annual Dover Mini Maker Faire is Saturday

The fifth annual Dover Mini Maker Faire will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is organized and hosted each year by the Children's Museum of New Hampshire.

The Dover Mini Make Faire features 65 makers and food vendors, including pirates, ice cream made with liquid nitrogen, three-ounce pours of beer from 7th Settlement, live music, a video game trailer, fun with clay, a beekeeper, lego robots, student robots, professionally built robots, face painting, mac n' cheese pies, fusion food, cupcakes, Raspberry Pi, screen printing, arts and crafts, coffee tasting, a solar-powered car, comic workshops, a chance to talk to a satellite, fairy house building, egg drop challenges and much more.

The event is held inside the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, Henry Law Park and the Washington Street Mills.

For a schedule and map, click here.

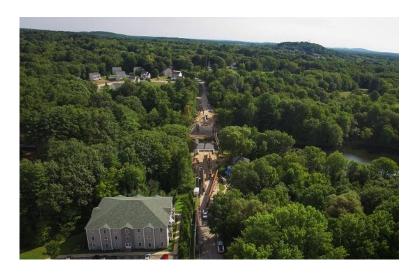
Additional public parking available

on Broadway

Additional public parking in Dover's upper square is now available. The City of Dover has opened up 10 additional parking spaces to permit holders at the Central Fire Station on Broadway.

These spaces are near the Third Street, Broadway and Central Avenue area of downtown.

For more information, contact the Parking Bureau at 516-6132 or visit them at City Hall.



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.

Register now for the Apple Harvest Day 5K Road Race

The Apple Harvest Day 5K Road Race, underwritten by Seacoast Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, kicks off the Seacoast's premier autumn street festival on Saturday, Oct. 7,



2017. The 5K Road Race starts on River Street and ends on Washington Street in downtown Dover.

The USTAF certified course runs directly through the Apple Harvest Day festival site on Washington Street and Central Avenue, and then winds through historic Dover on a rolling course that is suitable for beginner runners and

walkers, as well as advanced racers.

The first 250 runners to register will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information or to register, <u>click here</u>.

The race is directed by No Finish Line Running and is part of the Dover Race Series.

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 NHDOT website prior to the first Public Hearing or by contacting the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance at the Department of Transportation (603-271-3344).



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.



Aug. 27, 1724 - The house of John Hanson, at Nock's Marsh, was attacked by the Indians, two of his children killed, and his wife, maid servant and four children carried into captivity. Being a Friend he refused to leave his exposed position, as advised by his neighbors in the more compact part of the settlement. Thirteen Indians and French Mohawks lay for several days near his house in ambush waiting until Hanson and his men were away. When he had gone to the weekday meeting and two sons were at work at some distance the Indians entered the house. Mrs. Hanson with the servant and four children were in the house, of which one child the Indians immediately killed to terrify the others; two other children were at play in the orchard and would have escaped but that just as the Indians had finished rifling the house the two came in sight and made such noise that the Indians killed the youngest boy to stop the alarm. They then started for Canada, with Mrs. Hanson (who had been confined but two weeks previously,) her babe, a boy of six years, and two daughters of 14 and 16 years, and the servant girl. They all reached Canada and Mr. Hanson, soon after the attack, went there to ransom them. This he succeeded in doing, with the exception of his daughter of 16, whose ransom he was unable to obtain, as the Indians would not release her on any terms. Mr. Hanson got home Sept. 1, 1725, but he could not content himself while his daughter was in bondage, and about the 19th April 1727 started in company with a kinsman who with his wife was bound on a similarly sad errand to redeem children; but he was taken sick and died on the journey.



Aug. 26, 1750 - A singular and splendid appearance in the heavens was noticed at this time which is thus described by one who witnessed it. "This evening I was suddenly surprised by an explosion in the air. It was a quarter after nine, and the sky as free from clouds and thick of stars as I ever saw it. It appeared as if the sky opened in the south about half way from the horizon, as large as the broadside of a house, and the flame as deep a color as any fire I ever saw. It closed up gradually, and was near two minutes before it disappeared."



Aug. 28, 1797 - Voted to allow Dr. Jacob Kittredge to open a hospital to innoculate for the small pox, and that the selectmen, with Dr. Ezra Green and William Hale be a committee to locate the same and order when it should be opened and closed.



Aug. 29, 1814 - The town appointed a committee, of which Daniel M. Durell was chairman, to examine into the situation of the common lands of the town and whether any encroachments had been made thereon. The committee reported that sundry roads had been fenced in by adjoining landholders and much common land that formerly belonged to the town had also by some means become included in the lots of private individuals. The report was accepted, but no other action appears to have been taken upon it.



Aug. 29, 1842 - The remains of two skeletons, supposed to be those of Indians, were found in digging down the high bank which stood where Orchard Street meets Central Avenue, near which was also the site of Peter Coffin's garrison house in 1689.

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:

- Engineering Document Coordinator
- 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>.

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? Sign up now 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> 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.

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 here.