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Meetings this week:

School Board, August 31, 6:30 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on

Friday, August 28, 2015



Filing period for municipal election opens Sept. 8

The filing period for the City of Dover municipal election begins Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. and ends Friday, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m.

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015.

Candidates for City Council, School Board, and all ward positions, must 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.

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 2015 Municipal Election page here.

Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

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

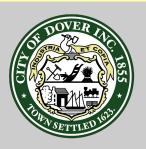
City Council, September 2, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click 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.



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

Upcoming work to require partial closure of Silver Street

As part of the ongoing Silver Street reconstruction project, crews will partially close a segment of Silver Street, between Locust Street and Central Avenue, for two weeks beginning Monday, Aug. 31, 2015. The closure will occur on weekdays, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding the Labor Day holiday.

Trucks, buses and residents with driveways within this zone will be allowed to pass through on Silver Street, but may experience delays. Regular traffic will be diverted in either direction at Locust Street on most days, or at Belknap Street on those days when there is heavy construction activity at Locust Street. Traffic-control flaggers will be stationed at the approaching intersections to facilitate the detour, or to facilitate the passage of buses, large trucks and local vehicles.

The one-way traffic pattern from Arch Street to Central Avenue remains in effect, except for the complete closure between Locust Street and Central Avenue during the two-week period.

The closure is planned to allow crews to perform excavation, drainage and utility work. Most construction operations will be located in this area during the two-week period, and less construction activity is expected near Woodman Park School before and after the Labor Day holiday.

For more information, contact City Engineer Dave White at 516-6450 or visit the Silver Street Reconstruction Project web page here.



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

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City Council approves funding for new high school project

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015, the City Council approved funding for the construction of a new high school and Career Technical Center. The meeting can be <u>viewed here</u>.

The vote follows more than a year of study and analysis by a Joint Building Committee formed in 2014 to oversee the project.

In July, the Dover School Board passed a resolution to support the construction of a new high school and Career Technical Center.

Information about the project, including hundreds of pages of detailed documents, meeting minutes, video and a project timeline can be found at the JBC's <u>main project</u> <u>page here</u>, as well as on the project document <u>archive</u> <u>page here</u>.

More information about the high school and CTC building project, including the most recent cost estimates, can be found at the project's <u>online resource here</u>.



Dover Fire Chief Richard Driscoll to retire after 34 years with city

Dover Fire Chief Richard Driscoll steps down from the top spot this month after announcing his retirement in June.

Driscoll has served as fire chief since 2011. He joined Dover Fire & Rescue in 1981 and has served in a variety of positions within the department.

Driscoll, a Dover native, was recognized for more than three decades of service to the City of Dover by Gov. Maggie Hassan and the Executive Council during their session in Dover on Aug. 26, 2015. Driscoll was recognized later that day by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. and the Dover City Council during the City Council's regular meeting.

A ceremonial flag presentation and celebration is scheduled at the Liberty North End Fire Station today from 3 to 6 p.m.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day is this Saturday, Aug. 29

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, 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.

Dover ranks as a top city for women to launch a business

Dover ranks as one of the best cities in the U.S. for women entrepreneurs to launch a business, according a new report by data-science group GoodCall. Dover took the number 34 position, outranking hundreds of other New England cities.

"Dover ranked well due to high female educational attainment, positive GDP growth, low unemployment and a large percentage of women-owned businesses - 30.19 percent of the city's establishments are owned by

women," says Eppie Vojt, founder of GoodCall. "These factors make Dover a great place for women entrepreneurs to put down roots."

A total of 405 cities were evaluated on the metrics of core economic strength, business climate for women, professional networking potential and female educational values.

"The desire for flexibility and economic security often play a role in a woman's decision to start her own business," says Molly Hodgson, Executive Director of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. "As a relatively small city in a small state, we also know that networking plays a key role both in supporting women entrepreneurs and in providing mentorship for them. It is rewarding that Dover has been recognized for creating an environment where women-owned businesses can thrive, particularly in a state where the number of women-owned businesses has typically lagged behind the national average. As an Ambassador for the New Hampshire Women's Foundation that promotes opportunity and equality for women and girls in New Hampshire through research, education, philanthropy and advocacy, I personally take great pride in this recognition."

"Our community welcomes and is pleased to be recognized as one of the best cities in the U.S. for women entrepreneurs," adds Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "Dover is a vibrant and attractive community where people come together to live, work and visit. We are proud to have a highly educated, skilled and committed workforce and are fortunate to have a diversity of successful large and small businesses, with many owned and operated by women entrepreneurs."

The report also features advice for women entrepreneurs provided by national experts from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Women's Business Ownership, The National Women's Business Council and the American Association of University Women. Read the full report regarding Dover's ranking, including methodology and data sources, here: http://www.goodcall.com/data-center/2015s-best-cities-for-women-entrepreneurs/



Dover firefighters plan Operation Warm fundraiser

Dover Professional Firefighters Local 1312 and Dover Professional Fire Officers Local 2909 are partnering with Operation Warm, a nonprofit campaign that raises money to purchase winter clothing for impoverished children. Dover's participating firefighters are committed to providing brand-new winter coats for local children.

Firefighters will hold a family friendly fundraiser at the Thirsty Moose Taphouse, 83 Washington St., on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, from 6-9 p.m. There will be door prizes and special discounts for bracelet holders.

For more information, or to donate directly, <u>click here</u> or visit <u>www.operationwarm.org/dover1312</u>.



City Hall now open Fridays

City Hall offices are now open Monday through Friday.

City Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In May, the City Council adopted a fiscal year 2016 budget that included funding for the additional hours at City Hall.



Bus routes available for Dover public schools

The Dover School District recently released school bus routes for all Dover public schools.

The bus routes can be viewed at the SAU 11 website here.

The bus route page also includes the school district's transportation policies and bus provider contact information.



Apple Harvest Day 5K registration now open

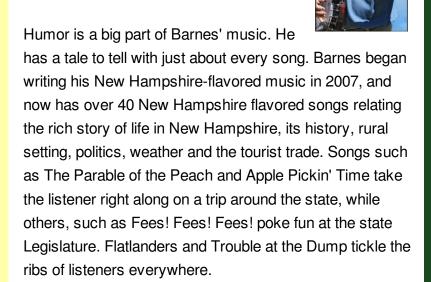
Registration for the Apple Harvest Day 5K is now open. The first 250 registrants receive a free T-shirt.

This year's Apple Harvest Day is Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015. For the seventh year in a row, the Apple Harvest Day 5K, underwritten by Seacoast Orthopedics and Medicine, will kick off Apple Harvest Day at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, visit the Greater Dover Chamber Commerce website, email info@dovernh.org, or call 603-742-2218.

Dover Community Senior Center kicks off month-long celebration

The Dover Community Senior Center kicks off a month-long celebration in September with singer and songwriter Jim Barnes on Thursday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m., at the Senior Center.



This performance is free and open to anyone over 50. Donations are welcome but not required.

The Dover Community Senior Center is located in Dover at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Door #1.

For more information, contact the Dover Community Senior Center at 603-516-6420.



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. 29, 1722 - On petition of the representatives of the town of Dover for a special act to "exempt the town from keeping a grammar school during the Indian War," it was voted that the prayer be allowed, provided they keep a school for reading, writing and arithmetic. (Assembly Records). As the petitioners represented that the circumstances and situation or settlements of the inhabitants of the town were such, "the houses being scattered over the whole township so that in no one place six houses were within call, by which inconveniency they could have no benefit of a grammar school," that "as the time fit for children to go and come from school was generally the chief time of the Indians doing mischief, and that they were afraid to send the children to school and the children dare not venture, so that the salary of the schoolmaster was wholly lost," it is doubtful whether the vote of the Assembly was such an answer to their request as they desired. We judge that they wished to dispense with all schools for a time, and that they did so, for it will be seen that in 1723 Humphry Sullivan, the schoolmaster, petitioned the Assembly to require the town to pay his bill for services rendered. (Notable Events)



Aug. 28, 1797 - Town votes 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.



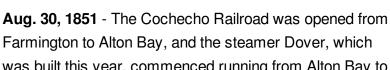
Aug. 29, 1812 - The town appointed a committee, of which Daniel M. Durell was chairman, to examine into the situation of the common lands of the town and whether any encroachments had been made thereon. The committee reported that sundry roads had been fenced in by adjoining landholders and much common 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.



Sept. 2, 1812 - A meeting of sundry persons from almost all the towns in the county of Strafford was held in Dover and it was voted "to call a public meeting of the friends of peace who disapprove of the present premature, impolitic and unnecessary war, at Gilmanton, on the 7th of Oct. to take into consideration the present alarming state of our public affairs and to adopt such prudent legal and constitutional measures as will most effectually promote the interests, welfare and honor of the nation. All persons of the foregoing description were requested punctually to attend." The notice was signed by "Moses Hodgdon, Secretary for Com. of Arrangements." The meeting was held at Gilmanton as notified and largely attended, some 3,000 persons being present. Resolutions and an address in opposition to Madison and the war were adopted, and candidates for Presidential Electors and Members of Congress nominated. Among the latter was Daniel Webster, who, with the other candidates on the Federal ticket, was subsequently elected. New Hampshire at this election voted for DeWitt Clinton giving him 8 votes to 0 for James Madison. The vote of Dover was 236 for Clinton, 87 for Madison.



Aug. 28, 1830 - John Parker Hale of Dover, admitted to practice as an attorney.



was built this year, commenced running from Alton Bay to Wolfeboro and Center Harbor.

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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? Sign up now to receive special announcements via email.

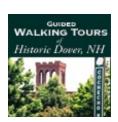
In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dover Chamber kicks off new season of historic walking tours

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer guided walking tours of historic Dover on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. this summer. The tours will be held through September.



Tours will depart from the Chamber, 550 Central Ave., and will travel downtown. Attendees will learn about the rise and fall of Dover's textile industry, "Dover's Black Day"

and famous visitors to Dover.

Dover is New Hampshire's oldest, continuos settlement.

Tours are \$8 per person, or \$5 per person for a family of four or more, with a maximum of \$20. These tours last approximately 90 minutes. A water bottle and sneakers are recommended.

New this year is an architectural tour, and returning for its second year is a tour of Pine Hill cemetery. The architectural tour meets at the Locust Street parking lot for St. Joseph's Church. The cost of this tour is also \$8 per person, or \$5 per person for a family of four or more, with a maximum of \$20.

The Pine Hill Cemetery tour must be reserved in advance. The cost of the cemetery tour is \$10 and meets at the Pine Hill Cemetery.

For more information or to make reservations, call (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 postions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, click 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, <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 the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov/dntv to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Catch Channel 22 live, on the go

Dover's governmental access television channel, Channel 22, is now available as a <u>live stream</u>. The live stream allows anyone to view live programming from Channel 22 on a computer or a variety of <u>mobile devices</u>. The live stream can be <u>accessed here</u> on the City's website. This page also includes a programming guide for the day.

In addition to live streaming, the City continues to offer ondemand viewing of programming from Channels 22 and 95. All of the City's on-demand content can be found on the page above or by <u>clicking here</u>.



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 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>.