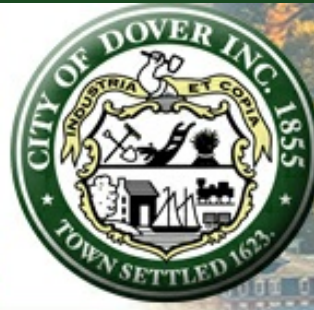


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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Dover's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is tonight

The 32nd annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Joyful Voices, the a capella group UNH Wildtones and Nancy Gurick will lead attendees in singing popular Christmas songs around the tree.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this family tradition, held each holiday season, and to bring a weather-appropriate ornament to hang on the tree. After the ceremony, Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance and speak with the children.

Meetings this week:

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.
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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Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official [Facebook page](#) and [twitter feed](#) for the latest updates.

Please dress warm and join in for some caroling around the tree.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 516-6401.

Festival of Trees is tonight

The 8th annual Festival of Trees will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, from 4-8 p.m., at Rivermill at Dover Landing, 2 Washington St., Dover.



Festival of Trees

Festival of Trees will feature over 30 trees, elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations, to be auctioned and raffled off to benefit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee.

The event also includes live choir performances, children's activities, holiday carols, refreshments and more.

For more information, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at dovernh.org.

Next Dover Art Walk is tonight

The next Dover Art Walk is tonight, Dec. 1, from 4-8 p.m., in downtown Dover. The monthly art walks are held on the first Friday of each month.



The walks begin at Washington Street Mills, where people can pick up a map, and visit galleries and studios in the mill. A variety of downtown businesses will host art and local artists, including Adelle's; Nicole's Hallmark; Village Goldsmith Gallery; The Falls Grill & Tavern; Pin Ups; Photosmith; Roots Juice Bar; Five Sirens Gallery; Ross Furniture; Gyro Spot; Pear Tree Paper & Gifts; Just the Thing; Spires Creative Media, and the Dover Wine Company.

Those completing the walk will receive a gift.

Some of the artists may be present in their own galleries, or at various locations along the walk, and are enthusiastic about talking to the public about their work.

Visit the Dover Art Walk website at doverartwalk.com for more information.

The Dover Art Walk is hosted by Dover Main Street, RSP Studio Custom Framing, the Dover Business and Industrial



Dover Fire Toy Bank seeking donations

The leaves have fallen, the weather is much colder, the days are getting shorter and that means the 2017 Dover Fire Toy Bank has started planning for their annual toy bank.

The Dover Fire Toy Bank has been coordinated by current and retired members of the Dover Fire & Rescue for more than 40 years. The Toy Bank started out all those years ago helping a dozen families in the city, it has now grown to helping over 350 families. While Christmas typically conjures up visions of Santa and toys, the Toy Bank also provides educational aids, warm clothing, and boots to many children in Dover.

Games and toys are fun; but this year as in the recent past, the Dover Toy Bank is also anticipating an increased need for the fundamentals for many Dover families.

The Dover community - area businesses, seniors, families, school groups, civic groups and others have been very supportive and generous in the past. Donations of toys, games, clothing, personal hygiene items, gift certificates, and monetary donations have enabled us to help those less fortunate. The Toy Bank would not be successful without continued help from the community.

This year's Toy Shoppe has moved to a new location at the Cochecho Mills, 383 Central Ave.

Here's how to help: Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 12 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-12 age groups are always in need for both boys and girls. If you need a collection box, please call 603-516-TOYS, leave a message and we will get you one for your business.

Purchase gift cards to area businesses, mall stores, and grocery stores are always appreciated.

Shop for hats and mittens, gloves and scarves that are needed for the cold winter. These gifts help ensure each child receives these essentials.

Collecting monetary donations within an organization and shopping for gifts helps greatly. If you don't have time to shop for these items, the Toy Bank will do it for you.

Toy Bank volunteers will pick up donations on site or drop off new, unwrapped items at these locations: Dover Central Fire Station (9-11 Broadway), South End Fire Station (27 Durham Road) or the North End Fire Station (262 Sixth St.) anytime until Christmas evening.

Monetary contributions can be picked up on location or mailed to Dover Fire Toy Bank, P.O. Box 1712, Dover, NH 03821-1712. Please make checks payable to The Dover Fire Toy Bank.

For more information, or to help wrap presents, call 603-516-TOYS (8697).

Whittier Street Bridge now open

The Whittier Street bridge over the Cocheco River is now open to traffic.

The bridge has been closed since November 2016 when crews began the complete reconstruction of the bridge. The bridge had previously been on the state's "Red List" of ailing bridges.

The original bridge was constructed in 1962 and required significant repairs over the years. The reconstruction project required that the old bridge be removed and a new bridge constructed in its place. The new bridge is higher than the old bridge and will include sidewalks.

The City funded 20 percent of the \$3.8 million project, with the remaining 80 percent paid for with state and federal funds.

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



Police now accepting names for holiday food baskets

Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announced the Dover Police Department is now accepting names of needy families residing in Dover for the annual Holiday Food Basket Program.

The Police Department sponsors this program each December to provide holiday dinners to families in Dover. Last year, more than 150 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community, which provided meals to more than 500 people.

In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to a local soup kitchen, the Food Pantry, the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place homeless shelter.

In order to make this program a success, donations are needed from the community. Non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities) will be accepted at the Dover Police Department, 46 Chestnut St. If you cannot arrange for delivery to the police station, call 603-742-4646 and pick up will be arranged.

Volunteers from the Dover Police Department will prepare and deliver the baskets on Saturday, Dec. 16.

For more information, visit the [Holiday Food Basket Program page here](#).

Citywide winter parking ban begins today

Dover Community Services Director John Storer and Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announced that the winter parking ban will begin citywide Dec. 1, 2017, and conclude April 1, 2018.

The ban requires that no vehicle be parked on any city street or sidewalk between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m., and is not limited to nights with snow in the forecast. Vehicles may park in most city-controlled parking lots during this time without the need for a parking permit; however, motorists must follow the daytime rules of each parking lot. Residents should refer to www.drivingdover.com for specifics.

Vehicles found in violation of the winter parking ban will be issued a \$15 parking ticket. Vehicles interfering with snow removal may be towed.

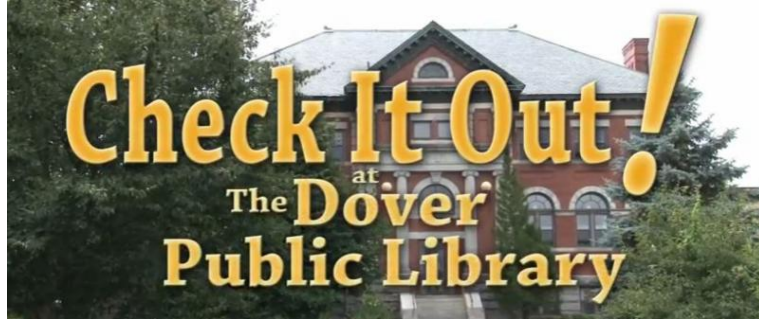
The city will also enact an emergency parking ban for the downtown area, when needed, to facilitate snow removal. The emergency parking ban will be announced by 3 p.m. each evening and take effect at 1 a.m. the following morning. When the emergency parking ban is in effect, any car parked on a downtown street will be towed. Notification of the emergency parking ban will be conducted through local media, the City of Dover website, cable channel 22 and Dover Download.

Downtown restaurants, bars and other late night business are encouraged to sign up for an e-mail notification of an emergency parking announcements at bit.ly/doverdownload, and choose Parking Announcements: Downtown Businesses.

Streets included in the emergency parking ban area are: Chestnut Street; Main Street; Chapel Street; School Street; First Street; Second Street; Locust Street from Washington to Silver Street; Washington Street from Belknap to River Street; Central Avenue from Sixth Street to Silver Street; Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets (Central to Chestnut); Henry Law Avenue from Central Avenue to George Street; Broadway from Central Avenue to St. John Street; Hale Street; St. Thomas Street from Central to Locust Street; Locust Street from Hale Street to Washington Street.

A map is posted [online here](#).

For more information on the winter parking ban or the emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-6132.



Local teacher and author to speak at the Library

Somersworth High School English teacher Stephen MacKenzie will be at the Dover Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. to talk about his book "Adam. A Story of Life and Death...and Love." Published by AMITY Publications in Barrington, MacKenzie's book is the story about one of his students who died in a car crash just three months after graduation in 2004.

"Adam Routhier was a good athlete, a very charming, sensitive and funny young man," MacKenzie said. "He could also be aggravating, vexing, and had a streak of superiority and invincibility. He was one of the most unmotivated students I ever had. Not a teacher's dream student but I loved him as if he were my own. I knew I had to write this book, to share how his short life touched many, and his untimely death touched even more."

Open to the public, the event will include readings from the book as well as a Q&A period and discussion about why, as a teacher, MacKenzie felt it was important to share Adam's story. A book signing will be held at the conclusion of the event.

MacKenzie has been teaching at Somersworth High School for 20 years. He was also a columnist for Fosters Daily Democrat.

For more information his book, visit www.stephen-mackenzie.com or www.amitypublications.com.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Library at 603-516-6050.

Dover Public Library celebrates Computer Science Education Week with Hour of Code sessions

The Library is pleased to host two sessions of Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week. All ages

are welcome to the sessions on Monday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 6 p.m. or Monday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Registration is required to use one of the Library's computers. No registration is required to use your own laptop.

Register by calling 516-6050 or online at library.dover.nh.gov.



"The Hour of Code is designed to demystify code and show that computer science is not rocket science-anybody can learn the basics," said Hadi Partovi, founder and CEO of Code.org. "Over 100 million students worldwide have tried an Hour of Code. The demand for relevant 21st century computer science education crosses all borders and knows no boundaries."

For more information, contact the Public Library at 516-6050.



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 www.dover.nh.gov or call the Dover Recreation Department at 516-6410.



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](#).



Dec. 4, 1656 - Mr. Valentine Hill and "one or two more," appointed a committee to run the line between Dover and Exeter. Mr. Hill also had permission to turn part of the water of the Lamprey River into Oyster River for the supply of his mills.



Dec. 3, 1701 - Commissioners were appointed by the Council to run the lines between the several towns of the Province and to "make good and sufficient bound trees or bound marks" - the Dover commissioners consisting of Capt. John Tuttle, Lt. James Davis and Lt. William Furber.



Dec. 6, 1773 - The "institution of slavery" existed, (though it

could hardly be said to flourish) in Dover, until after the Declaration of Independence. On Dec. 6, 1773, Col. Otis Baker bought of Henry Ward of Newport, Rhode Island, "a negro boy named Cato," which boy the aforesaid Ward, for and in consideration of the sum of "one thousand four hundred pounds, old tenor," promised the said Baker to "defend to him and his assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever." On June 4, 1777, Col. Baker gave Cato his freedom, the certificate of emancipation being signed by Jeremy Belknap as a witness. By the census of 1775 there were "26 negroes and slaves for life " in Dover in that year. These were mostly emancipated by their nominal owners during the revolution, or all became free by general consent and the adoption of the State Constitution soon after. Many of them, however, remained for life in the families which they had served as slaves, preferring the protection of their old masters to the larger liberty which was offered them.



Dec. 2, 1860 - Dedication of First Congregational Chapel on Central Street, which was built this year.

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:

- **Building maintenance mechanic**
- **Seasonal maintenance worker**
- **Lifeguards**
- **Swim instructor**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

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, [click here](#). 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, [click here](#).

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, [click 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 www.dovernh.viebit.com 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](#).
