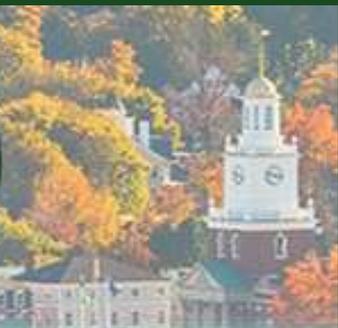
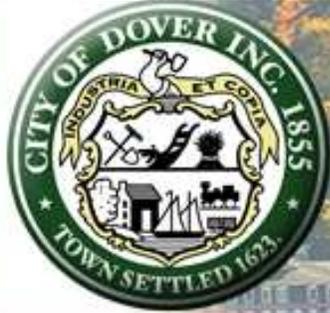


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Meetings this week:

School Board, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 13, 2015, at 7 p.m. in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

Friday, December 11, 2015

Online survey seeks input on Dover transportation

Do you travel by foot, bike, car, bus or other means in the City of Dover? Do you often think, "I wish I could tell someone what I think about traveling in Dover" (good, bad or indifferent)? Have you ever been driving from one place to another, and thought, "I'd walk, ride my bike or take the bus here if..."? The City of Dover is looking for your thoughts.

Earlier this year, the Planning Board created a Steering Committee to oversee an update of the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan.

"Dover's current chapter was written in 2000, and while it was very comprehensive and laid the framework for much of the current network improvements Dover has accomplished, we have to be diligent about reviewing and updating this important guidebook," said Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker.

The Steering Committee recently held a public workshop to allow residents, business and property owners an opportunity to come out and speak with steering committee members, staff, and the City's transportation consultant, VHB, on transportation issues. To continue to engage the public, the Steering Committee has released a survey seeking additional feedback related to the update process. The survey can be [accessed here](#).

Dave Carpenter, Dover's Community Development Planner said, "While the time required to participate in the survey will be less than five minutes, the information gained will be

Planning Board, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

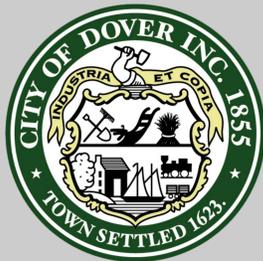
City Council, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold an orientation session on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, [click 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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Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

significant as it will help the Committee create a plan that achieves the transportation objectives outlined in visioning process that was completed in 2012."

With the completion of the Master Plan's Visioning Chapter in 2012 and the Land Use Chapter in 2014, updating the Transportation Chapter is the next step. The Transportation Chapter is intended to identify the transportation actions needed over the next ten years to realize the following vision for the City as expressed in the current Master Plan:

"Dover has an excellent and fully interconnected transportation system for pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles and a public transportation system that is supportive of, and responsive to, new technology and continuous improvement.

Vision Elements

- 6.1 A walkable community complemented by citywide pedestrian, bicycle and wheel chair accessible features using appropriate benches, signs, lighting, crosswalks and bicycle racks.
- 6.2 A public transit system that serves the entire community.
- 6.3 Traffic calming measures are implemented to manage speeds and "pass through" traffic in the downtown and neighborhoods.
- 6.4 Physical and directional signage improvements designed to facilitate legal, safe traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrians throughout the city."

Goals for this chapter include reviewing opportunities for traffic calming, expanding the City's Complete Street network and reviewing opportunities for mass transit in Dover. At the workshop the consulting team will have three areas for residents to give feedback and ask questions about. Each area will have maps and graphics, which can be used to generate conversation about the topic. Those three areas are:

- Traffic congestion/crash locations
- Transit/bike/pedestrian connectivity
- Neighborhoods/traffic calming/land use patterns

Dover's Master Plan can be found [online here](#).

Community members are encouraged to participate in local planning, as it is important to Dover's long range growth and development.

Parker noted, "Dover's Transportation Master Plan, along with our Vision and Land Use chapters will be instrumental

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

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in creating the Dover that the community wants to have for the next decade. We need to be proactive and thoughtful in our review and consideration of the transportation issues we face as a community, and lay out a positive path we can take to improve our transportation networks."

You can [find the survey here](#). Responses will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2015. The survey and feedback is anonymous.

For more information about the survey or the update process, contact the Department of Planning and Community Development, located in City Hall or by phone at 603-516-6008.



Check out the holiday light show at Dover City Hall

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee has decorated the front of Dover City Hall with lights that dance to music playing on your car radio.

Motorists are encouraged to park in the designated 10-minute parking spots in front of City Hall, Monday through Friday, 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 10 p.m., and tune the radio to 90.5 FM to enjoy the show.

The display will last until Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

Viewers are encouraged to move along every 10 minutes to give everyone the opportunity to take in the show.

The light show was designed by Dover resident Luke Dobson, who for the past six years has created a popular light show now known as "Luke's Lights" on Overlook Drive.

Dover Ice Arena to hold

Santa Skate on Sunday



The Dover Arena will host a Santa Skate on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1:30-3 p.m. with a story time and holiday songs following the skate.

This is always a fun event for all ages and is during the arena's regular Recreation Department public skating time on Sundays. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present to meet the children and their families and pass out some holiday treats.

After the skating, Santa and Mrs. Claus will have a story time and holiday songs for all of the children and some favorite holiday stories will be shared for all to enjoy.

Stop by the arena Sunday, Dec. 13, to visit with Santa, skate to fun holiday music and visit with Santa during story time.

Donate to the arena food drive at this event and skate for free. If you bring three cans or boxes of non-perishable food, you will skate for free (three per person). With a donation, skate rentals are only \$2.

For more information, contact the arena at 603-516-6060 or go online at www.doverarena.com.

Police accreditation team invites public comment Dec. 15

Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announces a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive Dec. 13, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Dover Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team that Dover Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to remain accredited. The Dover Police Department has been continuously accredited since 1988 when it was the first in New Hampshire and only the 62nd agency in the nation to receive this recognition.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015 at 5 p.m. The session will be conducted in Room 306 at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St. in Dover.

Additionally, agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by phone directly to the assessment team. They can do so by calling (603) 516-6100 between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec.15, 2015.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with applicable standards. A copy of the standards manual is available for review at the Dover Police Department. The Dover Police Department contact person for the standards manual is Sgt. Mark Collopy, who can be reached at (603) 742-4646.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Dover Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.



Dover Fire Toy Bank now seeking donations

The leaves have fallen, the weather is much colder, the days are getting shorter and that means the 2015 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 38 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 is located in the same space as years past. This space has worked out perfectly to ensure this tradition stays alive.

Here's how to help: Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 13 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-13 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.



Santa's Castle tours begin this weekend

Dover Youth to Youth is hosting its seventh annual Santa's Castle at the McConnell Center in downtown Dover on the two weekends before Christmas. Each night children and their families will be able to tour several rooms in Santa's Castle and meet Santa and many of his elves and other costumed characters.

During the first weekend the event will be held on Saturday and Sunday Dec. 12 and 13, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Over the second weekend the Castle will be open on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

During the tour, students from Youth to Youth will guide visitors through Rudolph's stable, Santa's toy room, Mrs. Claus's Kitchen and other parts of the Castle. Along the tour children may choose to take part in a variety activities, including such things as decorating a cookie in Mrs. Claus' kitchen, make crafts in Santa's toy shop, write a letter to Santa, or make "reindeer food" in the stable.

Families touring Santa's Castle will also meet Santa's Elves, various costumed characters, and Santa himself. Families are welcome to bring a camera and take pictures or video of their children with Santa.

Santa's Castle is designed for children ages nine and under, but the whole family is invited. The cost is \$8 per child and \$4 per adult. However, a whole family can take the tour for a maximum of \$25. Proceeds support the anti-drug activities of Dover Youth to Youth. Santa's Castle is sponsored by radio station WTSN and The BAY.

Entrance to Santa's Castle will be from the Saint Thomas Street side of the McConnell Center (Door #7). Parking is available in the parking lot located behind the Dover Public Library and on the street by the District Court.

For additional information, go to the Youth to Youth web site at www.DoverY2Y.org or call the Dover Police Department's Community Outreach Bureau at 516-3274.

Dover Youth to Youth is an organization made up of middle and high school students who meet after school to conduct activities and events that promote a drug-free life style. Youth to Youth is coordinated by the Dover Police Department and it is a component of the Police Department's Community Outreach Bureau.

Share the holiday spirit with Senior Center gift certificates

Looking for the perfect gift for parents or grandparents? Gift certificates to the Dover Community Senior Center offer year-round joy.

Senior Center gift certificates can be used for a variety of services and programs, including Senior Center membership, 50-plus lunches, 50-plus fitness classes, 50-plus gym membership, and Senior Center trips.

Upcoming Senior Center trips include:

- Oxford Casino, Jan. 14, 2016;
- The Young Irelanders, March 10, 2016;
- The Boston Flower Show, March 16, 2016;
- New York City, April 24 and 25, 2016;
- and trips to California, Ireland, and the Canadian Maritimes.

Senior Center Gift Certificates always fit, and are never out of style.

For more information, call 603-516-6420 or visit the Dover Community Senior Center at 61 Locust St., the McConnell Center, Door #1.



Dover Holiday Parade 2015

Miss the holiday parade? Catch it again online and on Channel 22

The 2015 Holiday Parade, organized by the Dover Children's Center, was held on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015. If you missed the parade, or would like to enjoy it again, it can be viewed online (click on the video above [or here](#)) and on Channel 22.

To view the program guide for Channel 22, [click here](#).



Parking garage now open

The new 321-space public parking garage on Chestnut Street is now open.

The new parking garage on Orchard Street uses "Pay by Space" metering technology. This technology offers additional, convenient options for motorists accustomed to the existing downtown EasyPark personal metering system. More information on the new parking garage and Pay by

Space system can be found at drivingdover.com.

For additional information, contact the City of Dover Parking Bureau at 603-516-2277 or email parking@dover.nh.gov.

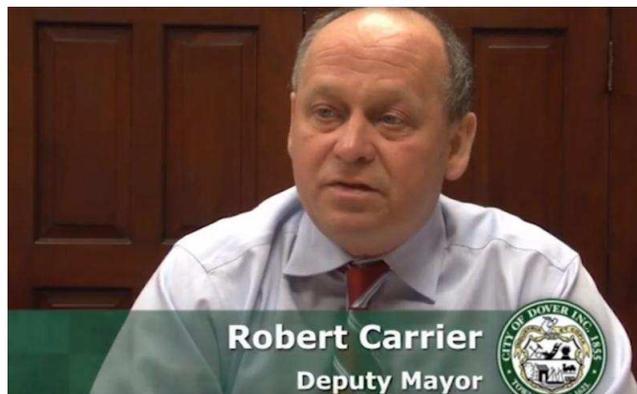
Your City needs you! City boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

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 more information about the important role of the City's boards and commissions, please view the video below. Click on the image to view.



City of Dover Boards and Commissions

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.



This week in DOVER HISTORY

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>.



Dec. 15, 1729 - Capt. Paul Gerrish presented a petition signed by near three score of the principal men in Dover praying an order to rectify some abuses suffered by Dover Town Book of Records by the fault of the late Town Clerk, as they apprehend. Whereupon it was voted, "That the clerk of the said town of Dover for the time being be hereby prohibited entering any old Committee Grants that are suspected not to be legally obtained and to enter only such grants as have been or may be allowed by said Town or the selectmen thereof until the next sitting of the General Assembly and that there be a committee chosen by the General Assembly to go to the Town Clerk for the time being who is hereby required to show unto such Committee such entries, matters and things as he or any of the said Town suppose to be done by ill practice, and the said Committee shall by virtue hereof summon before them all such persons that can give any light in explaining any matters or things which they may see occasion to examine into for discovering the truth and detecting such vile practices and to give such person or persons their oaths, and to make return of their doings therein to the General Assembly next session, and that Nathaniel Wear, Esq. and Theo. Atkinson, Esq. be a committee of this House to join such as shall be appointed above for that end and that the Petitioners pay the charges.



Dec. 17, 1787 - John Burnham Hanson, a Dover citizen of prominence, holding the offices of town clerk, county treasurer, etc., was found dead in the river, supposed to have drowned himself in a fit of temporary insanity.



Dec. 13, 1790 - A committee was appointed to remonstrate

against the division of the County of Strafford, by the setting off of Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury and Somersworth to the County of Rockingham, a plan which was agitated at this time.



Dec. 17, 1803 - Notice is given of the organization of the Strafford Bank, the first established in town. Subscribers to the stock are notified by William King Atkinson, President, that one hundred dollars on each share will become due on the fourth Tuesday of January, and that "one fourth part at least, and as much more as may be convenient, will be expected in gold and silver, and the residue in bills of the banks of Massachusetts."



Dec. 12, 1853 - A pine tree, judged to be over 200 years old, and measuring 14 feet in circumference at the base, and 78 feet in length, was cut on the land of Mr. Samuel Emerson at Back River.

Dover's citywide winter parking ban now in effect

The City of Dover's citywide winter parking ban is now in effect, and will conclude April 1, 2016.

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 city controlled parking lots and the garage during this time without the need for a parking permit, however, the daytime rules of each particular parking lot needs to be adhered to.

All City parking lots have specific areas where overnight parking is allowed during the winter months. Drivers should look for signs in the lots indicating which rows are available. There is no overnight parking in any public parking spaces in the Orchard Street parking lot. Overnight parking is available in the parking garage.

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 ban by contacting the Parking Bureau at parking@dover.nh.gov or by calling 516-2277.

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 at <http://1.usa.gov/1jju07q>.

For more information on the winter parking ban or the emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-2277.

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.

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.

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, [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](#).

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