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City Council, Dec. 20, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold

Friday, December 15, 2017



Dover Chamber announces 2018 award recipients

Deputy Mayor Bob Carrier is Citizen of the Year

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce announces Robert Carrier as the 2018 Citizen of the Year Award Winner. Winner of the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award is Jonathan Burns. The 2018 Large Business of the Year Award Winner is Blue Dolphin Screenprint and Embroidery and Blue Latitudes is the 2018 Small Business of the Year. The 2018 Large Nonprofit of the Year is Goodwin Community Health and Seacoast Education Endowment for Dover is the 2018 Small Nonprofit of the Year.

The Citizen of the Year Award, presented by D.F. Richard

an organizational meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

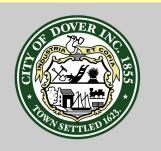
Zoning Board, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting 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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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:

Energy, recognizes individuals who have made major contributions of time and energy to the progress and betterment of the Dover community.

Both the Large Business of the Year Award, presented by Fairpoint Communications, and Small Business of the Year Award, presented by Optima Bank & Trust, recognize companies who have demonstrated leadership in the business community, have made substantial contributions to the quality of life in the greater Dover area and embody excellence, not only in their line of business, but through their daily interactions within the community.

The Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by Federal Savings Bank, recognizes individuals that go the extra mile for the Greater Dover community through their volunteer efforts beyond the scope of their professional capacity.

The Large and Small Nonprofit of the Year Awards recognize organizations that have made a significant impact to the Chamber and the community at-large. The recipients were selected from nominations submitted to a committee of Chamber, business and community leaders.

The press conference can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=voWXMvbJlwE&t=29s

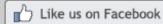
The awards will be presented formally at the Chamber's Annual Awards Gala, hosted by Shaheen & Gordon, on Friday, Jan. 19 at The Red Barn at Outlook in South Berwick, Maine. The evening will start with a reception hour with the award winners, presented by Kennebunk Savings, and will be followed by dinner and the awards presentation at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at <u>dovernh.org/awards</u> or by calling 603-742-2218. Individual tickets are \$90 and tables of nine and 11 are available to purchase. Tickets should be secured in advance by Jan. 5.

Additional sponsors of the Annual Awards Gala include, Access Sports Medicine & Orthopaedics, Mr. Electric, Back Bay Networks, Eastern Bank, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Leone, McDonnell & Roberts P.A., Belknap Dental Associates, and Northway Bank.

For more information please visit dovernh.org.

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



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The Red Barn at Outlook Farm | 310 Portland Street | South Berwick, ME
Seating is limited | Purchase tickets by January 5 at dovernh.org/awards or call 603.742.2218

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Robert Carrier

LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR Blue Dolphin Screenprint & Embroidery

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
Blue Latitudes

LARGE NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

Goodwin Community Health

SMALL NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Jonathan Burns

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Belknap Dental Associates
REGISTRATION

Leone, McDonnell & Roberts P.A. **DESSERT/COFFEE**

Northway Bank COAT CHECK



Tours of Santa's Castle begin this weekend

Dover Youth to Youth is hosting its eighth 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. 16 and 17, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. On the second week the Castle will be open on Friday, Dec. 22, from 3:30 to 7:30 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 antidrug activities of Dover Youth to Youth. Santa's Castle is sponsored by radio station 98.1 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.

City participating in holiday food drive

The City of Dover is participating in a holiday food drive and is now accepting food item donations at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.



The food drive supports End 68 Hours of Hunger, a nonprofit effort to confront the approximately 68

hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch they receive at school on Friday afternoon and the free breakfast they receive at school on Monday morning. The program, established in New Hampshire in 2011, puts nourishing food in the hands of school children to carry them through the weekend.

Food donations being sought include peanut butter (18ounce plastic container), jelly (20-ounce squeezable containers), mayonnaise (12-ounce squeezable containers),

canned pasta such as Beefaroni, Ravioli and Spaghetti-O's, canned spaghetti and meatballs, canned soup (121 to20-ounce sizes), macaroni and cheese (boxes not cups), canned fruit (three to four serving sizes), granola and nutrition bars, cereal (boxes or bags of five to eight servings), tuna or chicken (10-ounce or smaller cans), instant oatmeal, and Swiss Miss cocoa mix.

Please do not drop off items in glass containers or expired items.



Spaulding Turnpike night work continues this week

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces upcoming night work on the Spaulding Turnpike (NH 16) in Dover for the placement of concrete girders at the new Exit 6 Bridge, which carries US Route 4 over the Spaulding Turnpike.

The second stage of the work begins this week and will be two nights, beginning on the night of Sunday, Dec. 17 and running through the night of Monday, Dec. 18. Work on this stage will focus on the erection of concrete girders over the southbound Spaulding Turnpike. Operations will require single-lane closures and short-term roadway closures on the southbound Spaulding Turnpike in the area of the Exit 6 Interchange. Work will begin at approximately 7 p.m., with short-term roadway closures anticipated to begin around 9

p.m. The duration of the required roadway closures is anticipated to be less than 15 minutes.

All night work within the roadway is anticipated to be completed by 5 a.m. each night. Adverse weather conditions will push work to the next available night.

The proposed work at the Exit 6 bridge is part of the Newington-Dover Spaulding Turnpike improvement project. Severino Trucking Company, Inc. of Candia, is the prime contractor for the \$67 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in October, 2020.

Citywide winter parking in effect

Dover's citywide winter parking ban is now in effect and will conclude April 1, 2018.

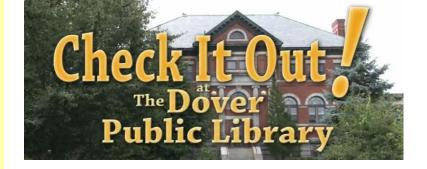
The ban requires that no vehicle be parked on any city street or sidewalk between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m., and is not limited to nights with snow in the forecast. Vehicles may park in most city-controlled parking lots during this time without the need for a parking permit; however, motorists must follow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

A map is posted online here.

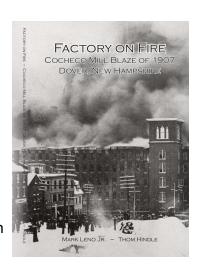
For more information on the winter parking ban or the emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-6132.



Authors of book on deadly Dover mill fire to speak at the Library

Local Dover historians and former Woodman Museum trustees, Mark Leno Jr. and Thom Hindle have recently published a new book about Dover's deadliest mill fire.

"Factory on Fire" is the true story of the Cocheco Mill No. 1 blaze (now the One Washington Center mill) in January 1907. Mark and Thom will talk about the fire at the Dover Public Library on Monday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.



The Mill No. 1 fire resulted in the deaths of seven millworkers, and injured many more. The 58-hour conflagration began on Jan. 26, 1907, an extremely cold, 20-

below-zero degree morning. Based on the authors' years of research, the book details first person accounts from workers and eyewitnesses, and includes over 50 photographs reproduced from original glass plate negatives.

"Factory on Fire" explores the causes of the fire, the plight of the mill workers who dangled from open windows, the work of heroic rescuers and firefighters in extreme weather, and an intriguing lawsuit later brought against mill owners by an injured survivor. You'll want to come hear Mark and Thom to hear which way the court ruled.

The presentation is free and all are welcome to attend in the library's Lecture Hall. Signed copies of the 180 page book will be available for \$20 and will make great Christmas presents for anyone with an interest in Dover history.

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



Teen Escape Rooms at the Dover Public Library

We are going to kick it like its 1986! Join us for a Totally Radical 80's Escape Room on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m. for middle school ages and 3 p.m. for high school. An Escape Room is an interactive game where participants work as a team towards a goal by cracking codes and solving puzzles.

Welcome back to 1986! Here you will find all of our cuttingedge technology from the 1980's which you will need to use along with your knowledge of all that was Rad in the 80's to get yourself back to present day. You only have 45 minutes before you are stuck in the past forever.

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



STEM Saturday: Marble Run Challenge Saturday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to join the Dover Public Library for an afternoon of creativity and fun with our Marble Run Challenge.

We will form you into teams to see who can make the

longest-timed workable marble run. We will provide participants with a sloped table and a host of recycled materials to create the run-it will be up to the kids to design and build. Don't forget to bring your imagination.

Dover Public Library is a Family Place Library

The Dover Public will be joining the Family Place Libraries national network, providing a welcoming community environment with resources to help families nurture their children's development and early learning during the critical first years of life. To help ensure all children enter school ready and able to learn, our new Family Place offers:

A specially designed space in the children's area for families with young children to relax, play, share books and meet other families.

Parent-Child Workshops- a five-week series of fun, playbased activities for toddlers and their parents and caregivers. Rich with toys, books and art activities, the Workshops provide an opportunity for families to spend time together, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on various aspects of child development and early literacy.

Collections of books, toys, music and multimedia materials for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, parents and caregivers.

Librarians specially trained in child development and family support.

As a Family Place Library, the Dover Public Library will partner with local family-serving agencies and professionals to help parents of young children build foundations for early learning. Research has proven that the ways adults respond to and interact with children from birth-to-five years have dramatic effects on the brain, stimulating a child's social, emotional, and intellectual development. Parents and caregivers are their children's first teachers and the Library is here to help them in that role.

The Family Place Libraries model is now in over 400 libraries in 29 states serving thousands of young children and their parents/caregivers. Dover Public Library is proud to be among them. In our library, this expanded public library role is made possible with support from Friends of the Dover Public Library and Walmart.

For more information and to join, visit library.dover.nh.gov.





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. 21, 1658 - It was voted that the meeting house on Dover Neck be underpinned, and catted and sealed with boards, a pulpit and seats convenient be made, and a bell purchased, to be paid for by a rate upon each man's estate according to the law of the country.



Dec. 21, 1676 - "Mr. John Rayner, Jr., minister of Dover, died of a cold and fever that he took in the field among the soldiers." (diary entry) The soldiers of the expedition arrived in Dover Sept. 6, under the command of Major Waldron. Mr. Rayner doubtless acted as chaplain while they were in service here, and in their march eastward.



Dec. 18, 1785 - Andrew Peirce is born. Peirce, who would serve as Dover's first mayor, was born in Portsmouth Dec. 18, 1785, but nearly all his life was a resident of Dover, having filled, during his active and eminently useful life, almost every office in the gift of his fellow citizens. He was Speaker of the Legislature in 1823; Senator of the 5th District in 1825 and 1826; Counselor in 1827 and 1828; and in 1850 was a member of the Convention which was called to revise the Constitution of the State. When Dover was incorporated as a city, Col. Peirce, as an honor especially due him, was elected its first Mayor. For eighteen years he served as Clerk of the Strafford Courts, and for a term of years was Cashier and President of the Dover Bank. Of the First Congregational Church he was a Deacon for 24 years. In politics Col. Peirce was originally a Republican, and with that ardent love for his country which characterized his life and was breathed in his latest prayers, he, as Captain, led his company into the field on the occasion of Portsmouth being threatened in the War of 1812. (Dover Enquirer)



Dec. 17, 1788 - John Burnham Hanson, a 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. 16, 1835 - The coldest day on record for many years. The thermometer at noon was 13 degrees below zero.

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 seeking applications the following positions:

- Arena Program and Marketing Supervisor
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Firefighter/EMT (For Eligibility List)
- Seasonal maintenance worker
- Lifeguards
- Swim instructors

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click 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> <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 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>.