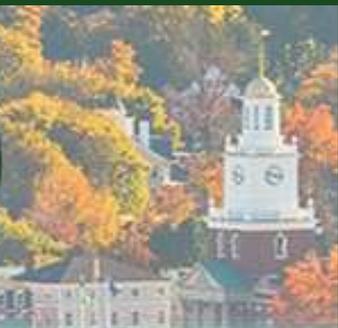


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Meetings this week:

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

The School Board will hold an orientation session on Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, at 6 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

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Friday, December 18, 2015

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.

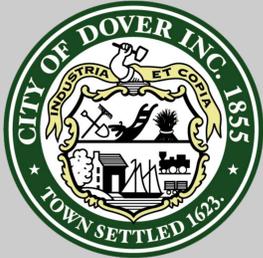


Robert Carrier
Deputy Mayor

City of Dover Boards and Commissions

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

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.

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](#) or by using the following link:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ebxf42dgihp698yf/start>

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 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

[Facebook page](#) and [twitter feed](#) for the latest updates.

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 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.

Fourth and Grove streets intersection now all-way stop

Following a vote by the City Council to amend the City code, the intersection of Fourth and Grove Streets has been converted from a two-way stop to an all-way stop.

Police have installed temporary warning signs on barricades in both directions on Fourth Street. These signs will remain in place for several weeks.

For more information, contact the Police Department Traffic Bureau at 742-4646.

Governor calls for flags at half-staff Saturday to honor Army Ranger from Dover

Gov. Maggie Hassan this week directed flags to half-staff in New Hampshire on Saturday, Dec. 19, in honor of U.S. Army Ranger Corporal Andrew A. Aimesbury. Aimesbury, 21, who died Dec. 9 during training at Fort Stewart in Georgia. Aimesbury is a Dover High School graduate.



"Corporal Andrew Aimesbury exemplified New Hampshire's strong tradition of service, bravely defending our nation and our freedom, and his unyielding commitment to protecting his fellow citizens is an enduring inspiration to us all," Gov. Hassan said. "Andrew was taken far too soon, and it is our responsibility as Granite Staters and Americans to come together to support his family, his loved ones and his community."

The Dover School Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Aimesbury at its meeting on Monday, Dec. 15, 2015.



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 Main Street food drive on the move this weekend

Santa Claus will lead a procession of Dover Main Street elves as they push overflowing shopping carts down Central Avenue Saturday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. Santa and his elves will stop at businesses along the way to pick up contributions to Dover Main Street's downtown food drive. They will then transport donations in carts generously donated by Hannaford Supermarket.

The silver shopping carts will be decorated and have signs that read "Ho, Ho, Ho! Off we go to the Food Pantry". Santa hopes to fill the carts to the brim with cans of soups and vegetables, rice and beans and any other non-perishable food items that have been donated.

The procession will start outside of Ross Furniture. Dover

Main Street volunteers will collect from businesses along Central Avenue as they head towards the food drive's recipient, Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, located at 61 Locust St., Suite 240.

For more information, visit [Dover Main Street](#).



HELP THOSE FACING
EMPTY CUPBOARDS
THIS YEAR

Support the  DOVER MAIN STREET

Food Drive Partnering with



Food Drive Ends Saturday, December 19th

Items that are needed:

Canned Meat, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Pasta,
Rice, Cereal, Peanut Butter, 100% Fruit Juice,
Meals in a Can/Box, Paper Products, Personal Care
Products, Beans, Soups and Stews

This food drive is part of the Downtown Dover Holiday
events sponsored by Federal Savings Bank





Final weekend for Santa's Castle

Dover Youth to Youth will host the final Santa's Castle tours this weekend at the McConnell Center in downtown Dover. 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.

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](#).



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. 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. 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. 23, 1757 - Samuel Heard of Dover, a soldier in the Crown Point Expedition, in Col. Nathaniel Meserve's regiment, having represented to the Assembly his indigent circumstances and his not being able to subsist himself by reason of the loss of his leg in May, 1756, and the late grant made him by the government being spent, it was voted that he be allowed the sum of thirty pounds, to be delivered him as occasion may require, by Capt. Thomas Wk. Waldron.



Dec. 24, 1715 - The "multiplicity of public houses occasioning many disorders," the Assembly enacted that there should be but six taverns in Portsmouth, three in Hampton, two in Dover, one at Oyster River, two at Exeter, two at New Castle, and one in the parish of Newington, and that "all other tippling houses be suppressed."

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.

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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