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Upcoming holiday hours for City offices, facilities

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 for Christmas. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 26.

The Public Library will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 24 and Christmas Day.

All Recreation facilities are closed on Christmas Day.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day the week of Dec. 25, 2017. There is no pickup on Monday, Dec. 25.

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.



CITY OF DOVER, NH

288 Central Avenue Dover, NH 03820 603-516-6000

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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Recycling Center closed Saturday, Dec. 23

Due to the weather, the Recycling Center on Mast Road will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017.

A winter storm warning is in effect. According to the National Weather Service, five to eight inches of snow is expected in Dover today, Dec. 22. Freezing rain is expected on Saturday, Dec. 23, with the potential for ice accretion.

Regular Recycling Center hours will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 26.

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



Protect yourself from frozen pipes

With the recent stretch of cold weather, reports of frozen pipes and water damage are on the rise. Temperatures that hover in the teens or drop to single digits for an extended period of time can weaken pipes and cause breaks.

Here are some tips to help prevent frozen pipes:

- Keep building temperatures as consistent as possible, never less than 55 degrees Fahrenheit;
- Insulate areas where water supply lines are located and eliminate drafts;
- If you have water pipes in basements, crawl spaces, or outside walls, insulate the pipes, using pipe-sleeves or other insulating material;
- Allow warm air to circulate by opening up doors to closets and cabinets where pipe chases are located;
- If you suspect that a pipe is particularly susceptible to freezing, as an emergency measure, leave water running at a trickle to prevent freezing. This is never recommended as a permanent measure and should be monitored frequently;
- Dry sprinkler systems are still susceptible to freezing, as water can accumulate in low spots and through condensation. All sprinkler systems should be regularly maintained. Contact your sprinkler maintenance company for recommendations;

your city? Check out the City of Dover's official <u>Facebook</u> page and <u>twitter feed</u> for the latest updates.

- Have a plan in place for responding to water leaks and heating failures;
- Never use torches or devices with open flames to thaw frozen pipes;
- Seal cracks: caulk around door frames and windows to reduce incoming cold air. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes;
- Open cupboard doors in the kitchen and bathrooms: Water lines supplying these rooms are frequently on outside walls. Leaving the doors open when the temperature is below freezing allows them to get more heat;
- Protect outdoor pipes and faucets: In some homes, the outside faucet has its own shut-off in the basement in addition to the shut-off valve for the entire house. If you have a separate valve for outside faucets, close the valve, remove hoses and drain the faucet. If you don't have a separate valve, wrap the outside faucets (hose bibs) in newspapers or rags covered with plastic;
- Insulate indoor pipes or faucets in unheated areas: pipes in internal unheated areas such as the garage or crawl space under the house should be wrapped with insulated foam. Wrap the entire length of the exposed pipe and cover all valves and pipe fittings.

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

Weather cancels final day of Santa's Castle

The final day of Dover Youth to Youth's eighth annual Santa's Castle at the McConnell Center is canceled due to the weather. The Castle's final tours had been scheduled for today, Dec. 22. A winter storm warning is in effect. According to the National Weather Service, five to eight inches of snow is expected in Dover today.

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.

High School senior organizes blood

drive for Dec. 29

Dover High School Senior, Billy Shultz, is sponsoring a Leaders Saves Lives Drive on Friday, Dec. 29, from 2-7 p.m. Shultz has put a great deal of effort into organizing the event and has obtained items from several local businesses to offer as raffle prizes for donors. Items being raffled include: a Canon printer



from Staples, four Children's Museum of New Hampshire passes, a \$25 gift card to Hannafords, a \$30 voucher to Panera, a \$10 gift card to Aroma Joes, a \$20 gift card to Ikko, and a \$25 gift card from Lafesta Brick and Brew. Fiddlehead Farms is donating a food platter for donors as well.

In addition, the American Red Cross will have long-sleeved T-shirts for all presenting donors. This drive falls during a critical collection period for the Red Cross as winter storms and holiday events prevent many donors from giving blood and can lead to shortages at local hospitals.

Please help Shultz earn an opportunity to win a college scholarship and help him have a successful drive. Please register at the link below:

http://www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/driveSearchList.jsp? zipSponsor=DOVERHS

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.

End 68 Hours of Hunger

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 (18-ounce 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.

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.



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.





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, <u>located here</u>.



Dec. 25, 1692 - A doeful and tremendous noise was affirmed to be heard in the air nigh Capt. Gerrish's garrison, which continued with a little intermission near half an hour.



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."



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. 26, 1812 - John Wheeler notified the proprietors of the Dover Cotton Factory to meet at Mrs. Eydia Tibbetts' dwelling house on the 19th of Jan. 1813, at 5 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of organizing under their act of incorporation. The "Dover Cotton Factory," which was incorporated this year, with a capital of \$50,000, was the first attempt at manufacturing on an extensive scale in the town. As the lower falls were supposed to be fully occupied with the saw and grist mills which then stood thereon, the first Factory was built two miles up the river and was long known as the Upper Factory. Like most new enterprises it was but moderately successful to its projectors. John Williams was agent of the corporation.

Dec. 27, 1847 - A row of wooden stores north of the American House, on Franklin Square, caught fire on a very cold night. Loss was about \$6,000.

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:

- Parking Enforcement Officer
- 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? <u>Sign up now</u> 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> 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 <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 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.