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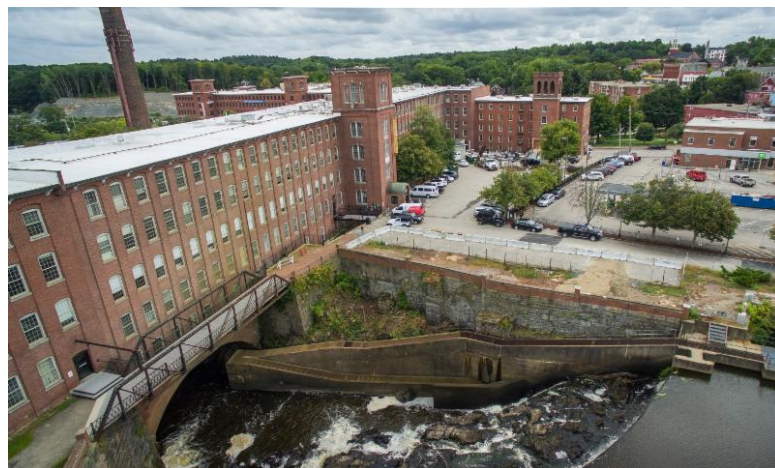
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Central Falls retaining wall work begins Jan. 2

Project requires traffic and parking restrictions on Central Avenue

Work to reconstruct the Central Falls retaining wall will begin Jan. 2, 2019. Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 2, Central Avenue will be restricted to one lane from the

Missed the meeting?

Meetings this week:

City Council, Jan. 2, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, 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](#).



**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.

Central Avenue Bridge to Orchard Street. In addition, eight parking spaces on the bridge will be unavailable. These traffic and parking restrictions are necessary for crews to move and store equipment, and will remain in place for the duration of the restoration work. Sidewalks and crosswalks in the area will remain open.

The contractor, George R. Cairns and Sons, Inc. of Windham, expects to conclude work sometime in March.

The City Council recently approved the \$1.1 million project, which addresses safety concerns related to the wall's condition and integrity. The large granite blocks, which have shifted over time, date back to the early 1800s. The blocks were originally the foundation of a former mill building and not intended to serve as a retaining wall.

The restoration work will involve removing the granite blocks and replacing them with interlocking, precast concrete blocks. The concrete blocks will be able to withstand additional pressure.

Crews will mobilize beginning Jan. 2. Work on site, including demolition of the wall, will begin the week of Jan. 7. More than 2,000 cubic yards of material will be removed from the site and trucked away. That work will continue throughout January.

In February, the contractor anticipates laying the new foundation, with the new wall being in place sometime in March.

Crews will return in the spring for landscaping work.

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

Upcoming holiday hours for city offices and facilities

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, for New Year's Day.


The Public Library will close at 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, and will be closed on New Year's Day.

The Dover Arena will close at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31. The Arena is open on New Year's Day.

The Indoor Pool will close at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31 and will be closed on New Year's Day.

The McConnell Center will close at 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31 and will be closed on New Year's Day.

The Dover Community Senior Center will close at 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31 and will be closed on New Year's Day.

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The Recycling Center on Mast Road will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day the week of Jan. 1, beginning on Tuesday.

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

City Clerk's office open New Year's Eve for property tax payments

On Monday, Dec. 31, between 4 and 5:30 p.m., the City Clerk and Tax Collection Office will be open to service property tax payments only. No other services will be available in the City Clerk and Tax Collection Office after 4 p.m. on Dec. 31.

All other services will be available at the City Clerk and Tax Collector's Office on Dec. 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.



Annual Awards Gala

January 18, 2019
Rivermill at Dover Landing

Citizen of the Year Cathy Beaudoin
Business of the Year Ross Furniture
Volunteer of the Year Michael Mengers
Large Non-Profit of the Year Community Action Partnership of Strafford County
Small Non-Profit of the Year Dover Children's Home

Purchase tickets at dovernh.org/awards or call 603.742.2218

Chamber to hold annual awards gala Jan. 18

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Awards Gala on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, from

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. This year's gala will be held at the Rivermill at Dover Landing.

During the event, the Chamber's annual awards will be handed out. This year's recipients are:

- Cathy Beaudoin, Citizen of the Year
- Ross Furniture, Business of the Year
- Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Large Non-Profit of the Year
- Dover Children's Home, Small Non-Profit of the Year
- Michael Mengers, Volunteer of the Year

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.dovernh.org/awards.

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 SMALL NON PROFIT OF THE YEAR	 LARGE NON PROFIT OF THE YEAR	 WINE
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 INVITATION	 FLORAL	 ENTERTAINMENT

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Gala Supporter | Wyskiel, Boc, Tillinghast & Bolduc, P.A. | Rotary Club of Dover | HRCU

State to hold public hearing in Dover on privatization of bus terminals, Spaulding Turnpike service area

The State of New Hampshire's Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Oversight Commission will hold a second public hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dover City Hall Auditorium, 288 Central Ave., on proposed projects for the privatization of the Dover and Portsmouth bus terminals, and the development of the Spaulding Turnpike Service Area.

The public is invited to attend and provide comments on whether the public-private partnership is the appropriate procurement method.

The agenda is as follows:

- 6:30 p.m.: Public hearing to receive public comment on proposed privatization of the Dover and Portsmouth Bus Terminals.
- 7 p.m.: Public hearing to receive public comment on proposed development of the Spaulding Turnpike Service Area.

The regular meeting of the Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Oversight Commission will immediately follow the public comment sessions.

Public comment shall be accepted for 30 days following the publicly noticed hearing on Jan. 9, 2019 by writing to: Public-Private Partnership (P3) Infrastructure Oversight Commission, c/o Kathleen Mulcahey-Hampson, 7 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483 or emailing to the following address: P3Commission@dot.nh.gov.

In the event of inclement weather, notice of postponement will be posted on the P3 Commission link on the NHDOT website at: <https://www.nh.gov/dot/programs/public-privatepartnership/index.htm>.

If the hearing is postponed, it will be rescheduled to Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Dover City Hall Auditorium.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact Angela Linke, (603) 271-7424, NHDOT, P.O. Box 483, Concord, N.H. 03302-0483 - TDD access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance must be made no later than seven days before the meeting.

The projects developed through the Commission will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.

Recycling Center now accepting Christmas trees

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road is now accepting Christmas trees, during regular hours.

Trees must be free of all ornaments, lights, tinsel, tree bags and tree stands or they will not be accepted.

Trees can be disposed of in the brush pile.

The Recycling Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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



Salted sand available to residents

The city provides residents of Dover free salted sand, located at the intersection of Piscataqua and Drew roads.

Residents must bring their own supplies, such as buckets, bags and shovels.

Please note that when temperatures are below freezing, the pile can harden and be more difficult to work with.

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



GREEN WAVE DISPATCH

News from Dover's public schools



Coming up in Dover schools

Monday, Dec. 24 - Tuesday, Jan.1
Holiday Recess

Wednesday, Jan. 9, TBD
School district community conversation on race relations.



Creekman's Wild Winter Swim is

benefit for Seacoast Charter School

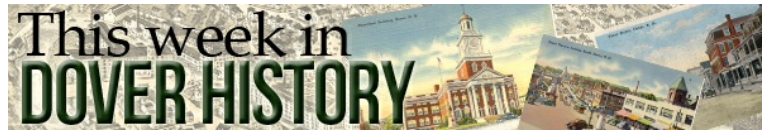
At 2 p.m. on Jan. 5, Gary Sredzienski (aka "Creekman") will don his wet suit and head into the icy waters of the Bellamy River for a charity swim to benefit the Seacoast Charter School, an arts-integrated charter school in Dover.

After the swim, Gary, a world-renowned accordionist, will swap out his wet suit for his accordion and host a rollicking all-age community concert and contra dance party at Dover City Hall from 6-8 p.m.

To donate and learn more about this event, visit Gary's fundraiser page at www.mightycause.com/story/lmqwlf

Public tickets for the concert are available for \$20 and can be purchased online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3906502 or at the door.

To learn more about Seacoast Charter School, go to www.seacoastcharterschool.org.



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, 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 Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, [located here](#).

Jan. 2, 1643 - At a town meeting it was ordered that if any turbulent person shall molest any of the Townsmen appointed, or quarrel with them, or contest against any of their lawful actions, done according to town order, he shall be first admonished, and the second time fined 5 shillings, and the third time 1 pound, for every such offense.

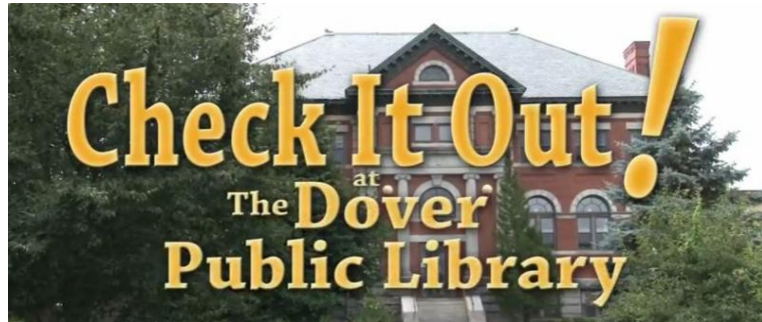
Dec. 30, 1823 - The Dover Bank, incorporated at the June session of the Legislature, this year, commenced business in its new building near Dover Landing.

Dec. 31, 1829 - The new Brick Meeting House, erected by the First Parish, was dedicated. The Rev. Mr. Winslow, the pastor, delivers a sermon.

Dec. 29, 1859 - Belknap Church is dedicated. The cost of the new house of worship is \$15,000.

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Dec. 29, 1910 - At about 5:30 p.m., a man steals a 27-pound turkey from E.A. Gowen & Son's Grocery on Locust Street. A police pursuit begins, with police chasing the suspect up Washington and Atkinson streets, and over to Silver Street, where they lose sight of him. While on Silver Street, on their way back toward Locust Street, they spot a man with a large, suspicious bundle under his coat. Police tackle the man but soon realize he's a mailman and the bundle is a large mail bag. The following day, a woman reports to police that she purchased a turkey for \$1.50 from a man who knocked on her front door. The bird is returned to Gowen's Grocery and the woman is given \$1.50.



Join the Dover Library's "Creativity Corner" Jan. 9

Calling all crafters, makers, inventors, doers, and creative wannabees to the Dover Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. for the launch of our first "Creativity Corner" get-together.

What do you create? Do you knit, or cook, or garden? Do you draw, or make crafts, or make music with your friends? Do you make robots, gadgets, or inventions? While many of these activities are individual efforts, it can be helpful and lots of fun to meet other people who also create.

The library's first "Creativity Corner" meet-up may just kick start your project. Come to the Main Floor's Makerspace area and feel free to bring something you've made to show the group. We'll talk about why creating is important, and why we do it. We'll try to come up with solutions for some of the psychological, logistical, and technical obstacles we face when we are creating. Maybe someone in the group will have the perfect solution for the problem that has you stumped. Be inspired, and be inspiring.

The program is free and open to the public.

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



Sign up for Family Place Workshop

The Dover Public Library will offer a series of free Family Place Workshops starting on Saturday, Jan. 5, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. These programs, designed for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers, run for five consecutive Saturdays. They are fun, informal, play-based programs which provide a rich environment of toys, books, and art activities.

Families have the opportunity to spend time together, make new friends, and talk one-on-one with a different community resource professional each week. Topics will include early literacy; child development; speech, hearing and language; nutrition; and music, play and health. You may register once for the entire five-week series on the library's website, library.dover.nh.gov, or call the Children's Room at 603-516-6052.

This program is free and open to the public.

This Week at The Library

Saturday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lego Saturday in the Children's Room

Imagine, create and build with Legos and/or Duplos. Drop-in anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet old friends and make new ones as you work on building challenges.

Saturday, Dec. 29, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday Matinee in the Lecture Hall

The House With a Clock in its Walls: A young orphan goes to live with his magical uncle in an old house with a hidden clock. When he accidentally awakens the dead, the town springs to life, revealing a secret and dangerous world of witches, warlocks and deadly curses. Rated PG



Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

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.

The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- **Deputy City Clerk**
- **Deputy Tax Collector**
- **Lifeguard I**
- **Swim instructor I**

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

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.

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.
