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### Inauguration of City Council, School Board is Jan. 2

The Inauguration ceremony for the newly elected City Council and School Board will be held in the auditorium at City Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018. The ceremony begins at 7 p.m.

During the ceremony, elected officials will take the oath of office.

The City Council will first meet at 5:30 p.m. in the City Manager's office to vote on a deputy mayor, make committee appointments and adopt City Council procedural rules for the upcoming term. The official oath of office will also occur during this session.

The School Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Finance Department conference room to elect a chair, vice-chair and secretary, and to vote on School Board bylaws.

All sessions are open to the public.

City offices closed New Year's Day

#### **Meetings this week:**

City Council and School Board Inauguration, Jan. 2, 7 p.m.

The Inauguration of the newly elected City Council and School Board will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in the auditorium at City Hall.

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

City Council, Jan. 3, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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 administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, for New Year's Day.

The Public Library and McConnell Center will also be closed on New Year's Day. The Library will also be closed on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017.

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

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

### 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.



### Dover warming center open as cold weather, wind chill continues

As cold air and dangerous wind chills continue over the next several days, the City of Dover's warming center is available during regular operating hours at the McConnell Center. The warming center, located in the cafeteria at the McConnell Center, will be open today, Dec. 29, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. It will be open Saturday, Dec. 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The McConnell Center is closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

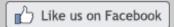
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City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

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



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Regular weekday hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.

The National Weather Service has issued a wind chill advisory for Dover which remains in effect through the weekend. The cold wind chills can cause frostbite in as little as 30 minutes to exposed skin. Wind chills will range from 10 below zero to 25 below zero during this time.

Dover Fire Chief Eric Hagman urges residents to take precautions to stay safe as the cold weather continues.

"When temperatures get this cold, it can be dangerous without proper safety precautions," Hagman said. "Dress appropriately if outside and ensure you have sufficient heating fuel and properly functioning appliances to help avoid frozen pipes or carbon monoxide leaks."

Other safety advice from Dover Fire and Rescue includes:

- When outdoors, wear warm clothing, such as hats, gloves and jackets. Avoid staying outside unprotected for long periods. At the first signs of skin redness or pain, get out of the cold and protect any exposed skin. Watch for skin that has turned white or grayish, and feels firm, waxy or numb. Seek immediate medical attention if you have any of these symptoms.
- Limit your time outdoors, including with pets. Watch for signs of hypothermia and frostbite among elderly adults, babies, and others at risk. Seek immediate medical attention if you suspect someone has hypothermia or frostbite.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- Always use generators outside, away from doors, windows, and vents. Never use generators inside buildings or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55 degrees.
- Clear furnace and exhaust vents of snow that may have accumulated from drifting and blowing.
- When using alternate heating sources, such as an emergency generator, a fireplace, wood stove or space heater, make sure they are properly ventilated. Always operate a generator outdoors and away from your home. Improper use of heating devices can lead to dangerous carbon monoxide buildup in the home.

- Be sure to use a carbon monoxide detector when heating your home, including from sources such as pellet stoves, gas stoves, gas fireplaces, and oil or gas heating systems.
- Make sure your car is properly winterized. Keep the gas tank at least half-full. Carry a winter emergency car kit including blankets, extra clothing, a flashlight with spare batteries, non-perishable foods, windshield scraper, shovel, sand, tow rope and jumper cables in the trunk.

Dover Fire and Rescue also reminds everyone to take a little extra time to look out for the safety of neighbors, the elderly and disabled.

For more information, call 516-6148.



#### 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;

- 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.

### Kick off the new year with Dover Recreation's fitness classes

Dover Recreation announces the next session of fitness classes to kick off the New Year.

New session dates are available for interval strength, PiYo and Zumba classes.

All classes begin in early January and are held in the fitness studio at the McConnell Center in downtown Dover.

For information on dates, times, instructors and prices, visit <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/">www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/</a> or call (603) 516-6401.

### Dover Chamber to hold annual awards gala Jan. 19

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will hold its Winter Wonderland Awards Gala gala on Friday, Jan. 19, 2017, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. This year's gala will be held at

The Red Barn at Outlook, in South Berwick, Maine.

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

- Robert Carrier, Citizen of the Year
- Blue Dolphin Screenprint and Embroidery, Large Business of the Year
- Blue Latitudes, Small Business of the Year
- Goodwin Community Health, Large Non-Profit of the Year
- Seacoast Education Endowment for Dover (SEED),
   Small Non-Profit of the Year
- Jonathan Burns, Volunteer of the Year

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit <a href="https://www.dovernh.org/awards">www.dovernh.org/awards</a>.



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

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**Blue Latitudes** 

**Goodwin Community Health** 

**Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover** 

**Jonathan Burns** 

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#### High School blood drive is today

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 lkko, 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



### Local author Steve MacKenzie visit to Dover Library rescheduled

Adam Routhier was a handsome young man, a good athlete, and smarter than he appeared. He was charming, sensitive and funny. Adam died in September 2004, three months after graduation from high school.

Learn about this special teen from his teacher Stephen MacKenzie, author of "Adam: A story of Life and Death and Love" on Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. Copies of the book will be for sale.

This program was rescheduled from December because of a snow storm.

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 <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov">www.dover.nh.gov</a> 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>.



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. 31, 1818** - Observed as a day of Thanksgiving throughout the State by proclamation of Gov. Plumer, who was somewhat censured by the people for putting off the time-honored festival to the last day of the year.



**Jan. 4, 1835** - The coldest morning observed for many years, the thermometer indicating 28 degrees below zero.



**Dec. 30, 1843** - The selectmen were authorized to sell the old Court House and lot for the benefit of the town.



**Jan. 3, 1844** - Moses W. Ham of Farmington, left Dover in the evening for his home during a severe storm, and was found dead the next morning near Gage's Hill, with his horse and sleigh near by.



**Dec. 29**, **1853** - A very severe storm leaves between two and three feet of snow, greatly impeding travel on the roads and causing a suspension of business.

#### 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
- 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, 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.

### 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 <u>here</u>.