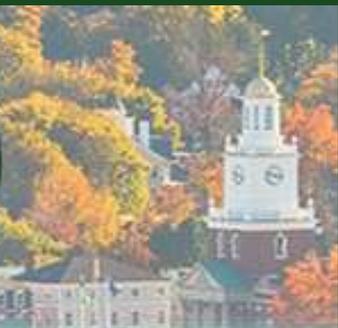


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Dover Fire Toy Bank now seeking donations

The leaves have fallen, the weather is much colder, the days are getting shorter and that means the 2015 Dover Fire Toy Bank has started planning for their annual toy bank.

The Dover Fire Toy Bank has been coordinated by current and retired members of the Dover Fire & Rescue for more than 38 years. The Toy Bank started out all those years ago helping a dozen families in the city, it has now grown to helping over 350 families. While Christmas typically conjures up visions of Santa and toys, the Toy Bank also provides educational aids, warm clothing, and boots to many children in Dover.

Games and toys are fun; but this year as in the recent past,

Meetings this week:

**City Council, Dec. 9,
7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the 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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Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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the Dover Toy Bank is also anticipating an increased need for the fundamentals for many Dover families. The Dover community - area businesses, seniors, families, school groups, civic groups and others have been very supportive and generous in the past. Donations of toys, games, clothing, personal hygiene items, gift certificates, and monetary donations have enabled us to help those less fortunate. The Toy Bank would not be successful without continued help from the community.

This year's Toy Shoppe is located in the same space as years past. This space has worked out perfectly to ensure this tradition stays alive.

Here's how to help: Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 13 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-13 age groups are always in need for both boys and girls. If you need a collection box, please call 603-516-TOYS, leave a message and we will get you one for your business.

Purchase gift cards to area businesses, mall stores, and grocery stores are always appreciated.

Shop for hats and mittens, gloves and scarves that are needed for the cold winter. These gifts help ensure each child receives these essentials.

Collecting monetary donations within an organization and shopping for gifts helps greatly. If you don't have time to shop for these items, the Toy Bank will do it for you.

Toy Bank volunteers will pick up donations on site or drop off new, unwrapped items at these locations: Dover Central Fire Station (9-11 Broadway), South End Fire Station (27 Durham Road) or the North End Fire Station (262 Sixth St.) anytime until Christmas evening.

Monetary contributions can be picked up on location or mailed to Dover Fire Toy Bank, P.O. Box 1712, Dover, NH 03821-1712. Please make checks payable to The Dover Fire Toy Bank.

Dover's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is tonight

The 30th annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will be held on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, at 6 p.m.

This year's Christmas Tree, located in Henry Law Park, was donated by the Lavoie family of Dover.

Joyful Voices will lead attendees in singing popular

Christmas songs around the tree.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this family tradition, held each holiday season, and to bring a weather-appropriate ornament to hang on the tree. After the ceremony, Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance and speak with the children.

Please dress warm and join in for some caroling around the tree.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 516-6401.

Dover Chamber's annual Festival of Trees takes root today

Join the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and celebrate the holiday season at the sixth annual Festival of Trees on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, from 4-8 p.m., at Dover City Hall. The event is underwritten by Kennebunk Savings Bank.



On display will be 35 beautifully decorated trees for auction with values from \$100 to \$6,000. Make a bid to go home with these one-of-a-kind trees.

For more information, visit the Chamber [website here](#).



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](#).



Dover Youth to Youth offering tours of Santa's Castle

Dover Youth to Youth is hosting its seventh 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. 12 and 13, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Over the second weekend 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.



Parking garage now open

The new 321-space public parking garage on Chestnut Street is now open.

The new parking garage on Orchard Street uses "Pay by Space" metering technology. This technology offers additional, convenient options for motorists accustomed to the existing downtown EasyPark personal metering system. More information on the new parking garage and Pay by Space system can be found at drivingdover.com.

For additional information, contact the City of Dover Parking Bureau at 603-516-2277 or email parking@dover.nh.gov.

Margaritas to host fundraiser for Dover Teen Center

Looking for a great reason to hit the town for dinner out soon? Visit Margaritas Mexican Restaurant in Dover, 23 Members Way, on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 4-100 p.m. for the "Noche Mexicana Fundraiser." For the duration of the fundraiser, Margaritas will donate 15 percent of pre-taxed food and beverage sales from participating families, friends and supporters to the Dover Teen Center.

Call ahead seating is available at 603-743-6363. Guests can choose items from any of their menus, takeout orders included.

The Teen Center encourages students, parents and community members to join in and help raise funds to support the Dover Teen Center.

Please make sure to let the host or server know that you are there to support the fundraiser, so 15 percent of your pre-tax food and beverage purchases will be donated to the Dover Teen Center.

For more information, contact Steve Pappajohn at s.pappajohn@dover.nh.gov or at 603-516-8336.

Police accreditation assessment team invites public comment

Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announces a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive Dec. 13, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Dover Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team that Dover Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to remain accredited. The Dover Police Department has been continuously accredited since 1988 when it was the first in New Hampshire and only the 62nd agency in the nation to receive this recognition.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015 at 5 p.m. The session will be conducted in Room 306 at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St. in Dover.

Additionally, agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by phone directly to the

assessment team. They can do so by calling (603) 516-6100 between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec.15, 2015.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with applicable standards. A copy of the standards manual is available for review at the Dover Police Department. The Dover Police Department contact person for the standards manual is Sgt. Mark Collopy, who can be reached at (603) 742-4646.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Dover Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.



Dover Senior Center to host Boston Flower and Garden Show trip

Join the Dover Community Senior Center on a trip to the Boston Flower and Garden Show on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

The trip will begin at 9 a.m., departing by Coach bus from the Park and Ride on Portland Avenue.

In Boston, enjoy the sights, sounds, and scents of the Boston Flower Show. Experience this spa for the senses as the theme this year, "Nurtured by Nature," focuses on the benefits to mind and body to be found in all aspects of gardening. In addition to 20 vibrant garden displays and 250 booths, this day also features free lectures and demos.

Trip includes round-trip transportation via Coach bus and driver tip, and a ticket to the 2016 Boston Flower Show. Choose from numerous on-site concessions or nearby restaurants as you enjoy lunch on your own, at your own pace.

The bus will depart at 3:30 p.m. and arrive back in Dover at approximately 5 p.m.

The cost is \$50 for Senior Center members and \$55 for "not-yet-members."

For more information, contact Marcia Garofano at the Dover Community Senior Center at 516-6437.

Dover's citywide winter parking ban now in effect

The City of Dover's citywide winter parking ban is now in effect, and will conclude April 1, 2016.

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 city controlled parking lots and the garage during this time without the need for a parking permit, however, the daytime rules of each particular parking lot needs to be adhered to.

All City parking lots have specific areas where overnight parking is allowed during the winter months. Drivers should look for signs in the lots indicating which rows are available. There is no overnight parking in any public parking spaces in the Orchard Street parking lot. Overnight parking is available in the parking garage.

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.

Downtown restaurants, bars and other late night business are encouraged to sign up for an e-mail notification of an emergency parking ban by contacting the Parking Bureau at parking@dover.nh.gov or by calling 516-2277.

Streets included in the emergency parking ban area are: Chestnut Street; Main Street; Chapel Street; School Street; First Street; Second Street; Locust Street from Washington to Silver Street; Washington Street from Belknap to River Street; Central Avenue from Sixth Street to Silver Street; Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets (Central to Chestnut); Henry Law Avenue from Central Avenue to George Street; Broadway from Central Avenue to St. John Street; Hale Street; St. Thomas Street from Central to Locust Street; Locust Street from Hale Street to Washington Street.

A map is posted at <http://1.usa.gov/1jju07q>.

For more information on the winter parking ban or the

emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-2277.

Strafford County Recovery Day offers resources to beat addiction

Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announces that on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Dover Police Department is coordinating the Strafford County Community Recovery Day. This event will take place at the Garrison Wing at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, which will be filled with prevention, treatment and recovery resources.

"The Dover community has been hit hard by the heroin and Opioid epidemic and experienced 11 fatal overdoses already in 2015," Colarusso said. "The Dover Police Department is committed to helping anyone struggling with addiction get connected to available treatment and recovery resources."

Members of the public can attend Recovery Day and be connected to resources necessary to take the next steps towards their own recovery or to assist a loved one with getting the help they need. Others can come just to find out more information about the heroin and opioid crisis that has been taking such a heavy toll on our communities. Counselors will be available on site to assist those looking to find resources ranging from individual/group counseling to residential treatment programs.

In addition to the resource fair there will be a variety of meetings and trainings offered throughout the event. The schedule is as follows:

- **11 a.m.** - Prevention Presentation by Chris Placy
- **12:30 p.m.** - 12 Step Recovery Meeting
- **1:30 p.m.** - Naloxone (Narcan) training and free kits will be distributed
- **2:30 p.m.** - Family Support Group Meeting

An "Amnesty Box" will be available where attendees can anonymously dispose any illicit drugs, prescription drugs or paraphernalia with no questions asked.

This program is being coordinated by the Dover Police Department and the Dover Coalition for Youth with support provided by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

For more information visit www.DoverCoalition.org or contact Vicki Hebert at 603-516-3279 or v.hebert@dover.nh.gov.

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.



City of Dover Boards and Commissions

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.

Police now accepting names for Christmas baskets program

The Dover Police Department is now accepting names of

needy families residing in Dover for the annual Christmas Basket Program.

The Police Department sponsors this program each December to provide Christmas dinners to families in Dover. Last year, 150 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community, which provided meals to more than 500 people.

In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to a local soup kitchen, the Food Pantry, the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place homeless shelter. Once again, up to 150 Christmas Baskets will be distributed.

In order to make this program a success, donations are needed from the community. Non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities) will be accepted at the Dover Police Department, 46 Locust St. If you cannot arrange for delivery to the police station, call 603-742-4646 and pick up will be arranged.

Volunteers from the Dover Police Department will prepare and deliver the baskets on Dec. 19.



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. 6, 1773 - The "institution of slavery" existed, (though it could hardly be said to flourish) in Dover, until after the Declaration of Independence. On Dec. 6, 1773, Col. Otis Baker bought of Henry Ward of Newport, Rhode Island, "a negro boy named Cato," which boy the aforesaid Ward, for and in consideration of the sum of "one thousand four hundred pounds, old tenor," promised the said Baker to "defend to him and his assigns forever, against the lawful

claims of all persons whatsoever." On June 4, 1777, Col. Baker gave Cato his freedom, the certificate of emancipation being signed by Jeremy Belknap as a witness. By the census of 1775 there were "26 negroes and slaves for life " in Dover in that year. These were mostly emancipated by their nominal owners during the revolution, or all became free by general consent and the adoption of the State Constitution soon after. Many of them, however, remained for life in the families which they had served as slaves, preferring the protection of their old masters to the larger liberty which was offered them. (Notable Events in the History of Dover)



Dec. 8, 1811 - Died, Mr. Samuel Bragg, Jr., editor and printer of the Dover Sun. "In the death of Mr. Bragg the town of Dover has experienced a great loss. He was a very industrious and enterprising man of steady habits and attention to his business. He had by his assiduity and great diligence acquired a very handsome property, when about twelve months since, while absent on a journey he was in a moment stripped of almost every dollar by the all-devouring element of fire. This disaster took such hold of his mind, as, after a while, to produce a dejection of spirits, and invite a complication of disorders which has thus early put a period to his mortal existence."



Dec. 8, 1818 - The Dover Franklin Academy was incorporated this year, receiving a liberal endowment for the times from public spirited citizens, the chief of which was in the land on which it stands and several lots on Central street adjoining, the gift of Daniel Waldron. "We are happy to be able to inform the public that the Academy in this place, so much needed and so long expected, was on Saturday last solemnly dedicated to God and to Science; that it is now opened for the reception of students, and that about 25 have already commenced their studies in various departments of literature and science. The dedicatory services were commenced by appropriate sacred music, performed in scientific style by a select choir. This was followed by a very devout and appropriate prayer by Rev. Mr. Clary. Mr, Andrew G. Thayer, the preceptor elect of the institution, then delivered to a numerous, brilliant and highly gratified audience an Address, in which were portrayed in true glowing colors, the blessings of religious, moral, literary and scientific education, and the several duties of teachers and pupils, in such a manner as to evince his thorough acquaintance with the subject, and to afford a flattering expectation that his election to the office of preceptor will be a lasting blessing to all who may enjoy the benefits of his instruction."



Dec. 9, 1830 - The Dover Relief Society is organized. The Hon. William Hale is named president, and Asa A. Tufts is named treasurer and secretary. The society was formed "to investigate poverty and public health problems, consists of

a statement on the potential dangers of manufacturing to community norms and a report on living and working conditions among local manufacturing employees: young workers leaving schools; overcrowded and unhealthful housing; excessive hours of work.



Dec. 8, 1837 - The Universalist Church on Third Street, built this year, was dedicated.

Dover Chamber seeking nominations for annual awards

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for their Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. Winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner Jan. 22, 2016.

The deadline for nominations is today, Friday, Dec. 4.

For more information, or to nominate a business, organization or person, [click here](#).

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.

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.

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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