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Friday, December 8, 2017

Hometown Holiday Party is Saturday

Dover Main Street will host its second annual Hometown Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Numerous events are planned throughout the day, including caroling, crafts, a gingerbread contest, live ice sculpting, Christmas Karaoke, a story walk, Santa photo stops, cookie decorating, hair tinsel, holiday pet parade, live music, refreshments and much more.



There is also a Hometown Holiday Scavenger Hunt. Pick up a clue sheet at the Santa House in the Cocheco Mills Courtyard and enter by 6:45 p.m. for a chance at \$100 in Dover Dollars.

A raffle for many great prizes will also begin on Saturday, with winners drawn during the Santa Send Off event on Dec. 22, at the Santa House.

For more information, including all scheduled activities and

Meetings this week:

School Board, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council and School Board, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

The incoming City Council and School Board will meet for an orientation session on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

Ice Arena to hold Santa Skate Sunday

The Dover Arena will host a Santa Skate on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1:30-3 p.m. with a story time and holiday songs following the skate.



This is always a fun event for all ages and is during the arena's regular Recreation Department public skating time on Sundays. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present to meet the children and their families and pass out some holiday treats.

After the skating, Santa and Mrs. Claus will have a story time and holiday songs for all of the children and some favorite holiday stories will be shared for all to enjoy.

Stop by the arena Sunday, Dec. 10, to visit with Santa, skate to fun holiday music and visit with Santa during story time.

Donate to the arena food drive at this event and skate for free. If you bring three cans or boxes of non-perishable food, you will skate for free (three per person). With a donation, skate rentals are only \$2.

For more information, contact the arena at 603-516-6060 or go online at www.doverarena.com.



Upcoming Spaulding Turnpike night work to require road closures

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces upcoming night work on the Spaulding Turnpike (NH 16) in Dover for the placement of concrete girders at the new Exit 6 Bridge, which carries US Route 4 over the Spaulding Turnpike.

This work will take place in two stages. The first stage will be three nights, beginning on the night of Sunday, Dec. 10

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.
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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and running through the night of Tuesday, Dec. 12. Work on this stage will focus on the erection of concrete girders over the northbound Spaulding Turnpike. Operations will require single-lane closures and short-term roadway closures on the northbound Spaulding Turnpike in the area of the Exit 6 Interchange. Work will begin at approximately 8 p.m., with short-term roadway closures anticipated to begin around 10 p.m. The duration of the required roadway closures is anticipated to be less than 15 minutes.

The second stage will be two nights, beginning on the night of Sunday, Dec. 17 and running through the night of Monday, Dec. 18. Work on this stage will focus on the erection of concrete girders over the southbound Spaulding Turnpike. Operations will require single-lane closures and short-term roadway closures on the southbound Spaulding Turnpike in the area of the Exit 6 Interchange. Work will begin at approximately 7 p.m., with short-term roadway closures anticipated to begin around 9 p.m. The duration of the required roadway closures is anticipated to be less than 15 minutes.

All night work within the roadway is anticipated to be completed by 5 a.m. each night. Adverse weather conditions will push work to the next available night.

The proposed work at the Exit 6 bridge is part of the Newington-Dover Spaulding Turnpike improvement project. Severino Trucking Company, Inc. of Candia, is the prime contractor for the \$67 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in October, 2020.



Dover Youth to Youth offering tours of Santa's Castle

Dover Youth to Youth is hosting its eighth 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. 16 and 17, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. On the second week the Castle will be open on Friday, Dec. 22, from 3:30 to 7:30 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 98.1 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.



Dover Fire Toy Bank seeking donations

The leaves have fallen, the weather is much colder, the days are getting shorter and that means the 2017 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 40 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, 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 has moved to a new location at the Cochecho Mills, 383 Central Ave.

Here's how to help: Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 12 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-12 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.

For more information, or to help wrap presents, call 603-516-TOYS (8697).



Police now accepting names for holiday food baskets

Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announced the Dover Police Department is now accepting names of needy families residing in Dover for the annual Holiday Food Basket Program.

The Police Department sponsors this program each December to provide holiday dinners to families in Dover. Last year, more than 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.

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 Chestnut 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 Saturday, Dec. 16.

For more information, visit the [Holiday Food Basket Program page here](#).

Citywide winter parking in effect

Dover's citywide winter parking ban is now in effect and will conclude April 1, 2018.

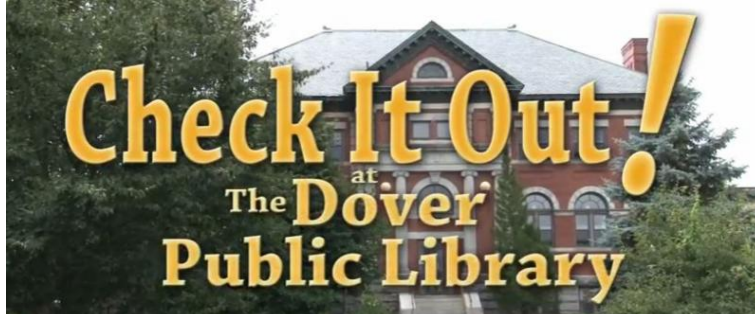
The ban requires that no vehicle be parked on any city street or sidewalk between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m., and is not limited to nights with snow in the forecast. Vehicles may park in most city-controlled parking lots during this time without the need for a parking permit; however, motorists must follow 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](#).

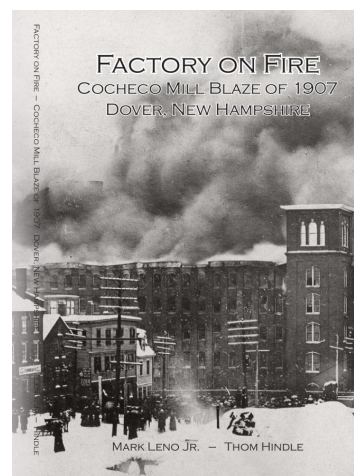
For more information on the winter parking ban or the emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-6132.



Authors of book on deadly Dover mill fire to speak at the Library

Local Dover historians and former Woodman Museum trustees, Mark Leno Jr. and Thom Hindle have recently published a new book about Dover's deadliest mill fire.

"Factory on Fire" is the true story of the Cocheco Mill No. 1 blaze (now the One Washington Center mill) in January 1907. Mark and Thom will talk about the fire at the Dover Public Library on Monday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.



The Mill No. 1 fire resulted in the deaths of seven millworkers, and injured many more. The 58-hour conflagration began on Jan. 26, 1907, an extremely cold, 20- below-zero degree morning. Based on the authors' years of research, the book details first person accounts from workers and eyewitnesses, and includes over 50 photographs reproduced from original glass plate negatives.

"Factory on Fire" explores the causes of the fire, the plight of the mill workers who dangled from open windows, the work of heroic rescuers and firefighters in extreme weather, and an intriguing lawsuit later brought against mill owners by an injured survivor. You'll want to come hear Mark and Thom to hear which way the court ruled.

The presentation is free and all are welcome to attend in the library's Lecture Hall. Signed copies of the 180 page book will be available for \$20 and will make great Christmas presents for anyone with an interest in Dover history.

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

Holiday Music Past and Present with pianist Deborrah Wyndham

Enjoy some holiday piano music at the Dover Public Library on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. In this special holiday program, Deborrah not only performs her most elaborate arrangements of familiar holiday songs both popular and traditional, but also demonstrates rare holiday pieces including their background and history.



Deborrah also plays ragtime, stride and boogie woogie plus a more refined contemporary classical style for an exciting mix of original arrangements of songs such as "Greensleeves", "Sleigh Ride", "White Christmas", "Winter Wonderland", etc. Celebrate the season with one of the Midwest's most active and acclaimed pianists in a fun and informative program for all ages.

Seen on FOX, NBC and ABC and heard on NPR, pianist and composer Deborrah Wyndham has performed for over 3,000 audiences in the last twelve years in concert halls, libraries, schools, colleges, museums, festivals and more. She lives in Peterborough and plays all over the country.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

Dover Public Library is a Family Place Library

The Dover Public will be joining the Family Place Libraries national network, providing a welcoming community environment with resources to help families nurture their children's development and early learning during the critical first years of life. To help ensure all children enter school ready and able to learn, our new Family Place offers:

A specially designed space in the children's area for families with young children to relax, play, share books and meet other families.

Parent-Child Workshops- a five-week series of fun, play-based activities for toddlers and their parents and caregivers. Rich with toys, books and art activities, the

Workshops provide an opportunity for families to spend time together, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on various aspects of child development and early literacy.

Collections of books, toys, music and multimedia materials for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, parents and caregivers.

Librarians specially trained in child development and family support.

As a Family Place Library, the Dover Public Library will partner with local family-serving agencies and professionals to help parents of young children build foundations for early learning. Research has proven that the ways adults respond to and interact with children from birth-to-five years have dramatic effects on the brain, stimulating a child's social, emotional, and intellectual development. Parents and caregivers are their children's first teachers and the Library is here to help them in that role.

The Family Place Libraries model is now in over 400 libraries in 29 states serving thousands of young children and their parents/caregivers. Dover Public Library is proud to be among them. In our library, this expanded public library role is made possible with support from Friends of the Dover Public Library and Walmart.

For more information and to join, visit library.dover.nh.gov.



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, [located here](#).




Dec. 13, 1790 - A committee was appointed to remonstrate against the division of the County of Strafford, by the setting off of Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury and Somersworth to the County of Rockingham, a plan which was agitated at this time.




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.



Dec. 12, 1923 - Mayor Waldron flatly refuses to allow the KKK to use the Opera House for a meeting.

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:

- **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, [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.

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, [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.



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](#).
