

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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February Dover Art Walk is tonight

The next Dover Art Walk is tonight, Feb. 2, from 4-8 p.m., in downtown Dover. The monthly art walks are held on the first Friday of each month.

The walks begin at Washington Street Mills, where people can pick up a map, and visit galleries and studios in the mill. A variety of downtown businesses will host art and local



artists, including Adelle's; Nicole's Hallmark; Village Goldsmith Gallery; The Falls Grill & Tavern; Pin Ups; Photosmith; Ross Furniture; Gyro Spot; Spires Creative Media, and the Dover Wine Company.

Some of the artists may be present in their own galleries, or at various locations along the walk, and are enthusiastic about talking to the public about their work.

Visit the Dover Art Walk website at <u>doverartwalk.com</u> for more information.

The Dover Art Walk is hosted by Dover Main Street, RSP Studio Custom Framing, the Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority, and D Graphics.

Meetings this week:

School Board, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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.



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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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NOTE: This corrects an earlier version with the incorrect date.

Helicopter crews in Dover today and Saturday for power line work

On Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., an Eversource contractor will perform inspection and maintenance on the high-tension power lines in the Tideview Drive, Shaws Lane, Garrison Road, Back River Road, Danielle Lane, Mathes Hill, and Spruce Lane neighborhoods.

This work will involve two low-flying helicopters that will lower utility line workers onto the lines and towers. The helicopters are black MD500's and will be flown by Haverfield Aviation. The tail numbers are N4265J and N353AH.

The work is part of the routine maintenance and inspection of power lines and equipment conducted each year by Eversource.

For more information, visit https://www.eversource.com.



Have Coffee with the Dover Mounted Patrol

Join Rasa, CJ and Officers Caproni and Murch as they host the first "Coffee with the Cops", Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9-11 a.m. at the Mounted Patrol Stable, 75 Cocheco St.

This is an opportunity to drop in and meet some of the officers from the Dover Police Department and enjoy a cup of coffee and a conversation. There will also be time to meet CJ and Rasa. Have trouble telling them apart? CJ is the beautiful Belgian and Rasa is the black Percheron/cross with full mane. The first 15 attendees will receive a free Dover Mounted Patrol coffee mug.



Stay social with your City

Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official <u>Facebook</u> **page** and <u>twitter feed</u> for the latest updates. There will be sweatshirts, T-shirts and coffee mugs for sale with proceeds helping to feed and care for the horses. The Dover Police Mounted Patrol currently receives no tax funding and looks to the community for sponsorship and volunteer support.

Attendees may also enter a raffle for a chance to win a paddock ride on the horses. The raffle is free to enter.

For more information, visit the Mounted Patrol online here.

Applications for "All Veterans" tax credit due by April 15

Veterans who qualify for the newly adopted All Veterans' Tax Credit must complete an application by April 15. The Dover City Council adopted the All Veterans' Tax Credit on Nov. 8, 2017, following a revision to state law that allows municipalities to extend tax credits to all veterans who have served at least 90 days and honorably discharged from the military.

According to the law, "A person shall qualify for the all veterans' tax credit if the person is a resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35."

The All Veterans' Tax Credit will be phased in over a period of three years to match the existing veterans' credit of \$500. For veterans who qualify for the All Veterans' Tax Credit, but didn't previously qualify for the existing veterans' credit because they didn't serve during a designated timeframe for a qualifying war or armed conflict, the credit will be phased in over a period of three years.

For 2018 the credit will be \$167. The 2019 credit will be \$333. The 2020 credit will be for the full amount of \$500.

The tax credit will be subtracted each year from the property tax on a qualifying veteran's residential property.

An application for the All Veterans' credit must be made prior to April 15 during the current tax year.

For more information, contact the City Assessor's Office at 516-6014 or visit <u>http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/applications/index.html</u>.

Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and firstgrade registration for children as follows:

- Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2018, entering kindergarten;
- Children six years old by Sept. 30, 2018, entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten).

Horne Street School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 6, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 7, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Woodman Park Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 6, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 7, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Garrison Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 6, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 7, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a half-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools on the following dates:

- **Garrison Elementary**: Tuesday, April 3; Wednesday, April 4; and Thursday, April 5.
- Horne Street and Woodman Park schools: Tuesday, April 17; Wednesday, April 18; and

Thursday, April 19.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.



Dover committee to host snowshoeing hike under a full moon

Join the Dover Open Lands Committee for a full moon snowshoe hike along the Cassily Easement on Friday, March 2, 2018.

The group will gather at Beckwith Park on Hillside Drive at 6:30 p.m.

The hike is a leisurely, one-and-a-half-hour hike along the Cochecho Rover and through fields, returning to the Beckwith park where hot cocoa will be served.

This event is free and open to the public. A headlamp or flashlight is recommended in the event of cloudy skies.

Please RSVP to City Planner Steve Bird at <u>s.bird@dover.nh.gov</u> or 603-516-6008.

The Dover Open Lands Committee consists of local volunteers and city staff who work with willing landowners to conserve Dover's important natural and cultural resources. These resources include drinking water supplies, farm and forest lands, critical fish and wildlife habitat, and the preservation of our community's character for current and future generations to enjoy.

For more information, contact Dover Planning at 516-6008.

Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2018 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing. Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or <u>online</u>.

In addition to online licensing, rabies information can also be updated online and the certificate mailed to the City Clerk's office. A checking account is required for online dog license registration. To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

To renew online, click here.

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



Preserve your memories at the Dover Public Library

Do you have shoeboxes full of photographs? Or carousels full of slides? Do you have a shelf of VHS tapes of your kids' school plays, or of Christmases past? Do you even have a VHS player, or a slide projector anymore? It is time to copy these precious memories to a format that will withstand the test of time, and the Dover Public Library can help you.

The Dover Public Library's Memory Lab has the equipment you need to convert your photographs, negatives, slides, VHS tapes, and cassette tapes to digital files. You can save these files on your computer, on a thumb drive, or in the cloud.

The library offers three different Memory Lab Equipment Stations: the scanner (for photographs, negatives, and slides), the VHS/DVD converter (for VHS tapes), and the cassette converter (for cassette tapes). You can make an appointment on our website to use one of these stations for free. Appointments are for two-and-a-half or three hours. During your appointment, you can convert your memories to digital files.

Please be aware that the VHS conversion and cassette conversion occurs in real time. If you are going to copy a twohour VHS tape it will take two hours to copy the contents, with some additional time to finalize the DVD. But no worries... the library has lots of books and magazines for you to read while you wait.

All Memory Lab apparatus comes with easy-to-follow, detailed instructions and pictures telling you how to use the equipment. Library staff cannot do the conversions for you, but we can certainly help with questions as you start your process.

The library is also offering tutorial programs to introduce each Memory Lab Equipment Station so that you can get the most out of your appointment time. Our first instructional programs will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb. 17 from 2-4 p.m., and on Monday, March 5 from 6-8 p.m. to introduce the equipment:

Feb. 15 and 17: From 2-2:30 p.m., the cassette converter; from 2:30-3 p.m., the VHS converter; from 3-4 p.m. the photograph, negative, and slide Scanner.

March 5: From 6-6:30 p.m., the cassette converter; from 6:30-7 p.m., the VHS converter; from 7-8 p.m., the photograph, negative, and slide scanner.

You may attend as many sessions as you wish.

Come to the Library to take a walk down memory lane and save those memories for the future.

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

"A Search for Justice" performance at Dover Library Feb. 7

The Friends of the Dover Public Library are delighted to present a one-man show, "A Search for Justice", featuring actor Stephen Collins, on Wednesday evening Feb. 7, 2018 at 7 p.m.

In this performance piece, the audience will hear the words of Abolitionist editor William Lloyd Garrison, and John Brown will tell you why he resorted to violence. Abraham Lincoln will deliver his oration at Gettysburg, and Thomas Hardy and other writers will comment on war and religion.



These historical figures will examine timely issues of social, political, and religious justice. Can justice ever be defined or is it just an abstract concept? What is Truth? How do leaders, both political and religious, use language to motivate or dissuade people? Is violent action ever justified when all else fails? Is there ever be a "just war" or is conflict inherently unjust?

Stephen Collins currently performs eight one-man shows. Receiving rave reviews for over a decade, Mr. Collins's shows deliver not just the poetry and plays, but bring poets and playwrights to life on the stage. His shows also convey an understanding of the impact and the reactions of the characters to their respective times, giving the audience not just a performance, but an experience. This is the first of three shows Stephen Collins will present at the Dover Public Library: in May 2018 he will perform as the poet Walt Whitman and in November as the renowned American artist James McNeill Whistler.

This program is free and open to all. It was rescheduled for Feb. 7 from an earlier, snowed-out event in January.

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





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 <u>www.dover.nh.gov</u> 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.



Feb. 5, 1658 - It was agreed that 20 pounds per year should be raised for the maintenance of a schoolmaster for teaching all the children of the town, he having the privilege of all strangers out of the town; reading, writing, Latin and casting accounts to be taught as the parents should require.

Feb. 8, 1699 - Experience Heard, alias Jenkins, who was scalped by the Indians July 26, 1696, recovered and lived to have one child, died chiefly of her wounds bleeding.

Feb. 6, 1722 - The Provincial Council having heard that there were a considerable number of Indians at Dover whose words and actions gave just grounds of suspicion of an ill design against that town, requested the Governor to cover the inhabitants there with 50 men for six days and ordered that the treasurer supply them with three hundred pounds of bread.

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Feb. 8, 1853 - A very mild winter, but little snow, and the river broke up this day, after being closed but 43 days.

Feb. 7, 1924 - About 3,000 people attend the opening of the new 1,000-foot-long toboggan chute at Garrison Hill. The event included a torchlight parade and bonfire. At 8 p.m. Mayor Waldron and Park Commissioner Richardson switched on the park lights. Council President A.C. Wentworth and William Penn Tuttle, president of the Chamber of Commerce winter sport committee, rode the first toboggan down the chute, about 600 feet into a field at the bottom of the slide.

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
- Gym attendant
- 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</u> <u>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> <u>here</u>.

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>.