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Meetings this week:

Waterfront Committee, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. Friday, January 12, 2018

City offices closed Monday for MLK Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The Public Library will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 15.

Curbside trash and recycling pick-up is not affected by the holiday.

Dover Chamber annual awards gala is Friday, Jan. 19

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will hold its Winter Wonderland Awards Gala gala on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, 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

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 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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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 <u>www.dovernh.org/awards</u>.



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

Robert Carrier LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR Blue Dolphin Screenprint & Embroidery

MALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR Blue Latitudes

REGISTRATION

ARGE NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR Goodwin Community Health

SMALL NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Jonathan Burns

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DESSERT/COFFEE





Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official Facebook page and twitter feed for the latest updates.

and Bad"

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host "Building Stronger Economies in Good Times and Bad" on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Garrison Wing Conference Center, 789 Central Ave.

2009 through 2019 will likely be the longest uninterrupted period of economic expansion in our nation's history. Dover's policymakers have leveraged opportunities, made key decisions and tough choices during this time that have continued to position our city for growth and prevented decline.

Attend to learn about key inflection points over the past ten years that could have sent Dover down a different path and learn how local decision making has been key to our achievement.

The presentation will be conducted by Brian Gottlob, President of PolEcon Research and Christopher Parker, Assistant City Manager, Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives for the City of Dover.

For more information or to register, visit www.dovernh.org/economy.

Building Stronger Economies in Good Times and Bad

How Dover Bucked Troubling Statewide Trends to Grow its Economy

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Thursday, January 25, 2018 7:30 am to 9:30 am

Full Hot Breakfast Buffet Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Garrison Wing Conference Center \$25 for Chamber Members | \$35 for Not-Yet-Members

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organizations, and geographic

regions.



CHRISTOPHER G. PARKER AICP Assistant City Manager Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives City of Dover

Mr Parker oversees department operations and provides staff support for the Planning Board, Technical Review Committee (TRC), Housing Standards Board and the Community Trail Advisory Committee. He is in charge of Master Plan update coordination, Public Relations & Social Media coordination, Transportation Advisory Commission member support and Transportation Improveme Program administration. He is also the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization representative.



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Register at www.dovernh.org/economy



Clear drains, culverts and roofs to prevent flooding and damage

With significant rains expected today, safety officials are encouraging residents to clear drains, culverts, and roofs now to prevent possible localized flooding and damage.

Dover Fire Chief Eric Hagman reminds residents that roofs with heavy snow can be at risk of collapsing.

"With heavy rain on the way, roofs may be at greater risk as the weight of accumulated snow and ice increases," Hagman said.

Hagman recommends clearing excessive snow from roofs. For those not able or uncomfortable removing snow, Hagman suggests consulting with a roofing company or properly insured contractor.

A roof may collapse with little or no warning, Hagman added, and one common misconception is that only flat roofs are susceptible to collapse. High roof parapets can accumulate significant drifting snow, especially during wind events. The following warning signs could indicate a roof is in danger of collapsing:

- Sagging roof steel visually deformed;
- Severe or new roof leaks;
- Cracked or split wood members;
- Bends or ripples in metal supports;
- Recent cracks in walls, drywall or masonry;
- Cracks in welds of steel construction;
- Sheared off screws from steel frames;
- Sprinkler heads pushed down below ceiling tiles;
- Doors that pop open;
- Doors or windows that are difficult to open;
- Bowed utility pipes or conduits attached to the ceiling;
- Creaking, cracking or popping sounds.

Hagman said property owners should also check roof drains and gutters and make sure they are clear of snow and ice.

Clearing drains and culverts of snow, ice and debris can reduce the chance of flooding and damage to roadways and property.

An interactive map of all city culverts can be accessed here: <u>City Culverts and Fire Hydrants</u>.

For more information, call Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6148.



Help keep city's fire hydrants clear of snow

Dover Fire and Rescue is asking residents and businesses to consider adopting a hydrant and keeping it clear of snow and ice. After a snow storm, it can take days for firefighters and Community Services to shovel out the City's nearly 1,200 hydrants.

Fire hydrants can become buried and difficult to find during emergencies where seconds count. Please help Dover Fire and Rescue make sure all of the fire hydrants in the city are clear of snow and ice, saving valuable time during an emergency.

"What we're asking residents to do, if they're physically able, is to shovel the hydrant that is closest to their home or apartment," said Fire Chief Eric Hagman. "If they're not physically able, we'd ask that they direct any snow plowing contractor or shoveling contractor to do that work."

Hagman said it is also important to keep the exits in your home or business free of snow and ice. Be sure to shovel a path to any door that may be used less frequently during the winter months, as this will provide a clear exit from the building should the normal exit path be blocked. It will also provide another door that may be used by an ambulance crew in the event of a medical aid.

Residents and businesses should be mindful of melting snow and the potential hazards it can cause. If possible, help clear storm grates so rain and melted snow can drain properly. The melting can create heavier, packed snow on roofs and other surfaces. Flat roofs are particularly vulnerable and should be cleared of as much snow as possible. Be sure to clear furnace and exhaust vents that may be obstructed by snow accumulated from drifting and blowing.

In addition, please help the City keep walkways clear of snow. Sidewalks and walkways remain in use in all weather conditions. During winter months, residents must be able to safely use public sidewalks, including children walking to school.

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For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6148.





Learn about using the Dover Public Library's 3D printer

The Dover Public Library has recently purchased an "Ultimaker 2+" 3D printer. Now library visitors can come see a 3D printer in action near the front desk daily. There's always something interesting being built inside its case.

Patrons may also request that an object (customer's choice) b e printed for them, and pay only for the materials used in their object, usually less than \$2. We recommend checking out Thingiverse.com for ideas. Of course, you may create your own object then send us an .stl file: we have just printed a



prototype cooking tool that one of our patrons designed.

This exciting technology is quickly becoming mainstream. On Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 3 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. Systems and Technology Librarian Peggy Thrasher will explain how the 3D printer works. At this program, she will talk



about why this printer is important for the library and how our patrons can make use of it. She will explain some of the characteristics of 3D models that make successful prints. 3D printing is solving real world problems: find out how at this program. The Dover Public Library will help you understand how this technology can fit into your life.

Both 3D programs are free and open to all ages. No preregistration is required.

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

Dover artist Gerry Smith Shows work at Dover Public Library through Jan. 31

This month, the Dover Public Library is hosting local artist, Gerry Smith, for a special show displaying paintings, drawings and mixed media pieces from throughout the artist's life. This will be Smith's first public show. The show includes works in oil, acrylic, pastel, ink, and watercolor; pieces from Smith's early childhood through his most current work.



Smith says, "I've been painting and drawing since I was a little fellow. I am self-trained, starting around 5 or 6 doing Disney characters. I started out with oils and then on to pastels, next was acrylics and now pen and ink and watercolor. I've done many subjects, including still life, animals, scenic places of interest, NH scenes. And now mostly pen and ink of faces along with added watercolor."

Smith, a native of Gorham, NH, came to live in Dover in 1969 and worked for Kidder Press on Locust Street in the engineering department as a mechanical designer. He retired in 2003 due to the closing of the plant.

Many know Smith as an active member of St. John's Methodist church in Dover. As a member of the Dover Senior Center, he founded the Silver Strummers in 2007, a ukulele group that performs in local nursing homes and day programs often playing his original songs such as "Christmases Long Long Ago" (in Gorham, NH) and "Dover 1623."

There will be a reception to honor Smith on Monday, Jan. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Fun programs for middle schoolers and teens at Dover Library

The Dover Public Library is sponsoring its first-ever "Teen Trivia Night" at the library on Friday evening, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. (while the library is closed!). Children in grades 7-12 are invited to join in. Come with friends or come solo and we'll make up teams. We'll be using the Kahoot! software so bring a device of your own, or borrow one of the library's Chromebooks. When you play Kahoot! in a group setting, the trivia questions will appear on a shared screen and players will answer on their devices. There will be a prize awarded to the winning team. No pre-registration is required; just come for a fun night.

In addition, 5th to 8th graders are invited to join a free sixweek program at the Library called "Crime Scene & Spy Science". Beginning on Thursday, Jan. 25 and running through Thursday, March 1, participants will meet weekly from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and learn about forensics such as detecting fingerprints, revealing secret messages, conducting a mystery powder analysis, extracting DNA from substances, and reconstructing evidence from a crime.

Open to all in Strafford County and to 4-H families and friends (4-H membership not required), this program is sponsored by 4-H, the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, and the Dover Public Library. Registration is required for "Crime Scene and Spy Science."

Please visit <u>http://library.dover.nh.gov</u> and click on Events, or email Denise LaFrance at <u>d.lafrance@dover.nh.gov</u>.



SEED launches endowment campaign

The Seacoast Educational Endowment of Dover (SEED), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover schools by granting scholarships to public educators, is pleased to announce it has received \$8,500 in donations to launch phase 1 of its endowment campaign.

Donations from Chad and Sheila Kageleiry, Paul Cox Trust on behalf of Paul Cox & Martha Cox and their family, and The Duffy Family Trust will serve to launch the Lighting the Way to Learning appeal, which is an intense effort by SEED's entirely volunteer-led organization to raise \$150,000 toward creating a \$500,000 endowment fund.

SEED was created out of a concern by local business owners about the lack of 21st century skills of people entering the workforce. As education budgets everywhere continue to experience cuts, the need to underwrite innovative learning curriculum designed to enhance students' skill sets continues today.

The overarching goal of the multi-year campaign is to raise \$500,000 through individual, board, and corporate giving to create an endowment fund which will allow SEED to use interest and dividends to fund grants in perpetuity.

"Establishing a legacy fund will allow SEED to finance grants for years to come," said Angela Carter, president of the SEED Board. "This was the vision of our founders and is shared by the current Board of Directors. We are grateful to these donors for their generous donations."

SEED has been granting awards twice annually since 2011. By June 2018, SEED will have exceeded \$100,000 in education grants for programs, practices, and resources for students across all grades in Dover public schools. The Lighting the Way to Learning campaign is seeking just 50 donations of \$500 to offset initial account set up. As a 501C3, donations made to SEED are tax deductible. For more information about the campaign, to become a sponsor or donate, please visit <u>www.doverseed.org</u>.

Formed in 2011, SEED is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to promote academic excellence, champion technology and reward educator innovation in Dover's public schools. SEED support is not intended to replace appropriate municipal funding. SEED raises private philanthropic dollars and provides grant funds, on a competitive basis, to educators who submit formal applications. SEED's overarching goals are to create a legacy for educational excellence in Dover Public Schools and to advocate the value of education in the community. SEED welcomes donations of time, talent, and resources. To get involved, please contact <u>info@DoverSeed.org</u>.



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, <u>located here</u>.



Jan. 16, 1766 - Lee, part of the original territory of Dover, and afterwards of Durham, set off and incorporated as a town.



Jan. 16, 1844 - A fire in Harper's Furniture Store almost destroys the office of the Dover Enquirer.

Jan. 18, 1855 - The shock of an earthquake was felt in many places about half past six in the evening.

Jan. 14, 1884 - The Dover Public Library opens to the residents of Dover with 4,508 volumes and an author and title catalog. The librarian, Miss Garland, recalled opening day, "The work had been carried on incessantly up to within a few minutes of the hour of opening; but about five minutes before two, she sat down in a great depression of mind. Had it been worthwhile, and would anybody come? The clock struck two and the door creaked open. Three high school boys rushed up the stairs. Following them was a woman who had been sent by her sick son at home. Close behind her were more high school boys and some men. Then came a few ladies who had not wanted to push. In a few seconds the room was full. With very unsteady knees she rose to her work. "Ivanhoe" was the first book wanted. The mother of the sick boy went home with "Adventures of a Young Naturalist". Thus did the Library begin its ministry to the sick." There were 180 people registered and 160 took books that first day. A rousing success, the Dover Public Library recorded 2,300 borrowers during that first year and in its first decade of operation circulated over half a million volumes.

January, 1910 - Under a new New Hampshire law, effective Jan. 1, 1910, the auto registration fee was raised to \$10 and the speed limit in Dover raised from 8 to 10 mph, and in rural areas from 20 to 25 mph. Later that same month, many complaints are raised about horses being raced on Sixth Street. The mayor declares to end the sport. A speedway, wide enough for four or five horses, was to be

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preapred on Silver Street, starting at Arch Street. But local horsemen, not satisfied with the speedway, convince the mayor to create a new speedway through Torr's Woods on Durham Road, starting near the location of the current high school.

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
- 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>.