

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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Winter storm to bring significant snowfall to Dover

The City of Dover is monitoring weather reports about a storm system that is expected to bring significant snowfall and whiteout conditions to Dover Saturday evening and Sunday. A Winter Storm Watch is in effect for Dover.

According to the most recent information from the National Weather Service, on Saturday night into Sunday snow will quickly break out across the area. At this time the forecast calls for Dover to receive as much as 18 inches of snow. Updated information from the National Weather Service can be found here: http://go.usa.gov/xPGSn.

Meetings this week: As the system bears down, travel can become very difficult

School Board, Jan. 22, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting 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.

to dangerous, especially with winds that can reduce visibility to one guarter mile or less at times.

Once the storm arrives, Community Services crews will begin plowing operations to keep the city's streets and road shoulders clear.

For anyone travelling during the storm, motorists are reminded to avoid crowding snowplows and to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

For updated storm information, including closures and cancellations, visit <u>dover.nh.gov</u>.

Some winter storm safety suggestions include:

- Keep generators a minimum of 10 feet from homes and make sure they are wired correctly;
- Clear vehicles of snow before driving;
- Keep all chimneys and vents clear to prevent carbon monoxide from backing up into the building. Some vents, such as pellet stove vents, may exit the building through a wall and are susceptible to being blocked by excessive snow buildup on the outside of the building;
- Keep all exits clear of snow so occupants can escape quickly if a fire, or other emergency, should occur. Keep in mind that windows should be cleared to allow a secondary means of escape in case the primary means of escape is blocked by fire. Keeping exits clear also allows emergency workers to access your building;
- Keep fire hydrants clear of snow;
- Be aware of thin ice under snow;
- Check roof drains and gutters and make sure they are clear of snow and ice.

For more information about fire and building safety, call Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6148.

Citywide parking ban begins Saturday

Due to the winter storm system anticipated this weekend and to allow for snow removal operations, Director of Community Services John Storer has declared a citywide parking ban. The citywide ban begins at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19 and concludes at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, except for the downtown. The ban



will be in effect downtown on Sunday, Jan. 20, from 1 to 6 a.m., and on Monday, Jan. 21, from 1 to 6 a.m.



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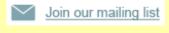
City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

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



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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.

While in effect, no parking is permitted on city streets, sidewalks or adjacent public parking areas. Vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

For more information about the citywide parking ban, visit <u>drivingdover.com</u> or the city's winter parking ban page at <u>https://go.usa.gov/xPGyf.</u>

How to stay informed about citywide parking bans

When a declared parking ban is in effect, parking on city streets is prohibited. Any vehicle parked on the street, sidewalk or adjacent public parking area during a declared parking ban may be ticketed and/or towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

For more information about winter parking bans, visit the parking ban page here: <u>go.usa.gov/xPVk5</u>.

There are a number of ways for residents to stay informed about weather-related parking bans:

Tune into **Channel 22**, where winter parking ban notifications will appear when declared.

Sign up for **text alerts**, which will be sent when a parking ban is declared, via the city's emergency notification system, CodeRed. Select "Parking Ban Notifications." You can access the sign-up page here: https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-

<u>US/BF3E3900491F</u>. Please note that to sign up for text alerts, you must create a managed account. Once created, you'll see the option to select parking ban notifications.

Sign up for **email alerts** at <u>bit.ly/doverdownload</u>. Select Parking Ban Alerts.

Call 603-516-PARK (7275) for the current parking ban status.

The current parking ban status will be posted **online** at <u>drivingdover.com</u> and the city's winter parking ban page at <u>www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/parking-bans.html</u>.

Follow the city's **social media** accounts on Facebook and Twitter for parking ban updates and status.

Parking ban declarations will also be sent to **local media**, including newspaper, radio and television outlets.

For more information about winter parking bans, including how to sign up for notifications, visit <u>drivingdover.com</u> or contact the Parking Bureau at 516-6132 or <u>parking@dover.nh.gov</u>.

Take action before the storm

Before winter approaches, Dover Fire and Rescue recommends adding supplies to an emergency kit to prepare for the weather. This may include rock salt to melt ice on walkways, sand to improve traction, snow shovels and other snow removal equipment. Make sure you have adequate clothing and blankets to keep you and your family warm. Consider purchasing a generator to use in the event of prolonged power outages.

Other steps to be ready:

- Complete a Family Emergency Plan and discuss it as a family. This is a simple way of keeping each member of the family informed on critical information: where to reconnect should you become separated, who to call, and what you will do should a winter storm occur.
- Have an Emergency Contacts Card and place one in your Emergency Kit.
- Prepare an Emergency Kit. The Emergency Kit should be easily accessible should you and your family be forced to shelter in place (stay at home) for a period of time.

Take action at home:

- Have your heating system checked by a professional annually. This will ensure that your system is working safely and efficiently which, in turn, will save you money.
- If you heat by wood, clean your fireplace or stove, have your chimney flue checked for any buildup of creosote and then cleaned to lessen the risk of fire.
- Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and windowsills to keep the warm air inside.
- Close off unneeded rooms, stuff towels or rags in the cracks under doors and cover windows at night.
- Use extreme caution when using alternative heating sources. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.
 When using kerosene heaters, be sure to maintain ventilation to avoid build-up of toxic fumes.
- To keep pipes from freezing wrap pipes in insulation, heat tape or layers of old newspapers. Cover the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture and let faucets drip a little to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves in case a pipe bursts. If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags.
- Disconnect garden hoses and shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

- Plan ahead for winter travel. Be sure to let someone know where you are going, along with your primary and alternate routes.
- Prepare your vehicle for winter by checking, or having your mechanic check, your car. This includes antifreeze levels, battery and ignition systems, breaks, exhaust systems, fuel and air filters, lights, oil, and windshield wipers and fluid.

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



Help with snow removal by keeping city's right-of-way clear

With the potential for up to a foot of snow or more this weekend, Community Services is reminding property owners to keep the City's right-of-way clear of obstructions.

The City's right-of-way applies to streets, sidewalks, utility poles, trees, signs and water, sewer and drainage lines. Obstructions in the right-of-way, such as lawn markers, pose a safety concern to fire apparatus and maintenance equipment, and can prohibit the City's plow crews from maintaining adequate road width during winter storms.

The City's right-of-way is typically 50 feet, and extends 12 to 14 feet beyond the edge of pavement. This additional space is often necessary for snow removal and storage during the winter months, and allows crews to maintain clear and safe roadways.

In addition, be mindful of other obstructions that may interfere with snow removal during and after winter storms. For example, trash bags and recycling bins on city streets and sidewalks can impede the work of snow plows and sidewalk tractors.

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

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) also reminds residents and visitors that no parking is permitted on state maintained roads which will impact or prevent snow removal operations.

NH State law (RSA 262:32) allows for the towing of any vehicle that is "obstructing snow removal or highway maintenance operations." Additionally, residents and visitors are reminded there is no parking at any time along any Interstate highway.

Strafford County cold weather shelter to open Saturday

The Strafford County Extreme Cold Weather Shelter, located at 276 County Farm Road in Dover, will open Saturday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. to ensure any unsheltered county residents are safe from extreme, life-threatening cold, according to the Strafford County Commissioners. The shelter is adjacent to Southeastern New Hampshire Services.

The shelter will remain open until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Transportation to the shelter is available by shuttle from the Amtrak platform at the Dover Transportation Center (train and bus station) on or around every hour, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and on the same schedule, weather permitting, on Sunday. The COAST bus route to the County Complex will be available Monday. Upon closing, transportation coordination will be provided via COAST bus passes and shuttle service to local community service partner agencies.

For more information, contact the shelter at 857-323-0388.

Are your pipes protected?

With colder weather in the forecast, be sure to protect against frozen pipes and water damage.

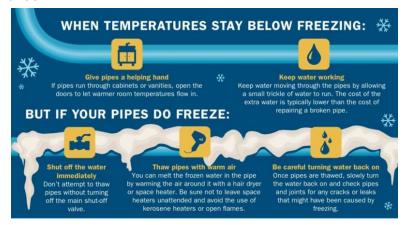
Here are some tips to help prevent frozen pipes:

- Keep building temperatures as consistent as possible, never less than 55 degrees Fahrenheit;
- Insulate areas where water supply lines are located and eliminate drafts;
- If you have water pipes in basements, crawl spaces, or outside walls, insulate the pipes, using pipesleeves or other insulating material;
- Allow warm air to circulate by opening up doors to closets and cabinets where pipe chases are located;
- If you suspect that a pipe is particularly susceptible to freezing, as an emergency measure, leave water running at a trickle to prevent freezing. This is never recommended as a permanent measure and should be monitored frequently;
- Dry sprinkler systems are still susceptible to freezing, as water can accumulate in low spots and through

- condensation. All sprinkler systems should be regularly maintained. Contact your sprinkler maintenance company for recommendations;
- Have a plan in place for responding to water leaks and heating failures;
- Never use torches or devices with open flames to thaw frozen pipes;
- Seal cracks: caulk around door frames and windows to reduce incoming cold air. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes;
- Open cupboard doors in the kitchen and bathrooms: Water lines supplying these rooms are frequently on outside walls. Leaving the doors open when the temperature is below freezing allows them to get more heat;
- Protect outdoor pipes and faucets: In some homes, the outside faucet has its own shut-off in the basement in addition to the shut-off valve for the entire house. If you have a separate valve for outside faucets, close the valve, remove hoses and drain the faucet. If you don't have a separate valve, wrap the outside faucets (hose bibs) in newspapers or rags covered with plastic;
- Insulate indoor pipes or faucets in unheated areas: pipes in internal unheated areas such as the garage or crawl space under the house should be wrapped with insulated foam. Wrap the entire length of the exposed pipe and cover all valves and pipe fittings.

Remember, when temperatures that hover in the teens or drop to single digits for an extended period of time can weaken pipes and cause breaks.

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





City offices closed Monday for MLK Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

The Public Library will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 21.

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

Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2019 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 online.

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.



Help Dover shine by supporting Main Street's Adopt-A-Spot program

Help Dover look its best by joining the Adopt-A-Spot program, hosted by Dover Main Street.

There are dozens of locations throughout the city.

Adopt-A-Spot began in 1995 as a way to allow the community - businesses, individuals, civic clubs, garden clubs, churches, and other organizations - to maintain a wide variety of public property, including all of the City's parks. Volunteers perform routine maintenance, such as mowing, weeding, litter removal, landscape plantings, painting, and in some cases, minor repairs. Some participants choose to donate funds to help pay for maintenance or make donations of materials or provide discounts on products or services.

The volunteers who help maintain these sites or make donations help keep the city attractive and reduce the city's maintenance costs.

Dover Main Street manages the program and is actively seeking new volunteers and adding additional spots for adoption.

To pitch in for more information, email info@dovermainstreet.org or visit https://dovermainstreet.org/program.php?id=5.



Coming up at the

Dover Community Senior Center

Thursday, Jan. 24, 11 a.m.

Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop with Dr. Dan

The Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop reveals how to naturally heal back pain and sciaitca for good. Dr. Dan will explain how to get rid of lower back pain and sciatica without medications, injections or surgery. You will learn the top 3 common causes of lower back pain along with the number one biggest mistake that lower back pain and sciatica sufferers make. Please RSVP to Linda at 516-6420.

Sunday through Friday, March 24-29, 2019 Colonial Williamsburg Spectacular

Featuring Colonial Williamsburg, Historic Jamestown and Philadelphia. Includes 8 meals (4 breakfasts & 4 dinners). Flyers available at the center! \$865/pp double for members; \$1045/pp single for members. Add \$50 per person for not-yet-members



GREEN WAVE DISPATCH

News from Dover's public schools

Catch up with the superintendent over coffee

A Community Coffee with Dover Superintendent of Schools William Harbron will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Dover High School.

Coffee with the Superintendent is open to everyone and provides an opportunity for discussion on all school matters of interest.



For more information, contact the Dover School District at 603-516-6800.



Coming up in Dover schools

Monday, Jan. 21, No School

Martin Luther King Day

Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Dover High School

Community Coffee with Dover Superintendent of Schools
William Harbron

Monday, Jan. 28, No School

Teacher Workshop Day

Monday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., McConnell Center, Room 306 School Board Meeting

Monday, Feb. 25 to Friday, March 1, No School
Winter Recess



This week in DOVER HISTORY

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, 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 Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, <u>located here</u>.



Jan. 22, 1770 - The town voted to build a new bridge over the Cochecho River "below Capt. Waldron's mills at the lower falls." Two hundred pounds were raised by taxes for the work. A meeting was held Feb. 26 to see if the town would reconsider the above vote, when "by polling" it was voted not to reconsider.



Jan. 19, 1810 - The memorable "Cold Friday" occurred in Dover and throughout the region, of which mention is frequently made by New England historians. The thermometer ranged all day long from 15 to 20 degrees below zero while the wind attained to the proportions of a hurricane. A family in Sanbornton, whose house was prostrated by the gale, perished before its members could reach the nearest shelter, a half mile away. A stage driver on the route from Boston to Salem, was found frozen stiff upon his box with the reins in his hands, when the horses halted before the hotel door in Lynn.



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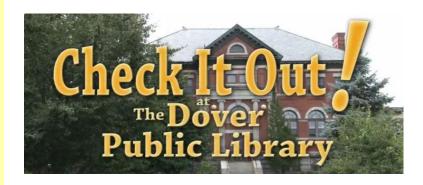
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Jan. 19, 1836 - The Rev. Holmes Cushman, a Methodist minister and afterwards a trader in Dover, was sentenced to the Massachusetts State Prison for three years, for obtaining goods by false pretenses in Boston.



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



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Join the Dover Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as we celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day". There will be lots of fun activities, crafts, and raffles for families with young children. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. we will be serving pancakes in the Storytime Room. Drop in during that time to enjoy some delicious pancakes made by your children's librarians. All day there will be crafts set out in the Children's Room to make and take. There will also be raffles throughout the day as well as a special raffle for any child getting his/her first library card (must be 5 years old). Come see all that the Dover Public Library has to offer your family. This program is free and open to the public.

Take Your Child to the Library Day is a free, fun, family-friendly event supported by the Connecticut Library Consortium and endorsed by the Association for Library Service to Children (a division of the American Library Association), Reach Out and Read, and Read to Grow.

For more information, visit www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org or call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

Build a castle for your feline friend at the Public Library

Do you call your cat your "fur baby"? Do you sleep on the floor because you don't want to wake the snoozing cat on your bed? If you're a cat person and love to spoil your four-legged friend, then this program is for you.

Come Build Your Cat a Castle on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in Dover Public Library's Lecture Hall. Use the library's supplies to create a cardboard habitat for your feline friend. Create a castle, plane, train, kitty condo - whatever your heart desires. (Just make sure if fits in your car.)

No need for a cat castle, but still looking to get crafty? Why not build a castle for the cats at Cocheco Valley Humane Society. The library will donate any cat habitats to the shelter afterwards for their furry felines to use.

This program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Feel free to bring your own supplies in addition to using the library's. Adults will use the sharp tools.

For more information, visit the Library's website at <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call 603-516-6050.

This Week at The Library

Saturday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lego Saturday in the Children's Room

Imagine, create and build with Legos and/or Duplos. Drop-in anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet old friends and make new ones as you work on building challenges.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 10 to 11 a.m. Paws for Reading in the Children's Room

Murphy, a certified therapy dog, and her handler, Karen, will be in the children's room. Drop in and read her your favorite story. She is a great listener which is very encouraging for young readers.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Family Place Workshop in the Lecture Hall

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-onone with specialists on child development during this enjoyable five-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday Matinee in the Lecture Hall

A-X-L: A top-secret, robotic dog created by the military and has advanced artificial intelligence is discovered hiding in the desert by Alex, a kindhearted outsider who finds a way to connect with the robot and who will go to any length to

protect his new companion. Rated: PG

Monday, Jan. 21, Library Closed Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Preschool Storytime in the Storytime Room

Children ages 3-5 are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets. Crafts and films are also offered several times each session.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall

Kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join for a family storytime. Books, songs, rhymes, games and activities are all part of the fun.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Introduction to Microsoft Word Formatting in the Computer Room

Learn how to create an attractive document in Microsoft Word. You will learn how to change the size of the font, make text bold or italic, use tabs, change the margins for your document, and create numbered or bulleted lists.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 6:30 to 8:30 .m. Mamma Mia movie viewing with Sing-a-long in the Lecture Hall

Get ready to sing your heart out with the Sing-A-Long function on Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again. Or just come to enjoy the film and other people's singing!

Thursday, Jan. 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Toddler Storytime in the Storytime Room

Toddlers and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend a 45 minute program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, puppets, and crafts. These storytimes are intended for toddler and parent/caregiver to share one-on-one.



Dover Children's Home annual Bowl-A-Thon is Feb. 17

Gather your friends and family to help raise critical funds to support the Dover Children's Home. Create your own four-person bowling team or sign up as a bowler to join an established team. Each bowler is asked to raise \$100 in pledges. There are four 90-minute sessions to choose from, starting at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded, each session, in the following categories:

- Most money raised by a team
- Highest bowling score by a team
- Most creative team

To learn more, visit https://www.bowlathon.net/event/dch-bowlathon-2019/.

Questions? Contact Renee at rtouhey@doverchildrenshome.org or call 603-742-4289 ext. 12.

Dover Children's Home is a non-profit treatment program serving the state's most vulnerable children since 1893.

CITY OF DOVER @ SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? <u>Sign up</u> 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, <u>click here</u>. An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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
- Legal Assistant
- Lifeguard I
- Swim instructor I

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click 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.