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#### 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.

#### 6:30 p.m.

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

### Planning Board, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

### City Council, Jan. 24, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

The City Council will meet in Council Chambers at City Hall on Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m., for an official portrait.

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.

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

## Dover session to provide update on Spaulding Turnpike widening

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces a Public Officials/Informational Meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018 to provide an update on the construction for the widening of a 3.5-mile section of the Spaulding Turnpike (NH Route16). This project begins north of Exit 1 in Newington and runs northerly to the Dover Toll Plaza, located just north of Exit 6 (US Route 4) in Dover.

The public meeting will include an overview of the NHDOT's continued engineering evaluation and solicitation of public input to comply with the requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for the General Sullivan Bridge. The Department will also provide an overview of two supplemental projects that are planned in the area; one involving a new Turnpike Maintenance Facility in the Town of Newington and a second project involving the upgrade of the Dover Toll Facility to incorporate open road tolling.

This project may have an effect on cultural or historic resources that are potentially eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the potential impacts to historic resources have an opportunity to become Consulting Parties under Section 106 of the National Preservation Act. Additional information will be provided at the public informational meeting.

The Jan. 30 public meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

The purpose of this meeting is to present citizens and public officials with information regarding the proposed project and to solicit public input in order to ensure that project decisions meet public transportation needs, community goals, and protect and enhance the environment. Accordingly, NHDOT assures that this project will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Bureau of Right-of-Way, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483 or call 603-271-3222 - TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964. Notification for the need of assistance should be



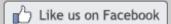
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288 Central Avenue Dover, NH 03820 603-516-6000

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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made at the earliest convenience.

For more information about the proposed project, call (603) 271-2171. Other information about the project can be found on the NHDOT web site at <a href="https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/specifics.htm">https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/specifics.htm</a>.

### Planning Board elects officers and sets goals for 2018

Each year the Dover Planning Board elects officers and reviews and sets goals for the coming year. This goal-setting is accomplished at the first meeting of the year. For 2018, the Board began the process on Jan. 9, 2018. To start the meeting, the Board re-elected Kirt Schuman as Chairperson and Gina Cruikshank as Vice Chairperson.

In setting goals, the Board reviews potential amendments to land use regulations, which planning staff has provided. These amendments pertain to the City's zoning ordinance, site review regulations and subdivision of land regulations. In the past this review has resulted in addressing the need to allow Accessory Dwelling Units, adjust setbacks and review allowed uses in a particular zone.

For 2018, the Planning Board will be reviewing the Zoning Ordinance to consider amendments to:

- Impact fees
- Rezone urban areas to enhance opportunities for mixed-use development
- Review options to enhance opportunities for affordable single-family homes
- Revise the lot coverage and similar requirements in the downtown
- Remove barriers to accessibility enhancements for existing properties
- Remove barriers to maintaining and restoring nonconforming structures
- Explore options for rezoning land to encourage commercial growth

For 2018, the Planning Board will be reviewing the Site Regulations to consider amendments to:

- Enhance landscaping on projects, and the long-term health of said landscaping
- Consider amendments to the fiscal analysis required for multi-family projects
- Amend roadway design requirements to include roundabout specifications
- Amend lighting requirements in the urban core
- Merge the driveway regulations into the site plan

review regulations to remove any contradictory language

For 2018, the Planning Board will be reviewing the Subdivision of Land Regulations to consider amendments to:

- Enhance landscaping on projects, and the long-term health of landscaping
- Consider amendments to the fiscal analysis required for single-family projects
- Review options to enhance opportunities for affordable single-family homes
- Review Open Space Subdivision regulations to ensure the spirit and intent are being met

In addition, the City has received a grant to develop design guidelines for the downtown zoning district. These guidelines will be used by the Planning Board to review potential new buildings as they are proposed and they seek to enhance the community's heritage and require context based designs. This process will begin this spring with public input on features and designs.

This process should unfold over the early part of 2018, with public engagement taking place as regulations are considered and drafted. Any input and is welcome to the Planning Department via email at <a href="mailto:Dover-Planning@dover.nh.gov">Dover-Planning@dover.nh.gov</a>, in person at City Hall or by calling the department at 516-6008.

The Planning Board meets at City Hall the second and fourth Tuesday of the month (except in July, August, November and December), beginning at 7 p.m. Meetings are streamed live and available on demand at <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/">https://dovernh.viebit.com/</a>.

# Chamber forum looks at "Building Stronger Economies in Good Times 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 <a href="https://www.dovernh.org/economy">www.dovernh.org/economy</a>.

### 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



BRIAN GOTTLOB President

Policon specializes in identifying, understanding and communicating emerging economic, demographic, energy, fiscal, labor market, real estate, and public policy trends at the intersection of private sector activity and government policy, where public sector action or lanction or action or action or action or and or individual businesses, industries, not-for-profit organizations, and geographic regions.



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Assistant City Manager
Director of Planning and
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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, the is in charge of Master Plan update coordination, Public Relations & Social Media coordination, Transportation Advisory Commission member support and Transportation Improvement Program administration. He is also the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization representative.



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Register at www.dovernh.org/economy



An Introduction to Acupuncture at

#### the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is pleased to be hosting local acupuncture practitioner Julie Condon on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

What is Acupuncture? How can it help you? In this informal talk by licensed acupuncturist Julie Condon, come learn about how acupuncture works and how it can help improve your health and wellness. For those



interested in experiencing acupuncture, Julie will offer a free 20-minute session focused on relaxation and stress reduction.

Practitioner Julie Condon, L.Ac. provides acupuncture for everyone on a sliding scale - \$20-\$35 - to ensure the highest level of accessibility and care to the whole community.

"My goal is to support the health and wellness of our community, in the Asian tradition, by treating patients more frequently, for the greatest benefits," Condon says.

"Acupuncture stimulates the body's energy to promote healing and restore well-being and balance. A wide range of symptoms are successfully treated from pain management and sleep disorders to fertility and anxiety issue. Dover Community Acupuncture's space promotes relaxation with its serene colors and inviting treatment chairs as Julie gives each patient individual attention."

Julie will offer some free mini treatments during her talk to demonstrate to those who might be wary of needles and are willing to give it a try.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the 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 <a href="http://library.dover.nh.gov">http://library.dover.nh.gov</a> and click on Events, or email Denise LaFrance at <a href="mailto:d.lafrance@dover.nh.gov">d.lafrance@dover.nh.gov</a>.





## 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 <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov">www.dover.nh.gov</a> 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.



Jan. 25, 1673 - John Roberts and Jeremie Tebbets had liberty from the selectmen to improve six acres of land in the common lying off the east side of the path that "doeth go unto the watering place on Dover Neck near unto Thomas Perkins' house," which land was to be improved by them seven years for their use, and then to be returned for the town's use, and left plains for feeding ground.



Jan. 22, 1770 - The town voted to build anew bridge over Cochecho River "at the upper ware next below Capt. Waldron's mills at the lower falls." Two hundred pounds were raised by tax for the purpose and two shillings lawful money was to be paid per day to the men working on the same, finding themselves. 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. 23, 1777** - Theophilus Dame, Esq., sheriff of the County of Strafford, received orders from the Committee of Safety to "liberate from prison all such of the New York prisoners as gave bonds with two sufficient sureties, to the

Speaker of the House, to remain true prisoners within the town of Dover, such sureties being inhabitants of this State."



**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.



In **January 1923**, it was reported that the Dover Police Department made 480 arrests in 1922, including 192 for drunkenness, 12 for exceeding the speed limit, 72 for illegal possession of liquor, 24 for keeping liquor for sale, and 9 for driving while intoxicated. It had been reported earlier that despite the passage and strict local enforcement of Prohibition, police saw a 40 percent increase in arrests for drunkenness.

#### 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 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, 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, <u>click</u> 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 <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>.