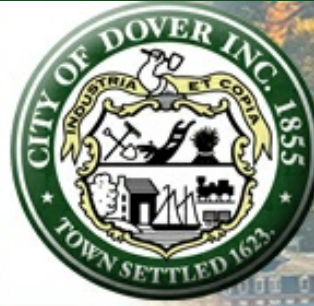


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## Meeting on Spaulding Turnpike widening project is Tuesday

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 Route 16). 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

### Meetings this week:

**City Council, Jan. 27,  
8:30 a.m.**

The City Council will hold a goal-setting session on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at the Dover Police Station on Chestnut Street.

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

**Joint Fiscal  
Committee, Jan. 31, 7  
p.m.**

The Joint Fiscal Committee, which comprises the City Council and School Board, will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



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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 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 <https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/specifics.htm>.

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## Dover Open Lands Committee announces 2018 officers

The Dover Open Lands Committee is pleased to announce the elected officers for 2017. Anna Boudreau was re-elected as the Chair of the committee and Kristen Murphy accepted the position of vice chair. Grant Killan will serve as secretary and Steve Bird, Planning Department liaison, will continue as treasurer.

Since its inception in 2000, the OLC has worked with the Conservation Commission to help conserve more than 830 acres of conservation land in Dover, leveraging over \$5.8 million in state and federal grant funding. In addition, the OLC holds workshops and tours of conservation lands that

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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are open to the public, such as the popular full-moon snowshoe walk.

The mission of the OLC is to identify and prioritize properties that are suitable for protection based on criteria developed in order to conserve their natural resource or wildlife and outdoor recreation values and preserve open lands within the city for current and future generations to enjoy.

This busy committee is seeking new members to serve on several subcommittees. From the protection of drinking water resources to purchasing land outright, or placing conservation easements on farm and forest lands, to safeguarding critical wildlife habitat, to preserving historic and scenic areas, there are many interesting tasks to take part in. Whether you like trail maintenance work, monitoring conserved properties, creating trail brochures, or organizing workshops, your skills will be put to productive use.

If interested in becoming a member or for more information about the OLC, call the Planning Department at 603-516-6008 or e-mail Steve Bird at [s.bird@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.bird@dover.nh.gov).



## 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

[s.bird@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.bird@dover.nh.gov) 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.

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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.

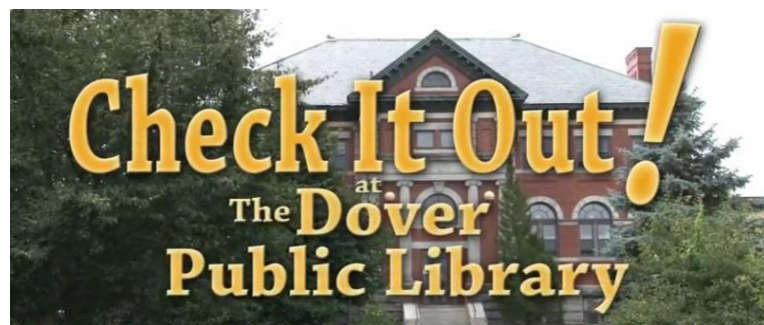
Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or [online](#).

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.

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"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.

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## Dover Library Offers "Take-Apart" Program for children

Have you ever wondered what the inside of your appliances or computers look like? This is your chance to find out.

Children in grades kindergarten and up (grades K-2 with an adult) are invited to the Dover Public Library's "Take-Apart" program on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. There will be plenty of mechanical and

technology objects to investigate and disassemble.

No preregistration is required and everyone is welcome. All tools and materials will be provided.

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

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## Alternative education film showing and discussion at Dover Public Library

On Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. the Dover Public Library will host Andrew Fersch, founder of the Penn Program, an alternative education school, who will present a film about his program and lead a discussion on alternative education following the film.

The Penn Program is an idea for how education could look if we took the time to answer the most meaningful of questions - what is the purpose of education - and then informed our educational system with our response.

The documentarians of Portsmouth's FilmUnbound spent a year and a half chronicling the idea of The Penn, an idea that was created by educator and writer Andrew Fersch, interviewing the young people involved, and following the group as they experiment with education - the result is a film which is hoping to foster the conversation about why we educate, with the goal of better informing us for how we should educate.

There are eight major tenets of the Penn Program:  
Kindness / The Importance of Community & Giving /  
Collaboration & Teamwork / Physical Health, Exercise, &  
Food / A Greater Understanding of Culture / A Sense of the  
Artistic Process / Emotional Stability & Well-Being / Follow  
Through.

This documentary illustrates the various aspects of the program over the course of 18 months.

In addition to a showing of the film, there will be a panel discussion afterwards with founder and teacher Andrew Lapham Fersch.

The unrated film is 54 minutes.

The Pen Program was started by Seacoast teacher Andrew Fersch in response to the pace at which he saw change being enacted in the public school system.

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designed to be a school within a school publicly, it has operated outside of the school system and will do so until a school is willing to team up. The program is a combination

of what many would call the 'best practices' of education - taking from all sorts of public and private systems, mining the most meaningful and successful ideas to create something new. The Penn is about educating the whole child, to prepare them to be a kind, considerate, dedicated, hard-working member of their society. One who is both contented and healthy - physically and mentally. Someone who aims to better the world around them not for some benefit, but because the work is the benefit, and the reward is a society they can be proud of being a part of. More info about the program may be found at Fersch's website, [www.afersch.com](http://www.afersch.com).

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the 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 [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov) or call the Dover Recreation Department at 516-6410.

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## 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, "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](#).



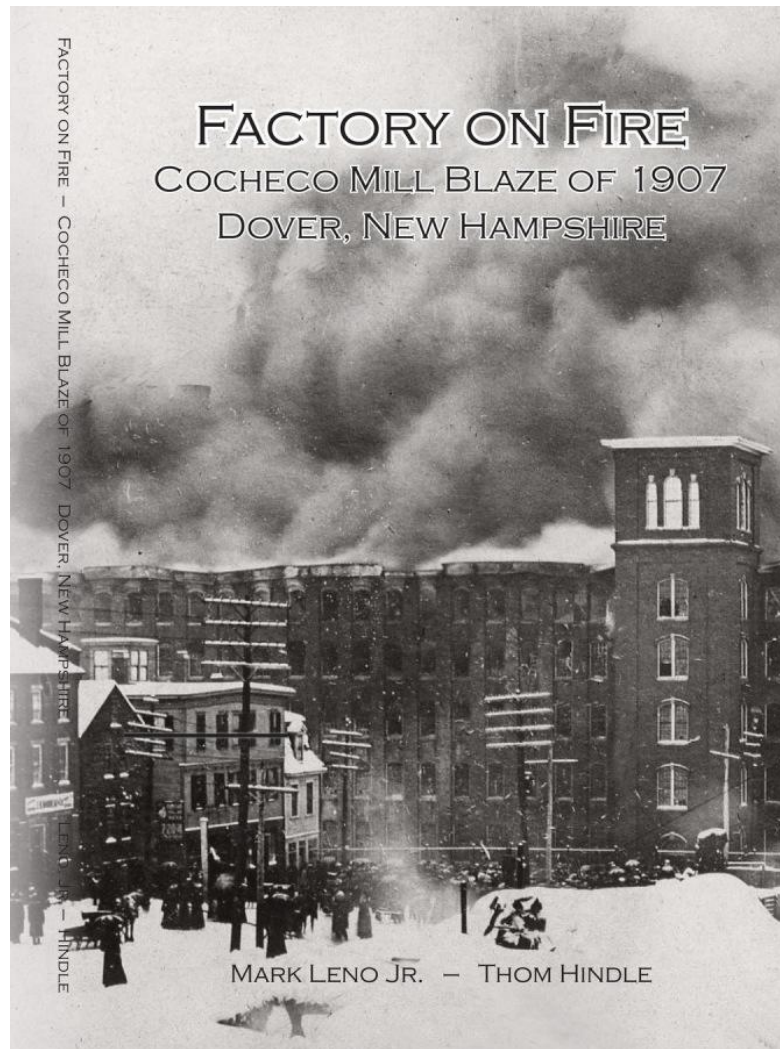
**Jan. 26, 1907** - Known as the Great Blaze, Mill #1 of the



Cocheco Manufacturing Company was nearly destroyed by fire on this day. The alarm was given at 6:33 Saturday morning for a fire which broke out in the middle of the fourth story of the building. Some of the operatives in the fourth and fifth stories were cut off by smoke from the stair ways and there was only one fire escape in the back side of the mill. They became panic stricken. Two jumped from the fourth story window and were seriously injured - a dozen men slid down a rope which had been made fast inside a window burning and lacerating their hands in a horrible manner by the friction and some found their way to the fire escape. All those who were injured were as quickly as possible sent to the Wentworth Hospital. Streams of water were played from the engines on Washington Street but the pressure of the water service was very poor and very little water reached the flames. Assistance was given by the Portsmouth Fire Company, The Cocheco Company and Williams Belt factory. The automatic sprinklers in all the stories save the fourth worked perfectly and this with the fire doors no doubt was the means which prevented the spread of the flames in the lower part of the mill. After the fire had been burning for nearly an hour, four men were discovered with their heads outside of a window in the fifth story on the back side calling for rescue. The firemen at once put up ladders which were 20 too short to reach the window. An extension ladder was added and still there was a lack of 10 feet. Lieutenant Bradley of House 1 volunteered to take a pole up and lash it to the top of the ladder. The other end was lashed to the window sill by the men. Bradley stood at the top of the ladder and received the men as they slid down the pole. He did a most daring and heroic piece of work in rescuing them. No. 1 mill was erected by the Cocheco Manufacturing Company in 1877 at a cost of \$640,000. Five hundred hands were employed. The machinery cost upwards of a million dollars. The machinery on three upper floors was ruined while that on the first and second was damaged only by water. This fire showed the need of additional fire apparatus. Soon after, 2,000 feet of hose and a fire net were purchased, with other appliances, to insure greater safety to the firemen, and to facilitate the discharge of their duties. Mayor White in his last inaugural said the exhibition of bravery by the firemen that day stamped them as real heroes and won for them the lasting gratitude of our citizens.

Local historians Mark Leno and Thom Hindle recently published a book about the fire. "Factory on Fire" is the true story of the Cocheco Mill No. 1, and explores the causes of the fire, the plight of the mill workers who dangled from open windows, the work of heroic rescuers and firefighters in extreme weather, and an intriguing lawsuit later brought against mill owners by an injured survivor. The book also includes never-before-published photos.

Signed copies of the book are available at Nicole's



FACTORY ON FIRE - COCHECO MILL BLAZE OF 1907 DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

# FACTORY ON FIRE

## COCHECO MILL BLAZE OF 1907

### DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARK LENO JR. - THOM HINDLE

## 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, [click here](#).

## Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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## 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.

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## Time to register your vehicle?

## Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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