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## Customer Service Center at City Hall to open this fall

Residents will soon enjoy a more convenient way to access some of the most utilized services at City Hall. Construction of a new Customer Service Center at City Hall is now under way and on schedule to open this fall.

The Customer Service Center will occupy the ground floor of City Hall. The space was previously occupied by the Dover Police Department, which moved to a new facility on Chestnut Street in March 2016. Since then, the City has been working on the design, demolition and now construction of the new Customer Service Center. The Water and Sewer billing office, Parking Bureau, City Clerk and Tax Collector Office, and the Information Technology Department will all move to the ground floor of City Hall this fall, allowing residents easy access to customer service in a single location.

Assistant City Planner Donna Benton has been overseeing the design and build project, working with consultant Martini Northern and City of Dover staff.

"This project is more complex than any of us imagined," Benton said. "City Hall was built in 1933 and has been occupied since then, making for some interesting surprises. We have a great team working to improve City Hall in general, making the space more efficient and

## Meetings this week:

### Planning Board, July 25, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

### City Council, July 26, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

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welcoming for many years to come."

Some of the ground floor renovations include a new HVAC system, sprinkler system, LED lights, new accessible access, security systems, and new electrical systems. The offices moving to the ground floor will vacate space on the first and second floors of City Hall, allowing other City operations to utilize additional space.

"Some of the significant obstacles at City Hall include the lack of storage space, room for future growth, additional meeting space, improving fire safety and bringing the ground floor up to code, and generally more efficient systems in place to improve customer service across all departments," Benton said.

For more information about City Hall renovations, contact the Dover Planning Department at 603-516-6008, email [d.benton@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.benton@dover.nh.gov).



## Cochecho Arts Festival continues this week

The 31st annual Cochecho Arts Festival continues tonight, July 14, 2017 at 6 p.m. with Swing Rocket at the Rotary



Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park. The Podunk Throwbacks will also perform. The show is part of the Liberty Mutual Headliner Spotlight series and is sponsored by Residence at Silver Square, Urban Tree Service and Federal Savings Bank.

The festival lineup for the upcoming week includes:


- **Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.:** Rob Duquette, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Amtrak Downeaster Children's Series Spotlight and sponsored by Northeast Delta Dental;



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

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

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- **Tuesday, July 25**, 7 p.m.: "When Harry Met Sally," Cochecho Mill Courtyard, part of the Dinner and a Movie Series, sponsored by Howe, Riley and Howe CPA;
- **Wednesday, July 26**, 3:30 p.m.: North River Band, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Avenue), part of the Farmers Market Spotlight series and sponsored by Portsmouth Christian Academy at Dover;
- **Wednesday, July 26**, 6 p.m.: On Tap Band, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Shark in the Park Series Spotlight and sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.

The festival features dozens of live performances over seven weeks that span the Tuesday Children's Series, Wednesday Farmers Market Acoustic Stage, Shark In The Park, Friday Night Headliner Series and Opening Acts, Dinner and a Movie Series and Theater on the Cochecho.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is the most popular Summer Music Festival in the Seacoast. The festival draws over 10,000 people to downtown Dover from the beginning of July through August.

For more information, visit [www.cochechoartsfestival.org](http://www.cochechoartsfestival.org) or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.



## Dover to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 1

Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. is pleased to announce the Dover Police Department will participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017 in Henry Law Park. The event will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and is free to the public. National Night Out is a time for community members to meet with police officers, discuss issues, learn what the police do, and unite with the common goal of crime prevention.

The public will be able to see some of the specialized

equipment and vehicles that the police use to carry out their duties including the crime scene and mobile command vehicles. The Police Department's Mounted Patrol and K9 officers will be at the event and interacting with the public. National Night Out will also feature firefighters and fire apparatus from Dover Fire and Rescue.

"The Dover Police Department recognizes the importance of community policing and working with local residents to solve problems," Colarusso said. "National Night Out is an opportunity to interact with our community in a positive environment and promote the power and value of police-community partnerships."

There will also be a dozen community organizations on hand to provide literature and other information related to health, safety, and wellness. Information on drug prevention, treatment and recovery resources, bike and seatbelt safety, violence prevention, and early childhood education will be available to the public through various booths at the event. There will also be food vendors on hand.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Dover's National Night Out is an opportunity for citizens to meet and engage with their first responders.

Dover's National Night Out is a family oriented event and is affiliated with National Night Out, which involves over 35 million people in more than 10,000 communities across the nation.

For more information about the event you can visit the Dover Police Department's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/DoverNHPolice](https://www.facebook.com/DoverNHPolice). Individuals looking to get involved can contact Vicki Hebert at (603)516-3279.

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## Dedication ceremony slated for new Parking Garage murals

The Dover Arts Commission and Seymour Osman Community Center will hold a dedication ceremony for new parking garage murals depicting the history of Dover on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., at the Orchard Street Parking Garage.

The Dover Arts Commission submitted a grant application to the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts in 2016 for the creation and installation of mosaic murals at the parking garage, the City's first public art installation.

The five mosaic murals, installed on each level of the garage, were created earlier this year by children ages seven to 12 in an afterschool program at the Seymour Osman Community Center. Assembled under the guidance of Robert Rossel of Epping, a New Hampshire State Council on the Arts' artist, each mural depicts an iconic Dover landmark. The icons were designed by Pip Clews of Portsmouth. The mural frames were constructed with donated wood by building trades students at Dover High School.

The murals span Dover's history, including a gundalow,

the mills, Garrison Hill Tower, City Hall and the Dover Police Mounted Patrol.

This project was made possible with support from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, and generous sponsors who provided additional funding, including the City of Dover, Dover Police Charities, Chinburg Properties, Cocheco Printworks, Glass Routes, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Little Tree Education and Shaheen & Gordon, PA.

The dedication ceremony on Aug. 4 is open to all. Please RSVP to Parking Manager Bill Simons at 516-2277 or [W.Simons@dover.nh.gov](mailto:W.Simons@dover.nh.gov).

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## Celebrate 20 Years of Harry Potter at the Dover Public Library

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to take a stroll down Diagon Alley? Imagine walking into Ollivanders to pick out your wand or Flourish and Blotts to collect your Hogwarts school books. Maybe you'd even swing by Sugarplum's Sweets Shop to fill your sugar craving.



Join the Dover Public Library for a trip down Diagon Alley on Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for an early celebration of Harry Potter's birthday. The event will end with a Harry Potter trivia competition at 12 p.m.

Attendees will receive their very own acceptance letter to Hogwarts and be sent on their way to Diagon Alley to collect their school supplies. Stops include Ollivanders to make wands; Quality Quidditch Supplies to practice the famous wizarding sport; Madam Malkin's Robes for All Occasions to finger-knit a scarf; Flourish and Blotts to make a mini Monster Book of Monsters; Scribbulus Writing Instruments to create a writing quill; and Magical Menagerie to decorate a dragon egg.

Individuals are invited to dress in their finest witch and wizard wardrobes to participate in a costume contest for a Harry Potter gift basket. Photos of costume participants will be taken throughout the day and then voted on by the public on the library's website until Tuesday, Aug. 1. Another gift basket will be awarded to the winning team in the Harry Potter trivia competition.

In addition, witches and wizards are asked to bring a

non-perishable item for the "Feed the Muggles!" Food Drive. All donations will go to the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County's food pantry. The drive is sponsored by OWLS, a local community service group affiliated with the library and a chapter of the Harry Potter Alliance.

Harry Potter Day is free and open to the public.

For more information about the celebration activities, visit <http://library.dover.nh.gov> or call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

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## City of Dover and surrounding towns to hold Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the City's Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road.

The goal of Hazardous Waste Collection Day is to allow for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. Residents of the four communities can bring household hazardous waste to Community Services for safe disposal.

The following household waste will be accepted: fertilizer with acids; bathroom cleaners; brush cleaner; pesticides car waxes/polish; disinfectants; corrosives; fungicides; creosote; furniture polish paint/stain/finish; insect spray; driveway sealers/tar; metal polish (lead and oil based); lighter fluid; flea powder; mothballs; rust preventative; pest strips/traps; gasoline; oven cleaner; solvents; pesticides; radiator flush; photo chemicals; thinner/turpentine; poisons; roofing tar; rug cleaner; wood preservatives; pool chemicals; and wood strippers.

Empty containers are not hazardous. Please dispose of them in your regular trash.

Explosives, asbestos, latex paint, oil (new or used) and antifreeze will not be accepted.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Dover is for household residents only. Proof of residency is required.

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

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# Summer reading in full swing at the Public Library

The Public Library's summer reading programs for all ages are in full swing. To learn more, see the latest episode below of "Check It Out!," or visit the Library's [website here](#).



## Central Avenue bridge work continues the week of July 24

### Alternative parking available to downtown customers, businesses

Repair work to the Central Avenue Bridge will continue the week of July 24.

The east side of the bridge has reopened, and work has shifted to the west side of the bridge.

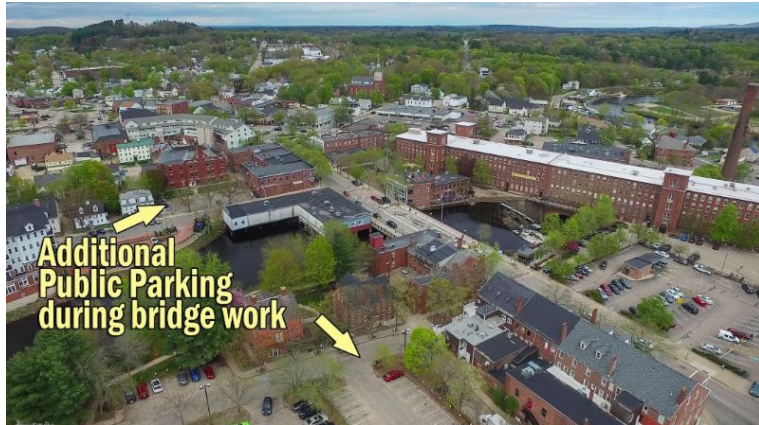
The contractor is currently on schedule to complete the work by Aug. 22, 2017.

During the work, there is no parking on the bridge. The bridge sidewalks will remain open and accessible, with the exception of brief closures necessary to complete the work.

Additional parking is available in the immediate area for downtown businesses and customers. Both the Orchard Street parking lot and public parking garage are available. The City has also arranged for 40 private



parking spaces to be available as public parking for the duration of the work. These spaces are located in the parking lot behind Oriental Delight and in the Orchard Street parking lot.



The Central Avenue Bridge work includes the removal of pavement, patching the bridge's concrete deck, repairing expansion joints, and repaving the bridge.

Project plans can be viewed at Community Services, 271 Mast Road, or online at <http://go.usa.gov/x9H3a>.

## Washington Street gas main work continues week of July 24

Utility crews will continue work to replace a gas main on Washington Street, from the Makem Bridge to Locust Street, and along Central Avenue, from the lower square to Kirkland Street.

While the work is under way, motorists should expect temporary detours and delays. Work crews will be on site Monday through Friday, approximately 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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



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](#).



**July 26, 1696** - The people of Dover were waylaid as they were returning from the public worship, when three were killed, three wounded, and three carried to Penobscot, from whence they soon found their way home. The persons killed were Nicholas Otis, Mary Downs and Mary Jones; those wounded were Richard Otis, Anthony Lowden and Experience Heard; those captured were John Tucker, Nicholas Otis, Jr. and Judith Ricker. As these persons all appear to have lived between Waldron's garrison and Garrison Hill, it is probable that the attack was between the upper falls and the brow of the hill before reaching Otis' Garrison.



**July 27, 1830** - Present appearances promise an unusual crop of potatoes. Some farmers have offered them at ninepence a bushel, in anticipation of the harvest. Good hay is now selling for \$5 a ton. (Dover Enquirer)



**July 24, 1843** - At a town meeting held in the new Town Hall, the town voted to convey to the County of Strafford, the use of the Court Room with the necessary rooms for County Officers, Jury Rooms, etc., so long as the Court shall sit in Dover, upon the payment of \$3,000.



**July 22, 1857** - Very heavy thunder showers - the lightning striking No. 5 Factory, prostrating several of the help, and setting fire to the waste in one of the rooms.



**July 21, 1864** - Another call of the President for 500,000 men was made at this time. The quota of the State was 6,502, and of Dover 149, the credits to which the city was entitled reducing this number to about 110. At a special meeting of the City Council held July 23, it was voted to pay the largest bounties for volunteers authorized by a recent act of the Legislature: \$100 for 1-year men, \$200 for 2-year men, and \$300 for 3-year men; and the Mayor was authorized to take immediate measures for carrying the vote into effect, and raising the necessary men.

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## Join the Dover Chamber for a walking tour of historic Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer its next guided walking tour of historic Dover on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 10:30 a.m.

Tours begin at the Dover Chamber and will leisurely stroll through Dover's Historic Downtown area, with numerous stops along the way during which the Guide will point out places of interest, offer historical perspective, and share stories and anecdotes about the people, places and events that have helped shape Dover. The cost of the tour is \$8 per person.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 603-742-2218.

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## MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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### 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 hiring the following positions:

- **Afternoon/Evening/Weekend Library Page**
- **Clerk Typist II**
- **Building Inspector**
- **Engineering Document Coordinator**
- **Arena maintenance - ice resurfacers**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker - Utilities**
- **Arena attendants**
- **Lifeguards**
- **Swim instructor**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

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### 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? [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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