

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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Meetings this week:

Planning Board, July 26, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, July 27, 7 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2016



Groupo Fantasia

Cochecho Arts Festival continues tonight with Grupo Fantasia

The 30th annual Cochecho Arts Festival continues tonight, July 22, 2016 at 6 p.m. with the Grupo Fantasia at the Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park. Joel Cage will also perform. The show is part of the Liberty Mutual Headliner Spotlight series and is sponsored by Access Sports Medicine and ConvenientMD.

Angel Wagner, musical director of Grupo Fantasia and master percussionist, plays more than 30 instruments. Angel has



studied at the Harbor Arts Academy in New York, The Berklee College of Music in Boston and in the 1990's, tutored on congas under Grammy nominee, Giovanni Hidalgo. Angel formed Grupo Fantasia in 1993, with musicians from all around the world. Over the years, Fantasia has performed at the Calle Ocho festival in Miami, as well as touring extensively throughout the Northeast. His performances include a multitude of schools, universities, colleges, fundraisers, private functions and musical galas, The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit <u>www.dover.nh.gov/dntv</u>.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.



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

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



allowing him to team up with the most exclusive event coordinators and party planners in New England.

The festival lineup for the week includes:

- **Tuesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.**: BJ Hickman, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Amtrak Downeaster Children's Series Spotlight and sponsored by Saint Thomas Aquinas High School and Saint Mary Academy;
- **Tuesday**, **July 26, 6 p.m.**: Dinner and a Movie: "Wayne's World," Cocheco Courtyard, sponsored by Shaheen and Gordon;
- Wednesday, July 27, 3:30 p.m.: Nice n' Naughty, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Avenue), part of the Farmers Market Spotlight series and sponsored by Dupont's Service Center
- Wednesday, July 27, 6 p.m.: American Made, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Shark in the Park Series Spotlight and sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.

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 <u>www.dovernh.org</u>.



Dover parking garage now offers pay-by-phone option

Motorists using the City of Dover parking garage on Orchard Street can now pay for parking by phone. The program, called Whoosh, allows drivers to use their phone to pay for parking, as well as add additional time remotely.

"Since you take your garage meter receipt with you instead of putting it on your dashboard, you know exactly when your parking period ends," said Parking Manager Bill Simons. "Using the Whoosh app will allow you to buy more time from your favorite restaurant, store, doctor's office and even your barber shop or salon without having to go back Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u> and <u>twitter feed</u> for the latest updates.

to the garage."

Drivers can download the Whoosh app at <u>www.whooshstore.com</u>, through Google Play for Android phones or at the Apple App Store for iPhones.

"The process is simple once you set up your account," Simons added. "You don't even have to put in your actual plate number; ABC123 works just as well."

Drivers only need to select their vehicle, enter a parking space number and the amount of time desired in one-hour increments.

Whoosh sends drivers a text message reminding them when their paid parking period is about to end. There is a 25 cent convenience fee added to each pay-by-phone transaction.

Whoosh can also be a great tool for merchants who want to buy more parking time for customers.

"This is a great option for the shop to buy more time for my customers on busy days so they can sit back and relax while waiting to get into the barber chair," said Best of Times Barber Shop owner Josh Hynes.

For more information, contact the Parking Bureau at 516-6132.

Updated Transportation Chapter of Master Plan is topic of Dover Planning Board workshop July 26

A draft update of the City's Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan will be before the Planning Board on Tuesday, July 26. The Planning Board will meet for a workshop session in Room 306 at the McConnell Center at 7 p.m.

The City of Dover began its update to the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan in the fall of 2015. Since then, a steering committee, staff and the City's transportation consultant, VHB, have been working to develop the new chapter. In addition to Steering Committee meetings, the process included two public workshops and two online surveys to gather public input.

At the July 26 Planning Board workshop, the Steering Committee chairperson, staff and the transportation consultant will make a presentation on the updated chapter. The workshop is intended to provide a chance for the Planning Board to learn more about the chapter and ask questions of the chair, staff and consultant. The draft chapter is tentatively scheduled for a public hearing and possible adoption by the Planning Board at the Aug. 23, 2016 meeting. The final date for the public hearing will be set after the July 26 workshop.

This chapter is a continuation of ongoing Master Plan work that began with a community wide visioning process in 2012.

Dover's Master Plan can be found <u>online here</u>. The Transportation chapter addresses a transportation vision and the elements needed over the next 10 years to adhere to the goals of the visioning process: "Dover has an excellent and fully interconnected transportation system for pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles and a public transportation system that is supportive of, and responsive to, new technology and continuous improvement."

The elements identified in that process include:

- A walkable community complemented by citywide pedestrian, bicycle and wheelchair accessible features using appropriate benches, signs, lighting, crosswalks and bicycle racks;
- A public transit system that serves the entire community;
- Traffic-calming measures to manage speeds and "pass through" traffic in the downtown and neighborhoods;
- Physical and directional signage improvements designed to facilitate legal, safe traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrians throughout the city.

"We are looking forward to presenting the Chapter to the Planning Board," said Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker. "The Steering Committee, with input from citizens who have provided their thoughts and comments over the last year, has endeavored to develop a chapter that will address the Vision Theme and Elements identified in the Vision Chapter of the Dover Master Plan."

The Planning Board workshop is open to the public. A copy of the draft Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan will be available <u>online here</u> or at the Planning Department office following the presentation to the Planning Board.

For more information, contact the Department of Planning and Community Development, located in City Hall or by phone at telephone 603-516-6008.



Panel hosts groundbreaking for new Dover High School today

The Joint Building Committee formed by the School Board and City Council will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the new High School and Career Technical Center today, Friday, July 22, 2016, at 3 p.m. The ceremony will be held at 50 Alumni Drive, at the gate directly across from the Alternative School.

Construction of the new facility begins this summer and is expected to open in 2018.

For more information on this project, visit the <u>project</u> website here.



On Monday, July 25, Alumni Drive will be closed to traffic from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The closure is necessary for utility and site work for the new high school construction project.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN! Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday on July 30 at the Dover Public Library

Wish Harry Potter a "happy birthday!" at an activity-filled celebration on the Dover Public Library's front lawn on Saturday, July 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Attendees must first pass through Platform 9 3/4 and be sorted into one of four houses at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry: Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw, or Hufflepuff. They will then participate in various classes including: Wand Making, Herbology (plant a magical seed), Potions (with slime), and Care of Magical Creatures (Pygmy Puffs). Completion of all the classes will enter that student into a raffle to win a Harry Potter-themed gift basket.

Snacks will be provided in the Great Hall (the library's Lecture Hall) and students are also welcome to test their flying skills with a friendly game of Quidditch on the McConnell Center's front lawn.

Participants may also compete in a Horcrux Scavenger Hunt, a trek around downtown to local businesses in pursuit of Voldemort's remaining Horcruxes. A gift basket prize awaits the winner of this hunt.

Additionally, a trivia contest for Harry Potter prizes will begin at 11am on the lawn, with groups competing to see who is the most knowledgeable about all things Harry Potter. Other activities will include a "Wanted Wizard" photo booth, a "Find Moaning Myrtle" game, and a House Points competition.

Harry Potter Day will also debut the Dover Public Library's own chapter of the Harry Potter Alliance (HPA). Dubbed a "real-life Dumbledore's Army", HPA is a nonprofit organization that uses fan activism to encourage community and civic engagement. HPA has 225 chapters in 25 countries around the world. The group will be New Hampshire's first chapter and it's open to all ages. Harry Potter Alliance sign-ups will begin on Harry Potter Day.

The festivities are free and open to the public. In the event of rain, all activities will be moved inside the library.

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



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 at http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm.

July 28, 1665 - The treasurer was ordered to pay for the killing of a wolf in the year 1663, "as appeareth in a note under the Constable's hands, in the hands of John Hall, Deacon, under the selectmen's hands," the money to go to the said John Hall, Deacon, and fifteen other persons, each to receive an equal portion, as the price for killing a wolf was but 5 pounds. The share of each could not have been large, though it was very proper, as the town had given its note for the amount, that the same should be paid.



July 26, 1696 - The people of Dover were waylaid as they were returning from 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.

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:

- School crossing guard
- Maintenance mechanic
- Lifeguards
- Swim instructor

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

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 more information about the important role of the City's boards and commissions, please view the video below. Click on the image to view.



City of Dover Boards and Commissions

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, <u>click here</u>.

To download an application for board and commissions, click here. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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

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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.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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

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

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

For more information on the E-registration process, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

Simply visit <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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

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