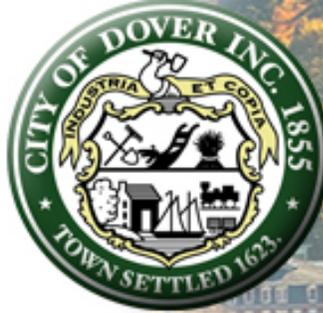




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## Annual fireworks display postponed until Sunday, July 6

Due to the weather forecast, the annual fireworks display in Dover will be postponed until Sunday, July 6.

The fireworks will be launched at 9:15 p.m.

Henry Law Park and the downtown area are the best locations to view the fireworks.

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### **Meetings this week:**

#### **Planning Board, July 8, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 8, at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

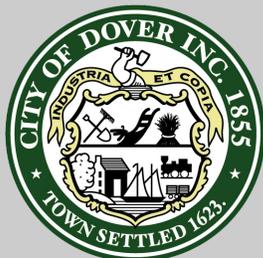
#### **City Council, July 9, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 9, at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov).

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



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Paul Norris photo

Don Briand, left, as John Adams and Tom Dunnington as Benjamin Franklin.

## Founding Fathers to read the Declaration of Independence

Dover kicks off Independence Day with its annual reading of the Declaration of Independence. Garrison Players Arts Center performers Don Briand as John Adams, Tom Dunnington as Benjamin Franklin and Rich Salvati as Thomas Jefferson will read the Declaration at 9 a.m. on the steps of Dover City Hall (288 Central Ave).

This is the 14th year the Garrison Players have been a part of the Dover Independence Day celebration.

Garrison Players Arts Center (GPAC) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based community theatre group dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the area by presenting high-quality theatrical performances geared for family audiences. Established in 1953, the players encourage people of all ages to enjoy and participate in the many facets of the performing arts, and to help maintain the Garrison Players Arts Center.

For more information about auditions, shows or GPAC, visit the website at [www.garrisonplayers.org](http://www.garrisonplayers.org).

## City offices, Public Library closed for Independence Day

City administrative offices will be closed Friday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. The Dover Public Library is

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

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

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also closed on Friday, July 4.

Trash and curbside recycling pick-up will be delayed by one day.

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## Work continues to update City of Dover's Master Plan

The Dover Planning Board and the Planning Department are working with a group of volunteers to update the Land Use Chapter of the Dover Master Plan. The Land Use chapter, which was prepared in 2007, is being updated. As part of the process, the Planning Board created a Steering Committee in March to oversee the work and to ensure there is ample opportunity for public participation during the process.

The Steering Committee, chaired by former City Councilor Jerry Reese, has been meeting monthly and working closely with the Planning Department and the planning consultant hired by the City, Jeffrey H. Taylor & Associates. The process is scheduled to take approximately six months. All the steering committee meetings are open to the public. Maps being prepared as part of the update are available on the City website [here](#).

"This is an important update to the City's Master Plan," Reese said. "I am pleased that two members of the committee were members of the last update, seven years ago. That gives the committee some continuity and allows us to focus on the future and not keep asking the question of how we got to where we are now. In the three meetings held so far, the members of the committee have been engaged and asking many questions of the planning staff and the City's consultant. That, I believe, will lead to a finished product which will be useful for all stakeholders in the future."

The Master Plan, which is a blueprint for the City's future development and acts as both a reference and policy document, is updated every five to 10 years by the Planning Board. The Master Plan is designed to help a community meet change responsibly, guiding its growth in an orderly manner.

The City began the Master Plan update process in 2012 with the development of its Visioning Chapter. This process, branded Dover 2023, set in motion the process of creating a Master Plan outlining how the community wants to look and feel when it celebrates its 400th anniversary. As part of the Vision chapter work, a

timeline for completing six chapters in the overall Master Plan was completed. In 2014, staff developed a Data Appendix which will be used by all future chapters in the cycle.

In addition to the Land Use chapter, the City will work on the following chapters over the next five years:

- Transportation
- Stewardship of Community Resources
- Regional Concerns

To view the City's adopted Master Plan, click [here](#).

For more information or to get involved with the project, please contact City Planner Steve Bird at 603-516-6008 or be [e-mail](#).

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## Dover Recreation offers yoga classes

Dover Recreation announces new session dates and times for upcoming yoga classes.

These classes are taught by Theresa Bean, who is ACE certified and YogaFit trained. Theresa was also awarded the 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award from New Hampshire's Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health.

Dover Recreation offers a beginner yoga class on Tuesday evenings and an intermediate/advanced class on Monday and Wednesday evenings. New sessions begin July 14 and 15.

For more information, call 603-516-6401 or visit the Recreation Department's web page [here](#).

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## Cochecho Arts Festival kicks off 28th season July 9

The Cochecho Arts Festival begins its 28th season on Wednesday, July 9. The annual festival comprises the Children's Series on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the Farmer's Market performances on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Shark in the Park concerts on



Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., and the Headliner Series on Friday nights at 6 p.m. In addition, the Festival includes Shakespeare in the Park on Sunday, July 27 and Sunday, Aug. 3, at 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming performances are:

- Wednesday, July 9, 6 p.m., Rosie (Sponsored by The Shark 105.3/102.1 FM) Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;
- Friday, July 11, 6 p.m., The Spectras with Jon King (Sponsored by Liberty Mutual) Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;
- Tuesday, July 15, 10:30 a.m., Sammi Haynes (Sponsored by Orange Leaf), Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park;
- Wednesday, July 16, 3:30 p.m., The Torrenz Duo (Sponsored by Holy Rosary Credit Union) Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

The annual festival is organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, visit <http://www.cochechoartsfestival.org>.

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## Chopin at the Dover Public Library on Tuesday, July 15

On Tuesday evening, July 15 at 7 p.m., the Dover Public Library will host its seventh, and final performance, in a series of free classical music concerts featuring live performances of well-known musical masterpieces. This finale concert, performed solo by series organizer and pianist Naho Bessho will feature music by

Frederic Chopin, the famous 19th century Polish composer. The program will include many of his familiar nocturnes, etudes, and waltzes. The concert's length is under one hour, so that children may attend and enjoy the music too. Naho's goal has always been to encourage classical music appreciation among all ages.



Naho Bessho was born in Japan and is a concert pianist in Dover. At age 19 she won the highest award at the Japan Classical Music Competition. She graduated from Aichi Prefectural University of Fine Arts and Music with a Master of Music degree. She has played with the Krakow Philharmonic Orchestra in Poland, and in 2001 won 2nd prize at the Yangtze River up International Competition in Osaka. She came to the US in 2002, graduating from Boston University with a Performance Diploma in 2006, and has given many piano recitals throughout New England, plus six here in Dover at the library. In 2010, she released her first CD, "Invitation", and last April released her second CD "Spianato". She has taught private lessons locally, but will soon be moving to the Washington, DC area.

Please join us in the Dover Public Library's Lecture Hall for this last opportunity to enjoy Naho's exquisite talents at the piano. The concert is free and all ages are welcome to attend.

For further 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 4, 1807** - "On this day the Federalists of this town celebrated the anniversary of the day on which America became independent in the true spirit of Freemen. The day

was ushered in by the discharge of cannon and ringing of the bells. At 10 o'clock, A.M. a procession was formed at Mrs. Tebbetts' by Ezra Green, Esq. the Marshal of the day; consisting of about sixty gentlemen of this and the neighboring towns who (preceeded by a number of gentlemen musicians of this town who generously volunteered their services in promoting the amusements of the day) marched to the Meeting-house. The public exercises commenced with an appropriate ode, composed for the occasion by Henry Mellen, Esq. which was sung and played by a select band of musicians in a style of superior excellence, after which an interesting, patriotic and elegant oration was delivered to a brilliant and highly gratified audience by Moses Hodgdon, Esq. in which the orator forcibly and correctly traced to their sources the causes of the democratic faction in our nation, the various measures by which they ascended to power, and the causes of the present deplorable situation of our beloved country. The performance being closed by another ode prepared for the occasion, the company repaired to the Court House and partook of an elegant dinner which was provided for the occasion by Mrs. Lydia Tebbetts, the hall and table being ingeniously and elegantly decorated, after which the following toasts were given accompanied by discharge of cannon and appropriate music and among the rest that much admired one entitled the "Embargo" was sung by Henry Mellen, Esq. The utmost harmony prevailed through the day which was closed in the full expectation of a glorious resurrection of the cause of truth and federalism."

The following specimen of the toasts drank on the occasion with one stanza of Mr. Mellen's ode, will suffice : -

The President on the flats - The tide of a "successful experiment" being out.

J. Q. Adams - When political dancers rigadon at the top and change sides- they ought to attend to the tune. "There is no luck."

Dear sirs, it is wrong  
To demand a New Song:  
I have let all the breath I can spare go;  
With the muse I've conferred,  
And she won't say a word,  
But keeps laughing about this Embargo.



**July 5, 1835** - John Kenney, aged 29, and John Casley, aged 23, drowned while bathing in the river above the Upper Bridge.

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**July 6, 1863** - The bells of the city were rung by order of the city authorities, on the receipt this day of the news of the surrender of Vicksburg to the Union Army under General Grant. Captain George W. Roberts of the 2d N.H. Regiment, was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, while gallantly leading his company against the enemy. He enlisted in the Regiment at the breaking out of the war, as a private, had fought in all the bloody battles in which it had been engaged, and was promoted to Captain when the Regiment returned to the front in May last.

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**July 8, 1846** - Andrew Howard was hung in the jail yard for the murder of Phebe Hanson Sept. 19, 1843.

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**July 9, 1776** - The key of Peter Mitchell's store in Dover was taken from him by the Committee of Safety, agreeably to a requisition of the colonial authorities, and the goods therein afterwards confiscated. Mitchell appears to have been the servant or bookkeeper of one James McMarster of Portsmouth, a suspected person, who petitioned the Assembly to have his property restored. This was refused and Mitchell was ordered to confine himself within the town of Dover till further orders, afterwards modified to "leave to travel anywhere within twelve miles of Dover."

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## Help Dover shine by supporting Adopt-A-Spot program

Dover Main Street is looking for volunteers to help Dover look its best by joining the Adopt-A-Spot program.

There are 56 Adopt-A-Spot locations throughout the City and 8 are available for adoption.

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.

To pitch in for more information, email [info@dovermainstreet.org](mailto:info@dovermainstreet.org) or visit <http://dovermainstreet.org/projects/adopt-a-spot>.

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## Summer Reading Programs for children and teens under way at the Dover Public Library

"Fizz, Boom, Read", a five-week reading program for children in grades K-6 (and a special preschool program, too), continues through Tuesday, Aug. 5. The program is designed to encourage children to make reading an important part of their summer activities.

Registration is under way and continues for the duration of the program. Dover Public Library card holders (including non-resident borrowers) are welcome to sign up for the program. Children must come to the library in person to register and receive their booklets or folders, and a voucher for a free ticket to a Portland Seadogs baseball game. Children will then return with their booklets or reading logs (after recording books/minutes read) to earn stickers and prizes.

Drop-in Story Times will be conducted every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and the "Creation Station" in the Children's Room will have a supply of materials all day, every day for children to make a craft project to take home.

Lego Saturdays (use ours or bring your own) will be held on July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the following special programs will make sure summer reading is a "blast":

- "It's Not Rocket Science... Or Is It?" a workshop on making balloon rockets will be held on Wednesday,

July 9 at 3 p.m. Experiment with Newton's Laws of Motion while racing your creation. Pre-registration is required.

- "Fizz, Boom...Think", an interactive outreach program sponsored by Federal Savings Bank and presented by the Children's Museum of NH, will explore this great Earth we live on, and all of its trash, on Friday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required.
- Trashcan Lid Productions will offer two "Junk 2 Funk" workshops on Thursday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. and noon. Participants will perform a rhythmic extravaganza with instruments they'll create using found objects. Pre-registration is required.

Children are invited to join our "Paws for Reading" sessions with Murphy, a Certified Therapy Dog, and her handler, Karen. They will be in the Children's Room on Thursdays, July 10 and July 17 from 10-11 a.m. Murphy loves a good story but needs someone to read it to her. If your child is interested in helping Murphy and practicing reading aloud, sign up for a reading session during one of these times.

In addition, the library's "Explosive Monday Movies" series will feature free movies in the Lecture Hall every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring your own refreshments. The schedule includes:

- "The Little Rascals Save the Day", July 7, rated PG;
- "Meet the Robinsons", July 14, rated G;
- "Frozen", July 21, rated G;
- "Rio 2", July 28, rated G;

"Spark a Reaction" is the Teen Summer Reading Program, and runs through Aug. 5. All participants may choose to read whatever they enjoy-novels, magazines, graphic novels, comic books, or nonfiction. For every two hours of reading completed, participants will be given a raffle ticket-and will get to choose on which prize to bid. In addition, lots of other great prizes will be offered throughout the five-week program-including gift certificates to local business, fun-pack gift bags, Target gift certificates, and much more.

Middle school readers are eligible participate in both the Children's Program and the Teen Program (finish one, then begin another). Drop by the library's Main Circulation Desk to sign up for the "Spark a Reaction" Teen Program, visit online at <http://library.dover.nh.gov> or call 516-6050 for more information.

A celebration for all readers enrolled in the summer program, and their families, will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. After grabbing a bag of popcorn and a drink, head to the Lecture Hall for a magic show sponsored by Measured Progress. Magician Norman Ng will entertain us with his unique, interactive magical show--an exciting fusion of magic, comedy, and audience participation.

Last year, over 850 readers participated in the library's Summer Reading Programs. Join us and help us exceed 1,000 readers this year.

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## Guided walking tours of historic Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will once again offer Guided Walking Tours of Historic Dover on Saturday mornings this summer, from May 24 through Sept. 13. Tours begin 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.

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

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## City's boards and commissions keep our community vibrant

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, including new members to fill vacant positions.

The boards and commissions below are now seeking to fill vacancies for regular and alternate seats:

- Arena Commission
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Open Lands Committee

- Pool Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, 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.

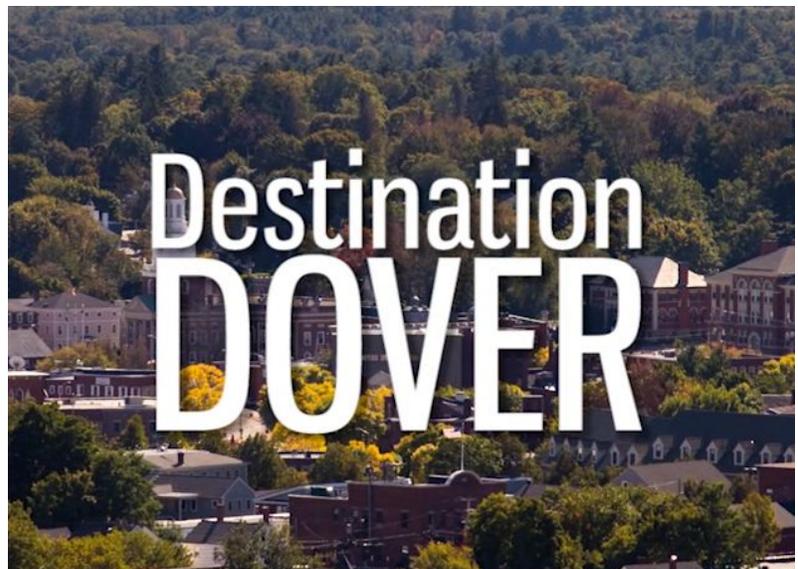
For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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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](#).

## 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 the City's website at [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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