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# Dover Chamber accepting scholarship applications, educator of year nominations

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for its Student Scholarship program which will award one area student \$1,000 to be used towards post-secondary education costs. The Chamber is also collecting nominations for their annual Educator of the Year award which includes \$1,000 to be used towards classroom expenses. Both programs are organized by the Chamber's Business and Education Partnership and sponsored by Measured Progress, Inc.

The Student Scholarship is awarded to a local student either entering or continuing a post-secondary education who demonstrates a commitment to their community through volunteerism while maintaining a good academic record. All applications must be submitted to the Chamber no later than 5 p.m. on April 30. The recipient's name is announced in late May/early June. Last year's scholarship winner was a homeschooled student, Turner Jennings of Madbury.

The Educator of the Year award recognizes a local education professional who employs innovative education strategies, demonstrates on-going leadership and cooperation and makes a lasting impact on their community and students. Educator of the Year nominations

#### March 20, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront **Development Advisory** Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

#### City Council, March 21, 6 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, March 21, 2017, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the workshop agenda, click here.

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.



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

can be submitted by students, parents, colleagues or community members and must be received by the Chamber prior to 5 p.m. on May 11. The Educator of the Year will be announced in early June. The 2017 winner was Garrison School physical education teacher Sarah Loranger.

"On behalf of Measured Progress, it is our pleasure to continue sponsorship of this program that acknowledges excellence in educational practices from both the student and educator perspectives," said Jeanne Supple, Executive Assistant at Measured Progress. "Each year the candidate pool for each award is impressive. I look forward to reviewing this year's applications and presenting each of the awards."

Scholarship applications and Educator of the Year nomination forms can be picked up at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave., or found online at www.dovernh.org/scholarship.

#### Dover Indoor Pool to host Easter Egg Hunt March 31

The Dover Indoor Pool will host its first Easter Egg Hunt in the pool on Saturday, March 31, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.



Bring your family and friends to help scour the pool 10 eggs each, one of which may contain a prize.

Additional games, activities and music are scheduled from 2:30-5 p.m.

The Dover Indoor Pool is located at 9 Henry Law Ave.

For more information, call 603-516-6441 or visit the Indoor Pool's Facebook page.

#### Joe B. Parks public gardens launches Adopt-a-Bench program

The Friends of the Joe Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is launching an Adopt-a-Bench program to replace nine benches in the garden. To adopt a bench or for more information, click here.

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is located



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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the banks of the Cocheco River, and forms a series of beautiful gardens filled with wild flowers, unique rhododendrons, mountain laurel, hostas, day lilies and countless other plants, many relocated from Joe Parks' own gardens. Formerly a neglected area along the river, the Riverwalk Garden was planned by Dover horticulturalist Joe B. Parks, built by more than hundred volunteers, and dedicated in June, 2008. Joe was extremely proud of the fact that all of the work at the Riverwalk Garden was done by volunteers. The garden features a Japanese Garden installed and maintained by Dover High School horticulture students, Lorraine's Corner, a meditation and healing garden installed and maintained by Amy's Treat and dedicated in memory of Dover resident Lorraine Goren and several sculptures created and installed in the garden by art students from Dover High School. Each garden is maintained by a volunteer garden tender.

For more information, visit www.joeparksgarden.org.

#### Children's Museum of New Hampshire's annual 5K Road Race and Kid-venture Course is May 5

Run for NH's kids and families! Registration is now open for the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's annual 5K Road Race and Kid-venture Course. This fundraising event supports programs that help to ensure all families have equal access to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. This popular event will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

The road race begins at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Central Avenue, Washington Street and Henry Law Avenue, just in front of the museum.

This 5K is the first in the Seacoast Road Race Series and includes an official competitive race-walker division. All ages may participate in the 5K and the Kid-Venture Course is a fun alternative for those kids and families looking for a shorter, sillier way to get active this spring.

For more information or to register, please visit www.childrens-museum.org.

#### Reminder: Curbside trash and recycling pick-up on one-day delay

Due to the recent storm, curbside trash and recycling pickup was delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

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



### 16th Annual Dover Public Library Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 16th annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for grades K-12. Prizes will be awarded in six different grade categories: K-2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12. Poems will be judged on originality, style and creativity. Deadline for entry is April 17.

Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library, any Dover school library, or at our website at <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u>. All participants are invited to attend an "Evening of Poetry" on Monday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.; refreshments will be served.

Students are invited to read their poetry at this event, but this will be purely voluntary.

For more information about the contest, please contact Denise LaFrance at 516-6082.



Irish Living History presentation

Continue your celebration of all things Irish in March and

come to the Dover Library on Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. to be entertained by Cynthia G. Neale's living history presentation based on her four novels in The Irish Dresser series. Neale will impersonate her protagonist, Norah McCabe, and tell you a story of tragedy and triumph as Norah leaves Ireland and comes to America. Laugh and cry with Norah McCabe, who could be any immigrant at any time, even today. The presentation is interspersed with a wee bit of music, dance, vintage hats, and, of course, scones. Her books, including her cookbook will be available for sale.

Cynthia G. Neale is a native of the Finger Lakes region of New York and now resides in New Hampshire. As a writer, she possesses an interest in the tragedies and triumphs of the Irish during the Great Hunger and their migration to America. The Irish Dresser series includes four historical fiction novels. The Irish Dresser, A Story of Hope during The Great Hunger, set predominantly in Ireland, and Hope in New York City, The Continuing Story of The Irish Dresser are young adult novels.

Norah, The Making of an Irish-American Woman in 19th-Century New York and The Irish Milliner (set during the Civil War period in New York City) are adult novels and continue the story of Norah McCabe, an Irish immigrant.

Neale also writes plays, short stories, essays, cookbooks, and screenplays. Pavlova in a Hat Box, Sweet Memories and Desserts is a dessert cookbook published in 2014. Her current work-in-progress is a novel about a Native American woman set during the American Revolution and is titled, Catharine, Queen of the Tumbling Waters. Neale has written a screenplay based on her four novels titled, The Irish Dresser. She is also co-authoring a cookbook titled, Transatlantic Tarts, Wee Tales and Recipes by Two Celtic Cake Queens.

The program is free and open to the public.

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



Blues concert at the Library

Celebrate the women who shaped the history of blues music.

In honor of women's history month, join us for an evening of song and stories about the women who played an important role influencing American blues music at the Dover Public Library on Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. From Memphis Minnie to Bessie Smith and many more, women have played a starring role in blues music, a uniquely American art form.

The Baza Blues duo, winners of the Granite State Blues Society 2017 Blues Challenge, will perform and share the history of these great women. Based in Nashua but really from all over, Baza Blues' music honors the tradition of the Delta and Piedmont styles of blues music.

The evening of music is brought to you by a partnership with Dover Public Library and The Granite State Blues Society.

The program is free and open to the public.

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



### Soggy Po' Boys to perform at Dover Public Library

The Friends of the Library are delighted to sponsor a New Orleans style jazz concert on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. by Dover's own Soggy Po' Boys. Born on a snowy Fat Tuesday night of 2012, the Soggy Po' Boys have been honing their craft of New Orleans music in their home town of Dover, New Hampshire. The New Orleans-flavored band plays more than a hundred shows every year, from festivals and concerts, to politics-infused burlesque collaborations and street parades. We believe that this is their first time in a public library and we promise it will not be quiet once the joint starts rockin'! Please join us for some great music.

The performance is free and will be held in the Library's Lecture Hall.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library at (603) 516-6050.



### Calling All Peeps to the Dover Public Library!

The Dover Public Library is looking for creative Dover residents, Dover students, or Dover Public Library cardholders to enter our annual "Peeps Show" Contest this April.

Here's how it works: Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard size shoe box. The theme is anything literary; recreate a scene from your favorite book, play, or poem. The first ei entries will receive a free plush Peep bunny or chick.

Those 17 or older are invited to compete in the Adult Division, while peeps, er, people 11 to 16 may enter the Teen Division. Children ages two to six are invited to enter the Kids Division, and ages seven to 10 may enter in the Youth Division. On the back of your standard size shoe box, please include your name, address, phone number, and title of your "Peeps Show". All Peeps displays may be dropped off at the Dover Public Library beginning Monday, March 19 through Saturday, March 31.

The Peeps will be displayed in the library for all to enjoy. The winner of each division will receive a \$25 Target gift card, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Prizes will be awarded on Monday afternoon, April 2.

Peeps should be picked up by 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 7. All Peeps not picked up by the deadline will be discarded or eaten.

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





### 'Bridge to our Future' event connects students with careers

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host "Bridge to our Future: Connecting Students and Businesses," on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, from 3 to 5:30 p.m., at the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Garrison Wing Conference Center.

This event is an opportunity for high school students to explore potential career paths, engage with employers and contribute to the future workforce.

Among the professionals and industries represented at the event are healthcare, government and public policy, information technology and programming, law, science and engineering, communications and marketing, hospitality, military, public safety, arts and culture, media, science and engineering, human services and various trades.

Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

The event is sponsored by the Cocheco Financial Group.

To register or for more information, visit <a href="https://www.dovernh.org/bridge">www.dovernh.org/bridge</a> or call 603-742-2218.



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.



March 19, 1672 - At a meeting of the selectmen all delinquent constables were ordered to "make up their accounts with the Treasurer" for "all old arrears," and in case of neglect they might expect to hear from the selectmen forthwith and be dealt with according to law. At the same time the Treasurer was directed to "repair the glass about the meeting house," and place it to the town's account.



**March 22**, **1684** - A prodigious tide, rising some feet higher than the observation of the oldest settlers in this place, did great damage to wharves and warehouses in Boston and along the Piscataqua.



March 17, 1830 - A Boston paper gives notice that "the last weekly Dover Packet from New Hampshire, brought nearly as many cotton and woolen goods to this market as were brought by the packet ship Dover, and more than were brought by the packet New England, from Liverpool. Cotton goods which were once purchased in England for 38 cents, and thought remarkably cheap, were not better cottons than can now be purchased here at 20 cents."



March 18, 1690 - Salmon Falls was surprised by the Indians and French, just after the manner of Cochecho. The whole place was destroyed by fire; 27 persons slain, and 52 carried captive. The party which came from Trois Rivieres, was under the command of Sieur Hertel, an officer of great repute in Canada, and consisted of 52 men of whom 25 were Indians under Hoophood, a noted warrior.



March 19, 1882 - "Let me tell you that, according to the very best authority, there are now... in our little city no less than eighty-three well-known dram shops, saying nothing of those in private houses....Eighty tippling houses, one to every 150 persons of all ages and sexes! Surely this is a fact that neither you or I would care to mention to one inquiring into the moral condition of Dover with a purpose of making it a place of residence." Excerpt from The Moral Condition of Dover: A Sermon Delivered in the Unitarian Church, Sunday Evening, March 19, 1882, By W.R.G. Mellen, Minister of the church

### How to contact your elected representatives

The City of Dover makes it easy to reach out to your local, state, county and federal elected officials by providing contact information for City Councilors,



state representatives and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Visit the City's online resource, <u>Find My Representative</u>, for a complete list of local, county, state and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which councilor represents your ward? You can find out <u>more information about the City Council here</u>.

Wondering what ward you live in? Access the City of <u>Dover's interactive ward map</u>. The map also includes polling locations.

A list of School Board members and contact information can be found here.

#### 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.

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

6018.

### Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and firstgrade registration for children as follows:

- Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2018, entering kindergarten;
- Children six years old by Sept. 30, 2018, entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten).

#### **Horne Street School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 6, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 7, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

#### **Woodman Park Elementary School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 6, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 7, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

#### **Garrison Elementary School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 6, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 7, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a half-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools on the following dates:

• Garrison Elementary: Tuesday, April 3;

- Wednesday, April 4; and Thursday, April 5.
- Horne Street and Woodman Park schools: Tuesday, April 17; Wednesday, April 18; and Thursday, April 19.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.

### Applications for "All Veterans" tax credit due by April 15

Veterans who qualify for the newly adopted All Veterans' Tax Credit must complete an application by April 15. The Dover City Council adopted the All Veterans' Tax Credit on Nov. 8, 2017, following a revision to state law that allows municipalities to extend tax credits to all veterans who have served at least 90 days and honorably discharged from the military.

According to the law, "A person shall qualify for the all veterans' tax credit if the person is a resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35."

The All Veterans' Tax Credit will be phased in over a period of three years to match the existing veterans' credit of \$500. For veterans who qualify for the All Veterans' Tax Credit, but didn't previously qualify for the existing veterans' credit because they didn't serve during a designated timeframe for a qualifying war or armed conflict, the credit will be phased in over a period of three years.

For 2018 the credit will be \$167. The 2019 credit will be \$333. The 2020 credit will be for the full amount of \$500.

The tax credit will be subtracted each year from the property tax on a qualifying veteran's residential property.

An application for the All Veterans' credit must be made prior to April 15 during the current tax year.

For more information, contact the City Assessor's Office at 516-6014 or visit <a href="http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/applications/index.html">http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/applications/index.html</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.

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
- Seasonal maintenance worker
- 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? 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, <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, <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.

### 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 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>.