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Meetings this week:

School Board, March 10, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, March 11, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 11, at 7

Friday, March 7, 2014



Conceptual plan for 100 First Street

First Street parking lot closes permanently March 10

Beginning Monday, March 10, the First Street parking lot will close permanently to accommodate the construction of a new residential and commercial building. On-street parking will remain available.

Crews on Monday will begin to prepare the site for the construction of a new five-story building that will house 32

p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

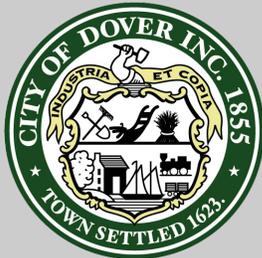
City Council, March 12, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

To view meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.



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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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residential units, as well as restaurant space on the first floor. The building will also include a deck that overlooks the Cocheco River. The Planning Board approved the final site plan in February, following the City Council's initial approval in July 2013. The first phase of the project is expected to last one year.

According to Parking Manager Bill Simons, no significant traffic issues are expected during construction because the First Street lot is largely underutilized.

Simons said that during construction, the Parking Bureau will update neighboring businesses and residents regularly, including announcements via the City's website and electronic newsletters, direct communication with First Street merchants, and notices to monthly parking permit holders. In addition, signs are now in place at the First Street lot to alert motorists about Monday's closure.

Simons added that ample parking will still be accessible in the Orchard, Second and Third street lots.

For more information, contact the Parking Bureau at 603-516-2277.



The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens

seeks volunteer gardeners

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens depends on volunteers to help maintain and tend to the gardens enjoyed by the public each year. More volunteers are needed to help tend to the gardens, as well as assistance with website maintenance, historical research, database management and steering committee leadership.

To become a volunteer, visit joeparksgarden.org for more information.

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is located between 400 Central Avenue and Chestnut Street, along the banks of the Cocheco River, and forms a series of beautiful gardens filled with wild flowers, unique rhododendrons, mountain laurel, hostas, daylilies 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

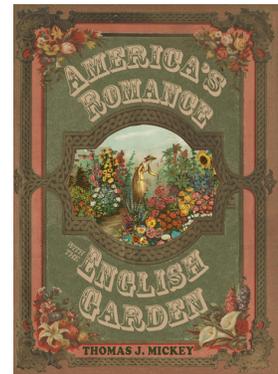
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was extremely proud of the fact that all of the work at the Riverwalk Garden was done by volunteers. The garden features a Japanese Garden installed and maintained by Dover High School horticulture students, Lorraine's Corner, a meditation and healing 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.

'America's Romance with the English Garden' at the Library

The Friends of the Dover Public Library are pleased to host author Thomas J. Mickey on Tuesday evening, March 18, at 7 p. m. in the library's Lecture Hall. Mickey will speak about his recently published book, "America's Romance with the English Garden."



The book tells the story of tastemakers and savvy businessmen, and the beginnings of the modern garden industry, which fixated the proper English garden in the mind of the American consumer. During the 1890s, cheaper paper, faster printing, and improved mail delivery paved the way for mass-produced seed and nursery catalogs with beautiful pictures of sprawling lawns, exotic plants, and the latest garden accessories—in other words, the quintessential English-style garden. These catalogs delivered aspirational images to front doorsteps from California to Maine, and a growing American middle class was eager to buy. The English garden became the look of America.

Publishers Weekly called "America's Romance with the English Garden" a "thoughtfully woven American landscape design history, with a critical examination of how commercial interests and mass media shape our preferences, even in our humble backyards."

The book is based on Thomas Mickey's year-long research at the Smithsonian, where he received the Enid A. Haupt Fellowship from the Horticultural Division. He is Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies at Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts. He is also a graduate of Harvard University's Landscape Institute, a former garden columnist for Foster's Daily Democrat, and author of "Best Garden Plants for New England".

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

Dover Chamber hosting economic forum March 21

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Committee will host an economic forum on Friday, March 21, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the Cochecho Country Club. Registration is required.



The focus of the forum is "New Hampshire's Economic Center is Shifting - Dover is Well Positioned."

This forum will be hosted by Briand Gottlob of PoIECon Research and will feature presenters Eric J. Chinburg of Chinburg Builders, Inc., and Scott Johnson of Certified Retail Solutions.

Space is limited, so register in advance. This program is sponsored by Public Service of New Hampshire.

To register, or for more information, click [here](#), or call the Chamber at 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 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>.



March 7, 1803 -The town voted to adopt by-laws against swine running at large under a penalty of \$3.30 for each offence, and also adopted an act of the General Court in relation to the extinguishing of fires.



March 8, 1808 - The selectmen were "empowered to point out a lot of land suitable for a gun and engine house where they may think the most proper." They selected a lot near the Court House which after much opposition from adjoining property holders was finally occupied for the engine.



March 9, 1842 - Died, John B. H. Odiorne, aged 50 - for many years a well known Dover business man. He was in Dartmoor prison, in England, at the time of the massacre of American prisoners, in the war of 1812.



March 10, 1865 - The invitation extended to [General Benjamin Butler](#) some weeks since, to address the citizens of Dover, was fulfilled this evening, the engagements of the General having prevented his speaking at an earlier day. The City Hall was crowded and hundreds were unable to obtain admission. Hon. D. M. Christie presided and introduced General Butler in a few fitting remarks, who then proceeded to address the audience, speaking for an hour with great eloquence and effect. The meeting was closed with several patriotic songs by Mr. Pope of Washington, and music by the Dover Cornet Band.



March 11, 1806 - The town votes to give a premium of ten cents to any person killing a crow within the limits of the town the present year.



March 12, 1851 - Charles Colby, aged 20, in attempting to jump upon the cars at the depot, was instantly killed.

NorthEastern Ballet hosting open house at new location

NorthEastern Ballet will host an open house at its new home at the McConnell Center in Dover on Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

During the celebration of the new studio, there will be a free demonstration class, performance selections from Snow White, refreshments, on-site class registration, and more.

The studio is located in Suite 239, at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St.

Call 603-834-8834 for more information.

City seeks volunteers to help with Master Plan update

Are you wondering how to make a positive contribution to the future of Dover? Here's one way to help:

The Dover Planning Board and the Planning Department are seeking Dover residents interested in volunteering on a new committee assembled to update a chapter of the Dover Master Plan. The Land Use chapter, which was prepared in 2007, needs an update. As part of the process, the Planning Board is creating a steering committee to oversee the work and to ensure ample opportunity for public participation during the process. The steering committee will consist of five to seven members and will work closely with the Planning Department and the planning consultant hired by the City. The goal is to form a steering committee that is diverse in interests and areas of expertise. This process is expected to take approximately six months.

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.

If interested in serving on the steering committee, please contact City Planner Steve Bird at 603-516-6008 or s.bird@dover.nh.gov.

Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and first-grade registration for children as follows:

Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2014, entering kindergarten;

Children Six years old by Sept. 30, 2014, 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 11 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 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 11, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 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 11, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 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 April 15-17.

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

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Main Street to host Run Before

You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl

Join Dover Main Street for the first race in the Dover Race Series (www.doverraceseries.com), a 5k run, followed by a pub crawl at 13 participating downtown Dover restaurants.



The Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl race will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. The pub crawl begins at 11 a.m. the race starts and ends on Chestnut Street, in front of the Dover Transportation Center.

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

The race is underwritten by D.F. Richard and sponsored by Orchard Title, Avalar Advantage Real Estate, Ross Furniture and Relyco.

The Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl is part of the 2014 Dover Race Series.

For more information, or to register, click [here](#).

Winter parking ban in effect

A citywide winter parking ban is now in effect and will conclude April 1, 2014.

The ban requires that no vehicle be parked on any city street or sidewalk between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m., and is not limited to nights with snow in the forecast. Vehicles may park in city controlled parking lots during this time without the need for a parking permit.

The Library, Third Street and School Street parking lots have specific areas where overnight parking is allowed. Drivers should look for signs in the lots indicating which rows are available.

Vehicles found in violation of the winter parking ban will be issued a \$15 parking ticket. Vehicles interfering with snow removal may be towed.

The city will also enact an emergency parking ban for the downtown area, when needed, to facilitate snow removal. The emergency parking ban will be announced by 3 p.m. each evening and take effect at 1 a.m. the following morning. When the emergency parking ban is in effect, any car parked on a downtown street will be towed. Notification of the emergency parking ban will be conducted through

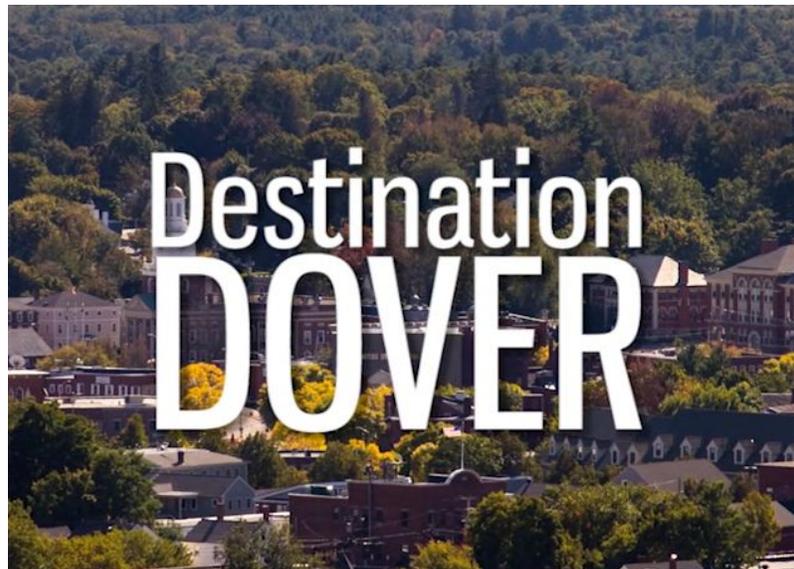
local media, the City of Dover website, cable channel 22 and Dover Download.

Downtown restaurants, bars and other late night business are encouraged to sign up for an e-mail notification of an emergency parking ban by contacting the Parking Bureau at parking@dover.nh.gov or by calling 516-2277.

Streets included in the emergency parking ban area are: Chestnut Street; Main Street; Chapel Street; School Street; First Street; Second Street; Locust Street from Washington to Silver Street; Washington Street from Belknap to River Street; Central Avenue from Sixth Street to Silver Street; Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets (Central to Chestnut); Henry Law Avenue from Central Avenue to George Street; Broadway from Central Avenue to St. John Street; Hale Street; St. Thomas Street from Central to Locust Street; Locust Street from Hale Street to Washington Street.

A map is posted at www.dover.nh.gov/policepdf/DnTnSnowEmergencyMap.pdf.

For more information on the winter parking ban or the emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-2277.





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City's boards and commissions keep 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.

There are a number of vacancies on current boards and commissions.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, visit www.dover.nh.gov/boards.htm.

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.



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](#).

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](#).

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 to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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