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# Celebrate Dover's commitment to organic turf at Saturday's Field Day

Stonyfield and the City of Dover on Saturday will celebrate the transition of Woodman Park's field to an organic maintenance plan, keeping the field free of pesticides.

Celebrate with us from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Woodman Park. The free Field Day is full of fun, live music, info on organic field maintenance, and of course, Stonyfield yogurt. Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

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#### Meetings this week:

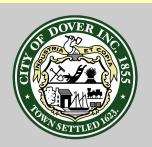
### City Council, May 8, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the <u>meeting calendar</u> <u>page</u>.



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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** 

Last fall, Stonyfield Organic selected Dover as one of 10 communities nationwide to receive a \$5,000 grant as part of the company's StonyFields #PlayFree initiative. StonyFields #PlayFree aims to help convert public fields and parks to organic grounds management, ensuring fields and community spaces are free from the use of toxic pesticides and harmful chemicals.

Stonyfield is collaborating Beyond Pesticides and Osborne Organics to help with conversions.

For more information, visit <u>https://www.stonyfield.com/playfree/woodman-park-dover-nh</u>.



## City Council adopts FY2020 budget

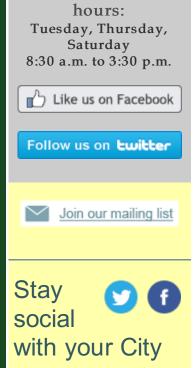
The City Council adopted the fiscal year 2020 budget during a special meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The special meeting and vote followed several weeks of budget meetings and workshops. The City Council unanimously adopted a budget totaling \$152,322,213. Because the budget exceeds the tax cap by \$1,680,232, the adopted budget required a two-thirds majority vote of the City Council.

The estimated tax rate as a result of the adopted budget is \$26.30, a \$1.38 increase over the current tax rate. The official tax rate will be set by the state Department of Revenue Administration later this year.

Wednesday's budget workshop and special meeting, along with budget documents, can be viewed on the city's <u>FY2020</u> <u>budget online resource here</u>, part of the Budget Revealed initiative.



Parking and traffic restrictions in



Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>twitter feed</u> for the latest updates.

## place Saturday for road race

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's annual 5K Run/Walk event. On Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 9 a.m., the following downtown streets will be closed briefly to all traffic. These closures should last about 10 to 15 minutes:

- Central Avenue, from Second Street to Washington Street
- Main Street at Chapel Street
- Portland Avenue at Chapel Street

Additional closures will be in effect for longer periods of time:

- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington Street to Hanson Street, 8 to 11 a.m.
- Washington Street, from Main Street to River Street, 9 to 10 a.m.
- Gulf Road, from Atlantic Avenue to Baer Road, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.
- Cocheco Street, 9 to 10 a.m.
- Fairway Drive, 9 to 10 a.m.

Motorists should expect delays on Portland Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and Oak Street. Dover police personnel and a number of event volunteers will be on hand to help manage the flow of traffic along the race route. The start and finish point for this event is at Henry Law Park.

Parking restrictions will be posted and in effect in the following areas on Saturday morning:

- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington Street to George Street
- Portland Avenue, from Main Street to Cocheco Street

Event parking for participants will be available in the Orchard Street parking garage, or on River Street as marked with Event Parking signs.

More information about the event is at <u>https://www.childrens-</u> <u>museum.org/things-to-do/events/5k-road-race-fun-run</u>.



## Dover Art Walk steps off this afternoon

This month's Art Walk is today, Friday, May 3, 4 to 8 p.m., throughout downtown Dover.

Check out <u>doverartwalk.com/map.php</u> to plan your route. Maps are available at any of the participating locations.

This month's featured artist is Karen Bush Holman, known for children's book illustrations, watercolors, and her work in oils and acrylics. She specializes in fine art, portraiture, and paintings on glass. From the surreal to the from the playful to whimsical, and still-life to the surreal, her work encompasses a variety of media and styles. Karen's work will be on display at the Washington Street Mills, as will be many other fine artists.

At The Art Center, be sure to visit the closing reception of the show Contemporary and Abstract with music by the ever popular Steve Carter.

This month's Art Walk features 16 different stops between Cara Irish Pub on Fourth St, and Pin-up Hair Salon near Central Towers on Central Avenue.

For more information, visit doverartwalk.com.

# Gardening and beautification group plans clean-up events

Dover Gardening And Beautification has two clean-up events coming up in May and welcomes participation from residents of Dover and the surrounding area.

On Saturday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. there will be a site clean-up on Second Street.

On Saturday, May 18, at 9:30 a.m., there will be neighborhood clean-ups taking place throughout Dover.

For more information, please visit Dover Gardening And Beautification group on Facebook or email <u>rebecca.johnson@dovermainstreet.org</u>.

## Cornerstone VNA offers free event for family caregivers

Cornerstone VNA is pleased to announce the return of Caregivers Connect, a special event underwritten by Federal Savings Bank, which focuses on providing support, relaxation and education for caregivers. Family caregivers are invited to attend this free event, which will take place at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Dover on May 9, 2 to 5 p.m. During the event, trained staff and volunteers from Cornerstone VNA will be offering on-site respite care to support caregivers who wish to attend.

"We know our caregivers are usually operating in crisis mode and as a result, they often become disconnected with their community and their spiritual life," said Janice Howard, Director of Life Care - Private Duty at Cornerstone VNA. "Our focus this year is to help our caregivers learn to take care of their mind, body, and soul."

Attendees will hear from featured speaker Adrienne Cress, LCMHC, REAT, a registered expressive arts therapist with Seacoast Expressive Arts. Since 2007 she has been delighting in the practice and teaching of the expressive arts as a way of holding space for healing, personal transformation and discovery. Caregivers will participate in therapeutic, mindful and interactive activities. The event will also include a presentation by Sandy Powers, RN, Wellness and Gerontology nurse at Cornerstone VNA. Powers will share wellness tips with caregivers.

"Federal Savings Bank is incredibly proud to continue our support of this important event," said Sharla Rollins, Federal Savings Bank AVP, branch administrator and Cornerstone VNA board member. "I am most impressed with Cornerstone's unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life in the Seacoast region. The ability to provide such comprehensive health care and lifestyle resources to individuals and families in our community is invaluable," she added.

To register or to learn more, call 1-800-691-1133, extension 109, or online at <u>cornerstonevna.org</u>.

Cornerstone VNA is a nonprofit home, health and hospice agency currently serving Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap and Carroll Counties in New Hampshire and York County in Maine. The team at Cornerstone VNA provides skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, social work as well as volunteer and support services through five distinct programs: Home Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care-Private Duty and Community Care. For over 105 years, Cornerstone VNA has been committed to bringing services to people of all ages so that families can stay together at home, even when facing the challenges of aging, surgical recovery, chronic or life-threatening illnesses or end of life care. To learn more about Cornerstone VNA, visit <u>www.cornerstonevna.org</u> or call 800-691-1133.



## Northeastern Ballet Theatre presents "The Wizard" at Dover High School

"This boy will be famous. There won't be a child in our world who doesn't know his name." Professor MaGonagall says this prophetic line at the beginning of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" about Harry Potter. And who doesn't know his name? Northeastern Ballet Theatre will be presenting "The Wizard," a balletic interpretation of the first Harry Potter book in which he discovers that he is a wizard, and a very famous one at that.

Come experience Harry receiving his Hogwarts letter, his friendship with Ron and Hermione, his encounters with Fluffy, Snape and He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, and all of the other wonderful moments that you love from this story. You only have two chances to see this original Edra Toth production which combines the magic of ballet with the magic of Harry Potter: Saturday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at Dover High School and Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Kingswood Arts Center in Wolfeboro. Tickets are available online at <u>www.northeasternballet.org/performances</u> or by calling (603) 834-8834.

Northeastern Ballet Theatre is New Hampshire's premier ballet company and training school with studios in Dover at the McConnell Center and in Wolfeboro at 26 Glendon St.

Visit <u>www.northeasternballet.org</u> for more information.

# Joe B. Parks public gardens seeks volunteer tenders

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Publc 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 in 2019. Tasks include spring and fall clean-up of garden beds and monthly visits to tidy up the gardens. Volunteers can adopt specific areas.

To become a volunteer, email <u>contact@joeparksgarden.org</u>, visit <u>http://joeparksgarden.org/</u>, or give Elizabeth Fischer a call at 603-817-1843.

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 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.



# City offers free public Wi-Fi available at several locations

As part of a New Hampshire Division of Economic Development telecom and technology grant and in collaboration with the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Dover Main Street, the City of Dover offers a public wireless network for the community's use.

A directory of free public wireless locations can be found at: <u>http://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/dovernet-public-wireless/index.html</u>.



## Dover Pride Clean Up Day is May 11

One of Dover Main Street's flagship activities, Dover Pride Clean Up Day, will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Dover Pride Clean Up event starts with a pancake breakfast served by the Kiwanis Club at 8 a.m. in the Mill Courtyard, 421 Central Ave. From there, hundreds of volunteers, with help from the City's of Dover's Community Services Department, will rake, prune, sweep, mulch, weed, paint and plant their way through multiple sites in the downtown area. Wentworth Greenhouses donates plants for the planters in the downtown core, which volunteers will help install. The event finishes with a pizza lunch back at the Mill Courtyard sponsored by Kendall Pond Pizza. Bottled water and soda is provided by Seacoast Coca-Cola.

Clean Up Day is an opportunity for community members to give a few hours of time by contributing some sweat equity to make Dover look its best for the coming tourist season. This civic volunteer effort is an important aspect to help keep the downtown area clean and beautiful throughout the spring and summer, and also provides cost savings to the City of Dover.

As always, community volunteers are the key to the success of the project. Individuals, groups, or families can spend just an hour, or come for the entire morning. Register here: <u>https://dovermainstreet.org/doverPride.php</u>.

All participants should bring home gardening supplies, if available, including gloves, brooms, rakes, and other gardening hand tools they may have from home. Other supplies are available on site at the mill courtyard and at the clean-up locations.

For more information, visit <u>https://dovermainstreet.org/event.php?id=24</u>.



## GREEN WAVE DISPATCH News from Dover's public schools



## Coming up in Dover schools

Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 p.m., McConnell Center, Superintendent's Conference Room Garrison Elementary School Joint Building Committee Meeting

Monday, May 13, 7 p.m., McConnell Center, Room 306 School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 4:30 p.m., McConnell Center, Superintendent's Conference Room Dover High School Joint Building Committee Meeting

> Friday, May 24, No School Teacher Workshop Day

Monday, May 27, No School Memorial Day





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, 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 Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, <u>located here</u>.

**May 7, 1696** - John Church Sr. is slain by the Indians, as he travelled to seek his horse, upon a little hill between Cochecho and Tolend.



May 5, 1777 - Voted that Col. Otis Baker, Capt. Thomas

Young, and Capt. John Hayes be empowered to enlist what men are wanting to make this town's quota of men for completing the Battalions to be raised in this State, on the best terms they can. It was also voted that the selectmen furnish the committee with money to hire said men and raise the same in the next tax bill.



**May 3, 1825** - This being the day of the annual military parade and inspection, the Strafford Guards paraded in front of the house of Hon. William Hale, when a beautiful standard was presented to them, in behalf of the ladies of Dover, by John W. Mellen, accompanied by an eloquent address, to which Ensign Sperling, on receiving the standard, made an appropriate reply.



**May 6, 1854** - The thermometer sank below the freezing point and ice nearly half an inch thick was formed. It also snowed quite fast for about half an hour.



**May 4, 1863** - William H. Hackett of the 35th Mass. Regiment, killed at the battle of Antietam, was buried in Dover, where he belonged.



## This Week at The Library

#### <u>Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</u> Lego Saturday in the Children's Room

Imagine, create and build with Legos and/or Duplos. Drop-in anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet old friends and make new ones as you work on building challenges.

## Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haunted Library Adult Escape Room in the Lecture Hall

In 1959, Librarian Anne Leach passed away during a Trustees meeting. Since that day strange noises can be heard in the library, particularly at closing when rooms are dark and silent. Last week a librarian discovered a mysterious box. Can you help us open the box and finally lay Miss Leach to rest? This escape room remains unbeaten! Will your group be the one to solve it? You have 45 minutes and we didn't make it easy! Adults only. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Saturday, May 4, 2 to 3:15 p.m. Discussion Group in the Trustees Room

Interested in reading classic works of literature and improving your listening, reading, and communication skills at the same time? If so, then consider participating in a discussion group. Reading selections can be found on the library's website at <u>http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-</u> <u>operations/library/what-we-have/library-book-groups.html.</u>

#### Saturday, May 4, 2 to 3:30 p.m. STEM Saturday: Connecting with K'Nex in the Lecture Hall

K'nex are a great way to learn about structures, forces, and simple machines all while playing.

#### <u>Sunday, May 5, 2 to 4 p.m.</u> Classic Cinema Sunday in the Lecture Hall

The Public Enemy (1931): A young hoodlum rises up through the ranks of the Chicago underworld, even as a gangster's accidental death threatens to spark a bloody mob war, starring James Cagney, Jean Harlow and Edward Woods.

#### <u>Monday, May 6, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.</u> Preschool Storytime in the Storytime Room

Children ages 3-5 are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets. Crafts and films are also offered several times each session.

#### <u>Monday, May 6, 6:30 to 8 p.m.</u> Michael Cameron Ward, author of "A Colored Man in Exeter" in the Lecture Hall

This book shares the story of the Ward family who left Brooklyn NY in 1957 to get away from gang violence by moving to tiny Lee, NH. This is a history of a family, but also a history of a generation and racial prejudice in our country's past. Copies of his book will be available for sale at the event.

### <u>Tuesday, May 7, 10 to 10:45 a.m.</u> Preschool Storytime in the Storytime Room

Children ages 3-5 are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets. Crafts and films are also offered several times each session.

#### Wednesday, May 8, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall

Kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join for a family storytime. Books, songs, rhymes, games and activities are all part of the fun.

### <u>Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</u> Second Wednesday Movie in the Lecture Hall

Everybody Knows: Laura and her two children travel from Argentina to Spain to attend her sister's wedding. The joyful reunion soon turns tragic when her older daughter gets kidnapped -- revealing a dark web of hidden secrets. Rated PG-13.

#### <u>Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.</u> Creativity Corner in the Computer Room

What are you making? Come share your creations with others. Talk about why you create. Talk about your process. Share ideas. Get help with challenges you are facing. Be inspired and inspiring.

#### <u>Thursday, May 9, 10 to 10:45 a.m.</u> Toddler Storytime in the Storytime Room

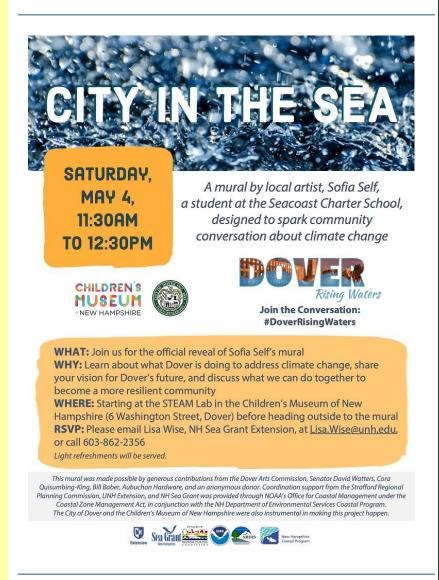
Toddlers and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend a 45 minute program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, puppets, and crafts. These storytimes are intended for toddler and parent/caregiver to share one-on-one.

> <u>Thursday, May 9, 4 to 5 p.m.</u> **Free Yoga Class in the Lecture Hall** Free weekly yoga class taught by Emily Bisson.

## <u>Friday, May 10, 10 to 10:30 a.m.</u>

Mother Goose on the Loose in the Lecture Hall Parents/caregivers are invited to join with their babies for a 1/2 hour early learning program specifically designed for children from birth to 24 months. Mother Goose on the Loose uses books, rhymes, songs, musical instruments, finger plays, flannel board characters, puppets and other props to help parents/caregivers develop the child's early literacy skills in a fun and joyful environment.

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# Coming up at the Dover Community Senior Center

#### Wednesday, May 29, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Freedom from Fractures at the Dover Senior Center

Learn how to avoid the most serious risks of osteoporosis. This event brings insight on how medical conditions, medications, and family history can affect your risk of fractures. RSVP to Linda at 516-6420. This event is free and open to the public.

#### <u>Thursday, June 6, 2 p.m.</u> Portugal Travel Presentation at the Dover Senior Center

Learn more about the Dover Senior Center trip to Portugal: Estoril Coast, Alentejo and Algarve, April 14-23 2020. Save \$100 if you book now. RSVP to Linda at 516-6420.

### Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 18 - 20, 2019 Bar Harbor, Maine

Join the Dover Senior Center for this 3 day, two night trip to Bar Harbor, Maine and stay at the Deluxe Acadia Inn. Trip includes a tour of Bar Harbor and Mt Desert Island, a narrated tour of Acadia National Park, Lobster Bake, four meals (2B, 1L, 1D), and a visit to the Freeport outlets. View the flyer <u>here</u>. \$390/pp double - add \$30 for not yet members. For more information, call Linda at 516-6420.

## CITY OF DOVER 🛞 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? <u>Sign up</u> <u>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, click here. An

e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

# 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:

- Library custodian
- Truck Driver Utilities
- Lifeguard
- Swim instructor
- Summer day camp counselor
- Summer camp supervisor

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