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## Veterans Day ceremony, park dedication to be held Saturday

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 at 11 a.m., at the City Hall auditorium.

The ceremony will include an invocation, Taps, posting of colors, and the national anthem. There will be remarks by City officials, including Mayor Karen Weston, veterans and guest speakers, Lt. Charles "Johann" Sung and Gen. Mark Sears, retired.

A dedication ceremony of the new Dover Veterans Park will follow on the grounds of the McConnell Center.

The master of ceremonies is Davide Wiggin, Dover commander of the Disabled American Veterans.

## **Meetings this week:**

### **School Board, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

### **Planning Board, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

### **Zoning Board, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).

## City offices closed today for Veterans Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, for Veterans Day. Regular hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. When City Hall opens on Monday, Nov. 13, many administrative offices, including the City Clerk and Tax Collector, will have relocated to the new customer service center on the ground floor of the building.

The Public Library is also closed on Friday, Nov. 10, for Veterans Day.

Trash pickup and curbside recycling are not affected by the holiday and will follow a regular schedule. Parking meters are also in operation on Friday, Nov. 10.

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## McConnell Center closed Saturday

The McConnell Center will be closed Saturday while crews install a new generator. The installation requires power to the building to be shut down during the work. Crews hope to complete the work on Saturday. The building should be open regular hours on Sunday.

The new generator will be able to provide constant power to the facility, which is also an emergency shelter.

The work on Saturday may also temporarily disrupt the broadcast of channels 22 and 95, as well as live streaming, which originate from the McConnell Center.

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## Citywide winter parking ban begins Dec. 1

Dover Community Services Director John Storer and Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announced that the winter parking ban will begin citywide Dec. 1, 2017, and conclude April 1, 2018.

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 most city-controlled parking lots during this time without the need for a parking permit; however, motorists must follow the daytime rules of each parking lot. Residents should refer to [www.drivingdover.com](http://www.drivingdover.com) for specifics.

"Keeping parked vehicles off the roads during the winter months is critical to giving Community Services crews



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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.

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proper access," Colarusso said.

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 announcements at [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload), and choose Parking Announcements: Downtown Businesses.

"Late-night workers leaving their cars along the road until the early morning hours had been a major problem for years," Storer said. "Use of the emergency parking ban for the past few winters when we had repeated heavy snowstorms really paid off."

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](http://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 516-6132.

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## Think safety before warming up your home

With colder weather on the way, Dover Fire and Rescue urges residents to think about safety when keeping warm.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, heating equipment is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes,

including one- and two-family homes and apartments.

Heating equipment fires accounted for 16 percent of all reported home fires in 2009-2013, which is second only behind cooking, and 19 percent of home fire deaths, second only behind smoking materials.

"When colder weather arrives, we turn to home heating to take the chill out of the air," said Fire Chief Eric Hagman. "But before you do, remember that home heating equipment can be dangerous, and even fatal, if not used and cleaned properly."

Space heaters are most often involved in home heating fires, figuring in two of every five of these fires and accounting for 84 percent of associated deaths, 75 percent of injuries, and 52 percent of direct property damage.

The leading factor contributing to ignition for home heating fire deaths – 56 percent – was heating equipment too close to items easily burned, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding.

The leading factor contributing to home heating fires – 30 percent – is failure to clean heating equipment, primarily chimneys.

"Many of the fires caused by heating equipment are directly related to the change in seasons," Hagman said. "Half of these fires occur in December, January and February."

Hagman added it is not too early to think about home heating safety. Despite the recent warmer weather, colder fall weather will arrive soon.

Here are some home heating safety tips from Dover Fire and Rescue:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep

- the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6150.

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## Dover Listens hosts Cookies and Community

Join Dover Listens for an afternoon of stories of gratitude, random acts of kindness and pay-it-forward moments, and warm cookies, of course, on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Flight Coffee.

Come listen to stories of gratitude or share your own.

For more information, visit [www.doverlistens.org](http://www.doverlistens.org).

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## Dover Turkey Trot returns this Thanksgiving

The fourth annual Dover Turkey Trot is now open for registration.

This 5K road race on Thanksgiving morning is designed for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. The Dover Turkey Trot is the 11th and final race of the Dover Race Series and Garrison School's largest fundraiser.

Make Dover Turkey Trot your final race to earn your Dover Race Series jacket.

Sign up family, friends and children and make the Dover Turkey Trot a Thanksgiving morning tradition.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/doverturkeytrot](https://www.facebook.com/doverturkeytrot) and [www.doverturkeytrot.com](http://www.doverturkeytrot.com) to register.

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## Dover Chamber seeking nominations for annual awards

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for their Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. Winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner in Jan. 19, 2018.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Nov. 17.

For more information, or to nominate a business, organization or person, [click here](#).

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## Sunday hours at the Recycling Center continue

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road is open for additional weekly hours in November.

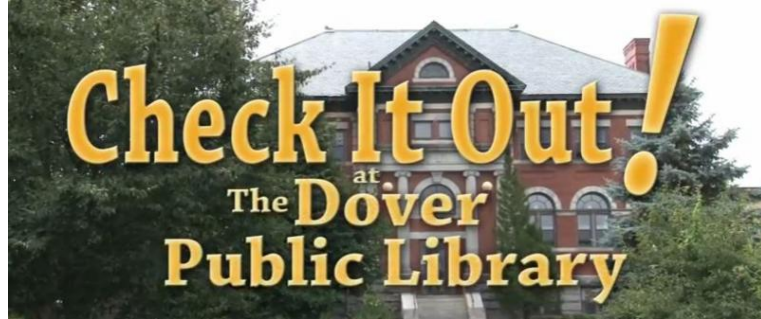
The Recycling Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following Sundays:

- Nov. 12
- Nov. 19
- Nov. 26

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, call 516-6450.

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## Cookbook author Kathy Gunst at Dover Public Library Nov. 21

The Friends of the Dover Public Library are pleased to present renowned chef and author Kathy Gunst for a talk on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. about the slow food movement, cooking with locally-grown ingredients, and her preference for fresh and simple components in her dishes. Kathy says, "I



understand the art of simplicity and how the very best meal really relies on ingredients. And the best ingredients you can find are the ones closest to home."

A resident of South Berwick, Maine, Kathy Gunst is the Resident Chef on NPR's "Here and Now" podcast. She won the 2016 IACP Award for Best Culinary Audio and is also a James Beard Journalism award winner in the Home Cooking category. Kathy has written numerous articles for newspapers and periodicals, among them The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, Newsweek, Yankee Magazine, and Eating Well.

"Soup Swap: Comforting Recipes to Make and Share" (Chronicle Books, 2016) is Kathy Gunst's newest cookbook. It grew out of a monthly gathering of her friends and neighbors who come together for winter suppers and good company. Each guest brings a pot of soup to share with the group. The host provides a side dish or two, along with bread and a simple dessert. Leftovers are divvied up and everyone gets a sample of each soup. Whether taken to a party or savored at home, this delicious collection of soup, stew, and chowder recipes will be sure to satisfy all year long.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Library at 603-516-6050.

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## Free workshop for Apple mobile

## device users

As mobile devices become more and more popular, so too do the headaches associated with these devices. Ryan Quigley, manager of NH iPhone Repair in Portsmouth will be at the Dover Public Library on Monday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. presenting a free workshop on Apple mobile devices. Whether you have an iPhone, an iPad, or an iPod, you will learn valuable information about using your device to its fullest potential from an expert, for free.

Ryan says, "Over the past six years in business, we have been asked countless times if we would hold an educational class on the ins and outs of using these powerful mobile devices. We have put together a hands-on educational presentation covering all aspects of using your Apple phones and tablets."

The presentation covers the basics of Apple's operating system, iOS, as well as providing tips and tricks, common problems, and professional recommendations for your Apple device.

This session involves a 30-40 minute presentation and a hands-on Q&A afterward. Each person attending will also receive a hardcopy printout of the presentation for future reference. With this educational presentation, attendees are encouraged to bring their Apple devices and use them during the talk, so they will get the largest benefit possible from the event.

Ryan says, "We are providing this at no cost to the attendees or the library. We see it as a way to give back to the community that has given us so much".

The program is free and open to the public.

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

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## Visit the Volunteer Fair at the Dover Public Library on Nov. 18

November and December are called the "giving season." As we get closer to the holidays, more and more people discover a kindness in their hearts that leads them to want to help others. This season, OWLS and the Dover Public Library hope to make the opportunity to give back a bit easier by setting up a Volunteer Fair in the library's Lecture Hall.

Hosted on the top floor of the Dover Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Volunteer Fair welcomes people to learn about, and chat with representatives of, several local non-profits that are doing



wonderful things in the area and who are looking for volunteers to aid their organization.

Participants include the Dover Children's Home, the New Hampshire Tax Aide program, the Cocheco Valley Humane Society, My Friend's Place, SOS Recovery, Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Riverside Rest Home/Hyder House, the Woodman Museum, and Zebra Crossings.

Volunteering is not only important to help run these various organizations, but also teaches valuable skills that can be used later in life and in future jobs.

The Fair is sponsored by OWLS, a community service group affiliated with the Dover Public Library. OWLS was started in 2016 with the mission to get more individuals involved in the community and the world. This is accomplished through projects and lectures that seek to inform and educate on important issues.

The Volunteer Fair is free and open to the public. All ages are invited to attend, get information on the various organizations, and hopefully make a match and decide to volunteer in their local community. Note: there is no obligation to sign up for any volunteer position, unless you want to.

For more information, visit the OWLS website at [owlsnh.wixsite.com/volunteer](http://owlsnh.wixsite.com/volunteer) or call the Library at 603-516-6050.



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## Festival of Trees is Dec. 1

The 8th annual Festival of Trees will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, from 4-8 p.m., at Rivermill at Dover Landing, 2 Washington St., Dover.

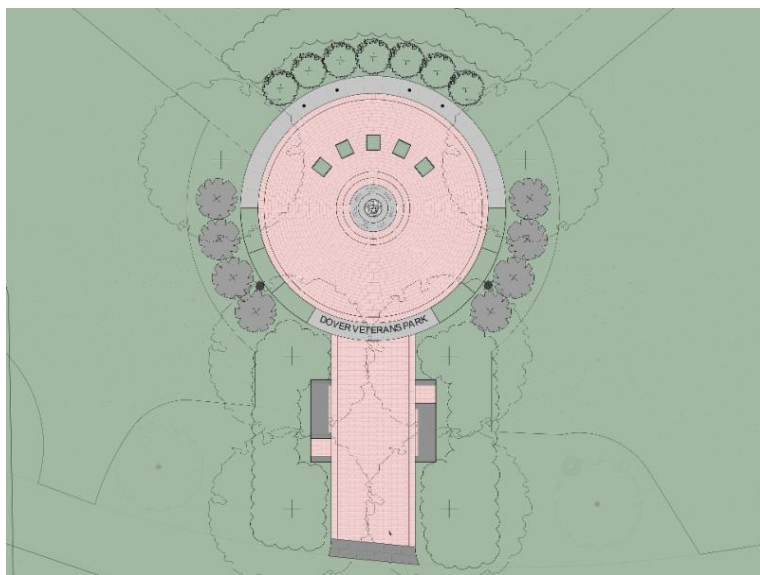


Festival of Trees will feature over 30 trees, elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations, to be auctioned and raffled off to benefit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee.

The event also includes live choir performances, children's activities, holiday carols, refreshments and more.

For more information, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at [dovernh.org](http://dovernh.org).

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## 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 [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov) or call the Dover Recreation Department at 516-6410.

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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](#).



**Nov. 15, 1697** - Thomas Chesley slain by the Indians not far from Johnson's Creek; Will Jackson taken at the same time, and at the same time made his escape.



**Nov. 14, 1818** - Joseph Cushing is born.

Joseph Cushing was born on the family farm on the Dover Point Road on November 14, 1818. The farm included land along the Bellamy River from St. Mary's New Cemetery down to the Varney Brook, and the lane leading into the farmhouse is now called Cushing Road. The house is still standing and dominates a landscape of modern ranch and cottage style homes. Joseph got his education in Dover Schools; probably over at the nearby Upper Neck District Schoolhouse near the end of Tuttle Lane, and then up at the Pine Hill Schoolhouse in Dover. When he was twenty years old, he left the farm and went to Gloucester, Massachusetts, to work in a fish market, but only stayed there a short time. A circus came to Gloucester and Joseph knew that that was what he wanted. He joined as a roustabout, but saved his wages and soon bought the lemonade concession. He later added the candy business. He was on his way then and became part owner, with the side shows under his control. He learned the circus business thoroughly and eventually bought out the whole show, and it became Cushing Circus of Dover, N.H.

Circuses in those days were transported by team from town to town as booking had to be made within ten to fifteen mile radius, what with gravel and clay roads and possible rainy weather. The equipment had to be struck each night, but the performers lodged in rooming houses and traveled by day.

Mr. Cushing was a great publicity man and believed in side show freaks to up his attendance records. He was always

on the lookout for exceptional exhibits and it is said that he taught P.T. Barnum and other circus greats some of their come-on stunts. Some of their odd people wintered in Dover and were seen around our streets during the off season. One of the Colonel's publicity gimmicks was a team of 40 matched cream colored horses drawing his band wagon through the streets and driven by a single pair of reins and one driver. What a stunt.

As success continued, Mr. Cushing, or Colonel Cushing as he got to be known, toyed with the idea of taking his show to Europe but could not finance it alone, so he took in a partner, a Mr. Seth Howe; and they chartered a steamship The South Hampton, put aboard their forty acts of animals and all went to England. They were very successful and stayed over there three years- the first American circus to ever tour England. On Friday, May 17, 1858, they gave a command performance before Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their guests. The velvet gown that Mrs. Cushing wore at that performance is now on exhibition at our Woodman Institute.

Eventually the circus property was sold at auction in London and Colonel Cushing returned with one hundred thousand dollars - a fortune in those days. But the Colonel was not ready to retire yet, so in 1861 he got another show together and toured the South and Southwest. He was again successful and his restless nature drove him to a new venture. This time he got his friends to back him and chartered another ship The North Star, and took the whole show to South America. Everything went fine with this venture, as far as business was concerned but things went wrong suddenly when the treasurer disappeared with all the funds. The Colonel came back to Dover in 1877 and retired to the farm where he lived until his death in 1884 at the age of 66. But the circus world did not forget him and many circus people came to visit him in his retirement. The famous midget General Tom Thumb visited him many times. There was a story our Dad told about Tom Thumb contracting a cold while visiting the Colonel and our grandpa Dr. Jefferson Smith was called in to treat him. We have heard many more stories from father's generation about the town boys going down to the Cushing farm to see the lions and tigers in their winter quarters. Also there was the one about the orangutan that the Colonel allowed in the house and could wear clothes and eat with knife and fork.

*From Rambles About the Dover Area 1623-1973, by Daniel J. Smith, 1973.*



**Nov. 13, 1833** - Meteoric shower of stars observable, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, which attracted much attention throughout the country.



**Nov. 11, 1923** - The opening gun in a campaign against Sunday athletics is fired. A football game scheduled at

Guppy Park is prohibited and about 800 people are sent away disappointed. The action was taken by police after an objection to the game was made at the police station by members of the Men's Bible Class at the Washington Street Baptist Church.

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## MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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### 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:

- **Engineering Document Coordinator**
- **Seasonal maintenance worker**
- **Lifeguards**
- **Swim instructor**
- **Custodian**
- **Gym attendant**
- **Arena maintenance/ice resurfacers**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

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### 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, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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**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, [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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## 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](#).

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## 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 [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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](#).

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