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Ramp work to require Route 4 detour at Exit 6 beginning tonight

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces an upcoming planned detour for road work on US Route 4 at Exit 6 of the Spaulding Turnpike in Dover.

Beginning at approximately 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, eastbound and westbound Route 4 traffic seeking to access the Spaulding Turnpike southbound will be detoured onto Boston Harbor Road at the intersection of Route 4, Boston Harbor Road and Spur Road. Motorists will follow the detour approximately one-quarter mile along Boston Harbor Road to a temporary access ramp near the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that will lead them back onto the Spaulding Turnpike southbound. Traffic control devices, message boards, and uniformed officers will be in place to help direct motorists through the detour area.

Once the detour has been initiated, contractors will work continuously to complete the construction of new access ramps that will bring eastbound and westbound Route 4 traffic onto a new Exit 6 southbound on-ramp. The detour is scheduled to be in place from 8 p.m. Friday (11/17) until 8 p.m. on Sunday (11/19), but will be removed from service as soon as the new Exit 6 southbound on-ramp is completed.

The weekend of Nov. 17-19 was chosen for the detour

announcements

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Discover Dover with Peek at the Week

Meetings this week:

Waterfront Committee, Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting 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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

specifically to avoid the high-traffic volumes experienced during the work week and upcoming holiday weekends.

This project involves the widening of the Spaulding Turnpike, from the Woodbury Avenue interchange, 3.2 miles north to a point 3,000 feet past the Dover Toll Plaza. It will create eight lanes between Exit 3 and Exit 6 on the Spaulding Turnpike, and will provide the final roadway match to the new Little Bay Bridges. Severino Trucking Company is the general contractor for the \$67 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in October 2020.



City offices closed Thanksgiving, day after

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday Nov. 24, 2017, for Thanksgiving. Regular hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 27, 2017. The Public Library will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday.

The Recycling Center on Mast Road will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day on Thursday and Friday only.

Downtown parking is free on Friday, part of the the Plaid Friday initiative to encourage shopping local.

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



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.



Annual holiday parade is Nov. 26

The annual Dover Holiday Parade will be held on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

The theme for this year's parade is "Holidays Remembered."

This year's Grand Marshal is Betsey Andrews Parker, executive director of Community Action Partnership of Strafford County.

Volunteers are needed to carry banners, as well as for trucks and flatbeds to use for floats. To volunteer contact the parade organizers at <u>doverholidayparade@gmail.com</u>.

The parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sixth Street.



Dover's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is Dec. 1

The 32nd annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Joyful Voices, the a capella group UNH Wildtones and Nancy Gurick will lead attendees in singing popular Christmas songs around the tree.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this family tradition, held

each holiday season, and to bring a weather-appropriate ornament to hang on the tree. After the ceremony, Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance and speak with the children.

Please dress warm and join in for some caroling around the tree.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 516-6401.



Citizens Leadership Academy Class of 2017

Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Molly Hodgson, Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Deputy Mayor Robert Carrier and Mayor Karen Weston recently congratulated 20 Dover residents who completed the 2017 Eastern Bank Citizens' Leadership Academy.

The academy, an annual program presented by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and City of Dover, educates residents about the different municipal departments in Dover and the services they provide to the community.

The group, which met six times over the course of a month, concluded with a presentation by Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron. Academy participants also heard presentations from Joyal, Director of Planning and Community Development Christopher G. Parker, Recreation Director Gary Bannon, Economic Development Director Daniel Barufaldi and Library Director Cathleen Beaudoin.

Members of the Citizens' Leadership Academy also attended three field trips. On Oct. 19, participants were shown around the new police facility by Chief Anthony Colarusso and staff. On Oct. 26, participants toured the Liberty North End Fire Station and enjoyed presentations from Fire Department Chief Eric Hagman and company. Community Services Director John Storer hosted the academy for a bus tour of the city's various Community Services facilities on Oct. 28. For details on Dover Chamber membership and other programs or for a schedule of activities, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, e-mail info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.

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 <u>www.drivingdover.com</u> for specifics.

"Keeping parked vehicles off the roads during the winter months is critical to giving Community Services crews 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 <u>bit.ly/doverdownload</u>, 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 online here.

For more information on the winter parking ban or the emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-6132.



Dover Listens hosts Cookies and Community

Join Dover Listens for an 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 <u>www.doverlistens.org</u>.

Eversource, businesses and local law enforcement urge customers to beware of scams

New signs posted at retailer checkouts warn customers of prepaid card scam

Eversource business and residential customers continue to pick up their phones and open their doors to find individuals falsely claiming to be "representatives" or "employees" of Eversource on the other side. These individuals either threaten disconnection of energy service if an immediate payment isn't made with a prepaid debit card, or they use deceptive marketing tactics to mine for customers' personal account information. This week, as part of Utilities United Against Scams, a consortium of over 100 energy companies, Eversource is urging its customers to beware of scammers and to heed law enforcement's warnings.

A common scam impacting New Hampshire energy customers - especially small businesses - involves a fraudster calling and stating that due to a customer's "delinquent" account, a truck has been dispatched to disconnect their service unless a payment is made within a short time frame. Scammers usually demand immediate payment with a gift card or prepaid debit card, such as Green Dot MoneyPak, Vanilla or Reloadit purchased from a local retailer, in order to stop the disconnection of services. The scammers will provide the victim with a phone number to call back with their prepaid debit card information.

"The key to stopping these scammers is to stay calm don't panic and don't pay," said Penni Conner, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at Eversource. "Together with our fellow energy companies, retailers and local law enforcement, we're urging any of our customers who receive a suspicious phone call or home visit to call us at 1-800-662-7764 to verify ANY request for payment or personal information."

To help combat the scams from continuing, Eversource has worked closely with local retailers who sell prepaid debit cards to post warning signs at store checkout counters, reminding people that energy companies will never request payment with a prepaid card.

Local law enforcement is also sounding the alarm on scammers.

"Like many telephone scams a demand for quick payment is a red flag and people should never pay," said Dover Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. "Legitimate businesses do not operate in this manner."

"Another sign is a request for payment of a high amount, much more than a monthly bill," said Londonderry Police Det. Chris Olson. "If you know your monthly bill isn't that high, that should be a red flag. Contact your energy company to verify a representative is who they say they are. If something seems suspicious, call the police right away."

Reminders:

• Eversource representatives never ask for instant payment in person or over the phone.

- Eversource representatives do not require the use of prepaid debit cards (such as Green Dot MoneyPak, Vanilla or Reloadit).
- Eversource representatives never request customers meet at a payment center, such as a department or grocery store, to make a payment.
- Eversource does not solicit door-to-door or on the phone on behalf of third-party energy suppliers.

Eversource urges anyone who believes they are a target of improper solicitation to please contact them directly at 1-800-662-7764. The company tracks these types of customer concerns and reports them to state regulators.

<u>Eversource.com</u> and the Utilities United Against Scams websites provide more information on how to protect personal information and avoid becoming a victim of utility scams. Concerned customers can also report scams and fraudulent activity by calling the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 603-271-2431.



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 <u>www.facebook.com/doverturkeytrot</u> and <u>www.doverturkeytrot.com</u> to register.

Deadline for Dover Chamber annual awards nominations is today

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, <u>click here</u>.

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. 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.



Local author to speak at the Dover

Public Library

Maine author Lorraine Dutile Masure looks forward to explaining at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27, that, although both the title and contents of her book, "Growing Up Franco-American (With no Black Patent-Leater Shoes), narrowly details growing up in an "orthodox" Franco-American environment, readers will agree it could apply to any ethnicity.

Seniors too will see themselves in her stories. And younger people will be amazed (that's code for "wicked") at how quaint life was not so long ago. Informative and, as the author reflects back through the rear-view mirror of her own life, some of it's pretty funny too.

Intended for all, Growing Up... is the intriguing story of courageous grandparent and parent immigrants who heartily embraced their new country, the United States, yet remained inherently true to many of their cherished Old World traditions. Acting as a cultural tour guide, Masure tells stories of what it was really like growing up with a rich Franco heritage across multiple venues of home, family, church, school, and other settings. As part of the book's dedication, she cites her parents whom she names "fiddlers on the roof," whose Old World traditions imbued their children's lives with mission and harmony.

Lorraine Dutile Masure, a former university administrator, has lived in Maine most of her 83 years with a salty ardor she avows is incontrovertible. She joyfully enjoys presenting oral paraphrases of her book and leads Senior College classes about Broadway musicals.

Although this is her first attempt at "book writing," she has been published a number of times locally, regionally, and once nationally. Otherwise she delights living in Maine, often penning observations of a more current nature under the supervision of her jellicle cat, Molly.

Masure invites you to join her on Nov. 27, when she will talk about the book, read a short excerpt, answer questions and be available to sign copies.

The program is free and open to the public.

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

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.

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

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 <u>dovernh.org</u>.



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

<u>www.dover.nh.gov</u> or call the Dover Recreation Department at 516-6410.



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, <u>located here</u>.

Nov. 20, 1832 - The bells of the town tolled and minute guns fired as a token of respect for the memory of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last signer of the Declaration of Independence, who died Nov. 15.

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Nov. 20, 1841 - The town voted to distribute surplus revenue, except that part which had been appropriated to the payment of poll taxes, in equal proportions among the legal voters of the town and the widows of citizens.

Nov. 19, 1856 - Two young men, George S. Clark, aged 26, and John Foss, aged 23, were killed by the premature discharge of a cannon which they were firing on Garrison Hill, to celebrate the election of President Buchanan.

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Nov. 20, 1920 - The Hotel Leighton on Third Street advertises a Thanksgiving dinner for \$1, beginning at noon on Thanksgiving. Among the dishes served are Consomme Britaniere Royal, Roast Stuffed Vermont Turkey, Roast Stuffed Chicken with Giblet Gravy, Fried Fillet of Sole, Green Apple Fritters, and a wide variety of soups and sides.

Nov. 20, 1930 - The keys to the new National Guard Armory in Dover are turned over to Battery B. It will formally be opened to the public on Nov. 25.

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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 hiring the following positions:

- Building maintenance mechanic
- Seasonal maintenance worker
- Lifeguards
- Swim instructor
- Clerk Typist I
- Gym attendant

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? <u>Sign up 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, <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> <u>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.

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 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 <u>here</u>.