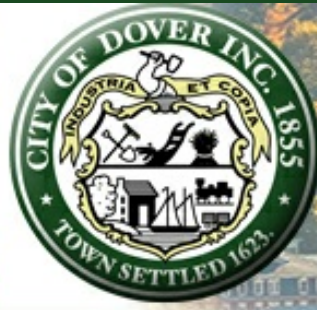


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## Annual holiday parade is Sunday Parking and traffic restrictions will be in place

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

Discover Dover with Peek at the Week

### **Meetings this week:**

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 OF DOVER, NH**  
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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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Strafford County.

The parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and conclude at Care Pharmacy.

The following road closures and traffic restrictions will be in place Sunday for the Holiday Parade.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, Central Avenue (NH Route 108) will be closed to all traffic from 2:15 to 4:30 p.m. between the intersection of Chestnut and New York streets to the intersection of Stark Avenue and East Watson Street. This includes much of the downtown area. Temporary traffic detours will be in effect, but motorists who are not coming to watch or participate are encouraged to avoid the downtown area entirely.

Additional street closures will be in effect from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accommodate parade staging and setup. These include:

- Sixth Street, between Horne Street and Central Avenue
- Maple Street, between Sixth and Hough streets
- Grove Street, between Fifth and Hough streets
- Mt. Vernon Street, between Sixth and Milk streets

Parking restrictions will be posted to prohibit on-street parking on Sixth Street after 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26, and in other locations where necessary along the parade route.

Dover Police are coordinating with Pan Am Railways for the temporary suspension of freight trains at the downtown crossings to accommodate the event. Amtrak Downeaster passenger train service will not be interrupted.

The Dover Holiday Parade is produced by the Dover Children's Center. Additional information is available at 603-742-7637 or at [doverholidayparade@gmail.com](mailto:doverholidayparade@gmail.com).

For information about traffic, contact the Traffic Bureau at 603-742-4646.

## with your City

Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official [Facebook page](#) and [twitter feed](#) for the latest updates.



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## Upcoming holiday hours for City of Dover offices

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday Nov. 24, 2017, for Thanksgiving.

The Public Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 24. The Public Library will also be closed on Sunday, Nov. 26, for the annual Holiday Parade.

The Recycling Center on Mast Road and all Recreation facilities 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.

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## Whittier Street Bridge now open

The Whittier Street bridge over the Cocheco River is now open to traffic. Some additional sidewalk work and clean-up remains, but the bridge is accessible to all through-traffic.

The bridge has been closed since November 2016 when crews began the complete reconstruction of the bridge. The bridge had previously been on the state's "Red List" of ailing bridges.

The original bridge was constructed in 1962 and required



significant repairs over the years. The reconstruction project required that the old bridge be removed and a new bridge constructed in its place. The new bridge is higher than the old bridge and will include sidewalks.

The City funded 20 percent of the \$3.8 million project, with the remaining 80 percent paid for with state and federal funds.

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

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## Road closures and traffic restrictions in place for Thanksgiving Day race

Dover Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the Dover Turkey Trot 5K run/walk event, organized by and benefiting the Garrison Elementary School Parent/Teacher Association. This is the final race of the 2017 Dover Race Series.

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., Shaws Lane will be closed in both directions between Garrison Road and Tideview Drive, for a period of approximately 10 minutes to accommodate the start of the race (8:20 to 8:35 a.m.). Garrison Road will be closed in the westerly direction at Morningside Drive from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., with traffic diverted through the Morningside neighborhood.

Between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., motorists should expect additional delays in the following locations:

- Back River Road and Garrison Road
- Garrison Road and Shaws Lane
- Back River Road and Spruce Lane
- Mast Road and Spruce Lane
- Linda Avenue, Riverdale Avenue and Morningside Drive

Parking restrictions will be posted on Shaws Lane to be effective on the day of the event. Event parking will be available in the lots adjacent to the Shaws Lane parking lot, the upper field parking near Garrison and Back River roads, and in the Morningside Drive, Meridian Drive and Shadow Drive neighborhoods.

For more information about the Dover Turkey Trot, visit [www.doverturkeytrot.com](http://www.doverturkeytrot.com).

For more information about traffic, contact the Traffic



## Police begin accepting names for holiday food baskets Nov. 27

Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announced this week that on Nov. 27 the Dover Police Department will begin accepting names of needy families residing in Dover for the annual Holiday Food Basket Program.

The Police Department sponsors this program each December to provide holiday dinners to families in Dover. Last year, more than 150 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community, which provided meals to more than 500 people.

In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to a local soup kitchen, the Food Pantry, the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place homeless shelter.

In order to make this program a success, donations are needed from the community. Non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities) will be accepted at the Dover Police Department, 46 Locust St. If you cannot arrange for delivery to the police station, call 603-742-4646 and pick up will be arranged.

Volunteers from the Dover Police Department will prepare and deliver the baskets on Saturday, Dec. 16.

For more information, visit the [Holiday Food Basket Program page here](#).



## 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.

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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.

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.

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.



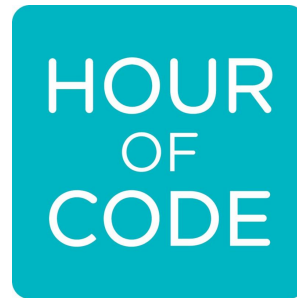
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## Dover Public Library celebrates Computer Science Education Week with Hour of Code sessions

The Library is pleased to host two sessions of Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week. All ages are welcome to the sessions on Monday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 6 p.m. or Monday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Registration is required to use one of the Library's computers. No registration is required to use your own laptop.

Register by calling 516-6050 or online at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov).



"The Hour of Code is designed to demystify code and show that computer science is not rocket science-anybody can learn the basics," said Hadi Partovi, founder and CEO of Code.org. "Over 100 million students worldwide have tried an Hour of Code. The demand for relevant 21st century computer science education crosses all borders and knows no boundaries."

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

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## Library to host women's self-defense class on Dec. 6

Learn the basic skills necessary to empower and protect yourself in a women's self-defense class at the Dover Public Library on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

The class, taught by instructors Peter Hebert and Zoila Urbani of Great Bay Karate in Dover, will explore the different basic self-defense techniques including simple strikes and movements that could save your life, all taught in a safe, positive environment.

"Everyone should have some idea on how to protect their self," said Hebert, head instructor at Great Bay.



Hebert added that studies have shown that people who are looking for a target tend to gravitate towards women.

"Having an idea on how to defend oneself keeps one from panicking," he explained. "That's the last thing someone wants to do. That's when you get into trouble. The (attacker) is looking for someone who isn't going to fight back and protect their self. They're looking for an easy mark and easy marks freeze up."

The class 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 class is free and open to the public. Ages 14 years and older are invited to attend. Sign up is not necessary. Those attending should wear comfortable clothing.

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

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.



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. 28, 1692** - The Provincial Council, to prevent the drawing off of the soldiers from Cochecho and Oyster river, ordered the Treasurer to disburse twenty or thirty pounds to supply said soldiers with provisions, and to enable them

to continue at their posts for the better defense of the Province.



**Nov. 30, 1847** - The Strafford Bank moves from its old location near the Dover Hotel, to Central Square.



**Nov. 27, 1852** - The shock of an earthquake was distinctly felt, resembling the rattling of carriage wheels on frozen ground.



**Nov. 26, 1855** - Elections for Ward Officers under the new city charter were held on Monday and Tuesday of this week.



**Nov. 23, 1859** - Mrs. J. Stone of Tufonboro is killed at the train depot in Dover attempting to get on the cars - she being on her way to Boston to spend Thanksgiving with her son.

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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:

- **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, [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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