

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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Friday, October 23, 2015

## Dover workshop seeks community feedback on transportation

Do you travel by foot, bike, car, bus or other means in the City of Dover? Do you often think, "I wish I could tell someone what I think about traveling in Dover."? Have you ever been driving from one place to another, and thought, "I'd walk, ride my bike or take the bus here if..."? Well the City of Dover wants to hear these and other thoughts on the transportation network.

On Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the McConnell Center cafeteria, the City of Dover will host a public workshop as part of the City's update to the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan. This informal workshop will be an opportunity for citizens and public officials to ask questions and share their thoughts regarding the transportation needs of the community.

Earlier this year, the Planning Board created a steering committee to oversee updating the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan. According to Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker, the chapter is 15 years old.

"Dover's current chapter was written in 2000, and while it was very comprehensive and laid the framework for much

**October 27, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

**City Council, October 28, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the 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](#).



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of the current network improvements Dover has accomplished, we have to be diligent about reviewing and updating this important guidebook," Parker said.

The Nov. 2 meeting is an opportunity for residents, business and property owners to speak with steering committee members, staff, and the City's transportation consultant, VHB, on transportation issues. Unlike the recent downtown pedestrian and vehicular access study, which was completed earlier this year, this chapter of the Master Plan looks at all of the City, and not just one area.

"We want feedback on how people make their way from one side of the city to another," Parker said. "We are looking to hear what works and what needs improvement, around Dover."

This session is a continuation of ongoing Master Plan work, under way since the City of Dover completed a community-wide visioning process in 2012. In 2014, the City completed a Land Use Analysis chapter of the Master Plan, and has scheduled further updates over the next few years. Dover's Master Plan can be found [online here](#).

The Transportation chapter is intended to identify the transportation actions needed over the next 10 years to realize the following vision for the City as expressed in the current Master Plan: "Dover has an excellent and fully interconnected transportation system for pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles and a public transportation system that is supportive of, and responsive to, new technology and continuous improvement."

Goals for this chapter include reviewing opportunities for traffic calming, expanding the City's complete street network and reviewing opportunities for mass transit in Dover. At the workshop the consulting team will have three areas for residents to give feedback and ask questions about. Each area will have maps and graphics, which can be used to generate conversation about the topic. Those three areas are:

- Traffic congestion and crash locations
- Transit, bike and pedestrian connectivity

### 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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- Neighborhoods, traffic calming and land use patterns

According to Parker, the City and community benefit from public participation in this document and process.

"I've found that in Dover, we have passionate members of the community, and they are also vocal about concerns and areas where we excel," he said. "We plan better in Dover as a result of that participation and from it planning staff and the Planning Board have a better understanding of what the community views as important when we put together land use regulations and the Capital Improvement's Program. I think it sets Dover apart from other places, that we are not just interested in public comment, we plan better because of it."

Community members are encouraged to participate in local planning, as it is important to Dover's long range growth and development.

Parker noted, "Dover's Transportation Master Plan, along with our Vision and Land Use chapters will be instrumental in creating the Dover the community wants to have for the next decade. We need to be proactive and thoughtful in our review and consideration of the transportation issues we face as a community, and lay out a positive path we can take to improve our transportation networks."

If unable to attend the workshop, the public is still encouraged to participate through reaching out to the Department of Planning and Community Development, located in City Hall, or by phone at telephone 603-516-6008.

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## Sunday hours at the Recycling Center begin Saturday

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road will open for additional weekly hours for several Sundays in October and November.

The Recycling Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Sundays:

- Oct. 25
- Nov. 1
- Nov. 8
- Nov. 15
- Nov. 22
- Nov. 29

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, [click here](#).

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Online election guide includes up-to-date candidate information

Absentee ballots now available

The City of Dover's [2015 Municipal Election online resource](#) includes up-to-date information on the Nov. 3 municipal election, including all candidates who have filed for office to date, polling places, information on registering to vote, and more.

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015.

Voters will choose candidates for Mayor, City Council, and School Board, as well as moderators, ward clerks, supervisors of the checklist and selectmen, from each ward.

Absentee ballots for the 2015 municipal election are now

available. Absentee ballots are available at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave., and [online here](#).

Absentee ballots must be returned to the City Clerk's office.

The City Clerk's office is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Supervisors of the Checklist in session Oct. 24 and Oct. 30

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, from 11 to 11:30 a.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave. They will be in session again on Friday, Oct. 30, 2015, from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, change party affiliation, addresses and names, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist. This is also the last opportunity for voters to change party affiliation before the Presidential Primary.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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The first Community Conversation with mayoral and City Council candidates can be viewed above.

## Chamber, Dover Listens to host "Community Conversation"

## with School Board candidates

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Dover Listens will host a second "Conversation with the Candidates" session, which will feature candidates for School Board. A session with candidates for mayor and City Council was held on Oct. 20.

The School Board candidates session will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the McConnell Center cafeteria, 61 Locust St. Use Door #3 to enter the cafeteria.

According to the event organizer, "A Conversation with the Candidates" is intended to allow participants to share top priorities for Dover's representation on the City Council and School Board, and allow voters to learn more about the candidates, talk to others about community issues and how Dover can be best represented by elected officials.

Admission is free. Food will be provided by the Portable Pantry.

For more information, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 742-228 or visit [www.dovernh.org/candidates](http://www.dovernh.org/candidates).

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## Parking restrictions and road closures in place for Sunday's Trick or Trot 5K

Dover Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the Trick or Trot 5K run/walk event, organized by and benefitting the Dover Soccer Association. This event is part of the 2015 Dover Race Series.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, at 9 a.m., Back River Road will be closed in both directions between Garrison and Mast roads, for approximately 15 minutes to accommodate the start of the race.



Between 9 and 10 a.m., motorists should expect additional delays near the following intersections:

- Back River Road and Spruce Lane;
- Mast Road and Spruce Lane;
- Garrison Road and Linda Avenue;
- Garrison Road and Shaws Lane;
- Shaws Lane and Tideview Drive;
- Morningside Drive and Riverdale Avenue.

Parking restrictions will be posted on a segment of Garrison Road and on Shaws Lane to be effective on the day of the event.

Questions about traffic implications may be directed to Dover Police Sgt. Marn Speidel, Traffic Bureau Administrator, at 603-742-4646.

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## Dover Main Street hosts downtown Trick-or-Treat event Oct. 24

Dover Main Street and downtown Dover merchants are once again ready to scare up some fun during the annual Downtown Trick-or-Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy trick-or-treating while walking around historic downtown Dover. This Dover Main Street event is always a hit with children, who love to walk from store to store and receive treats from downtown merchants.

Trick-or-treaters can visit the Dover Main Street table at the Cocheco Mill Courtyard for a map of participating merchants. The first 500 trick-or-treaters to visit will receive a free Trick-or-Treat bag.

Dover Main Street's free Downtown Trick-or-Treat This event is sponsored by Federal Savings Bank.

For a list of participating businesses, or for more information, [click here](#).



## Trick-or-Treat in Dover is Oct. 30

Trick-or-Treat in Dover is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 30, 2015, from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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## Friends of the Library Annual Booksale begins Oct. 30

Doors open at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 for the Friends of the Library's annual, two-week-long, gigantic fall booksale. Only library cardholders will be able to purchase items on the first day of the sale so be sure to bring your Dover borrower's card with you on the 30th. The sale opens to non-cardholders and the general public on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Thousands of paperbacks, hardcover books, and media items for all ages will be available at prices from 50 cents



to \$2. Many of the sale items are books donated to the library, while others are items discarded from the library's collections. Booksale prices will be further reduced on Wednesday, Nov. 4, and during the second week of the booksale, Nov. 9 to 15, the remainder of the items will be sold for the bargain price of just \$1 per bag or boxful. Any leftover books will be given away for free beginning Monday, Nov. 16.

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library, a 501(c)3 charitable organization which last year donated over \$15,000 to the library for museum passes, children's and adult programs, furnishings and equipment. Applications to join the Friends of the Library are available at the library's circulation desk.

Membership is \$10 annually or \$7 for seniors. Friends who work at the booksale receive a 50% discount on purchases. Call 516-6050 for more information.

Library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.. The Library will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11 for the Veterans Day holiday.

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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 Jan. 22, 2016.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Dec. 4.

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

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## Basketball sign-ups now open at

# Dover Recreation

The City of Dover Recreation Department now offers basketball sign-ups for all ages.

Dover Recreation offers programs for a variety of ages and ability, including kindergarten through high school, as well as men's leagues for players 18 and over, 35 and over, and 50 and over.

For more information, [click here](#), or call 603-516-6401.

Early sign-ups help everyone plan and ensure a spot. For youth programs, early sign-ups also save money.

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## 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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## Parking garage permit requests now being accepted

Anyone interested in obtaining a monthly parking permit in the Orchard Street garage can now add their name to a list

maintained by the City of Dover Parking Bureau. Current permit holders will have priority. The remaining permits will be issued based on the list. The Parking Garage is on schedule to open in late November.

Permits for the remainder of fiscal year 2016, which ends next June, are \$45 per month. Rates are established each year by the City Council as part of the annual budget adoption. The Parking Commission will review parking related fees during their meetings in the coming months and if any changes are recommended, they will be forwarded to City Council.

Those interested in adding their name to the list should [parking@dover.nh.gov](mailto:parking@dover.nh.gov). Only email requests are accepted at this time.

For more information, contact the City of Dover Parking Bureau at 603-516-2277 or [parking@dover.nh.gov](mailto:parking@dover.nh.gov).

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## Fall leaf collection begins in October

The City of Dover 2015 fall leaf collection will take place on the following weeks:

- Oct. 26-30
- Nov. 2-6
- Nov. 9-13
- Nov. 16-20

Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling.

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can be purchased at your local hardware or home improvement store.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste is accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours.

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

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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.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, [click here](#).

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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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