

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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Trick-or-Treat in Dover is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, from 5 to 8 p.m.

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



Catch up with the mayor and superintendent over coffee

A Coffee with the Superintendent and the Mayor will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Dover Police Station on Chestnut Street. is Oct. 28

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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.

Recycling Center hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Coffee with the Superintendent and the Mayor is open to everyone and provides an opportunity for discussion on all school and city matters of interest with Dover Mayor Karen Weston and Superintendent of Schools William Harbron.

For more information, contact Mayor Weston at <u>k.weston@dover.nh.gov</u>.





Municipal Election is Nov. 7

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017. Voters will choose candidates for City Council, School Board, and all ward positions, including moderators, ward clerks, supervisors of the checklist and selectmen.

The filing period is now closed. A complete list of candidates for Mayor, City Council and School Board can be found at the 2017 <u>Municipal Election page here</u>.

Results for District 13 special election available online

A special election for state representative in District 13, representing Ward 1 in Dover, was held on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017.

Election results are online and available here.

Chamber, Dover Listens host "Conversation with the Candidates"

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Dover Listens will host a second "Conversation with the Candidates" session with candidates for School Board on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This



session will be held in the McConnell Center cafeteria, 61 Locust St. Use Door #3 to enter the cafeteria.

A session with candidates for Mayor and City Council was held on Oct. 24. That session can be <u>viewed here</u> and on Channel 22.

According to the event organizers, "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 742-2218 or visit <u>www.dovernh.org</u>.



Portion of Chestnut Street to close Tuesday

Community Services will close Chestnut Street, north of the Locust Street fork behind City Hall, on Tuesday, Oct. 31, weather permitting. The road will close at 7 a.m. and may remain closed until 5 p.m or later.

The full road closure is necessary for excavation and installation of conduit. The map below shows the closure and temporary traffic flow.

Saint Thomas Street will be open, but accessible only from the north side. The Library and McConnell Center lot will remain open.

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.

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Stark Avenue work to continue

Work on Stark Avenue is expected to continue longer than anticipated, up to two weeks. The work is related to the reconstruction of Keating Avenue and Birchwood Place and includes the installation and reconstruction of a sewer line on Stark Avenue.

Traffic delays are expected as the work continues.

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



Dover Main Street hosts annual downtown Trick-or-Treats event on Saturday

Join Dover Main Street for the annual Downtown Trick-or-Treats event on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event starts at the Cocheco Mills Courtyard, where the first 250 children will receive a Halloween themed trick-or-treat bag and a map of participating businesses. Families are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costumes.

A costume contest will be held at 2:15 p.m. Costume categories are: adult best dressed; teen best; Halloween spirit; child best dressed; and family themed costumes.

Fore more information, visit the <u>event page on Facebook</u> <u>here</u>.

Parking restrictions and road closures in place for Saturday'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 2017 Dover Race Series.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, 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:

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

On-street parking will be restricted on the morning of the race on Garrison Road and on Shaws Lane.



Online survey seeks input on

proposed climate change chapter of Dover Master Plan

The City of Dover is developing a new chapter of the Master Plan to address changes in climate. The Climate Adaptation Chapter is being led by a steering committee comprised of Dover citizens appointed by the Planning Board. The Dover Planning and Community Development Department, Strafford Regional Planning Commission and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service are providing support for the project.

The Steering Committee has already held a public workshop to gather feedback on the first draft of the Climate Adaptation Chapter of the Master Plan. An online survey is also available to provide feedback to the Steering Committee. There are six main topic areas of the chapter. Each topic area has at least one issue and associated objective or objectives, and each objective has several draft actions. The Steering Committee is looking for your feedback on these draft actions.

To access the survey, <u>click here</u>.

As the project proceeds, draft documents and other materials will be available on the Master Plan section of the the City's <u>website here</u>.

Once a draft of the new chapter is complete, it will be presented to the Planning Board for review. At that point, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing, followed by a meeting for adoption once final edits have been completed.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 516-6008.

Public session on City of Dover hazard mitigation plan is Oct. 31

Strafford Regional Planning Commission has begun the process to update the City of Dover's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The first meeting with the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the McConnell Center in Room 305. At the first meeting, the Planning Committee will review the update process, discuss existing and past mitigation strategies, and evaluate past disasters and emergency declarations.

All residents, businesses, municipal officials, and interested parties from Dover and other neighboring communities are welcome to attend the meeting. If unable to attend, please forward any ideas or concerns to: Kyle Pimental, Principal Regional Planner, Strafford Regional Planning Commission at <u>kpimental@strafford.org</u> or to Dover Fire Chief Eric Hagman at <u>e.hagman@dover.nh.gov</u>.

This update of the 2013 Plan is funded by FEMA under contract to Strafford Regional Planning Commission and is a collaborative planning process with the City.

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, <u>click here</u>.

Sunday hours at the Recycling Center continue

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 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following Sundays:

- Oct. 29
- Nov. 5
- 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.

8th-Grade Student Info Night is Thursday, Nov. 2

The Dover School District will hold an 8th-Grade Student Info Night on Thursday, Nov. 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the

Dover High School auditorium.

This all-ages event will feature an academic fair, CTE program tours, clubs and sports sign-ups, and architectural designs of the new high school now under construction. Students, faculty and administrators will be available to answer questions. The school store will also remain open during the event.

Info Night is sponsored by Nellie Mae Community Engagement; the Dover High School and CTC Joint Building Committee; and CTE Student Ambassadors.

For more information, contact Dover High School at 516-6900.



Drug Take Back Day in Dover is this Saturday

On Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Dover Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent prescription drug and opioid abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Medications can be brought to the Dover Police Department at 46 Chestnut St. for disposal. The service is free, anonymous, and no questions will be asked.

Dover, like communities across the state, continues to see the tragic effects of the opioid epidemic. In 2015 and 2016, there were 12 opioid related deaths in Dover. So far in 2017, Dover is on pace to match and likely exceed that number of fatalities.

"We know there is a strong connection between prescription drug misuse and heroin use," said Dover Police Chief Anthony Colarusso. "If we can prevent prescription drug misuse we are in turn taking steps toward preventing heroin and other opioid use. We urge all members of the public to safely dispose of the medications in their homes at the Drug Take Back." According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse 80 percent of people who use heroin abused painkillers first. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Surveys show one in five New Hampshire high school students have used a prescription drug that was not prescribed to them.

"Over half of teens report that prescription drugs are easy or very easy to get," said Dover Coalition for Youth Coordinator Vicki Hebert. "Seventy percent of teens who abuse prescription drugs obtained the medications from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. We are holding this event to allow community members to dispose of their medications and remove the source of temptation from their home."

Dover has participated in the take back initiative since the fall of 2010 hosting at least one event a year. During the last seven years Dover has collected over 2,100 pounds prescription drugs.

Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - pose potential safety and health hazards. The DEA states that unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply.

If unable to attend a collection event during the national take-back day, a permanent takeback box is available at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. This summer, the hospital installed a disposal box in the main lobby of the the hospital, providing the community with an additional disposal option. The box is available seven days a week.

For more information about the take-back event, visit the DEA website at <u>www.DEA.gov</u>.

For more information about the Dover Coalition for Youth, call 603-516-3279 or visit <u>www.DoverCoalition.org</u>.



Dover Library's annual booksale begins under way

The Friends of the Library's annual, two-week-long, gigantic fall booksale at the Dover Public Library is now under way. 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 27th. The sale opens to non-cardholders and the general public at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28.

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. 1, and during week two of the booksale, Nov. 6-12, 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. 13.

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 percent discount on purchases. Call 516-6050 for more information.

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m. The Library will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10 for the Veterans Day holiday.

The library requests that no further book donations be made at this time. Donations will again be accepted after Nov. 19.

For more information, please call the Circulation Desk at 603-516-6050.



Fall leaf collection begins in November

The City of Dover 2017 fall leaf collection will take place on the following weeks:

- Nov. 6-10
- Nov. 13-17
- Nov. 20-25
- Nov. 27-Dec. 1

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 are also accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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



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, located here.

Oct. 28, 1688 - At a public town meeting held at the meeting house on the Neck, Lt. John Tuttle was chosen to open the votes at Portsmouth for the choice of a commissioner, for the joining with the commissioners of the United Colonies, and to join with the rest of the representatives of the Province, in giving such instructions to the said commissioners as shall be thought meet, for the vigorous management of the present war. (King William's War)

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Oct. 30, 1762 - A boat was upset in the river near Dover Point and four persons, Mr. Walton and wife, her brother Hunking Moses, and Walton's sister, were drowned.



Oct. 27, 1801 - Died, Colonel Otis Baker, aged 75. He was a member of the House of Representatives and of the Committee of Safety, during the Revolution, and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas from 1773 to 1785.

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Oct. 29, 1828 - The materials from the old jail on Pleasant street, taken down earlier in the year, are sold.

Nov. 2, 1863 - The Boston and Maine Railroad hires the Dover and Winnipesaukee Railroad on a lease of 50 years, paying annually \$29,000, and buying all its rolling stock.



Share that perfect Christmas tree with the entire Dover community

Each year, a new Christmas tree is raised at Henry Law Park, signaling the beginning of the winter holiday season in Dover. The City of Dover is seeking this season's tree, and is asking area residents to consider donating the perfect candidate, already growing in your backyard. The ideal Christmas tree for Henry Law Park is an evergreen, preferably a White Spruce or Balsam Fir, between 25 and 35 feet tall, and growing evenly on all sides.

Have a tree that fits the description? Would you like to share it with the entire community this holiday season? Contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon, who will evaluate the tree. If it's the perfect tree for the park, the City will arrange to cut down the tree and relocate it to Henry Law Park by the end of November.

For more information, or to volunteer your perfect Christmas tree, contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon at 516-6401 or <u>g.bannon@dover.nh.gov</u>.

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:

- Engineering Document Coordinator
- Seasonal maintenance worker
- Lifeguards
- Swim instructor

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

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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? <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, click

<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>.