

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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Joint Fiscal Committee, October 13, 6:30 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2015



Planning Board and City Council receive FY2017-22 Capital Improvements Program

The City of Dover's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for fiscal years 2017 through 2022 was presented to the City Council and Planning Board at a joint meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015.

The Planning Board and City Council will continue to review the CIP over the next several weeks. The City Council is expected to vote on the proposed CIP in November or December.

The Joint Fiscal
Committee, which
comprises the City Council
and School Board, will hold
a regular meeting on
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, at
6:30 p.m. in Room 305 at
the McConnell Center.

To view the agenda, <u>click</u> here.

City Council, October 14, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the agenda, <u>click</u> here.

Zoning Board, October 15, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the agenda, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit

The CIP is a tool which outlines a schedule for the next six years for capital projects and purchases over \$25,000 which maintain and improve the community infrastructure.

According to Christopher G. Parker, Dover's Director of Planning and Community Development, Dover is excited to release the proposed CIP for the Council and Planning Board's review and hopes the community is interested in learning about future capital improvements in the works. CIP projects range from complex road reconstructions to routine maintenance and replacement of equipment.

The CIP is updated annually and involves input sessions with the Planning Board and City Council, including public hearings. The Planning Board will forward its recommendations to the City Council, after which the City Council will discuss and ultimately approve the CIP in November.

To view the updated CIP projects visit the City of Dover's <u>CIP web page here</u>. Contained within the page is a video overview of the plan as well as a map locating projects proposed in the first year of the program.

For more information, contact the Dover Planning Department at 516-6008, email the Director of Planning and Community Development, Christopher G. Parker at c.parker@dover.nh.gov, or simply stop in the Planning Office located on the first floor of City Hall.

Parents of Dover fifth-grade students head back to school

The Dover Police Department will once again offer a special drug prevention program for the parents of fifth-grade students, known as the Dover PACT (Parents and Community Together) Program. This excellent program is free of charge.

As part of the overall prevention strategy of the police department, the PACT program serves to provide parents with the most up to date information about current drug the meeting calendar page.



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and alcohol abuse trends, music and media related influences in their child's life, as well as strategies used in the DARE curriculum. A significant amount of time will be spent educating the participating parents about the current heroin epidemic.

The PACT will be offered in the months of November, December, and January. The three sessions, which last approximately two hours each, will be offered three times within each of the months to make it easier for the parents to attend. Childcare will also be available if requested. Each session will be held in the McConnell Center cafeteria, which is accessed through Door 7, off St. Thomas Street in Dover.

If a parent is unable to participate, any other responsible adult involved with the student's life may participate. Two parents from the same household can split the responsibilities for attending the training sessions. Participating parents will be provided with a Drug Free Dover sweatshirt and a PACT coffee mug. Students of participating parents will receive a T-shirt and their Drug Free Dover ID.

Information sheets and registration forms were sent home with fifth-grade students during the last two weeks of September. Any parent with questions regarding the program may contact Detective Matt Travaglini at 603-516-6127.



Night at the Woodman Museum III

<u>page</u> and <u>twitter feed</u> for the latest updates.

resurrects history this weekend

Back from its successful run last year, Dover's Woodman Museum will present Night at the Woodman Museum III - Voices from the Cemetery, this weekend, Oct. 10, 11, 12.

With a new location the popular event will include 18 scenes of Dover history that will come to life during the hour and a half tour through the grounds of Dover's historic Pine Hill Cemetery. Tour Guides will lead visitors through the large grounds of one of Dover's oldest cemeteries introducing them to historical characters ranging from sea captains, local business and political leaders to soldiers. The production includes a cast of 50 volunteers.

Tickets are now on sale at the Woodman Museum. Reservations are required.

During the tour visitors will learn about early Dover settlers, their strange laws and about the punishments that took place in the late 1700s; Hear the sad story of Elisha Thomas, a revolutionary soldier who was hung after a fight; See Annie Woodman, the benefactress of Dover's Woodman Museum and speak to Jonathan Sawyer about his large woolen mill. Guest's will also meet a civil war soldier who was at Gettysburg and meet Captain William Flagg whose crew captured a British cannon during the War of 1812. You'll also meet Marilla Ricker who ran for governor even before women could vote.

With an actual 1890's horse-drawn hearse in the background visitors will see life through an overworked Dover nurse's eyes during the civil war and later meet "President" Mary Dow. There are also a couple of sea captains who make an appearance and just what is a Gookin? Come to the Night at the Woodman Museum III event and find out. These are just some of the many characters you'll meet that will tell of their notable events in the third annual Night at the Woodman Museum production.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Woodman Museum, a 99-year old local museum located at 182

Central Ave. in Dover.

Tours consisting of a maximum of 16 people each will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday Oct. 10, Sunday, Oct. 11, and Monday, Oct. 12.

Tours leave the Ricker Memorial Chapel on the Pine Hill Cemetery grounds every 15 minutes and will last approximately 90 minutes. The cemetery entrance is located at 131 Central Ave. in Dover. The event will be rain or shine and guests are asked to wear comfortable walking shoes.

Night at the Woodman Museum III is underwritten by Dermatology and Skin Health.

Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (under 12). Reserve early to guarantee a time. For tickets, call the museum at 603-742-1038 or 603-970-0227. Additional information can be found at www.WoodmanMuseum.org.

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.



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.



Tales from the Mt. Washington
Observatory: 'Home of the World's
Worst Weather' at Dover Library

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will host Will Broussard on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. for an exciting talk and slide presentation about weather atop the state's highest peak. An infamous place



of extremes, New Hampshire's 6,288-foot Mount Washington has been captivating people for hundreds of years.

While many places on Earth experience severe weather, few are inhabited by humans 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Mount Washington Observatory has been operating a continuously-staffed scientific outpost on this remote peak since 1932, providing the Observatory many remarkable stories and an intimate knowledge of the mountain.

Through the years, the hardy men and women of the Observatory have experienced white-out blizzards, stunning 110-mile vistas, and everything in between. They have survived a 231 mph wind gust, endless days of disorienting fog, and snow drifts more than 20 feet tall. They have worked with scientists and celebrities, students and snow rangers. They have amassed one of North America's longest continuous climate records, and developed an intimate understanding of the place known as the "Home of the World's Worst Weather."

Will Broussard is the Outreach Coordinator at the Observatory. He studied conservation biology at Antioch University New England Graduate School. With an undergraduate degree in biology and extensive training in environmental education, he is thankful for the opportunity to share his love of science education with our seacoast-area audience. Will's hobbies include walking, bird watching, and cooking strange meals. The mid-coast Maine native is excited to experience Mount Washington's myriad meteorological phenomena, especially altocumulus lenticularis, temperature inversions, and rime ice.

Friends of the Library programs are always free and open to all. Refreshments will be served following the program.

For more information, please call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

Arts Commission survey looks to

gauge impact of the arts in Dover

In an effort to gather information that will help further Dover's cultural footprint in New Hampshire, the Dover Arts Commission has created an online survey for local businesses to complete to help identify the impact of the arts and culture in Dover.

Part of what makes Dover such a vibrant community is the variety of arts and cultural events that occur throughout the city. By participating in the 'Culture Counts in Dover NH' survey, local businesses will be helping the Dover Arts Commission take inventory of the resources available for citizens to enjoy. Recording the importance of arts and culture in the city allows the commission to continue exploring funding opportunities for the greater arts community.

Businesses that participate in the survey will have an opportunity to be featured in future newsletters currently being developed by the Arts Commission, and may be included in future Dover Download email blasts. These newsletters will help to publicize the arts and culture events happening in Dover's business community to the citizens of Dover and beyond.

The survey can be <u>accessed here</u>. To receive a link to the survey via email, or for more information, e-mail <u>ArtsCommission-All@dover.nh.gov</u>.

The Dover Arts Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City Manager, and works to enhance an appreciation and awareness of arts and culture in the community through increased dialogue and participation of citizens.



Online survey to help shape future of Community Trail

With grant funding in place, the City of Dover and Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee are now planning for the expansion of Dover's Community Trail. The three-quarter mile Community Trail runs from Fisher Street to the Dover Transportation Center.

Grant funding will help expand and improve the trail for year-round use. Among the improvements planned are paving the trail from Fisher Street to Rutland Street on the southern end, as well as creating a more distinct trail and trail head on the northern end of the trail, from Fourth Street to Beckwith Park.

As the planning process continues, the City and trail committee are conducting an <u>online survey</u> that aims to help identify what people like about the Community Trail, and how they would like to see it improved in the future. The survey follows an informational meeting about the project, held Sept. 19.

The survey can be <u>accessed here</u>.

The Dover Community Trail is an ongoing community effort that began with land acquisition on the former rail bed in the 1990's. The City of Dover, volunteers and committees, community organizations, and business leaders worked together to open the trail.

For more information about the Community Trail, contact the Dover Planning Department at 603-516-6008 or email d.pohli@dover.nh.gov.



Online election guide includes upto-date candidate information

Absentee ballots now available

The City of Dover's <u>2015 Municipal Election online</u> <u>resource</u> 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.

Chamber, Dover Listens to host "Conversation with the Candidates"

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Dover Listens will host two "Conversation with the Candidates" sessions, which will feature candidates for mayor, City Council and School Board.

The first session will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, from 6 to 8 p.m., and will include candidates for mayor and City Council. The second session will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m., and will include candidates for School Board. Both sessions will be held in 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.

Both sessions will be recorded and broadcast later on Channel 22.

For more information, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 742-228 or visit www.dovernh.org/candidates.

Sunday hours at the Recycling Center begin Oct. 25

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, <u>click</u> here.

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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.

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. 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.



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.



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 at

http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm.



Oct. 12, 1648 - There was granted to Richard Waldron 1,500 trees, either oak or pine, for the accommodation of a saw mill which he intendeth shortly by God's permission to erect and set up at or upon the lower fall of the river Cochecho. The said Richard Waldron is to pay three pence per tree.

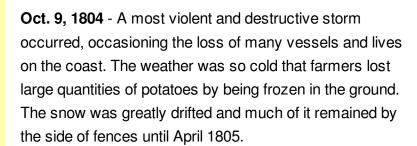


Oct. 14, 1651 - The town of Dover was fined 10 Pounds for neglecting to send a Deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts at two successive sessions. Upon the request of Mr. Maud the fine was "respited and not to be levied till the next Court of Election, that the Court may judge of Dover's answer."



Oct. 15, 1693 - The General Assembly in ordering that every town in the Province should provide a schoolmaster for the supply of the town on penalty of ten pounds, exempted Dover during the war with the French and Indians from the provisions of the act. This exemption was doubtless in consequence of the desolation of the town in 1689, from which it had not yet sufficiently recovered to

support the charge of a school.



Oct. 5, 1859 - The State Fair was held this year, for the second time in Dover, on Ricker field. The attendance was large and the receipts "\$6,000, a larger sum than ever before taken."

Oct. 13, 1855 - The Piscataqua Ferry Co. for carrying passengers from Dover Point to Newington was organized. Capital \$2,000.

Oct. 11, 1883 - The New York Times reports, under the headline, "A Draw After Forty-Nine Rounds," that a prize fight between "Denny" Cannon of Dover and Dennis Delaney of Biddeford, Maine, lasted 49 rounds, during a match in Farmington. The one hour and 40-minute fight was called a draw after the crowd of 300 was frightened away by police. The Times states that "both men were badly punished, and had to be carried away by friends."

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 postions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, click here.

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> here.

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 upto-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>.