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Sixth Street paving under way

Friday, September 12, 2014

Sixth Street paving and cold planing is now under way, and is expected to continue for two weeks, weather permitting. The work will occur on Sixth Street from Central Avenue to Whittier Street.

Work will begin at 7 a.m. and conclude at 6 p.m. During this time, on-street parking is prohibited in the work area.

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

Meetings this week:

Planning Board, Sept. 16, 6 p.m.

The Planning Board's Sign Committee will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Sept. 17, 8 a.m.

The Planning Board's Master Plan Land Use Steering Committee will meet on



Dover Fire & Rescue featured in ReadyNH TV spot

Dover Fire & Rescue is featured in a television and web spot for ReadyNH, a new resource intended to increase

Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 8 a.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

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



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> City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Recycling Center hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.





the preparedness of individuals and households in the State of New Hampshire. The initiative was launched by the New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The new website contains information and resources about staying safe before disaster strikes. The campaign says the real superheros are those who are prepared.

The TV and web spot was filmed earlier this year at several locations, including at Willand Pond in Dover.

The spot can be viewed here.

For more information about ReadyNH, click here.

City to auction bicycles, surplus equipment on Saturday, Sept. 13

The City of Dover will hold a public auction of bicycles and surplus equipment on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014.

The auction will start at 9 a.m. and will take place at the Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road. Approximately 25 bicycles will be auctioned off first, followed by surplus equipment.

Bicycles and equipment are open to all bidders. All items may be previewed after 8 a.m. on the day of the auction.



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 <u>http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/citvof.htm</u>.

Sept. 12, 1792 - "It is a fact that the lightning during the past summer has struck as much as fifteen times within a mile and a half of this office. (The Phoenix, an early Dover newspaper)



Sept. 13, 1860 - A man named Alfred Varney, in attempting to jump from the cars at the depot was fatally injured and died five days after.

Sept. 14, 1837 - A ship of about 600 tons was launched from the shipyard of Robert Rogers near the Gulf this day.

Sept. 15, 1864 - The quota of Dover (149) was reported to be more than full, the number furnished being 160 - 60 of whom had enlisted in the Navy, 32 in the Heavy Artillery, 20 in the 18th Regiment and 48 furnished by enrolled men with the excess from the last call.

Sept. 17, 1857 - In digging the cellar for a house on Nelson street, the foundations of a chimney and part of a cellar wall were disinterred, which are supposed to be the remains of the garrison house of the son of Peter Coffin, or of that of the first tavern opened in Dover, which it is known stood in that vicinity. Within the abutment were also found human bones judged to be those of a female, and a spoon differing entirely from anything that had been in use for more than 150 years. (Dover Enquirer)

Sept. 18, 1679 - The union of New Hampshire with Massachusetts was dissolved at this time by royal proclamation. John Cutt was appointed President of the Province with a council of six of the principal inhabitants, of whom Richard Waldron of Dover was one. Agreeably to the royal direction they chose three other gentlemen into the council, of whom Job Clements of Dover was one. The President nominated Major Waldron to be his deputy or vice-president and John Roberts, marshal.



Construction begins on new police facility, parking garage

Construction of a new police facility and parking garage is under way. To keep the public updated on the progress of construction, a new web page devoted to the project is now live. This page, which can be <u>viewed here</u>, contains important background information, construction and project updates, design plans, documents, and much more.

The page will be updated as construction continues. The new parking garage is expected to be completed in the fall of 2015, followed by the new police facility in the spring of 2016.

In addition, project updates are available via email. To sign up to receive these electronic updates, <u>click here</u>, enter your email address, and select the list "Dover Police Department; Police Facility and Parking Garage updates."

For more information, visit the Police Facility and Parking Garage page here, or by visiting

www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/new-police-facility/index.html.

Learn to be a local leader at the Citizens Leadership Academy

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dover will host the third annual Dover Citizens' Leadership Academy in October.

The program aims to help residents better understand their community and local government, and foster civic participation as a foundation for leadership.

Participants are provided with an up-close look at local government and municipal operations, as well as the tools needed to help shape the future of the City of Dover, including how to volunteer for various boards, commissions and civic organizations.

The Citizens' Leadership Academy will span four consecutive Thursdays in the month of October, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for each session.

In addition to the Thursday evening sessions, there will be a Saturday session on Oct. 25, 20141, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participation in the Citizens' Leadership Academy is free and open to all interested Dover residents, and is especially intended for residents new to or otherwise not normally involved in local government. Registration can be completed by visiting the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce website and completing the online registration form. Preregistration is required, and participation will be limited to 25 individuals.

The first session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center. That session will focus on getting to know your local government. Subsequent sessions will be devoted to public safety; Community Services; culture, recreation and quality of life; and education.

The Dover Citizen's Leadership Academy is held at least once each year and is intended to bring together, from diverse segments of the community, residents of Dover who are interested in meeting and working with others to address key issues critical to maintaining and improving upon our city's quality of life. Citizens participating in the Leadership Academy are encouraged to initiate discussions with other residents, business and government leaders and contribute their knowledge, imagination and energy towards the betterment of the community.

Citizens Leadership Academy is sponsored by Centrix Bank.

For more information, contact Molly Hodgson Smith, Executive Director of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, at 603-742-2218 or <u>molly@dovernh.org</u>, or visit the Chamber's website at <u>www.dovernh.org</u>.

Catch a movie at the Public Library

The Dover Public Library has announced its Saturday matinee schedule for September and October. Free movies start at 2 p.m. in the library's Lecture Hall.

The schedule is:

- Sept. 13 "Muppets Most Wanted" (PG; 1 hr. 42 min.)
- Sept. 20 Disneynature documentary "Bears" (G; 1 hr. 18 min.)
- Sept. 27 "Godzilla" (PG13; 2 hrs. 13 min.)
- Oct. 4 "The Fault in Our Stars" (PG; 2hrs. 6 min.)
- Oct. 11 "Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return" (PG; 1 hr. 28 min.)
- Oct. 18 "Amazing Spider-Man 2" (PG13; 2 hrs. 22 min.)

In addition, the library is kicking off a new movie series on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. On Sept. 10, the film "They Came Together", a romantic comedy with Amy Poehler and Paul Rudd, will be shown. This film is rated R.

Movie goers may bring their own refreshments and popcorn.

For more information, please call the library 516-6050 or view our Calendar of Events at <u>http://library.dover.nh.gov</u>.

Seacoast Irish Festival tickets now on sale

The annual Seacoast Irish Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 12 - 6 p.m.

Tickets for the festival are now on sale and can be ordered in advance for \$15 online or purchased at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Nicole's Hallmark in Downtown Dover.

Tickets can also be purchased at the gate the day of the event for \$20. Children 12 and under are admitted free of charge.

For more information, visit www.seacoastirishfestival.org.



Author Helen Peppe at the Dover Library Tuesday, Sept. 16

The Friends of the Dover Public Library are pleased to present the first program in their fall "Cultural Series" at the library. On Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m., come for an

entertaining talk by Helen Peppe, author of the memoir "Pigs Can't Swim".

Peppe's book recounts her haphazard youth as the youngest member of an eccentric, nine-child family on a hardscrabble Maine farm, where she and her siblings were raised in an atmosphere of sibling rivalry, poverty, male chauvinism, and absurd interactions with their animals and pets. In telling her wayward family tale, Peppe manages deadpan humor, an unerring eye for the absurd, and poignant compassion for her utterly overwhelmed parents. With feisty resilience and candor, she offers wry insight and moments of tenderness with family and animals. One reviewer said: "Pigs Can't Swim" is an unruly, joyous troublemaker of a book.

Helen Peppe began writing stories, mostly about animals, on scraps of butcher paper when she was knee-high to a horse. (All of her furry characters lived happily ever after.) As a student, she wrote short stories and personal essays while working as a professional photographer specializing in horses and dogs.

She lives near Portland, Maine, with her husband, Eric, her children, four dogs, four rescued rabbits, four guinea pigs, and two destructive kittens.

For more information on this free program, call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

City of Dover and surrounding towns to hold Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the City's Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road.

The goal of Hazardous Waste Collection Day is to allow for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. Residents of the four communities can bring household hazardous waste to Community Services for safe disposal.

The following household waste will be accepted: fertilizer with acids; bathroom cleaners; brush cleaner; pesticides car waxes/polish; disinfectants; corrosives; fungicides; creosote; furniture polish paint/stain/finish; insect spray; driveway sealers/tar; metal polish (lead and oil based); lighter fluid; flea powder; mothballs; rust preventative; pest strips/traps; gasoline; oven cleaner; solvents; pesticides; radiator flush; photo chemicals; thinner/turpentine; poisons; roofing tar; rug cleaner; wood preservatives; pool chemicals; and wood strippers.

Empty containers are not hazardous. Please dispose of them in your regular trash.

Explosives, asbestos, latex paint, oil (new or used) and antifreeze will not be accepted.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Dover is for household residents only. Proof of residency is required.

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



Community support, donations sought for Henry Law Park improvements

The City of Dover and the Children's Museum of New Hampshire have been working together for several years to come up with a plan to overhaul the playground area in Henry Law Park. The Henry Law Park Improvement Project involves a total renovation of the area of the park behind the Indoor Pool now occupied by a play structure and out of service wading pool. It also included new walkways to connect with the area of the Rotary Arts Pavilion and front of the park and many other new features.

Concept plans have been drawn up using input from several public meetings where the needs of the park were listed and ideas were brainstormed to bring all of the best possibilities out for this area of the park. The cost of the project as the current plans detail are estimated to be over \$400,000. The City has allocated \$250,000 in capital improvements funding and a very generous anonymous donor has contributed \$100,000 to the project. The balance of approximately \$100,000 is needed to get this project under way and there are opportunities for individuals, organizations and businesses to donate through several means.

Anyone interested in contributing can contact Gary Bannon, Dover Recreation Director, at <u>g.bannon@dover.nh.gov</u> or 516-6410.

There is also the opportunity to donate via Go Fund Me by going to the link <u>http://www.gofundme.com/c8ebd4</u> to contribute.

More information will be forthcoming on the City of Dover's website about contributions and progress on this exciting project.

Volunteers sought for downtown Dover TIF advisory board

The Dover City Council is now seeking volunteers for the recently formed Downtown Dover TIF Advisory Board. The board is tasked with advising the City Council and City staff on recommended policies and actions for the administration and operation of the Downtown Dover TIF District.

A feasibility study initiated by the City Council in 2013 identified a TIF district as a viable method to help fund and stimulate economic development in downtown Dover. The feasibility study was followed by an extensive effort to seek consensus from property owners and residents, which resulted in the City Council establishing the Downtown Dover TIF District in March 2014.

The advisory board is expected to meet quarterly, or at the request of the mayor or city manager, and will review the policies, procedures, construction and administration required to operate a successful TIF district in downtown Dover, and will advise elected and appointed City officials. The City Council is currently looking to fill four citizen positions: two property owners within the established TIF district and two citizens who do not own property within or adjacent to the TIF district.

The Downtown Dover TIF District consists of property north of St. Thomas Street and Williams Street; south of Sixth Street; west of Chestnut Street, and Cocheco and River streets; and east of Main Street. Individuals interested in volunteering for the advisory board are encouraged to view the Downtown Dover TIF District map located on the City's official website via the "Planning and Community Development" page. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit an application for City Council consideration. Applications can be picked and submitted in person at the City Clerk's office located in City Hall, or online by visiting the "Boards and Commissions" section of the City's official website.

For more information about the Downtown Dover TIF District, contact the Dover Planning Department at 603-516-6008 or email <u>c.parker@dover.nh.gov</u>.

City's boards and commissions keep our community vibrant

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, including new members to fill vacant positions.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, click <u>here</u>.

To download an application for board and commissions, click <u>here</u>. 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.

Stay social with your City



Want the latest announcements and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official **Facebook page** and **twitter feed** for the latest updates.



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>.

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 the City's website at <u>www.dover.nh.gov/dntv</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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