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## Clerk's office unable to process motor vehicle registrations during state computer upgrade, Oct. 6-10

The Dover City Clerk's office will be unable to process motor vehicle registrations from Friday, Oct. 6 to Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 while the state installs a new computer system. The new system is expected to be online beginning Wednesday, Oct. 11, and registrations will resume at that time.

The installation of the new system, known as VISION, by the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles will affect vehicle registration processing statewide during this time.

Motorists registering a new vehicle, with a temporary plate, or renewing a registration are asked to be mindful of the interruption in service, as the City Clerk's office will be unable to process motor vehicle registrations while the installation is under way.

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

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### **Meetings this week:**

#### **Planning Board, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

#### **City Council, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017 in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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](#).



CITY OF DOVER, NH  
288 Central Avenue

For more information about the implementation of the state's new VISION system, visit [www.nh.gov/dmv](http://www.nh.gov/dmv).



## Several road closures, traffic restrictions in place Sunday for annual road race

On Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017 Wentworth-Douglass Hospital will hold the fourth annual Seacoast Cancer 5K to benefit the Seacoast Cancer Center. More than 2,000 participants are expected. The event begins at 9 a.m. with a start and finish at WDH. Motorists should expect – and give way to – runners or walkers wearing numbered race bibs on any Dover roadways between 9 and 10 a.m.

There are several major street closures during this event, including:

- Central Avenue southbound traffic will be detoured to Mount Vernon Street between Abbott and Ash streets, between 8:45 and 10 a.m.;
- Oak Street will be closed in both directions between Portland Avenue and Central Avenue, including at the Broadway and Rollins Road intersection, between 9 and 10 a.m.;
- There will be traffic delays on Broadway in both directions, in the area of Reds Shoe Barn, between 9:15 and 9:45 a.m.;
- Central Avenue will be closed to northbound traffic at Oak Street briefly to accommodate the 9 a.m. race start.
- Portland Avenue will remain open to two-way traffic, with lane shifts occurring in the area of the Dover Ice Arena.

Motorists should expect significant delays on Park Street, Oak Street, Broadway, Portland Avenue, Chapel Street, Saint John Street, and Central Avenue, and should avoid those streets between 9 and 10 a.m.

Event parking will be available in the WDH garage, at the medical office parks off Old Rollinsford Road, and in the

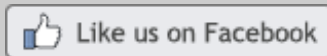
Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

### 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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nearby Hannaford Supermarket parking lot. Dover and Rollinsford police officers and event volunteers will be posted along the course to help manage traffic.

Parking restrictions will be in effect and posted on the northerly side of Portland Avenue on Sunday to help accommodate race participants. These restrictions will be removed after the event.

More information about the event, including a course map and registration information, is available at [www.SeacoastCancer5K.org](http://www.SeacoastCancer5K.org).

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital will remain open to accept emergency patients during the event.

## Ice Time



The Dover Ice Arena's new Zamboni was delivered on Thursday, Sept. 21. This new machine will replace another nearly 20 years old. The Zamboni was included in the recent Capital Improvements Program.



## District 13 special election will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24

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

The special election follows the resignation of state Rep. Isaac Epstein on June 30.



The three candidates for the seat are:

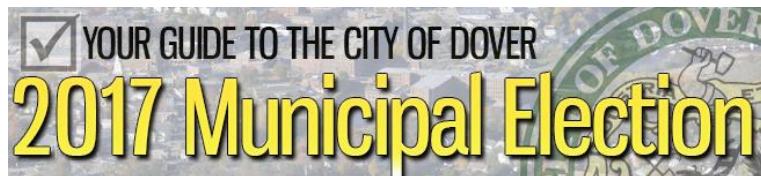
- Guy John Eaton, Republican
- Casey M. Conley, Democrat
- Brian C. Shields, Libertarian

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

Polling times and places will be posted once approved by the City Council.

An online resource for the special election is [available here](#).

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## Filing period for municipal election closes today

The filing period for the City of Dover municipal election ends today, Friday, Sept. 22, at 4 p.m.

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

Candidates for City Council, School Board, and all ward positions, must be a registered voter in Dover and complete the necessary filing paperwork at the City Clerk's office, located at City Hall. A valid driver's license or passport is required at the time of filing. Candidates for City Council must be a resident of Dover for at least one year.

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

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018 or visit the 2017 [Municipal Election page here](#).

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## Dover Point sewer work requires road closure, water shut off on Sunday and Monday

Severino Construction will conduct sewer excavation and underground utility work on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017, beginning at 8 p.m. and concluding on Monday, Sept. 25,

as late as 4 p.m. This work is part of the Little Bay Bridge and Exit 6 reconstruction project.

While the work is under way, Dover Point Road will be closed to all traffic between 405 and 409 Dover Point Road. Motorists will be detoured via Exit 4 in Newington and Exit 5 at Hilton Park North. Dover police will be at the scene to assist with traffic control.

This work also requires water to be shut off on Dover Point Road, from the New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles to the General Sullivan Bridge, and on Leighton Road, Heaphy Lane and Wentworth Terrace. Water service will be restored as soon as the work is complete.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450 or the New Hampshire Department of Transportation at 603-271-3734.

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## Dover to host public hearing for Ten-Year Transportation plan

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) will hold 19 public hearings across New Hampshire to review and receive input on the update of the State's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2019-2028). The public hearings will begin in September.

A public hearing in Dover is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at 4 p.m. in the auditorium at Dover City Hall.

The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public comments and testimony on transportation projects and priorities included in the draft 2019-2028 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan as recommended by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to GACIT.

Those not able to attend the meetings can submit written testimony within 10 days of the completion of the public hearings. (no later than Nov. 6, 2017 at 4 p.m.)

Written comments should be addressed to:

**William E. Watson, P.E.**  
**Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance**  
**New Hampshire Department of Transportation**  
**John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive**  
**P.O. Box 483**  
**Concord, NH 03302-0483**

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary

communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact Sharon Allaire at (603) 271-3344, or NHDOT, P.O. Box 483, Concord, N.H. 03302-0483 - TDD access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964.

Copies of any documents related to the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2019-2028) will be available for review on the [NHDOT website](#) prior to the first Public Hearing or by contacting the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance at the Department of Transportation (603-271-3344).

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## Citywide hydrant flushing begins Sunday, Sept. 24

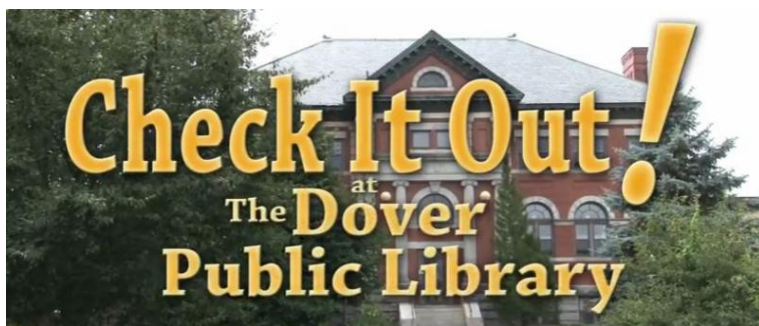
The Community Services Utilities Division will begin flushing fire hydrants throughout the City on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017. Hydrant flushing is expected to take six weeks.

Crews will work at night from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Hydrant flushing is essential to maintain water quality and allow adequate fire flows throughout the distribution system. No disruption of water service is expected. Residents may notice some discoloration of the water. This is temporary and does not pose any threat to public health.

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

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Can you beat the Dover librarians  
at "Censorship Trivia"?

Think you know more about censorship than a group of librarians? Join the Dover Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. for a game of Censorship Trivia where groups will compete against Dover Public librarians for the top prize.



Emceed by Tish Sims, the game will feature censorship questions focused not only on books, but also on television, music and other areas of popular culture. The trivia is geared towards ages 16 and older with teams of up to six people. It will last approximately an hour and a half, and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.

The American Library Association proudly sponsors "Banned Books Week" annually during the last week of September, celebrating the freedom to read, and the value of free and open access to information. Some of the most frequently challenged books in the U.S. include John Green's "Looking for Alaska", E.L. James's "Fifty Shades of Grey" and "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon. This year Banned Books Week takes place from Sunday, Sept. 24 to Saturday, Sept. 30.

This program is free and open to the public.

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

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## Free meditation workshop at the Public Library

A meditation class with Cindy Simon, M.A., NCC, RMT will be held at the Dover Public Library on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 7-8 p.m. Simon will discuss how to live meditatively through humor and stories. Simon teaches how to cultivate daily mindfulness resulting in more daily serenity and joy. She will lead two meditations as well. Meditation is known to reduce anxiety, depression, insomnia, and stress, to name a few of the benefits. Simon has taught meditation for a decade, holds a master's degree, is a nationally certified counselor, and a published author.

Preregistration is required for this class.

Please call the library at 603-516-6050 to register, or register online through the library's events calendar at <http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/library/events/index.html>.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.



## Film screening in Dover explores rising waters

The New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup will host a screening of the film "Tidewater" on Monday, Sept. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Dover High School. The screening is also sponsored by the Environmental Defense Fund and Union of Concerned Scientists.

The film explores how the homes, schools, hospitals and families in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia are struggling to keep up with the effects of rising waters.

How are Great Bay communities preparing for increased precipitation and future flooding events?

Stafford Regional Planning Commission Senior Planner Kyle Pimental and Roger Stephenson, Stratham representative to the Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission, as well as fellow members of the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup, will lead an audience discussion following the film.

The screening is free but seating is limited. [RSVP to reserve your seat here.](#)

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## Register now for the Apple Harvest Day 5K Road Race



The Apple Harvest Day 5K Road Race, underwritten by Seacoast Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, kicks off the Seacoast's premier autumn street festival on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017. The 5K Road Race starts on River Street and ends on Washington Street in downtown Dover.



The USTAF certified course runs directly through the Apple Harvest Day festival site on Washington Street and Central Avenue, and then winds through historic Dover on a rolling course that is suitable for beginner runners and walkers, as well as advanced racers.

The first 250 runners to register will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information or to register, [click here](#).

The race is directed by No Finish Line Running and is part of the Dover Race Series.

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## Woodman Museum antique auto show is this Sunday

The Woodman Museum's 21st annual Antique and Vintage Car and Motorcycle Show is Sunday, Sept. 24, from noon to 4 p.m.

Antique automobiles and vintage motorcycles will be on display on the museum grounds. The event is open to the public and free with museum admission.

Motor vehicle enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy viewing pre-war motorcars to 70s classics, and have an opportunity to discuss issues surrounding collecting, conserving and restoring vehicles with local owners.

Visitors will also have an opportunity to see some late model - and even brand new - automobiles that will one day be considered classics.

The museum is located at 182 Central Ave.



## September is Senior Center Month

According to the National Council on Aging, research shows that older adults who participate in senior center programs experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental and economic well-being. Join the Dover Community Senior Center in September for a month of special events to help celebrate Senior Center Month.

Some of September's special events include:

### **Sunday, Sept. 24**

Broadway's smash hit, "Les Misérables." Sign up at the Travel Desk. Open to all.

### **Wednesday, Sept. 27, 12 p.m.**

Communicating with Your Loved Ones with Dementia  
Individuals living with dementia often experience changes in behavior that can be confusing to friends and family.

For caregivers, learning to decode messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language can help both parties to connect and communicate in meaningful ways. Effective Communication Strategies is a program provided by the Alzheimer's Association® that explores how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's disease.

### **Thursday, Sept. 28, 1:30 p.m.**

Cat Faulkner, cabaret-style songs and stories.

If interested in attending these events, please RSVP to 516-6420 or [ljjarvis@dover.nh.gov](mailto:ljjarvis@dover.nh.gov).

Entertainment events are sponsored by the thoughtful memorial donations of the family and friends of Lucy Voyer and Bob Meserve.

All special events held at the Senior Center are free and



## 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

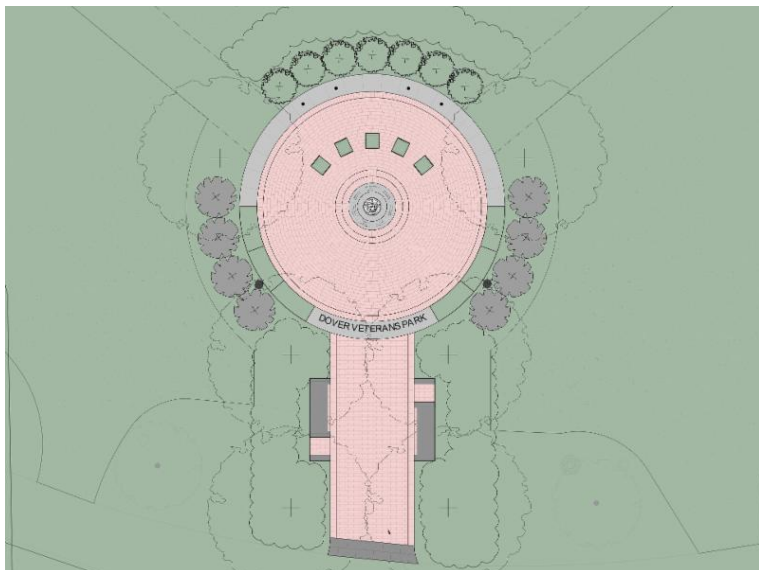
Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling.

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.

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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.



**Sept. 28, 1703** - The first snow of the year falls, accompanied by very cold temperatures.



**Sept. 27, 1714** - Considerable difficulty seems to have been met with about this time, in finding persons willing to serve as constables, for we find it recorded, Sept. 27, that at a public meeting for the choice of constable to supply Cochecho part of the town by reason of Joseph Hanson's refusal, John Richards was chosen in the room of Hanson, and Benedictus Tarr in Joseph Jenkins's room. At another meeting, Oct. 29, John Hayes was chosen to supply the vacancy made by John Ricker's refusal, and Samuel Emerson in the room of Benedictus Tarr.



**September, 1841** - The Boston and Maine Railroad starts service in Dover, opening a direct route to the international port of Boston, and reducing the time it would take goods to travel by gundalow or ship.



**Sept. 23, 1921** - The H.E. Meader greenhouses on Back River Road boast over 1,100 rows of gladiolas, comprising over a half-million bulbs in 250 varieties. The greenhouses sold over 100,000 bulbs the previous year.



**Sept. 24, 1983** - "Cathy Schiro, a 16-year-old from Dover, N.H., surprised veteran distance runners yesterday when she led for nearly the entire race and won the Avon Half Marathon at Central Park. Her time for the 13.1-mile event was 1 hour 13 minutes 19 seconds, a United States junior women's record for the half marathon and more than 2 minutes faster than that of second-place Isabelle Carmichael." (New York Times)

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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:

- **Truck Driver, Streets and Stormwater**
- **Engineering Document Coordinator**

- **Seasonal maintenance worker**
- **Lifeguards**
- **Swim instructor**

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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