

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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Learn to be a local leader at the Citizens' Leadership Academy

Registration is now open for the annual Citizens' Leadership Academy, hosted by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dover.

The Citizens' Leadership Academy will held weekly from Oct. 12 to Nov. 9, 2017.

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

the Week

Meetings this week:

School Board, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

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

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.

tools needed to help shape the future of the City of Dover, including how to volunteer for various boards, commissions and civic organizations.

Participation in the Citizens' Leadership Academy is free and open to all. 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 Dover Citizens' Leadership Academy is held 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 Eastern Bank.

For more information, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218 or visit the Chamber's website at <u>www.dovernh.org/cla</u>.

Catch up with the Mayor and Superintendent over coffee

A Coffee with the Superintendent and the Mayor will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the McConnell Center cafeteria.

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>.



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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, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.







Stay social with your City

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.



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 <u>available</u> <u>here</u>.



Filing period for municipal election opens Sept. 11

The filing period for the City of Dover municipal election begins Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. and ends 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 <u>Municipal Election page here</u>.

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.

'Preserving Your Family Heirlooms' workshop at the Library Sept. 19

The Friends of the Dover Public Library are pleased to present a highly recommended presentation on "Preserving Your Family Heirlooms" by Lori Fisher on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in the library's Lecture Hall.

Are you the defacto family historian? Do you wonder how to preserve and care for all of the precious photos, memorabilia, and objects that illustrate your family's history? Get a jump start on that project with lots of helpful information. Lori Fisher, Director of the Baker Free Library in Bow, will discuss the six agents of deterioration, and provide ideas and steps to take care of your important photos, documents, and objects. Handouts about appraisals, conservation, and resources for storage materials will be provided.

Lori draws on her 18 years of experience as a museum curator at the Chapman Historical Museum, Historic

Cherry Hill, the National Museum of Racing, and the New Hampshire Political Library, Lori is passionate about this subject and will provide the much needed inspiration so that we may confidently undertake the proper care, safeguarding, and preservation of cherished family and personal keepsakes.

This program is free to all, and no registration is required.

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



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 evens include:

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1:30 p.m.

Papa Joe Gaudet, Storyteller, light refreshments served.

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Dan is back with a Fall Prevention Seminar. Learn how to stay safe and prevent falls which can lead to injuries, fractures and lengthy hospital stays. Dr. Dan Lombardi from Somersworth Physical Therapy will explain the major components to balance which can easily be strengthened to prevent harmful injuries. Learn the top most common causes of loss of balance and dizziness along with the number one biggest mistake that seniors make as their balance starts to decline.

Sunday, Sept. 17

Lobsterbake at Fosters in York By popular request we will celebrate Senior Center Month and wave a last good-bye to summer with a Lobster Bake at Foster's in York. Includes lobster or chicken, clam chowder, steamed mussels, corn, potatoes, rolls, butter, and blueberry crumb cake. \$35, cash only. Very limited seating. A Recreations Department bus will depart at 11:15 a.m. from the Ice Arena Park and Ride. Senior Center members only. Sign up at the Travel Desk.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 11:15 a.m.

Medicare open enrollment information session.

Thursday, Sept. 21

Day trip to Brick Store Museum in Kennebunkport. Senior Center members only.

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.

<u>Thursday, Sept. 28, 1:30 p.m.</u>

Cat Faulkner, cabaret-style songs and stories.

If interested in attending these events, please RSVP to 516-6420 or <u>l.jarvis@dover.nh.gov</u>.

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

All special events held at the Senior Center are free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Answer the call

...Give blood in honor of everyday heroes.





Dover Fire and Rescue blood drive is today

Dover Fire and Rescue, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will sponsor a Community Blood Drive on Friday, Sept. 8, from 1 to 6 p.m., at the Liberty North End Fire Station, located at 262 Sixth St., in Dover.

Individuals who are at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. A blood donor card or valid picture ID card is required to donate.

Donors can choose to walk in or make an appointment and avoid long waits by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visit <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> and enter zip code 03820 in the search option.



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.

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.

Public hearings set 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 <u>NHDOT website</u> prior to the first Public Hearing or by contacting the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance at the Department of Transportation (603-271-3344).



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. 13, 1788 - The vote of Dover for Presidential Electors, for choosing the first President under the Constitution, is thus recorded: For John Sullivan 30 votes, John Parker 38, John Pickering 27, Judge Dudley 20, Gen. Bartlett 17, Col. Dame 10, Col. Toppan 10, Paine Wingate 2, Gen. Cilley 2, Daniel Rindge I, Dr. Cutter I. The whole number of votes cast in the State was 20,142. No person having the requisite number for a choice, the Legislature, Jan. 7, 1789, made choice of Benj. Bellows, John Pickering, Ebenezer Thompson, John Sullivan and John Parker, they having the largest number of votes. They cast their votes for George Washington and John Adams, the first President and Vice President.

Sept. 13, 1797 - Voted that the land for a burying place on Pine Hill be laid out and a plan be returned to the Town Clerk. Pine Hill had been occupied as a burying ground from the time, probably, of the erection of the meeting house there in 1713, and in 1731 one and a half acres were by vote of the town, ordered to be laid out for that purpose. The action of the town at this time would indicate that the previous order had not been complied with, or no return thereof had been made.

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Sept. 9, 1822 - An accommodation stagecoach between Dover and Portsmouth commenced running, three days in the week, for a fare of 50 cents.

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Sept. 8, 1844 - Thomas W. Waldron, aged 30, the United States Consul and Naval Agent at Canton, died at Hong Kong, China. He was son of Daniel Waldron, late of Dover, the last possessor of the Waldron Homestead.

Sept. 9, 1851 - Incendiary fires being very prevalent at this time, a town meeting was held at which the selectmen were authorized to offer suitable rewards for the apprehension of the incendiaries, and to appoint a night watch and committee of vigilance.

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:

- Custodian, McConnell Center
- Electrical Technician
- Engineering Document Coordinator
- Gym attendant
- Arena maintenance ice resurfacer
- Arena attendants
- 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, <u>click</u> <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>.