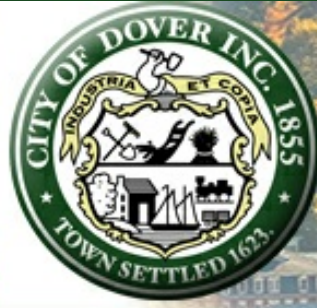


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Upcoming holiday hours for City of Dover offices

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The Public Library will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 23, through Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

The Dover Ice Arena will be closed on Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24 and Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).

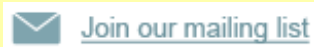
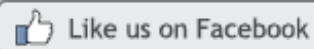


CITY OF DOVER,
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City Hall hours:
Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**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 [Facebook page](#) and [twitter feed](#) for the latest updates.

The McConnell Center will close at 12 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

The Dover Indoor Pool will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, and will be closed Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

The Recycling Center on Mast Road will be closed on Christmas Day.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day the week of Dec. 25, 2018, beginning on Tuesday. There is no pickup on Tuesday, Dec. 25.

City Clerk's office open New Year's Eve for property tax payments

On Monday, Dec. 31, between 4 and 5:30 p.m., the City Clerk and Tax Collection Office will be open to service property tax payments only. No other services will be available in the City Clerk and Tax Collection Office after 4 p.m. on Dec. 31.

All other services will be available at the City Clerk and Tax Collector's Office on Dec. 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Property tax bills were mailed last month.

The City of Dover's property tax rate for fiscal year 2019 was calculated Nov. 20, 2018 by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and certified at \$24.92 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The first half of the tax bill is due Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, and the second half is due by June 3, 2019.

There are four components that represent the tax rate: the city portion, local education portion, state education, and Strafford County. The tax rate of \$24.92 is broken down as follows:

- City: \$9.37
 - Local education: \$10.88
 - State education: \$2.06
 - County: \$2.61
-



Dover Fire and Rescue crews respond to a fire at Edgar Bois Terrace last December.

Fire officials urge safety first as winter begins

As winter arrives, along with colder weather, many residents will turn up the heat at home. Fire Chief Eric Hagman reminds residents to keep safety in mind.

"Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths," Hagman said. "Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening."

In addition, Dover Fire and Rescue urges everyone to have an evacuation plan, in all weather. In the winter, fire officials recommend leaving a warm coat by the door, know where your keys are and leave the building immediately when a smoke detector or fire alarm goes off. Closing the door to a home or apartment is also important, as an open door can cause a fire to spread faster.

Hagman adds that Dover Fire and Rescue has responded to many fires caused by heating equipment that could have been prevented.

Here are some heating safety tips from Dover Fire and Rescue:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- When using alternate heating sources, such as an emergency generator, a fireplace, wood stove or space heater, make sure they are properly ventilated.
- Always operate a generator outdoors and away from your home.
- Improper use of heating devices can lead to dangerous carbon monoxide buildup in the home. Be sure to use a carbon monoxide detector when heating your home, including from sources such as pellet stoves, gas stoves, gas fireplaces, and oil or gas heating systems.

Hagman reiterates carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning due to poor or incorrectly installed heat sources account for a number of calls every year. Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide. A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

Hagman adds that CO detectors can be purchased at most hardware and retail stores. If a CO detector activates, call Dover Fire and Rescue.

Here are some tips about CO detectors:

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call Dover Fire and Rescue.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to reenter the home.

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO - only use outside.

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6148. Call 9-1-1 to report emergencies.



Salted sand available to residents

The city provides residents of Dover free salted sand, located at the intersection of Piscataqua and Drew roads.

Residents must bring their own supplies, such as buckets, bags and shovels.

Please note that when temperatures are below freezing, the pile can harden and be more difficult to work with.

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



Come Visit



Santa's Castle

Several Rooms of Christmas Fun!

- * Meet Santa
- * Decorate cookies in Mrs. Claus' Kitchen
- * Make reindeer food in the stable

- Make Crafts
- Costumed Characters
- Bring your camera!

Youth **2** Youth

Final tour of Santa's Castle is today

Dover Youth to Youth is hosting its annual Santa's Castle at the McConnell Center in downtown Dover for a final day today, Friday, Dec. 21, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

During the tour, students from Youth to Youth will guide visitors through Rudolph's stable, Santa's toy room, Mrs. Claus's Kitchen and other parts of the Castle. Along the tour children may choose to take part in a variety activities, including such things as decorating a cookie in Mrs. Claus' kitchen, make crafts in Santa's toy shop, write a letter to Santa, or make "reindeer food" in the stable.

Families touring Santa's Castle will also meet Santa's Elves, various costumed characters, and Santa himself. Families are welcome to bring a camera and take pictures or video of their children with Santa.

Santa's Castle is designed for children ages nine and under, but the whole family is invited. The cost is \$8 per child and \$4 per adult. However, a whole family can take the tour for a maximum of \$25. Proceeds support the anti-drug activities of Dover Youth to Youth. Santa's Castle is sponsored by radio station 98.1 WTSN and The BAY.

Entrance to Santa's Castle will be from the Saint Thomas Street side of the McConnell Center (Door #7). Parking is available in the parking lot located behind the Dover Public Library and on the street by the District Court.

For additional information, go to the Youth to Youth web site at www.DoverY2Y.org or call the Dover Police Department's Community Outreach Bureau at 516-3274.

Dover Youth to Youth is an organization made up of middle and high school students who meet after school to conduct activities and events that promote a drug-free life style. Youth to Youth is coordinated by the Dover Police Department and it is a component of the Police Department's Community Outreach Bureau.



Miss the Holiday Parade? Catch in online and on Channel 22

The annual Holiday Parade was held on Sunday, Nov. 25. If you missed this year's parade or want to see it again, you can catch it on Channel 22 or online, on demand here:

<https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=FQAVPOtOWnTf>

The parade is organized by the Dover Children's Center and underwritten by Liberty Mutual. The theme of this year's parade is "Christmas Through the Decades."

The parade's grand marshal for 2018 is Patty Rawding Anderson, executive director of Reach for the Top Outpatient Pediatric Rehabilitation Program.



GREEN WAVE DISPATCH

News from Dover's public schools



Coming up in Dover schools

Monday, Dec. 24 - Tuesday, Jan. 1
Holiday Recess

Wednesday, Jan. 9, TBD
School district community conversation on race relations.



This week in DOVER HISTORY



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, 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 Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, [located here](#).

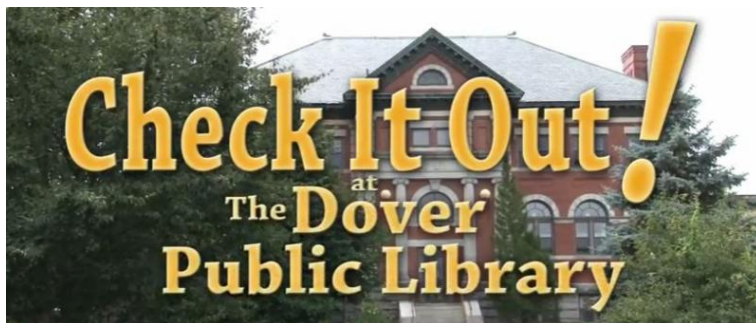
Dec. 21, 1658 - It was voted that the meeting house on Dover Neck be underpinned, catted and sealed with boards, a pulpit and seats convenient be made, and a bell purchased, to be paid for by a rate upon each man's estate according to the law of the country.

Dec. 25, 1692 - A doeful and tremendous noise was affirmed to be heard in the air nigh Capt. Gerrish's garrison, which continued with a little intermission near half an hour.

Dec. 24, 1715 - The "multiplicity of public houses occasioning many disorders," the Assembly enacted that there should be but six taverns in Portsmouth, three in Hampton, two in Dover, one at Oyster River, two at Exeter, two at New Castle, and one in the parish of Newington, and that "all other tippling houses be suppressed."

Dec. 23, 1757 - Samuel Heard of Dover, a soldier in the Crown Point Expedition, in Col. Nathaniel Meserve's regiment, having represented to the Assembly his indigent circumstances and his not being able to subsist himself by reason of the loss of his leg in May 1756, and the late grant made him by the government being spent, it was voted that he be allowed the sum of 30 pounds, to be delivered him as occasion may require, by Capt. Thomas Wk. Waldron.

Dec. 26, 1812 - John Wheeler notified the proprietors of the Dover Cotton Factory to meet at Mrs. Eydia Tibbetts' dwelling house on the 19th of Jan. 1813, at 5 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of organizing under their act of incorporation. The "Dover Cotton Factory," which was incorporated this year, with a capital of \$50,000, was the first attempt at manufacturing on an extensive scale in the town. As the lower falls were supposed to be fully occupied with the saw and grist mills which then stood thereon, the first Factory was built two miles up the river and was long known as the Upper Factory. Like most new enterprises it was but moderately successful to its projectors. John Williams was agent of the corporation.



Sign up for Family Place Workshop

The Dover Public Library will offer a series of free Family Place Workshops starting on Saturday, Jan. 5, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. These programs, designed for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers, run for five consecutive Saturdays. They are fun, informal, play-based programs which provide a rich environment of toys, books, and art activities.

Families have the opportunity to spend time together, make new friends, and talk one-on-one with a different community resource professional each week. Topics will include early literacy; child development; speech, hearing and language; nutrition; and music, play and health. You may register once for the entire five-week series on the library's website, library.dover.nh.gov, or call the Children's Room at 603-516-6052.

This program is free and open to the public.

This Week at The Library

Saturday, Dec. 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lego Saturday in the Children's Room

Imagine, create and build with Legos and/or Duplos. Drop-in anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet old friends and make new ones as you work on building challenges.

Sunday, Dec. 23 through Tuesday, Dec. 25

Library Closed for Christmas Holiday

Saturday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lego Saturday in the Children's Room

Imagine, create and build with Legos and/or Duplos. Drop-in anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet old friends and make new ones as you work on building challenges.

Saturday, Dec. 29, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday Matinee in the Lecture Hall

The House With a Clock in its Walls: A young orphan goes to live with his magical uncle in an old house with a hidden clock. When he accidentally awakens the dead, the towns springs to life, revealing a secret and dangerous world of witches, warlocks and deadly curses. Rated PG



CITY OF DOVER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

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.

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 seeking applications the following positions:

- **Lifeguard I**
- **Swim instructor I**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

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.

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 to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.
