

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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### Meetings this week:

#### **School Board, Monday, Jan. 5, 7 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at 7 p.m. in School Board Chambers 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](#).

Friday, Jan. 2, 2015

## Kick off the new year with Dover Recreation's fitness classes

Dover Recreation announces the next session of fitness classes to kick off the New Year.

New session dates are available for muscle power, interval toning, beginner or intermediate yoga as well as Zumba classes.

All classes begin in early January and are held in the fitness studio at the McConnell Center in downtown Dover.

For information on dates, times, instructors and prices, [click here](#) or visit call (603) 516-6401.

## Final weekend to check out the musical light show at City Hall

This is the final weekend to catch to musical light show at City Hall, organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee.

The committee has decorated the front of Dover City Hall with lights that dance to music playing on your car radio. Motorists are encouraged to park in the designated 10-minute parking spots in front of City Hall, Monday through Friday, 4 to 6





## CITY OF DOVER, NH

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603-516-6000

**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.

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p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 10 p.m., and tune the radio to 90.5 FM to enjoy the show.

The light show was designed by Dover resident and high school junior Luke Dobson, who for the past four years has created the popular light show now know as "Luke's Lights" on Overlook Drive.

The display will last until Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015.

Viewers are encouraged to move along every 10 minutes to give everyone the opportunity to take in the show.

To watch the light show online, and to learn more about Dobson, view the video below:



**City Lights 2014**

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## Mast Road Recycling Center now accepting Christmas trees

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road will begin accepting Christmas trees on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, during regular hours.

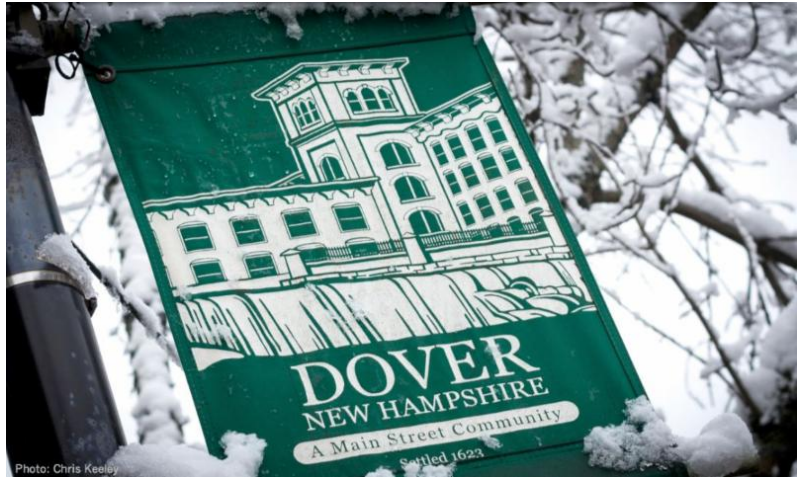
Trees must be free of all ornaments, lights, tinsel, tree bags and tree stands or they will not be accepted.

Trees can be disposed of in the brush pile.

The Recycling Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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## Workshop to focus on Dover's climate change strategy

How might changes in rainfall, temperature, storms and rising sea-levels affect the City of Dover? Be part of the response and join fellow residents for a workshop on helping Dover prepare for climate change. The workshop, "Preparing for Climate Change in Dover: Gaining Insights and Charting a Course," will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the McConnell Center cafeteria, 61 Locust St.

During the workshop, residents will learn about regional climate change, how it might affect Dover, and specific actions that can help the city prepare. The workshop is open to all, including residents and businesses, City board and commission members, and City staff and elected officials.

Refreshments will be provided.

The workshop follows role-play simulation sessions that began in 2012. These sessions presented residents with hypothetical climate-related problems that needed to be solved together.

The January workshop is the third in a series planned through the winter of 2015.

Space is limited. RSVP online at [tinyurl.com/doverclimate3](http://tinyurl.com/doverclimate3) or to City Planner Steve Bird at 516-6008 or [s.bird@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.bird@dover.nh.gov).

The workshops are led by a steering committee, which includes representatives from City staff, boards, and residents. A web page dedicated to this project is available [here](#).

The project is funded by a federal grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, awarded to the New Hampshire Coastal Program, and managed by the

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and NH Sea Grant.

For more information, contact Steve Bird, City Planner, at 516-6008.

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## DALC enrichment classes offer chance to learn, share

Dover Adult Learning Center (DALC) has offered enrichment classes to adults throughout the area for decades. Since 2007, these classes have been offered in the McConnell Center, as well as at Dover High School.



There are choices for the career-minded such as computer classes, writing and design.

Classes for personal enrichment run the gamut from hiking to cooking, while arts and fine handcrafts are among the more popular classes...topics include pen and ink, mosaics and watercolors.

Preparation for the Winter 2015 semester is under way.

DALC is issuing a call to artists seeking new class offerings. Do you have a small business or hobby that you would like to share? Consider teaching an Enrichment Class. You can do a single session on a weeknight or a Saturday or you can teach a series of classes over a few weeks.

Some of the really interesting DALC offerings include soap-making, mosaic art and Zentangle, an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns.

Photography classes are always very popular.

Instructor Allan Wood teaches a variety of topics from figuring out your DSLR, to using an external flash to composition.

Using the iconic Nubble Light Wood's class shot from different vantage points and under varying lighting conditions and used a variety of camera setting to create interesting effects.

In addition to the visual arts there are musical offerings like piano, harmonica and guitar.

iPad basics is always a big hit helping people get the most

out of their device, from basic setup and settings to the best apps and customization

The public is also invited to make requests or suggestions for classes they would like to see offered. If you include the name of a potential teacher with your suggestion, DALC will follow up with them.

Artists and artisans or anyone interested in teaching a class can submit a proposal now for the next semester. Instructor compensation varies based on the class.

For more information email Darlene at [dalc@dalc-online.org](mailto:dalc@dalc-online.org), stop by room 205 in the McConnell Center or go to <http://www.doveradultlearning.org/contact/teach-at-dalc> to use the online form to submit a proposal.

It is the mission of the Dover Adult Learning Center of Strafford County to help adults in the Strafford County area enhance their life-coping skills and improve their lives through basic education, job training, high school completion and enrichment classes. We help our students become more effective lifelong learners, family members, workers and citizens.



## Dover Police Charities, Housing Authority receive donations from Holy Rosary Credit Union

Holy Rosary Credit Union recently presented the Seymour Osman Community Center and the Dover Police Charities each with a check for \$750. The Dover Police Charities donation helped fill holiday food baskets, which are delivered each year as part of the Holiday Food Basket program to needy Dover families during the holidays. The Seymour Osman Community Center's donation will fund enrichment programming that supports over 850 families who reside at the Dover Housing Authority. On hand for the

check presentation were representatives from the Dover Police Department, including Police Chief Anthony Colarusso and Dover Housing Authority Executive Director Allan Krans.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

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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>.

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**Jan. 2, 1643** - At a town meeting it was ordered that if any turbulent person shall molest any of the Townsmen appointed, or quarrel with them, or contest against any of their lawful actions, done according to town order, he shall be first admonished, and the second time fined 5 shillings, and the third time 1 pound, for every such offense.

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**Jan. 7, 1819** - Whittier's Mills, at Tolend, (Whittier's Falls) consisting of a fulling and grist mill, and a building used for cloth dressing, were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

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**Jan. 6, 1862** - Fire broke out in the wooden stores on Central Street, near Orchard Street, known as Marston's block. The fire originated in the D.N. Wendell Trunk and Harness shop, most likely from a stove. The weather was extremely cold, near zero, and several of the hand engines froze after a short time in operation. Tenants in the building had to be evacuated. They included Levi Brown's shoe store, a dentist, Dr. P.A. Stackpole, tailor and merchant Alexander Frazier, R. Palmers shoe shop, D. Lothrop & Co. druggists, Miss E.A. Horne, dressmaker, Mrs.

Shepard's Boarding house, and Dr. Lindsey, amongst others. Frank Freeman's oyster house was the only one left in a condition to be occupied. (Dover Public Library)



**Jan. 7, 1881** - One of the most terrible fires in the history of Dover occurred this day at the County Farm. The almshouse took fire from an overheated furnace and burned to the ground. The money loss was \$75,000 which was of no account compared to the loss of life. The fire was discovered in the kitchen at half past four in the morning. Dr. Fairbanks, physician at the County Farm passed the night there. He was awakened by the smell of smoke and repairing to the kitchen discovered that fire was just burning through the floor. He gave the alarm and with William T. Wentworth and Lucien B. Legg set about the removal of those who, by reason of age or other infirmity of mind or body were unable to help themselves. The main entrance was cut off by fire leaving but one exit. The able-bodied men and women escaped through windows not having time to snatch a garment to cover them from the biting cold and deep snow. Some ran long distances till they were overcome and fell by the roadside to be picked up later. Thirteen of the 164 inmates perished in the flames. Four old people and two children were in the attic and could not be rescued. One man returning for some clothing perished. A woman who went back for her easy chair was consumed. Mr. Cornelius Caswell Superintendent at the County Farm was very ill at the time and great fears were entertained that the shock and the exposure to cold might have fatal results. Mrs. Caswell saved two wallets, a tin box containing papers and bonds, and a photograph of her son. The insane asylum containing 30 inmates was in great danger. The overseer of this department stepped outside to cut away the partitions connecting the asylum with the main building leaving his wife to guard the excited inmate. They pushed her aside and escaped into the darkness, moaning and chattering, rushing wildly about in every direction, bewildered and frantic with fright but never with the exception of two getting out of sight of the fierce conflagration. With the exception of these two they were secured and placed in a neighboring house. One of the women thinly clad tramped to Gonic to the house of Nabum Yeaton. The other walked to the home of relatives in Barrington. Both were returned the next day. Before any assistance could be rendered, or any effective efforts put forth to stay the progress of the rapidly spreading flames, the whole interior of the immense three story structure with the entire household contents was a mass of smoking, smoldering runs. Not one article of furniture, bedding or wearing apparel was saved. Lack of water rather than lack of appliances was the cause. A steamer started from this city but turned back after reaching the hill near William Bakers seeing they would be too late for service. The reservoir and wells were either dry or very low. A frozen hydraulic ram was the only power by which to force water from the spring to that immense institution. Among the first

of the citizens to response to the alarm were Ralph Hough, Harry Hough and Dr. Chamberlain. They found there at work William T. Wentworth, Jacob Twombly, Jason M. Hayes, J.A. Clough and others doing all in their power to save life and property. Col. Bracewell and Harry Hough brought up clothing, E.J. Brewster boots, shoes, and many others contributed to the loads that went from the city that day. Friday night every person was provided with clothing to which great Falls, Rochester, Barrington and other towns contributed. One hundred new beds, bedding and covering were ordered from Boston. Beds were placed in the old lockup for the men and the women were sheltered in the Snell and Trickey houses connected with the farm. From the files of the Northam Colonists, edited by Iris Valley, 1881. Among those who perished in the fire were: Frank Jones, age 70, of Great Falls; Asa Hall, age 40, of Barrington; Porter Sargent, age 50, of Great Falls; Burnham Nute, age 75, of Farmington; Jeff Holland, age 35, of New Durham; Joseph Cook, age 40, of Dover; Tommy McDermott, age 75, of Dover; Martha Jewell, age 65, of Great Falls; Lizzie Wilson, age 40, of Lee; Clara Soates, age 40, of Milton; Kate Tobey, age 25, of Dover; Charlie Riley, age 4, of Gonic; and Sadie Abbott, age 7, of Rollinsford. (Dover Public Library)

Strafford County Farm Poor House

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## MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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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, 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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## 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 [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 the City's website at [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv) 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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### Sign-ups for Dover Girl Scouts slated for Jan. 13

Girls between the ages of 5-17 can sign up for Girl Scouts at the Woodman Park School cafeteria, 11 Towle Ave., on Jan. 13 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains offers more than 100 programs for girls; registration is \$30 a year. Through Girl Scouting, girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place. They have a blast, make friends, and have new and exciting experiences in the preeminent leadership development program for girls in the U.S.

Adults are needed as well.

Volunteers receive training and learn marketable skills, make new friends and make a difference in girls' lives. See [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org) and click on Volunteer to see the many opportunities available.

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves more than 10,500 girls in New Hampshire and Vermont, thanks to 4,000 trained and dedicated volunteers. We build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Go to [girlscouts.org/join](http://girlscouts.org/join) or call 603-716-3530 with questions.



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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