Snow removal continues as more winter weather moves in

Snow removal operations have been under way since a powerful nor'easter arrived early Tuesday morning. According to the National Weather Service, the winter storm named Juno dropped 30 inches of snow on Dover, mostly on Tuesday.

With more winter weather in store for the City, including additional snowfall today, motorists are asked to adhere to the overnight, on-street winter parking ban, which will help facilitate ongoing snow removal operations.

As a reminder, curbside trash and recycling pick-up is delayed by one day this week. Property owners are asked to place trash bags and recycling bins at driveway openings, back from the edge of the street, and not on top of snow banks or in paths where sidewalk snow removal tractors are operating.

Be sure to clear furnace and exhaust vents that may be
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.

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

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Dover until 6 a.m. Saturday. To view the complete weather advisory for Dover, click here.

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Dover committee to host snowshoe hike under a full moon

Join the Dover Open Lands Committee for a full moon snowshoe hike on Friday, Feb. 6, 2015.

The group will gather at the Community Trail parking lot along the Cocheco River on Watson Road at 7:45 p.m., hitting the trail promptly at 8 p.m.

The hike is a leisurely walk along the trail and will return on the same path to enjoy some hot chocolate and snacks in the parking lot.

This event is free and open to the public. Families are welcome, but please leave pets home for this hike.

Please RSVP to City Planner Steve Bird at s.bird@dover.nh.gov or 603-516-6008. If the hike is cancelled due to weather, notifications will be sent to those who have RSVP’d and posted on the Dover Open Lands Committee Facebook page.

Directions: From downtown, head northwest on Sixth Street, left onto County Farm Road, left on Watson Road. The parking lot is on Watson Road, about half a mile south of the County Farm Road junction.

The Dover Open Lands Committee consists of local volunteers and city staff who work with willing landowners to conserve Dover’s important natural and cultural resources. These resources include drinking water supplies, farm and forest lands, critical fish and wildlife habitat, and the preservation of our community’s character for current and future generations to enjoy.
Dover Listens hosts final TED talk Feb. 2

Dover Listens joins with 7th Settlement Brewery Monday night, Feb. 2, for the final of three "community building conversations" with city residents.

Residents are invited to 7th Settlement at 47 Washington St. in the downtown at 8 p.m. to watch a short film related to a topic under the category of either technology, entertainment or design. The program is called a TED Talk.

Following the viewing residents will "converse with fellow Doverites to explore big ideas for a small community," according to Michele Holt-Shannon, leader of Dover Listens.

"Bring your friends, bring your foes. Come enjoy an under 20 minute fascinating TED Talk on our projector TV and we'll get you started on some great conversations," Holt-Shannon said. "It could help make Dover even better or something to just be fun to talk about."

Admission is free and appetizers are half-price.

'Getting Insurance for 2015' at Dover Library Feb. 4

Are you uninsured or confused about changes to the health care system? Are you seeking health insurance that fits your needs and budget? If so, you are invited to attend an informational session at the Dover Public Library on Wednesday February 4, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Learn what the Affordable Care Act means for your family: what to consider in choosing a health plan, how to get discounted costs, and how to enroll during open enrollment (Nov. 15, 2014 to Feb. 15, 2015).

After a short presentation by Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, a certified in-person Navigator Organization, there will be the opportunity to get personal help with applications or the ability to schedule a future appointment with a certified assister. There is no charge for any of these services.

Can't make this presentation? Make an appointment to meet with a local Navigator at one of PPNNE's six NH locations. Call 1-866-476-1321, visit www.ppnne.org, or email getcoverednh@ppnne.org.

For more information about this program, call the Dover Public Library at 516-6050.
Downtown Dover has plenty to offer, easy parking

Visiting downtown Dover? There’s plenty to do, whether shopping, dining or exploring, and parking in downtown Dover is easy.

For a map of available parking, as well as additional parking resources, visit drivingdover.com.

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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**DID YOU KNOW?**

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**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, "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. 31, 1699** - A considerable earthquake happened about 1 o’clock this day, and another the night following, if it was not a clap of thunder.

**Jan. 31, 1835** - Two boys, children of John B. Sargent and David Bickford, one 8 and the other 6 years of age, drowned near the Upper Factory in crossing the river on the ice.

**Feb. 2, 1836** - The coldest day of the year is recorded at 17 degrees below zero.

**Feb. 3, 1844** - Mr. B. A. Ford passed with a horse and sleigh on the ice from Dover Neck to Newington, a circumstance which had not before occurred for 30 years. The winter of 1844 was so severe that Boston harbor froze over and a canal had to be cut to admit the passage of vessels.

**Feb. 4, 1863** - The Dover Ladies Aid Society gave a Tea Party for the benefit of the Soldiers Aid Society, realizing the sum of $358.24.
Jan. 31, 1915 - The Jas. F. Parle Ice Company has cut and stored over 6,000 tons of ice from the Bellamy River and prepares to begin ice cutting on the Cocheco River.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Mayors receive assurance Tri-City is not on refugee resettlement list

During a conference call with representatives of U.S. Sens. Kelly Ayotte and Jeanne Shaheen, the mayors of Dover, Rochester and Somersworth were assured there are no plans by the U.S. Department of State to relocate international refugees to the communities of the Tri-City.

Dover Mayor Karen Weston, Rochester Mayor T.J. Jean and Somersworth Mayor Dana Hilliard first expressed concern last year after the Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success (ORIS), an agency that assists the U.S. Department of State in identifying suitable communities for refugee relocation, indicated the Tri-City was being evaluated as a possible destination for refugees. After the three mayors conveyed their concerns about the fiscal impact of the program on local taxpayers, ORIS stated it was premature to discuss resettlement in the Tri-City region, and there were no plans to proceed without Tri-City support.

Dover Mayor Karen Weston repeated those concerns to representatives from the offices of U.S. Sens. Ayotte and Shaheen during a Dover City Council workshop in December.

The conference call this week was in response to a pledge by the three Tri-City mayors to follow up on the matter with the New Hampshire Congressional delegation.

Representatives of Sens. Ayotte and Shaheen reiterated to the three mayors this week there are no plans by the U.S. Department of State to relocate refugees to the Tri-City as part of the Reception and Placement Program. The representatives said the process of selecting a community or region is long and involved, and does not proceed without extensive feedback from potentially affected communities.

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