

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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This week in Dover history

Meetings this week:

School Board, June 22, 6:30 p.m.

The School Board will hold

Friday, June 19, 2015

Second public hearing on zoning amendments is June 23

The Dover Planning Board will hold a second public hearing on 20 proposed amendments to Dover's Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, June 23 in Room 306 at the McConnell Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

The amendments are the result of a comprehensive effort by the Planning Board to involve the public in the process. These amendments were developed with input from property owners, business owners, Planning staff, and the City's consultant for the "Heritage Residential Rezoning Study". The amendments are designed to encourage context-sensitive development that meets the needs of residents, promote economic growth and infill, contribute to a vibrant urban core and provide greater flexibility for signs in some of the City's commercial districts.

A summary of the amendments can be viewed here.

The full text of the amendments is available in the Planning Department in City Hall, 288 Central Ave., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and in the Public Library during regular business hours. The full text can also be viewed on the City's website a regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, June 23, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, June 24, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 7 p.m. 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 <u>meeting calendar page</u>.

<u>here</u>.

Written comments are encouraged.

For more information, contact the office of Planning and Community Development at 516-6008.

Summer reading programs for all ages begin June 29 at the Dover Public Library

"Every Hero has a Story", a five-week reading program for children in grades K-6 (and a special preschool program, too), will begin on Monday, June 29 and continue through Tuesday, Aug. 4. The program is designed to encourage children to make reading an important part of their summer activities.

Registration begins Monday, June 29 and continues for the duration of the program. Dover Public Library card holders (including non-resident borrowers) are welcome to sign up for the program. Children must come to the library in person to register and receive their booklets or folders and a voucher for a FREE ticket to a Portland Seadogs baseball game.

Children will then return with their booklets or reading logs (after recording books/minutes read) to earn stickers and prizes.

Besides reading, many exciting things will be happening during the five weeks of the program. Sponsored by Measured Progress, family entertainer "Jungle Jim" will be at the library on Tuesday, June 30 at 10:30 a.m. for a kickoff celebration with "Superhero Training", a 45-minute show that focuses on what it takes to be a hero. Using balloons as a medium, Jungle Jim will lead young patrons on an exciting journey with a finale you won't believe. "Drop-in" story times will be conducted every Wednesday at 10 a.m.; the "Creation Station" in the Children's Room will have a supply of materials all day, every day for children to make a craft project to take home; LEGO



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Recycling Center hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official <u>Facebook</u> page and <u>twitter feed</u> for the latest updates. Saturdays will be held all day on July 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 1.

And, mark your calendars for the following special programs/presentations that are sure to make summer reading a heroic adventure:

- Tuesday, July 7 at 10:30 a.m. -- "What it takes to be a Firefighter" (Dover Fire Department)
- Thursday, July 9 at 10:30a.m. -- "CSI at the Library" (Dover Police Department)
- Thursday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m. -- "High-Flying Heroes" (an interactive, outreach program sponsored by the Friends of the Dover Public Library and presented by the Children's Museum of NH) Registration required
- Monday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m. -- "A Day in the Life of a Baseball Player" (Seacoast Mavericks baseball players and their mascot)
- Wednesday, July 22 at 3 p.m. -- Mario Kart Tournament (5th grade and up), registration required
- Thursday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. -- "In the Tracks of a Hero" Art Workshop (with artist Susan Schwake from Art Stream of Dover NH) Registration required

Children are invited to "Paws for Reading" with Murphy. Murphy, a certified therapy dog, and her handler, Karen, will be in the Children's Room on Saturday, July 18 from 10-11 a.m. Murphy loves a good story but needs someone to read it to her. If you are interested in helping Murphy and in practicing reading aloud, sign up ahead of time or drop by for a visit and a chance to read.

In addition to the above programs, the library's Monday Movies will feature free movies in the Lecture Hall every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. beginning on June 29. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring your own refreshments.

The schedule is as follows:

The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water, June 29, rated PG

- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, July 6, rated PG 13
- The Incredibles, July 13, rated PG
- Teen Beach Movie 2, July 20, rated PG
- Batman: Mask of the Phantasm, July 27, rated PG
- Home, August 3, rated PG

"Unmask" is the theme of the Teen Summer Reading Program which runs from June 29 to Aug. 4. All participants may choose to read whatever they enjoynovels, magazines, graphic novels, comic books, nonfiction. For every two hours of reading completed, participants will be given a raffle ticket-and will get to choose on which prize to bid. Some of the great prizes that will be offered throughout the five-week program-gift certificates to local business, Target gift certificates, day passes to The Works, Regal Cinemas gift cards, passes for Laser Tag at Funspot, a Kindle Fire HD7 and much more.

Middle school readers are eligible participate in both the Children's Program and the Teen Program (finish one, begin another). Drop by the library's adult circulation desk to sign up for the Teen Program, visit online at http://library.dover.nh.gov, or call 516-6050 for more information. The first 100 participants will receive a coupon for a free small cheese pizza from Weeksie's Pizza and the first 50 participants will receive a free book.

A celebration for all readers enrolled in the summer program and their families will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. After grabbing a snack and a drink, find a place on the lawn and enjoy the music and antics of The Toe Jam Puppet Band sponsored by The Friends of Dover Public Library. The Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a special brand of hands-on entertainment that children and grown-ups can enjoy. The performances encourage kids and parents to sing and dance along with the band as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs, masterful shadow puppetry, storytelling and just "plain old good fun".

Dover Public Library announces the 2015 Adult Summer Reading Program: Escape the Ordinary "Escape the Ordinary" is the theme of Dover Public Library's 2015 Adult Summer Reading Program. Patrons are invited to try something new this summer - exploring heroes, superheroes, and other extraordinary people, places and events. Try a new genre, borrow a superhero DVD, honor local heroes, or take place in weekly trivia puzzles.

Registration begins on Monday June 29.

For more information, call the library at 603-516-6050, or check the library's <u>website</u> or <u>Facebook page</u>. Pick up a brochure about the program at the library.

City sees savings from energy performance contract

The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development has received the third annual report from Johnson Controls, Inc., detailing the third full year of energy performance improvements. This year, the City has saved \$341,079 from the measures implemented under the JCI energy performance contract with the City of Dover.

Projected cost savings for the third year of implementation were \$337,280. The JCI report indicates costs savings were above the guaranteed cost avoidance by \$3,799. The goals of the contract are to cut energy costs, provide capital upgrades, increase the energy efficiency and the reliability of the City's mechanical and electrical systems, and to maintain or increase occupant comfort and wellbeing.

Facility improvement measures were identified as a result of the 2009 detailed energy audit of municipal buildings conducted by JCI. The Dover Energy Advisory Committee provided input to the City in the selection of measures to implement, and all 15 improvements have been completed since September 2009. Examples of these efforts include improved weatherization and insulation, increasing lighting efficiency, and water conservation at municipal facilities, including City Hall. Savings realized by the project during the third year of the contract include \$113,528 for electricity; \$165,139 for thermal systems, and \$13,843 for water and sewer.

According to the report, the original annual savings guarantee of \$304,510 includes \$256,990 in energy cost avoidance, \$13,680 in operations and maintenance cost avoidance, and a future capital cost avoidance of \$33,840. This initial savings guarantee was increased from the original amount to \$319,463 due to a lighting retrofit project at the McConnell Center. The annual guaranteed energy savings amount escalates by 3 percent and the operations and maintenance savings escalates by 4 percent each year to compensate for inflation. When those escalations are added in, the guaranteed savings was projected at \$337,280.

The Department of Planning and Community Development is coordinating City efforts with these energy efficiency improvement and capital upgrades, and also spearheading the City of Dover's participation in the Energy Technical Assistance and Planning program ("ETAP") through the state Office of Energy and Planning, which assisted the City overseeing the performance contract with JCI.

Christopher G. Parker, AICP, Assistant City Manager, notes that, "JCI reports that the reduced emissions from the project so far would equate to the carbon dioxide emissions from the energy use of 88 homes for one year, or 182 passenger vehicles, or 2,309 barrels of oil consumed. We are seeing continued progress and are happy with the results that this contract has brought in this year."

Parker said the City is encouraged to see the projected savings was underestimated, which has resulted in additional savings.

"I believe that this is a demonstration of the thoughtfulness of the current and past City Councils on ensuring that the City invests wisely in our infrastructure," Parker said.

The monitoring and verification report is available on the

City's website. Parker said if a resident, property or business owner is interested in the project, more information is available on the City's website, under the Planning Department. Specifically, it is located on the Planning Department Documents and Reports (http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/cityoperations/planning/planning-documents/index.html). All previous JCI reports are also located on that page.

"We worked with JCI to develop a report that is visual and easily understandable by the general public," Parker said. "It was important for us that residents can understand the return on the substantial investment they have made in energy improvements."

The report includes charts graphs and tables representing all of the improvements, and documents the savings on a month by month basis.

At the Energy Commission's July meeting, Parker expects the panel to review and consider the report and how the program has helped reduce Dover's energy consumption and cost.

For more information, contact the City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development at 516-6008.

New Strafford County flood insurance rate maps and flood insurance changes topic of upcoming workshop

The New Hampshire Floodplain Management Program at the Office of Energy and Planning and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will jointly host a public open house workshop at the Durham Public Library, 49 Madbury Road, Durham, on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 from 4 to 7 p.m. No formal presentations will be made during the workshop so please attend at any time during these hours. New FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) will become effective on Sept. 30, 2015 for a portion of Strafford County, which includes the communities of Dover, Durham, Madbury, and Rollinsford.

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in New Hampshire so it is important for property owners to understand their risk and how it may be changing with the release of new FIRMs.

Representatives from FEMA, the State, and their mapping partners, will be available to answer flood mapping and flood insurance questions, and assist property owners to identify and understand how their flood risk may be changing with the new maps. If a resident has a FEMA Elevation Certificate and/or flood insurance policy, they are encouraged to bring them to the open house in order to get the best information about how their flood insurance rates may change as a result of the new maps and recent legislative insurance reforms. Information about the new maps can be <u>found here</u>.

If the library parking lot is full, overflow parking is available across Madbury Road at the Oyster River Middle School parking lot, 1 Coe Drive. Handicapped parking is still accessible at the library.

Please RSVP to Kellie Walsh, NH Office of Energy and Planning, at <u>kellie.walsh@nh.gov</u> or 271-2155.



High school building project gets new online resource A new online resource is <u>now available</u>, and includes detailed information about the Dover High School and Regional Career Technical Center building project.

A Joint Building Committee is evaluating options for the high school and CTC, including new construction, renovation and additions, or a combination of new construction and facility rehabilitation.

The online resource, <u>available here</u>, includes specific information about the current options under evaluation, as well as related reports and studies about the existing high school, community visioning sessions, JBC meeting minutes and materials, and more.

This resource will be updated as the project continues.

In 2012, the School Board formed a committee to assess how Dover High School and the Regional Career Technical Center can better meet the demands of 21stcentury education. In 2014, a Joint Building Committee (JBC) was formed to help guide the project. In October 2014, the JBC selected HMFH, Architects, Inc. to conduct a needs assessment, site selection and design services for the project.

Dover Chamber kicks off new season of historic walking tours

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer guided walking tours of historic Dover on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. this summer. The tours will be held through September.



Tours will depart from the Chamber, 550 Central Ave., and will travel downtown. Attendees will learn about the rise and fall of Dover's textile industry, "Dover's Black Day" and famous visitors to Dover.

Dover is New Hampshire's oldest, continuos settlement.

Tours are \$8 per person, or \$5 per person for a family of

four or more, with a maximum of \$20. These tours last approximately 90 minutes. A water bottle and sneakers are recommended.

New this year is an architectural tour, and returning for its second year is a tour of Pine Hill cemetery. The architectural tour meets at the Locust Street parking lot for St. Joseph's Church. The cost of this tour is also \$8 per person, or \$5 per person for a family of four or more, with a maximum of \$20.

The Pine Hill Cemetery tour must be reserved in advance. The cost of the cemetery tour is \$10 and meets at the Pine Hill Cemetery.

For more information or to make reservations, call (603) 742-2218.



Summer hours at Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool begin June 22

Full summer hours at the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool begin Monday, June 22. The full schedule will be posted on the City's <u>website here</u>.

All children under 45 inches must be accompanied by an adult in the water.

The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool is a 50-meter competition pool located at 110 Portland Ave., next to the Dover Ice Arena. This pool is mainly used for competitive and recreational swimming, as well as occasional lessons during the summer.

For more information, call the pool office at 516-6085.

Retirement planning strategies topic of library sessions June 30

George and Steve Pessotti, local retirement planners and guest speakers from SOFA (The Society for Financial Awareness) will present an educational workshop on New Retirement Planning Strategies at Dover Public Library on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.

The Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA) strives to create and maintain a national presence of excellence through its membership, working to eliminate financial illiteracy, enlighten the public through financial education, empower all individuals to take charge of their finances, and embrace communities by building relationships through trust, integrity and public service. The Pessottis (father and son) offer these free seminars as a community service.

Most people are so busy with the day-today job of living they don't have time to acquire the financial education necessary to secure a wealthy and prosperous future. The SOFA is a 501c3 non- profit, educational speaker's bureau, comprised of various professionals (financial, tax, real estate, mortgage, wellness, and estate planning) to provide overall financial education to various individuals and organizations.

Through workshops and seminars, SOFA introduces keys to a successful and wealthy future.Workshops also help people to become aware of risk management, investment opportunities, and tax savings. Each workshop is customized to assist individuals in identifying and qualifying his/her personal and family financial planning needs. All education programs are available at NO CHARGE to corporate and community groups for the advancement of financial education.

For the New Retirement Planning Strategies workshop,

attendees will learn about:

- 12 Risks of retirement -- will you outlive your assets?
- Estate Planning -- Wills vs. Trusts -- learn to avoid probate and guardianship
- Life Estates -- learn how to prevent capital gains taxes on deeded homes and how to protect your home from nursing home liens
- Lifetime income, like Social Security -- learn how to create a new income you can't outlive
- 401k's and IRA's are 100 percent taxable -- learn an alternative retirement strategy to provide 100 percent tax-free income at retirement and beyond
- New Medicaid rules -- learn about the 5 year look back period and asset limitations for single and married taxpayers

Handouts will be provided. This program is free and does not promote any specific financial products.

Registration is suggested but not required. Register by calling 603-516-6050 or email <u>s.dunker@dover.nh.gov</u> or go online to <u>www.dover.lib.nh.us</u> and click on calendar of events.

Library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call the library at 603-516-6030.



Silver Street open to one-way traffic during construction

Silver Street (NH Route 9) will be a one-way street,

inbound (easterly) only, from the intersection with Arch Street and Towle Avenue to the intersection with Central Avenue (NH Route 108). This pattern will be in effect at all times of the day, every day, through at least the end of September.

The suggested detour route for passenger cars from downtown will be via Washington Street to Arch Street. The intersection of Washington/Arch Streets will be converted to a three-way stop during this project in order to help safely process the extra traffic. The secondary detour (truck route) will be via Central Avenue to the Spaulding Turnpike.

For more information, visit the Silver Street Reconstruction Project page <u>here</u> or contact Community Services at 516-6450.

Exit 5 northbound ramps closed for Spaulding Turnpike construction

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has closed the Exit 5 northbound ramps on the Spaulding Turnpike in Dover for several months. Portable concrete barriers will be used at Exit 5 to close off the existing on and off ramps. The Exit 5 ramps will reopen later this summer.

A northbound traffic shift will allow for the construction of the new northbound tie-in from the Little Bay Bridge to the existing northbound lanes north of Exit 5. The Exit 5 ramps will be reconstructed to match the new alignment.

Motorists needing to access Wentworth Terrace and Hilton Park will be directed northbound to Exit 6W, and to a detour back to Boston Harbor Road and under the new Little Bay Bridge to get from the west side to the east side of the Turnpike. Southbound traffic needing to access Wentworth Terrace and Hilton Park, will be able to use Exit 6S and proceed to the signals at US Route 4/Boston Harbor Road.

Detour signs will be erected to show the new traffic

pattern. Fire, emergency vehicles and school buses will need to use the detour. Boaters wishing to launch at Hilton Park should also take notice of this planned ramp closure and detour.

For more information, contact NHDOT at 603-271-3734.

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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.

DID YOU KNOW?



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.

June 23, 1728 - Rev. Hugh Adams in his Church Records notes the baptism of "Phillis, our servant child, born in my house of Maria, our Indian Woman Servant;" - showing that Indians were sometimes employed as servants, as many, it is well known, were also held and sold as slaves.

June 20, 1757 - At a public town meeting held for the purpose of seeing if the town would take any measures "to provide a meeting house suitable to attend the public worship of God of which we are destitute at present," it was voted that the town would provide a suitable place. Also that the old meeting house be pulled down and applied towards the building of a new one as far as it will go; that the new house be set up either where the old one stands or near by on the Town privilege, either on the hill or under the side of the hill as the Town shall think most proper, and that a committee be chosen to draw a plan for the house, to take proper advice as to the bigness and model of the same, and to "serve at their own cost."



June 19, 1813 - William H. Griffin advertises his Nail Factory at Waldron's falls, for sale, with all the machinery. This, so far as appears, was the first Nail Factory established here. The business was pursued, in a small way, for several years, until it was superseded by the superior inventions of Jacob Perkins, by which cut nails were furnished much cheaper.

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June 20, 1823 - A person on the Landing having in charge a wagon loaded with powder, strewed a quantity on the ground; a lad touched the loose powder with a coal of fire, which communicated to the straw in the wagon, and the whole exploded. Two men were killed in attempting to stop the horses, and a third was seriously injured. The wagon was blown to atoms.

June 22, 1863 - Amaziah Goodwin of Lyman, Me., a revolutionary soldier, aged 100 years and 4 months, arrived in Dover, on his way to Boston, to be present at the celebration of the 88th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill. Stopping at a relative's home to recruit, he was taken sick and died this day.



Recovered historic Dover records now available online

In 2014, the City of Dover received grant funding from the State of New Hampshire's Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program to digitize and preserve hundreds of pages of historical town books and records. The three volumes of original documents were recovered in 2008 and span the years 1657 to 1807.

The \$9,800 grant allowed the City of Dover to scan the documents into a digital formats and microfilm. The scanned documents, in portable document format (PDF), can be viewed on the City of Dover's <u>website here</u>. The original documents can be viewed by special arrangement with the City Clerk's office.

Although these documents are part of the original records kept by Dover, they are available to the public for review purposes only.

For more information, contact City Clerk Karen Lavertu at 516-6020.

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 postions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, <u>click here</u>.

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 the City's website at <u>www.dover.nh.gov/dntv</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>.