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Friday, June 29, 2018

Dover celebrates 4th of July with music and fireworks

The City of Dover's annual 4th of July fireworks display will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.

Henry Law Park and the surrounding downtown areas are the best locations to view the fireworks.

The fireworks display will be preceded by a performance of the 39th Army Band at the Rotary Arts Pavilion, from 7 to 9 p.m. Food and novelty vendors will be available at Henry Law Park.
Meetings this week:

Garrison Elementary JBC, July 3, 4:30 p.m.

The Garrison Elementary Joint Building Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting 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.

Founding Fathers return to Dover for the reading of the Declaration of Independence

Dover kicks off Independence Day with its annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. Garrison Players Arts Center performers Don Briand as John Adams, Tom Dunnington as Benjamin Franklin and Rich Salvati as Thomas Jefferson will read the Declaration at 9 a.m. on the steps of Dover City Hall (288 Central Ave). Mayor Karen Weston will also speak.

This is the 18th year the Garrison Players have been a part of the Dover Independence Day celebration.

Garrison Players Arts Center (GPAC) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based community theatre group dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the area by presenting high-quality theatrical performances geared for family audiences. Established in 1953, the players encourage people of all ages to enjoy and participate in the many facets of the performing arts, and to help maintain the Garrison Players Arts Center.

For more information about auditions, shows or GPAC, visit the website at www.garrisonplayers.org.

City offices, facilities closed July 4 for Independence Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018, for Independence Day. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, July 5.
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 Public Library, McConnell Center and some Recreation facilities, including the Indoor Pool and Community Senior Center, will also be closed on July 4.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day Wednesday for the remainder of the week.

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

Dover's 400th Anniversary Celebration Committee seeks input

Dover is turning 400! In just five years - 2023 - the city will celebrate its Quaedicentennial Anniversary. Dover is the oldest continuously populated town in New Hampshire, and the seventh oldest settlement in the United States.

The committee is chaired by Kevin McEneaney with Kathleen Morrison as Vice Chair. Committee members include Mayor Karen Weston, Deputy Mayor Robert Carrier, Colleen Sheey Ayers, Deborah Ballok, Cathy Beaudoin, Amelia Evans-Brown, Elizabeth Worboys Burr, Guy Eaton, Morgan Faustino, Zachary Koehler, Nicole Paulick, and Sarah Wheeler.

The Committee is seeking sponsors and suggestions for ways to commemorate the anniversary. All are welcome to email ideas to the City of Dover's 400th Anniversary Committee at Dover400@dover.nh.gov.

City of Dover receives Sustainable Community Award

The City of Dover recently received the 2018 Sustainable Community Award from the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment. On June 5, Dave Carpenter, Community Development Planner, and Steve Bird, City
The 32nd annual Cochecho Arts Festival kicks off Friday, July 6, 2018 at 6 p.m., at the Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law Park. The show opens with Ella Beth Vose, part of the Federal Savings Bank Friday Night Openers series. Taking the stage at 7 p.m. is Harsh Armadillo, part of the Liberty Mutual Headliner series, and sponsored by the City of Dover.

Harsh Armadillo is a high-octane, ear-candy band from Portsmouth. They combine funk, jazz, and hip-hop roots to make original music that inspires minds and dance moves.

The festival lineup for the following week includes:
Tuesday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.: Rockin Ron the Friendly Pirate, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Amtrak Downeaster Children’s Series Spotlight and sponsored by Holy Rosary Credit union;

Tuesday, July 10, 7 p.m.: "Top Gun," part of the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank Dinner and a Movie Series, sponsored by Re/Max on the Move;

Wednesday, July 11, 3:30 p.m.: Taylor Marie, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Avenue), part of the Farmers Market Spotlight series and sponsored by Portsmouth Christian Academy at Dover;

Wednesday, July 11, 6 p.m.: Joppa Flatts, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Shark in the Park Series Spotlight and sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is the most popular Summer Music Festival in the Seacoast. The festival draws over 10,000 people to downtown Dover from the beginning of July through August.

For more information, visit www.cochechoartsfestival.org or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

Dover Rising Waters contest deadline extended

The Dover Rising Waters' High Water Mark Project is seeking design proposal entries from students in Dover (18 years of age and younger) for a piece of public art that will engage and alert community members to future flood risks as sea levels rise and extreme precipitation events become more frequent and intense. The goal of this project is to use art to raise awareness and spark community conversations about the impacts of flooding and rising sea levels.

The first stage of this project is focused on youth art. At least one winning design will be selected, and the artist will win a cash prize. Once funding is secured for the next phase, the project team will collaborate with the winning artist to implement and publicize the project.

The submission deadline is July 12 at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit strafford.org/services/climatechange.php or contact Kyle Pimental at kpimental@strafford.org.
Next Dover Art Walk is July 6

The next Dover Art Walk is Friday, July 6, 2018, from 4-8 p.m. In addition to the new stops on our Summer map, enjoy pop-up visiting artist booths and live music in the Cochecho Courtyard plus the Franklin Courtyard.

Ear Craft Music is sponsoring entertainment with Cedar Mountain Bluegrass, Double Take, Joel Glenn Wixson and Jessica Kelly. Long Journey and Steve Carter will be performing in The Art Center at 1 Washington during the exhibition opening of "Geometry of Abstraction".

Visit doverartwalk.com/map.php to plan your route. Maps are available at any of the participating locations. At the Cochecho Courtyard, redeem an entry into the raffle for each stamped map stop by 8 p.m.

Discover how good it feels to shop local. Don't forget, if you purchase $30 or more of artwork, you will receive a special Dover Art Walk tote.

This Dover Main Street event is sponsored by Optima Bank & Trust.

For more information, visit www.doverartwalk.com.

Alumni Drive closed weekdays, some weekends until July 20

Between Monday, June 25 and Friday, July 20, Alumni Drive will be closed to all traffic during weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. In addition to weekdays, two Saturday workdays are planned on June 30 and July 7. The road will otherwise be open to traffic overnight and on weekends.

The closure is required to accommodate work at the Dover High School construction project.

For more information, contact PC Construction Company at 603-232-9552 or to the Dover School Department at 603-516-6800.
This Week at the Library

Sunday, July 1 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Cocheco Valley Humane Society Garden Program

Join DPL's community service group OWLS and help restart the Cocheco Valley Humane Society's vegetable garden! Many of the small animals at the shelter require a daily diet of vegetables to stay healthy. The vegetable garden will not only help to feed these animals, but will also offer CVHS a cost-effective way to take care of them. The garden will be an on-going project throughout the summer, starting with weeding and tilling the soil, then planting and maintaining the garden. To sign up visit: https://goo.gl/forms/eZ0ORiFZPK0hTJfC3

Monday, July 2 at 10 a.m.
Family Storytime

Kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join us for a family storytime. Books, songs, rhymes, games and activities are all part of the fun.

Thursday, July 5 at 10 a.m.
Morning Book Group

The Morning Book Group meets on the first Thursday of the month. This month, the group will discuss "The Muralist" by B.A. Shapiro. To see future Book Group reads visit the Dover Public Library Pinterest page: https://www.pinterest.com/doverpl/book-group-morning-dpl/

Friday, July 6 from 9 to 11 a.m.
Dover Community Trail Nature Walk

Educators from Coyote Club Wildlife Education will lead a nature walk on the Dover Community Trail. Meet at the Watson Road entrance of the trail. Be prepared for a fun and informative outdoor adventure.

Friday, July 6 at 2 p.m.
Rock 'N Roll at the Movies

The King of Pop! "Michael Jackson's THIS IS IT" is a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the performer as he developed, created and rehearsed for his sold-out concerts at London's O2 Arena. Chronicling the months from April through June 2009, this film was produced with the full support of the Estate of Michael Jackson and drawn from more than one hundred hours of behind-the-scenes footage featuring Jackson rehearsing a number of his songs for the show. In raw and candid detail, Michael Jackson's THIS IS IT captures the singer, dancer, filmmaker, architect, creative genius and great artist at work as he creates and perfects his planned final London shows.

Saturday, June 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lego Saturday

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.

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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 here.

July 4, 1806 - The day was noticed with "uncommon festivity." "Its early dawn was liberally saluted by Capt. Henderson's company of Artillerists, which performed the occasional evolutions with great spirit and precision." At 11 o'clock the company collected at Mr. Ela's tavern "where the parched throat was agreeably slacked with cooling punch." An elegant dinner was prepared in "Union Hall upon the hill opposite the Great Falls."

June 30, 1842 - The cars of the Boston & Maine Railroad crossed the Cochecho for the first time, arriving at the new Depot on Franklin Square at 10 o'clock, which with the bridge across the river was completed a few days previously.

July 2, 1847 - President Polk and suite passed through Dover this day, in a special train, on his way to Portland.

July 3, 1849 - The town of Rollinsford, formerly part of Dover, and afterwards of Somersworth, set off and incorporated.

June 29, 1859 - Wednesday, June 29, was the hottest day of the season, and the warmest for three years, the
thermometer rising to 98 in the shade. Friday morning, July 1, the mercury was down to 45. Frost was visible in many places. Frost again appeared in August.

June, 1982 - A lawsuit filed by Dover-based Clarostat Manufacturing Company shareholders against the company’s chairman, Glen Swanson, is dropped. Dissident shareholders had tried to remove Swanson from his post, maintaining he had not attended a company annual meeting in seven years. Swanson lived in Los Angeles. In addition, shareholders argued that Clarostat had not paid dividends since 1962. Clarostat officials argued the funds had been reinvested. After the suit was dropped, the shareholders’ common stock was bought out by Clarostat for $1.78 million cash and $201,000 in legal fees. Swanson, still in California, was allowed to remain as chairman. Clarostat was then a $20 million electronic parts producer and employed many hundreds of people while in operation in Dover.

Walking tours of historic Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is again hosting walking tours of historic Dover through Labor Day weekend.

The next tour is this Saturday, June 30.

The Saturday morning walking tours begin at 10:30 a.m. Three different, 90-minute walking tours will be offered throughout the summer, and take place from one of three Dover locations as specified on the tour schedule.

The June 30 tour begins at the Dover Chamber parking lot, located at 550 Central Ave. The tour includes a guided stroll down Central Avenue and the Central Business District. Learn all about the rise and fall of the textile industry and Dover’s Black Day while hearing personal tales of Dover’s history.

Reservations are recommended, and can be made by calling 603-742-2218 or email info@dovernh.org. Walking Tours cost $10 per person with $25 limit for families.

More information can be found at www.dovernh.org/tours.

Great Bay Yacht Club celebrates 60 Years of sailing on July 28

Dig out from the barn, garage or where ever you have it stored your Merry Mac, Nutshell Pram, Sunfish or other small sailing vessel and join the Great Bay Yacht Club 60th Anniversary Celebration Regatta on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Hilton Park in Dover. The rain date is Sunday, July 29.
Registration begins at 10 a.m. Races begin at noon. Family and friends are invited to a barbecue following the race.

It was in the spring of 1954, when a group of sailors gathered with a simple purpose, "to organize and provide rules for racing this summer on Great Bay, or other places designated." Races were held each Sunday afternoon at the State Pier and included class racing for 12 foot catboats - Merry Macs designed by club member Ned McIntosh - and other boats by handicap.

Visit [http://www.greatbayyachtclub.org](http://www.greatbayyachtclub.org) for more details.

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### How to contact your elected representatives

The City of Dover makes it easy to reach out to your local, state, county and federal elected officials by providing contact information for City Councilors, state representatives and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Visit the City's online resource, Find My Representative, for a complete list of local, county, state and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which councilor represents your ward? You can find out more information about the City Council here.

Wondering what ward you live in? Access the City of Dover's interactive ward map. The map also includes polling locations.

A list of School Board members and contact information can be found here.

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### 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:

- **Truck driver - Utilities**
For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, click here.

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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, 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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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,
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 www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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**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 [here](mailto:).