City seeks volunteers for Master Plan update

Wondering how you can help make a difference for Dover's future? Here is a chance to be more involved in your community.

The Dover Planning Board and the Planning Department are seeking Dover citizens interested in volunteering to serve on a committee to update the Transportation chapter of the Dover Master Plan. The chapter, which was prepared in 2000, is being updated. As part of the process, the Planning Board will create a Steering Committee to oversee the work and to ensure ample opportunity for public participation. The Steering Committee will consist of five to seven members and will work closely with the Planning Department and the planning consultant hired by the City. The goal is to have a Steering Committee diverse in terms of interests and areas of expertise. The process is scheduled to take approximately one year.

The Transportation Chapter will investigate and suggest ways that the City can evolve to meet the vision outlined in 2012 for how the City should look and feel in 2012, when it turns 400 years old. Part of that vision is that "Dover has an excellent and fully interconnected transportation system for pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicles and a public transportation system that is supportive of, and responsive to, new technology and continuous improvement.

Elements associated with that vision include:
City Council, May 6, to follow workshop

The City Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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.

- A walkable community complemented by citywide pedestrian, bicycle and wheelchair accessible features using appropriate benches, signs, lighting, crosswalks and bicycle racks;
- A public transit system that serves the entire community;
- Traffic calming measures are implemented to manage speeds and "pass through" traffic in the downtown and neighborhoods;
- Physical and directional signage improvements designed to facilitate legal, safe traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrians throughout the city.

The Master Plan, which is a blueprint for the City's future development and acts as both a reference and policy document, is updated every five to 10 years by the Planning Board. The Master Plan is designed to help a community meet change responsibly, guiding its growth in an orderly manner.

Please contact Assistant City Manager, Christopher Parker, AICP at 603-516-6008 or c.parker@dover.nh.gov if interested in serving on the Steering Committee.

Road closures planned Saturday for Children's Museum 5K

Dover Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's annual 5K Run/Walk event.

On Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 9 a.m., the following downtown streets will be closed briefly to all traffic. These closures should last about 10 to 15 minutes:

- Central Avenue from Second to Washington Streets
- Main Street at Chapel Street
- Portland Avenue at Chapel Street

Additional roads will be closed for longer periods of time:

- Henry Law Avenue from Washington to Hanson Streets (8 to 11 a.m.)
- Washington Street from Main to River Streets (9 to 10 a.m.)
- Gulf Road from Atlantic Avenue to Baer Road (9 to 10 a.m.)
- Cocheco Street (9 to 10 a.m.)
- Fairway Drive (9 to 10 a.m.)

Motorists should expect delays on all downtown streets and in other areas such as Portland Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and Oak Street. Dover police personnel and a number of
event volunteers will be on hand to help manage the flow of traffic along the race route. The start and finish point for this event is at Henry Law Park.

Parking restrictions will be posted and in effect in the following areas early Saturday morning until the end of the event:

- Henry Law Avenue from Washington to George Streets
- Portland Avenue from Main to Cocheco Streets

**Crews begin citywide hydrant flushing Sunday**

The Community Services Utilities Division will begin flushing fire hydrants throughout the City on Sunday, May 3, 2015. This phase of hydrant flushing will occur on dead-end streets and is expected to take one week.

Crews will work at night from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Hydrant flushing is essential to maintain water quality and allow adequate fire flows throughout the distribution system. No disruption of water service is expected. Residents may notice some discoloration of the water. This is temporary and does not pose any threat to public health.

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

**Dover Pride Clean Up Day**

One of Dover Main Street’s flagship activities, Dover Pride

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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.
Clean Up Day, will be held on Saturday, May 9, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding by noon.

The Dover Pride Clean Up event starts with a pancake breakfast served by the Kiwanis Club at 8 a.m. in the Mill Courtyard, 421 Central Ave. From there, hundreds of volunteers, with help from the City's of Dover's Community Services Department, will rake, prune, sweep, mulch, weed, paint and plant their way through multiple sites in the downtown area. Wentworth Greenhouses donates plants for the planters in the downtown core, which volunteers will help install. The event finishes with a pizza lunch back at the Mill Courtyard sponsored by Kendall Pond Pizza.

Clean Up Day is an opportunity for community members to give a few hours of time by contributing some sweat equity to make Dover look its best for the coming tourist season. This civic volunteer effort is an important aspect to help keep the downtown area clean and beautiful throughout the spring and summer, and also provides cost savings to the City of Dover.

As always, community volunteers are the key to the success of the project. Individuals, groups, or families can spend just an hour, or come for the entire morning. Locations will be set up by Dover Main Street. Groups or organizations wishing to volunteer for a specific site should can register here.

All participants should bring home gardening supplies, if available, including gloves, brooms, rakes, and other gardening hand tools they may have from home. Other supplies are available on site at the mill courtyard and at the clean-up locations.

This year's Dover Pride Clean Up Day is sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Dover, Kendall Pond Pizza and Wentworth Greenhouses.

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Author Betsy Woodman to speak at the Dover Public Library on May 6

Join the Dover Public Library on Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m., in welcoming New Hampshire author Betsy Woodman. Woodman spent 10 formative years in India and also studied in France and Zambia. A graduate of Smith College, she earned a master's degree in anthropology from Brandeis.

Woodman's novels, "Jana Bibi's Excellent Fortunes", "Love Potion Number 10", and "Emeralds Included", feature Janet
Laird, a Scotswoman who inherits her grandfather's house in India. Janet moves there, taking her parrot Mr. Ganguly, and does her best to fit into 1960's India. This "fish out of water" series features colorful characters and a strong sense of place. Woodman's leisurely pacing may remind readers of authors such as: Adriana Trigiani, Elizabeth Berg, and Jess Walter. Her books have earned rave reviews and her latest, "Emeralds Included", was chosen as one of the Best of 2014 by NPR.

Woodman has edited history books, been a frequent book reviewer, and was a writer/editor for Experiencing War, the award-winning radio documentary series for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Her interest in languages, music, and cross-cultural connections are in evidence in her "Jana Bibi" series. She now lives in her native New Hampshire.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

First Street parking restrictions in place May 5

There will be no parking on First Street starting at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, to allow for the repainting of parking spaces. Permit holders may park at the Second Street, Henry Law Avenue, Transportation Center and Third Street parking lots during this time.

Once the painting is complete, the parking spaces adjacent to Earcraft will re-open. The parking spaces past Earcraft will move to the north side of the street.

Silver Street traffic one-way

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 here 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.

Stay up to date on proposed budget at City's online resource
Each year, City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr., presents a proposed budget to the City Council, followed by a series of public hearings, workshops and special meetings. The City Council adopts a final budget in June.

The fiscal year 2016 budget was presented to the City Council on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 during a City Council meeting in Council Chambers at City Hall. This presentation was followed by budget workshops and public hearings. The City Council is scheduled to vote on the proposed budget during a special meeting on May 6.

A digital copy of the budget can be viewed here.

In addition to the City Council presentations, there are additional ways to stay informed and learn more about the budget process.

The City provides a newsletter devoted to the budget process. This newsletter includes more detailed information about the proposed budget, a look at the budget process, a review of budget presentations and meetings with the City Council, and more. The newsletter, Budget Revealed, can be added to your current list of City of Dover newsletters by clicking here and adding your email address.

The City also maintains a Budget Revealed resource on the City’s website. These pages include updated information on the current and previous fiscal year budgets. Budget Revealed can be found here.

**DALC cues up the songs of Old New Hampshire**

On Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m., the Dover Adult Learning Center will host Jeff Warner as he performs Songs of Old New Hampshire. Drawing heavily on the repertoire of traditional singer Lena Bourne Fish (1873-1945) of Jaffrey and Temple, New Hampshire, Jeff offers the songs and stories that, in the words of Carl Sandburg, tell us "where we came from and what brought us along."

These ballads, love songs, and comic pieces reveal the experiences and emotions of daily life in the days before movies, sound recordings and, for some, books. Songs from the lumber camps, the decks of sailing ships, the textile mills, and the war between the sexes offer views of pre-industrial New England and a chance to hear living artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries.
This event is made possible by a grant by the NH Humanities Council, and is free and open to the public. DALC is located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Room 220.

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**Councilor Cheney to host 'Citizens Connect' session May 7**

Ward 5 Dover City Councilor and State Rep. Catherine Cheney will host a "Citizens Connect" session on Thursday, May 7, 2015, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Riverside Rest Home, 276 County Farm Road.

The session is open to anyone who wishes to discuss topics of interest with the Dover councilor and state representative, or simply listen.

Light refreshments will be available.

For more information, contact Cheney at 603-740-4697 or catherinecheneynh@gmail.com.

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**Dover Public Library announces upcoming movie screenings**

The Dover Public Library has announced its Saturday matinee schedule for mid-April through May. Free movies start at 2 p.m. in the library's Lecture Hall. Everyone is welcome.

- May 2: "Song of the Sea" (PG; 1 hr. 33 min.)
- May 9: "Yellowbird" (PG; 1 hr. 30 min.)
- May 16: "Interstellar" (PG13; 2 hrs. 49 min.)
- May 23: "Strange Magic" (PG; 1 hr. 33 min.) May 30: "Seventh Son" (PG13; 1 hr. 42 min.)

In addition, the library has an evening movie series on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. On May 13, the adventure thriller "Black Sea" will be shown. (Rated R; 1 hr. 54 min.). And during school vacation week, there will be a special matinee showing of "The Boxtrolls" on Monday, April 27 at 2 p.m. (PG, 1 hr. 13 min.).

For more information, please call the library at 603-516-6050 or view the Calendar of Events at http://library.dover.nh.gov.
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.

DID YOU KNOW?

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.

May 7, 1696 - John Church Sr. is slain by the Indians, as he traveled to seek his horse, upon a little hill between Cochecho and Tolend.

May 3, 1825 - This being the day of the annual military parade and inspection, the Strafford Guards paraded in
front of the house of Hon. William Hale, when a beautiful standard was presented to them, in behalf of the ladies of Dover, by John W. Mellen, accompanied by an eloquent address, to which Ensign Sperling, on receiving the standard, made an appropriate reply.

May 4, 1863 - William H. Hackett of the 35th Mass. Regiment, killed at the battle of Antietam, was buried in Dover.

May 6, 1854 - The thermometer sank below the freezing point and ice nearly half an inch thick was formed. It also snowed quite fast for about half an hour.

May 2, 1854 - The "Dover Hotel," one of the oldest public houses in the State, was closed and converted into tenements.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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.

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.
Dover Chamber kicks off annual sweepstakes and auction

It's time to "Paint the Town Red" at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's Sweepstakes and Auction.

This annual event, underwritten by Federal Savings Bank, features a delicious dinner, cash bar, door prizes, games and activities, silent and live auctions and ten cash prizes with one lucky attendee going home with $10,000 cash.

Only 250 tickets are sold for this exclusive event, giving attendees 25:1 odds of going home a cash winner.

Purchase tickets in advance, as the event is guaranteed to sell out.

"Sweeps" is a fundraiser for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, with proceeds benefiting Chamber community events including Apple Harvest Day, the Cochecho Arts Festival, Citizens' Leadership Academy, and more.

For more information, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce website here.

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.