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Meetings this week:

School Board, March 3, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

City Council, March 5, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session, on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at

Friday, February 28, 2014

Great Bay communities, NHDES release peer review report

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services ("NHDES") and the cities of Dover, Portsmouth and Rochester have released the results of a peer review of the 2009 "Numeric Nutrient Criteria for the Great Bay Estuary". The "Numeric Nutrient Criteria for the Great Bay Estuary," was prepared by the NHDES and is the basis for proposed NPDES permit requirements by the Environmental Protection Agency that would result in significant costs for affected communities to comply.

February 13, 2014
Joint Report of Peer Review Panel
for
Numeric Nutrient Criteria for the Great Bay Estuary
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
June, 2009



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Dover and its neighbors, along with the NHDES, jointly developed the peer review scope of work, the charge questions for the panel of experts to consider, and the selection of the panel of experts to perform the independent review. The peer review report is the culmination of the panel's work to provide guidance to state and federal regulators as well as the Great Bay communities charged with making investments in further scientific efforts, and infrastructure improvements to treat wastewater and stormwater.

City Hall.

To view the workshop agenda, click [here](#).

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

To view meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.



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According to a statement by the three cities involved, "We are individually and jointly evaluating the implications of, and recommendations in, the report. The parties are grateful for the efforts of the peer reviewers as they have produced a thorough and credible report."

The cities and DES will not comment on the findings until the parties have had a further opportunity to review the report. In the meantime, the report and related documents and information are available for download [here](#).

'100 Years of Irish Dancing' at the Dover Public Library March 4

Former "Riverdance" performer, John Grimes TCRG, and proprietor of the McDonough-Grimes Irish Dance School, will present an encore performance of his "100 Years of Irish Dancing" program at the Dover Public Library on Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m.



Courtesy photo

John Grimes

Through rare film clips and video footage, John illustrates how Irish dance evolved from a folk dance into an international entertainment phenomenon. See Michael Flatley like you've never seen him before: dancing with his arms by his sides, plus view footage of Jean Butler in her competitive days at the World Championships, and learn how Riverdance changed Irish dancing forever. A 20-minute Q&A session will follow the presentation.

John Grimes was born in Dover, and began Irish dancing at age 11, when his sisters came home practicing their first steps. John was intrigued and began dancing at home before being registered for lessons. After watching a clip of "Riverdance - The Show" on PBS's "Out of Ireland", dancing became his passion and led John to competing at the World Championship level. He was a three-time New England Regional Champion, two-time Eastern Canadian Regional Champion, and a four-time top 10 medalist in the North American Irish Dance Championships, earning a 4th place and 5th place, in addition to a recall at the All-Ireland Championships in Killarney, Ireland. John was also a member of several top level ceili teams which won many regional titles and a 3rd place finish at the North American Championships.

However, John's biggest dance achievement was being asked to join, "Riverdance - The Show" in 2009 after auditioning in Dublin. After multiple tours with Riverdance, including NBC's "Riverdance On Ice", he has begun the next chapter of his Irish dancing journey: teaching the next generation of dance champions in his home state of New Hampshire. In 2010 John passed his Irish dance teaching certificate, the T.C.R.G., and he is a certified teacher with The Irish Dancing Commission in Dublin, An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelecha.

The program is free and will be held in the Library's Lecture Hall. For more information, please call 516-6050.

City seeks volunteers to help with Master Plan update

Are you wondering how to make a positive contribution to the future of Dover? Here's one way to help:

The Dover Planning Board and the Planning Department are seeking Dover residents interested in volunteering on a new committee assembled to update a chapter of the Dover Master Plan. The Land Use chapter, which was prepared in 2007, needs an update. As part of the process, the Planning Board is creating a steering committee to oversee the work and to ensure ample opportunity for public participation during the process. 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 form a steering committee that is diverse in interests and areas of expertise. This process is expected to take approximately six months.

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.

If interested in serving on the steering committee, please contact City Planner Steve Bird at 603-516-6008 or s.bird@dover.nh.gov.

Dover Swims Week at Indoor Pool

A host of activities and events will be held at the Indoor Pool the week of March 3, 2014, to celebrate over 80 years of public swimming in Dover.

During Dover Swims Week, visit the Indoor Pool for free swim technique advice, free hydrofitness classes, swim lesson testing, and a family fun swim party.

From March 3 to March 7, special rates will be in effect. From 2:30 to 4 p.m. each day, a child swims free with a paying adult.

Free hydrofitness water aerobics classes are free all week. Classes are held at the pool Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Stroke technique will be offered all week from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by the Dover aquatics staff. This is your chance to learn how to become more efficient in the water.

For those parents unsure of their child's swim ability, free swim lesson testing will be offered during Dover Swims Week. Sign up for the free test and have an answer in five to 10 minutes. Please call the Indoor Pool to reserve a spot for this testing.

Dover Swims Week will conclude with a Swim Party and Cannonball Contest on Friday, March 7, from 7-9 p.m.

For more information, call 516-6441.



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 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>.



March 1, 1896 - A powerful flood devastates the Bracewell Block on the city's lower square, decimating entire buildings and sparking fires. Buildings and the bridge over the Cocheco River are swept away by the deluge. The 12-hour event would come to be known as Dover's Black Day. For more information about Dover's Black Day, visit the Public Library's page dedicated to the subject [here](#).



March 2, 1674 - In choosing town officers this year, the town voted that Nicholas Hanson should " officiate no longer as a seller of pipe staves." The surveyor of highways for last year was to stand for this year.



March 2, 1795 - At the town meeting, the selectmen were empowered to send the bell on the meeting house to Europe to the foundry where it was cast, to get it cast over again. It was also voted not to build a work house for the employ of the town's poor. On the petition of Walter Cooper to have the town " accountable for the future maintenance of a poor negro woman now in his family," the town voted that it would not be accountable.



March 4, 1806 - A new line of stages for the accommodation and convenience of passengers who wish to travel between Boston and Portland, the upper road, was established at this time. It left Boston & Portland, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 o'clock A.M., met at Richardson's tavern in Durham the same evening, exchanged passengers, and returned next day. "Those persons who put their names down first for a passage, before the stage starts, will have the preference, and no more than nine passengers will be taken." Nathaniel W. Ela, Dover, was one of the ten proprietors issuing the notice.



March 5, 1668 - Voted that Capt. Waldron, Ensign John Davis and Mr. Job Clements are empowered to treat with the selectmen of Portsmouth about running the line from Canney's Creek and Hogsty Cove, and what they shall do shall be a final determination of that difference and stand as a town act as if the town were all present.

Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and first-grade registration for children as follows:

Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2014, entering

kindergarten;
Children Six years old by Sept. 30, 2014, entering first grade
(if not currently in Dover public kindergarten).

Horne Street School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Woodman Park Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Garrison Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 12, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 13, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a half-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools April 15-17.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.

Stay social with your City



Want the latest announcements and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official [**Facebook page**](#) and [**twitter feed**](#) for the latest updates.

Main Street to host Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl

Join Dover Main Street for the first race in the Dover Race Series (www.doverraceseries.com), a 5k run, followed by a pub crawl at 13 participating downtown Dover restaurants.



The Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl race will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. The pub crawl begins at 11 a.m. the race starts and ends on Chestnut Street, in front of the Dover Transportation Center.

To view the race course, click [here](#).

The race is underwritten by D.F. Richard and sponsored by Orchard Title, Avalor Advantage Real Estate, Ross Furniture and Relyco.

The Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl is part of the 2014 Dover Race Series.

For more information, or to register, click [here](#).

Winter parking ban in effect

A citywide winter parking ban is now in effect and will conclude April 1, 2014.

The ban requires that no vehicle be parked on any city street or sidewalk between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m., and is not limited to nights with snow in the forecast. Vehicles may park in city controlled parking lots during this time without the need for a parking permit.

The Library, Third Street and School Street parking lots have specific areas where overnight parking is allowed. Drivers should look for signs in the lots indicating which rows are available.

Vehicles found in violation of the winter parking ban will be issued a \$15 parking ticket. Vehicles interfering with snow removal may be towed.

The city will also enact an emergency parking ban for the downtown area, when needed, to facilitate snow removal. The emergency parking ban will be announced by 3 p.m. each evening and take effect at 1 a.m. the following morning. When the emergency parking ban is in effect, any

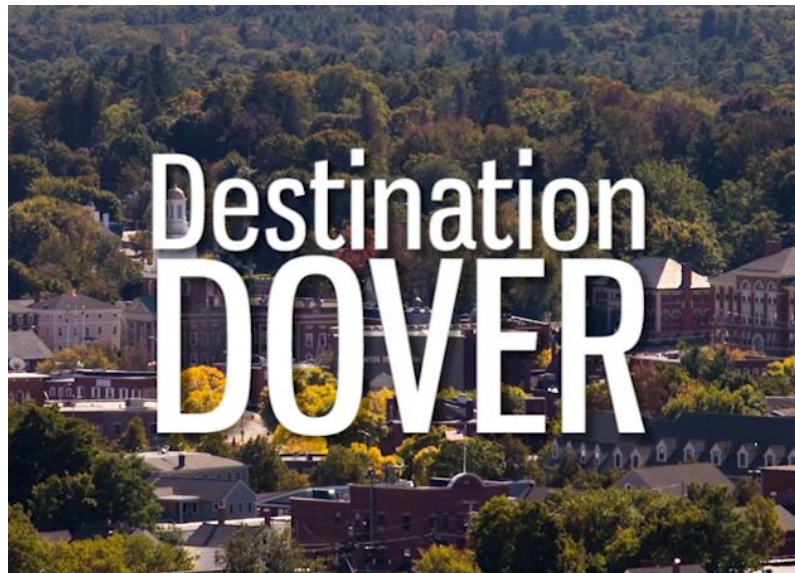
car parked on a downtown street will be towed. Notification of the emergency parking ban will be conducted through local media, the City of Dover website, cable channel 22 and Dover Download.

Downtown restaurants, bars and other late night business are encouraged to sign up for an e-mail notification of an emergency parking ban by contacting the Parking Bureau at parking@dover.nh.gov or by calling 516-2277.

Streets included in the emergency parking ban area are: Chestnut Street; Main Street; Chapel Street; School Street; First Street; Second Street; Locust Street from Washington to Silver Street; Washington Street from Belknap to River Street; Central Avenue from Sixth Street to Silver Street; Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets (Central to Chestnut); Henry Law Avenue from Central Avenue to George Street; Broadway from Central Avenue to St. John Street; Hale Street; St. Thomas Street from Central to Locust Street; Locust Street from Hale Street to Washington Street.

A map is posted at www.dover.nh.gov/policepdf/DnTnSnowEmergencyMap.pdf.

For more information on the winter parking ban or the emergency parking ban can contact the Parking Bureau at 516-2277.





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City's boards and commissions keep 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.

There are a number of vacancies on current boards and commissions.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, visit www.dover.nh.gov/boards.htm.

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.



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](#).

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.

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