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## Climate Adaptation chapter of Master Plan topic of public hearing

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Climate Adaptation chapter of the Dover Master Plan on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018 at 7 p.m., at City Hall. This follows a Jan. 9 Planning Board workshop to review the recently completed chapter.

The Climate Adaptation chapter of the Master Plan addresses Dover's water availability and quality, health and safety, food, energy, infrastructure and natural resources.

In February 2017, the City adopted a Stewardship of Resources chapter of the Master Plan, which called for the creation and adoption of a climate resilience chapter. The Climate Adaptation chapter will serve that purpose.

Development of the Climate Adaptation chapter began in late 2017 with a steering committee of citizen volunteers and staff from the City, Strafford Regional Planning Commission, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension and New Hampshire Sea Grant. The process has included numerous steering committee meetings and various public outreach and engagement efforts.

### Meetings this week:

**Planning Board, Feb.**

**27, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

**City Council, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



**CITY OF DOVER, NH**  
288 Central Avenue  
Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

**City Hall hours:**  
Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The City of Dover has been on the forefront of addressing climate change from a municipal perspective," said City Planner Steve Bird. "The development of this chapter is the next logical step to continuing the City's efforts to be proactive in addressing potential impacts from climate change."

The Climate Adaptation chapter is available for viewing on the Planning Department's [website here](#).

Copies are also available at the Planning Department and Public Library.

For more information, please contact the Department of Planning and Community Development at 603-516-6008.

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## Dover committee to host snowshoeing hike March 2

Weather permitting, the Dover Open Lands Committee will hold a full-moon snowshoe hike along the Cassily Easement on Friday, March 2, 2018.

The group will gather at Beckwith Park on Hillside Drive at 6:30 p.m.

The hike is a leisurely, one-and-a-half-hour hike along the Cochecho Rover and through fields, returning to the Beckwith park where hot cocoa will be served.

This event is free and open to the public. A headlamp or flashlight is recommended in the event of cloudy skies.


Please RSVP to City Planner Steve Bird at [s.bird@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.bird@dover.nh.gov) or 603-516-6008.

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.

For more information, contact Dover Planning at 516-6008.

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Saturday  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## Community Trail committee seeks volunteers for mural

The Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee (CTAC) is looking for community members, artists, and organizations to help create a mural in the Community Trail tunnel underneath Silver Street. The tunnel is part of the urban section of the Community Trail, which runs for approximately three-quarters of a mile from Fisher Street to the Dover Transportation Center.



A community-focused mural that spans the 125-foot-long tunnel is the first step in creating more artwork along the trail. Plans for the mural will be discussed at the Feb. 20 Community Trail meeting. Due to the size of the tunnel, the CTAC would like to see many individuals and organizations create themed artwork in sections of the tunnel.

For more information, the Planning Department at 603-516-6008.

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## Annual road postings under way on sections of state highways

New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Commissioner Victoria Sheehan has ordered customary spring load limits on sections of the State highway system as authorized under State law.

Warmer weather means sections of roads will be vulnerable to pavement breaking up as the frost leaves the underlying road base. Road postings are determined annually by local NHDOT District Engineers, who carefully review each roadway in their areas before posting a road

limit to ensure protection of the roads.

The maximum allowable vehicular weight posted sections of State highways is 30,000 pounds gross weight, or the cumulative width in inches of all tires contacting the road surface multiplied by 300, whichever is less.

Under State law (Section 236:3-a), trucks carrying home heating oil, processed milk products, maple sap, and septic pumper trucks are exempted from seasonal bans with the approval of NHDOT District Engineers.

Affected roads can be found on the Web at <http://newengland511.org/> under "Special Events."

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## Waterfront blasting operations ongoing through March 15

Crews from Severino Trucking Company and Maine Drilling and Blasting will continue blasting operations on Dover's waterfront development site through March 15, 2018. Blasting is scheduled Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and will consist of a single blast each day. The remainder of work each day will consist of removing material.

The blasting site is the area known as "the bluff," a steep area of ledge that borders River Street. The ledge is being excavated as part of the City's waterfront development project. Blasting began on Jan. 22.

Although blasting operations are not loud, the ground within the vicinity of the blasting may tremble.

Prior to blasting, abutters within 1,000 feet of the work were notified of blasting operations. Public abutter meetings about the blasting were held on Nov 1 and Dec. 22. Abutters were offered the opportunity to have Maine Drilling and Blasting conduct a preblast survey of their property.

The five-acre bluff is part of the City's 12-acre waterfront parcel slated for development. The bluff's 3.7 acres of ledge will be excavated to street level to allow for more

buildable land. The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee, which oversees the project, approved a concept plan last year that calls for 226 residential units, 9,000 square feet of commercial space and a 4,000-square-foot restaurant on the City owned waterfront property. The committee recently completed a request for qualifications from developers interested in the property.

Severino began preparing the bluff for excavation in December 2017 by removing trees and stumps. Severino expects to remove 62,000 cubic yards of rock from the excavation.

For more information about the waterfront development project, contact the Planning Department at 516-6008.

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## Applications for "All Veterans" tax credit due by April 15

Veterans who qualify for the newly adopted All Veterans' Tax Credit must complete an application by April 15. The Dover City Council adopted the All Veterans' Tax Credit on Nov. 8, 2017, following a revision to state law that allows municipalities to extend tax credits to all veterans who have served at least 90 days and honorably discharged from the military.

According to the law, "A person shall qualify for the all veterans' tax credit if the person is a resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. "

The All Veterans' Tax Credit will be phased in over a period of three years to match the existing veterans' credit of \$500. For veterans who qualify for the All Veterans' Tax Credit, but didn't previously qualify for the existing veterans' credit because they didn't serve during a designated timeframe for a qualifying war or armed conflict, the credit will be phased in over a period of three years.

For 2018 the credit will be \$167. The 2019 credit will be \$333. The 2020 credit will be for the full amount of \$500.

The tax credit will be subtracted each year from the property tax on a qualifying veteran's residential property.

An application for the All Veterans' credit must be made prior to April 15 during the current tax year.

For more information, contact the City Assessor's Office at 516-6014 or visit <http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/applications/index.html>.

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## Free organic gardening course at the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is pleased to offer a free, comprehensive three-part organic gardening course on consecutive Monday nights, Feb. 26, March 5 and 12, from 6-8 p.m. in the Library's Lecture Hall. The course, totaling six hours over the three nights, will include practical tips on how to create a new garden, soil preparation, seed starting, planting techniques, container gardening, cultural techniques during the growing season (such as watering, fertilizing, and pest and weed control), how plants and soil interact, succession planting, planting multiple crops in the same space at the same time, how to compost, crop rotation, cover cropping, and mycorrhizobials.

The sessions will also include discussions about our existing industrial food production system, including pesticides, genetically modified seeds, seed labeling and supplier concentration, globalization and famine, organic certification, and regulatory capture.

The instructor is Vincent Cirasole from Rochester. He has taught physical education and organic gardening in New York before relocating to the Granite State in 2013. He is also a Master Gardener, a commercial vegetable grower, and organic growing enthusiast. Over a period of years, Cirasole developed this tri-part course, which has proven to be fascinating and popular with students. Reference material and sources of additional information will be distributed to all participants at no charge, but pre-registration is required.

Interested gardeners may call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050 to sign up for Mr. Cirasole's course, or [register online here](#).

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# Winterbreak fun at the Library

Join the Dover Public Library for a full week of free school vacation fun. Tired of the snow and cold but can't get away? Come to our Beach Party on Monday, Feb. 26 from 2-4 p.m. We will have summer-themed crafts, activities, and games, sure to help chase away the winter blues. Wear your beach attire to really get in the spirit.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 2-4 p.m. the Children's Room will be transformed into a mini-golf venue. Come practice your skills on our nine-hole course. Everyone who participates will be entered in a drawing to win a prize.

Teens are invited to a "Dancing Through the Decades" Escape Room on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Students in grades 5-12 can sign up for either the 2 or 3 p.m. session by calling 516-6050 or online at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov).

On Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. we will host "Curious Creatures" from Groveland, Mass. This family program will feature 10 animals including a baby crocodile, rabbit, tortoise, chinchilla, and a snake.

A special Teen Movie Night featuring "Mean Girls" (PG13) will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Stop into the Children's Room on Thursday, March 1 anytime between 2 and 4:30 p.m. to create a Silly Sock Puppet.

Kids in grades three and up can work with our Snap Circuit sets and accessories on Friday, March 2 anytime between 2-4 p.m. And the library's Creation Station will have a "Make and Take" Hawaiian lei craft available anytime between Sunday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, March 3.

And don't forget, we have plenty of books, DVDs, audiobooks, museum passes, and online digital media selections to keep you happily entertained during the winter break. Make sure the Dover Public Library is part of your vacation week plans.



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](#).



**Feb. 23, 1917** - It is reported that the City of Dover's Street Department has spent \$129 per inch of snow in snow removal operations after a recent storm that dropped 10 inches of snow on the City.



**Feb. 24, 1788** - A fight at a tavern in New Durham ends up in the fatal stabbing of Peter Drown by Elisha Thomas, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Thomas was sent to the jail in Dover where he was hanged in June of that year. It was Dover's first hanging. To read more about Dover's first hanging, visit the Dover Public Library's page about the event.



**Feb. 25, 1738** - At Oyster River, Mr. Pere's house was burnt down, and himself and four children consumed in the flames. His wife jumped out of a chamber window, but is scorched to such a degree that her life is despaired of.



**Feb. 26, 1828** - Publication of Dover Enquirer commenced.

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## Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2018 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or [online](#).

In addition to online licensing, rabies information can also be updated online and the certificate mailed to the City



Clerk's office. A checking account is required for online dog license registration. To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

To renew online, [click here](#).

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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## Dover School District preschool program now accepting applications

Do you have a preschool-aged child? Are you looking for a preschool program where your child can learn and grow?

The Dover District Preschool Program is an integrated preschool that addresses the developmental needs of children with and without disabilities and celebrates children as unique individuals, nurturing their growth and development. The program is currently accepting applications for community children ages 3-5. A tuition application and background information form is required to be entered into the lottery for school year 2018-2019.

Tuition is determined by the number of sessions attended per week and paid in three installments.

For more information and to view or download the forms, [click here](#).

Completed application and background form should be sent to Jennifer McCarthy at [j.mccarthy@dover.k12.nh.us](mailto:j.mccarthy@dover.k12.nh.us) or mailed to: Woodman Park School, Dover District Preschool Program, 11 Towle Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

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## 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, 2018, entering kindergarten;
- Children six years old by Sept. 30, 2018, 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 6, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 7, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 8, 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 6, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 7, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 8, 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 6, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 7, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 8, 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 on the following dates:

- **Garrison Elementary:** Tuesday, April 3; Wednesday, April 4; and Thursday, April 5.
- **Horne Street and Woodman Park schools:** Tuesday, April 17; Wednesday, April 18; and Thursday, April 19.

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

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## Support the Dover Veterans Park with engraved brick donation

A new City park to honor all veterans is expected to be constructed and open this fall, in time for Veterans Day. The park will be located on the front lawn of the McConnell Center.

To help fund the construction and maintenance of the Dover Veterans Park, park organizers have launched a brick donation campaign. The bricks will be installed on the entrance walkway and engraved with the name, military rank and branch and years of service for individual service members. Bricks can be purchased by anyone wishing to honor a veteran who has served our country. A red 4-inch by 8-inch brick costs \$50. A larger 8-inch by 8-inch brick costs \$100.

Brick donations can be made [online here](#).

The Dover Veterans Park was first proposed by a committee consisting of Mayor Karen Weston, City Councilor John O'Connor, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., and Recreation Director Gary Bannon. The City Council subsequently included some funding for the park in the annual Capital Improvements Program. The McConnell Center was chosen as an ideal location because it is near some of the City's memorial monuments and named after Capt. Joseph McConnell, a Dover native, Korean War Veteran, and the first Triple Jet Ace.

The Dover Veterans Park is intended to recognize all veterans.

For more information about brick donations, visit [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov) or call the Dover Recreation Department at 516-6410.

# 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:

- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Gym attendant**
- **Lifeguards**
- **Swim instructors**

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, [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 [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) 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](#).

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