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Planning Board to hold public hearing on Community Development Block Grant program Feb. 13

For over 35 years, the City of Dover has been a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement community. This program supports initiatives designed to assist those in greatest need throughout the community. The annual CDBG funding Dover receives helps support a wide range of community development activities intended to revitalize neighborhoods, support economic development, and provide improved community facilities and services.

The City created a consolidated plan that serves as a road map to guide the use of CDBG funds. The current plan was adopted in 2015 with a goal of creating a viable urban environment through the improvement of housing and employment opportunities for low- and very low-income people, and also to improve and/or expand public facilities and services.

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Meetings this week:

School Board, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2017, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Zoning Board, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on

Each year, the City develops an annual action plan (AAP) that identifies funding allocations for specific programs and projects to help achieve the goals of the consolidated plan. This plan is developed based upon federal and local guidelines, which require a formal application to the City, adherence to specific reporting and usage requirements, and are for programs and projects which will improve the lives of low- to moderate-income residents. The Planning Board shapes the plan, with input from City staff, and the City Council approves the plan.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing to review the proposed fiscal year 2019 AAP. The public is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. Following the public hearing, the Planning Board will deliberate on the allocation and will develop a funding allocation for the various requests. These requests will be voted on at a separate meeting. The Planning Board's decision will then be forwarded as a recommendation to the City Council, which will also hold a public hearing.

In the past, this funding has provided operating resources for local shelters, daycare providers and educational facilities. Funding has also been used for infrastructure improvements to assist with accessibility challenges and improve mobility within and around public and private buildings. Finally, the City has used these funds to promote economic development through low-interest loans, available for job creation and retention within Dover.

A copy of the proposed FY19 AAP can be found at the Planning and Community Development Department located at City Hall, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH.

In addition to the public hearing, questions and comments can be submitted Dave Carpenter, Community Development Planner, at d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov or 603-516-6008.

Sewer inspection work begins Monday, Feb. 12

Crews from National Water Main Cleaning Company will conduct closed-circuit video inspection of the City's sewer system in some neighborhoods beginning Monday, Feb. 12. The work will occur at night, from 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Work will conclude on Thursday, Feb. 15.

National Water Main Cleaning Company crews will be accompanied by staff from the City of Dover and Wright-Pierce, the City's consulting engineer.

Thursday, Feb. 15, 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.


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



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

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

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Work includes opening manholes to clean and inspect sanitary sewer pipes. Residents should see no effects on their water or wastewater.

The work will be performed in the following areas:

- First Street
- Orchard Street
- Central Avenue, between First Street and Washington Street

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



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.

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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.

Dover Recreation to hold spring sports sign-ups Feb. 10

Dover Recreation will hold sign-ups for spring sports on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the McConnell Center Cafeteria. The McConnell Center is located at 61 Locust St.

Among the sports leagues open for registration are Dover Baseball, Dover Youth Softball, Dover Soccer Association, Dover Youth Football, Dover Little Green Football, Dover Little Green Cheerleading, Cochecho Lacrosse and Youth Track and Field.

For more information, including the spring sports sign-up flyer and detailed information about each league, visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation.

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>.

2018 NH Poetry Out Loud regional semi-finals begin Feb. 15

In the coming weeks, top students from New Hampshire's 2018 Poetry Out Loud program will compete at semi-final competitions for the opportunity to represent their school at the state championship in Concord. The winner will move on to this year's national competition in Washington, D.C.

Poetry Out Loud is a national program that encourages students to learn great poetry. Through memorization and recitation, participants master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage. Organized nationally by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, it is led in New Hampshire by the N.H. State Council on the Arts.

Students, educators and parents consistently report that being identified as a talented presenter of great poetry is an experience that changes lives. There is no cost to compete and all materials are provided to enrolled schools.

In New Hampshire, all high schools and home school

groups are eligible to participate. Approximately 9,000 students from 44 high schools take part in the program each year; a map of participating schools is available from the Poetry Out Loud section of the NHSCA's website, nh.gov/nharts.

Again this year, more than 350 community members served as judges, scorers and volunteers, joining together to make the program a statewide success.

For the first time, all participating schools had the opportunity to invite a professional New Hampshire poet to visit their classrooms at no charge. Poets offer in-depth workshops for deeper engagement, learning, and connections to our state literary scene.

New Hampshire's semi-final and state championship competitions are free and open to the public.

Locations, dates and times for the semi-finals are:

- New England College in Henniker; Thursday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m.
- Rochester Opera House; Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6 p.m.
- Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester; Thursday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m.
- Jean's Playhouse in Lincoln; Monday, March 5, 6 p.m.

Snow dates and parking information for these events are available at nh.gov/nharts. The state championship will take place Friday, March 9 at the State House.

Each winner at the state level receives \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip with an adult chaperone to Washington, D.C., to compete for the national championship. The state winner's school receives a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books. The first runner-up in each state receives \$100, with \$200 for his or her school. A total of \$50,000 in awards and school stipends is awarded annually at the National Finals.

New Hampshire's Poetry Out Loud supporters include the Putnam Foundation - a donor-advised fund of the N.H. Charitable Foundation - and the New Hampshire Writers Project. Other partners include the Poetry Society of New Hampshire, Granite State Ambassadors, the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, the Frost Place, Slam Free or Die and New Hampshire Public Radio.

To learn more about 2018 New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud, view the calendar of high school competition dates, or find out how your school can be involved, go to nh.gov/nharts and click on the Poetry Out Loud button. For additional information, contact Julianne Gadoury, New

Hampshire State Council on the Arts at 603-271-0791,
julianne.gadoury@dncr.nh.gov.

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is a division of the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. It began in 1965 with legislation designed "to insure that the role of the arts in the life of our communities will continue to grow and play an ever more significant part in the education and welfare of our citizens." Funding for programs is provided through state appropriations, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Conservation License Plate fund.



Dover committee to host snowshoeing hike under a full moon

Join the Dover Open Lands Committee for 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 or 603-516-6008.

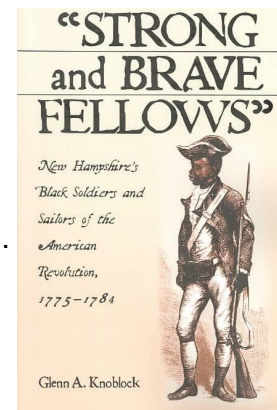
The Dover Open Lands Committee consists of local volunteers and city staff who work with willing landowners to conserve Dover's important natural and cultural resources. These resources include drinking water supplies, farm and forest lands, critical fish and wildlife habitat, and the preservation of our community's character for current and future generations to enjoy.

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



History of NH's African-American Soldiers in the American Revolution at the Dover Public Library Feb. 20

In honor of Black History Month, the Friends of the Library are pleased to welcome Glenn Knoblock for a program entitled "Strong and Brave Fellows: A History of NH's Black Soldiers and Sailors of the American Revolution" on Tuesday evening, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.



One of the most interesting aspects of the American Revolution is the role played by African Americans in the fight for independence. Both free African Americans and those that were enslaved were key in manning state militias and Continental Army units, as well as serving on the high seas in the Navy and on privately armed ships. Indeed, their service to the colonies was crucial in a conflict that lasted nearly seven years. Prohibited from serving in military units and largely considered "undesirable elements," how is it that these black soldiers came to fight for the cause of liberty, even when their own personal liberty was not guaranteed?

Glenn Knoblock will examine the history of African-American soldiers' service during the war, including how and why they enlisted, their interaction with white soldiers, service on the battlefields, how they were perceived, both by the enemy and the officers under whom they served, and their treatment after the war.

Glenn Knoblock is an independent scholar and author of 15 books and over 100 articles. He has served as the historian on projects relating to northern New England bridges, New Hampshire cemeteries, brewing history, and African-American military history. Knoblock has served as the primary military contributor to Harvard and Oxford University's landmark African-American Biography Project. He holds a BA in History from Bowling Green State University.

This program is free.

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

Preserve your memories at the Dover Public Library

Do you have shoeboxes full of photographs? Or carousels full of slides? Do you have a shelf of VHS tapes of your kids' school plays, or of Christmases past? Do you even have a VHS player, or a slide projector anymore? It is time to copy these precious memories to a format that will withstand the test of time, and the Dover Public Library can help you.

The Dover Public Library's Memory Lab has the equipment you need to convert your photographs, negatives, slides, VHS tapes, and cassette tapes to digital files. You can save these files on your computer, on a thumb drive, or in the cloud.

The library offers three different Memory Lab Equipment Stations: the scanner (for photographs, negatives, and slides), the VHS/DVD converter (for VHS tapes), and the cassette converter (for cassette tapes). You can make an appointment on our website to use one of these stations for free. Appointments are for two-and-a-half or three hours. During your appointment, you can convert your memories to digital files.

Please be aware that the VHS conversion and cassette conversion occurs in real time. If you are going to copy a two-hour VHS tape it will take two hours to copy the contents, with some additional time to finalize the DVD. But no worries... the library has lots of books and magazines for you to read while you wait.

All Memory Lab apparatus comes with easy-to-follow, detailed instructions and pictures telling you how to use the equipment. Library staff cannot do the conversions for you, but we can certainly help with questions as you start your process.

The library is also offering tutorial programs to introduce each Memory Lab Equipment Station so that you can get the most out of your appointment time. Our first instructional programs will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb. 17 from 2-4 p.m., and on Monday, March 5 from 6-8 p.m. to introduce the equipment:

Feb. 15 and 17: From 2-2:30 p.m., the cassette converter; from 2:30-3 p.m., the VHS converter; from 3-4 p.m. the photograph, negative, and slide Scanner.

March 5: From 6-6:30 p.m., the cassette converter; from 6:30-7 p.m., the VHS converter; from 7-8 p.m., the photograph, negative, and slide scanner.

You may attend as many sessions as you wish.

Come to the Library to take a walk down memory lane and save those memories for the future.

For more information, call Peggy Thrasher at the Dover Public Library 516-6050.



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. 15, 1683 - A special court is summoned for Edward Gove on high treason. The trial of Edward Gove for "high treason" occurred this year, being the first and last trial of the kind in the colony or province of New Hampshire. Gove, who lived in that part of Hampton, now Seabrook, was a leading man as well as a member of the assembly, and was very active in his opposition to Mason's claims and to the Governor who favored them. He finally carried his opposition so far as to visit Dover, Portsmouth and Exeter, and raised men to rebel against the government. Warrants were issued for his arrest and when a justice and a constable attempted to arrest him he resisted and they failed in his arrest. He with his followers rode from Exeter to Hampton with trumpets blowing and drawn swords. At Hampton they were surrounded and taken, all but the trumpeter who broke through and escaped. Gove was taken to Portsmouth and a special court was summoned Feb. 15, 1682-3, when he was tried for high treason, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered. Sentence was deferred to learn the King's pleasure. He

was sent to England and confined in the tower of London for three years, was pardoned Sept. 14, 1685, returned home and his estate was restored to him.



Feb. 15, 1744 - Col. Thomas Wallingford, a member of the Assembly from Dover, made complaint to the House that on the 13th, during the session, Cyprian Jeffrey, of Portsmouth, storekeeper, made an assault upon him and drawing his knife said "he would cut his (Wallingford's) throat, if he got forty men to do it." The House, considering that Jeffrey in so doing, did greatly affront, insult and offer great indignity to them, issued a warrant for his arrest, and on his being brought before them he acknowledged himself to be in fault and declared that he had no design to affront the House or Col. Wallingford and prayed for forgiveness, which was granted. Col. Wallingford declaring himself satisfied, and the offender dismissed on paying costs.



Feb. 12, 1800 - Capt. John Riley of Dover and the schooner Fanny, is captured by French privateer Hasard, of Puerto Rico. Hasard has Riley and two of his men sent to his ship, and then boards Riley's schooner. Hasard's men search the vessel and remove property valued at \$400, before leaving Riley and his schooner.

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.

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.



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

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:

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

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

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.

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.

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 www.dovernh.viebit.com 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 [here](#).
