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## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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## City of Dover's Steve Bird named Planner of the Year

Dover City Planner Steve Bird was named 2014 Professional Planner of the Year by the New Hampshire Planners Association, on Thursday, June 4, at an annual conference in Durham.



**Steve Bird**

"I am very honored to have received this award," Bird said. "I am proud of the high quality planning that we have in Dover. It feels great when I hear people talk about how much Dover has improved over the years."

### Meetings this week:

#### **School Board, June 23, 6:30 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m., in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

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

#### **Planning Board, June 24, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 24, at 7 p.m., in Council

The New Hampshire Planner's Association (NHPA) award annually recognizes one professional planner from New Hampshire for leadership, innovation, and commitment to community involvement through planning initiatives. The NHPA promotes, assists, and supports the professional planner in the goal of achieving planning excellence to improve the quality of life today and tomorrow in New Hampshire's communities.

Bird's nomination forms, submitted by Dover resident and fellow planner Jack Mettee, recognized Bird for his attention to detail, his dedication to public service, his ability to communicate plans and the communities vision to planners, and the public with ease, respect and a strong depth of knowledge.

Chambers at City Hall.

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

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Bird's nomination and recognition was also based upon his passion for open space protection that has helped the Conservation Commission and Open Lands Committee preserve 800 acres of land in Dover.

Dover's Director of Planning and Community Development, Christopher Parker, noted that Bird is an example of being part of the community you plan for.

"This is Steve's community and he plans based upon that intimate knowledge," Parker said. Bird has lived in Dover for 30 years, and has raised two children in the community. "Steve not only is an employee of the community, but he is an active member of the community. He has coached baseball, volunteered with various civic groups, and has been a great envoy of the City, and planning, to the Community."

The NHPA selection committee recognized that Bird understands the issue - planning and otherwise - that have faced Dover residents and property owners and he is able to speak about them from a position of knowledge and experience, and can relate as a neighborhood resident. He brings professionalism, as well as a wealth of knowledge to the table on many of the issues facing Dover and New Hampshire.

Bird has been a Dover city employee since 1997, where he has provided oversight to the city's land use office, staff support for conservation projects and has been the staff support to the Cochecho waterfront redevelopment. He is continually attending planning seminars, courses and meetings to ensure the Garrison City is up-to-date on the most recent planning and development efforts.

"Having Steve recognized for his professionalism and his community minded personality by his New Hampshire peers is a reflection on the professionalism and commitment he delivers to the Dover community day in and day out," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "The Dover community has positively benefited from his ability to engage our citizenry in the development and application of a comprehensive approach to community planning."

The New Hampshire Planner's Association has recognized Dover's Planning efforts twice before. In 2010, the City's Form Based Code project for downtown Dover, was recognized as the Project of the Year, and in 2011, Director of Planning and Community Development Christopher Parker was recognized as the Professional Planner of the Year.

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## Summer Reading Programs for children and teens begin June 30 at the Dover Public Library

"Fizz, Boom, Read", a five-week reading program for children in grades K-6 (and a special preschool program, too), will begin on Monday, June 30 and continue through Tuesday, Aug. 5. The program is designed to encourage children to make reading an important part of their summer activities.

Registration begins Monday, June 30 and continues for the duration of the program. Dover Public Library card holders (including non-resident borrowers) are welcome to sign up for the program. Children must come to the library in person to register and receive their booklets or folders, and a voucher for a free ticket to a Portland Seadogs baseball game. Children will then return with their booklets or reading logs (after recording books/minutes read) to earn stickers and prizes.

Besides reading, many exciting things will be happening during the five weeks of the program. "Mad Science" will visit the library for a kick-off celebration called "Spin, Pop & Boom" on Thursday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m. This is a 45-minute science show that explores a thrilling combination of science and physics. Drop-in Story Times will be conducted every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and the "Creation Station" in the Children's Room will have a supply of materials all day, every day for children to make a craft project to take home.

Lego Saturdays (use ours or bring your own) will be held on July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the following special programs will make sure summer reading is a "blast":

- "It's Not Rocket Science... Or Is It?" a workshop on making balloon rockets will be held on Wednesday, July 9 at 3 p.m. Experiment with Newton's Laws of Motion while racing your creation. Pre-registration is required.
- "Fizz, Boom...Think", an interactive outreach program sponsored by Federal Savings Bank and presented by the Children's Museum of NH, will explore this great Earth we live on, and all of its trash, on Friday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

- Trashcan Lid Productions will offer two "Junk 2 Funk" workshops on Thursday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. and noon. Participants will perform a rhythmic extravaganza with instruments they'll create using found objects. Pre-registration is required.

Children are invited to join our "Paws for Reading" sessions with Murphy, a Certified Therapy Dog, and her handler, Karen. They will be in the Children's Room on Thursdays, July 10 and July 17 from 10-11 a.m. Murphy loves a good story but needs someone to read it to her. If your child is interested in helping Murphy and practicing reading aloud, sign up for a reading session during one of these times.

In addition, the library's "Explosive Monday Movies" series will feature free movies in the Lecture Hall every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m., beginning on June 30. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring your own refreshments. The schedule includes:

- "The LEGO Movie", June 30, rated PG;
- "The Little Rascals Save the Day", July 7, rated PG;
- "Meet the Robinsons", July 14, rated G;
- "Frozen", July 21, rated G;
- "Rio 2", July 28, rated G;

"Spark a Reaction" is the Teen Summer Reading Program, and it also runs from June 30 to Aug. 5. All participants may choose to read whatever they enjoy--novels, magazines, graphic novels, comic books, or nonfiction. For every two hours of reading completed, participants will be given a raffle ticket--and will get to choose on which prize to bid. In addition, lots of other great prizes will be offered throughout the five-week program--including gift certificates to local business, fun-pack gift bags, Target gift certificates, and much more.

Middle school readers are eligible participate in both the Children's Program and the Teen Program (finish one, then begin another). Drop by the library's Main Circulation Desk to sign up for the "Spark a Reaction" Teen Program, visit online at <http://library.dover.nh.gov> or call 516-6050 for more information.

A celebration for all readers enrolled in the summer program, and their families, will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. After grabbing a bag of popcorn and a drink, head to the Lecture Hall for a magic show sponsored by Measured Progress. Magician Norman Ng will entertain us with his unique, interactive magical show--an exciting fusion of magic, comedy, and audience participation.

Last year, over 850 readers participated in the library's Summer Reading Programs. Join us and help us exceed 1,000 readers this year.

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## Annual fireworks display is Friday, July 4

The annual 4th of July fireworks display will be held on Friday, July 4. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m. Henry Law Park and the surrounding downtown area are the best locations to view the fireworks.

The fireworks display will be preceded by other activities, including the 39th Army Band at the Rotary Arts Pavilion from 7 to 9 p.m., and food and novelty vendors at Henry Law Park.

As the holiday approaches, safety officials are reminding residents to be safe. Please listen to Dover Police Chief Anthony Colarusso, Jr., and Dover Fire Chief Richard Driscoll explain how to be safe this holiday, while respecting the law.



Fireworks, You and the Law: A Safety Message  
from the City of Dover, NH

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## Local restaurants serve up Dover Dines this week



Celebrate Dover's restaurants with Dover Main Street during Dover Dines 2014, from Friday, June 20 to Sunday, June 29.



Participating restaurants will offering a three-course prix fixe dinner for \$19.95 and many restaurants will also offer a \$9.95 three-course breakfast or lunch.

For more information, including a list of participating restaurants, visit <http://www.doverdines.com>.



Dover Main Street serves up Dover Dines '14



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>.



**June 19, 1813** - William H. Griffin advertises his nail factory at Waldron's Falls, for sale, with all the machinery. This, so far as appears, was the first nail factory established here. The business was pursued, in a small way, for several years, until it was superseded by the superior inventions of Jacob Perkins, by which cut nails were furnished much cheaper.



**June 20, 1823** - A person on the Landing having in charge a wagon loaded with powder, strewed a quantity on the ground; a lad touched the loose powder with a coal of fire, which communicated to the straw in the wagon, and the whole exploded. Two men were killed in attempting to stop the horses, and a third was seriously injured. The wagon was blown to atoms.



**June 23, 1861** - The ladies of Dover met at the Court Room for the purpose of forming an association to furnish the soldiers from the State in actual service with clothing, hospital stores, etc., necessary to health and comfort, when not supplied by the government, and also to carefully watch and care for the general well being of the New Hampshire soldiers in every possible particular. The Association was organized by the choice of Mrs. John P. Hale as President; Mrs. N. Low, Mrs. A. G. Fenner, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. D. H. Wendell, Treasurer; Miss Charlotte Palmer, Cor. Secretary; Mrs. J. J. Duxbury, Rec. Secretary; with two ladies from each of the religious Societies in the city as managers. This Society continued its operations through the Civil War and sent large contributions to the Sanitary Commission for the relief of the soldiers.



**June 24, 1832** - At a public town meeting the selectmen and physicians of the town were constituted a Board of Health and authorized to adopt measures necessary for the public safety from the Asiatic cholera, then alarmingly prevalent in the country.



**June 25, 1845** - The steam mill of James Davis on Union street burns down.



**June 26, 1808** - At 20 minutes past 2 o'clock in the morning the shock of an earthquake was sensibly felt. Its duration was from 1 to 1 1/2 minutes.

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Temporary sign permit renewals in

## Dover due July 1

The City of Dover Planning Department is reminding the business community that renewals of temporary sign permits are due by no later than July 1, 2014. The City's Zoning Ordinance allows temporary signs for businesses located in the Central Business District (CBD), the Cochecho Waterfront District (CWD), the Thoroughfare Business (B-3) District, and the Gateway (B-5) District. Temporary signs are not permitted in any other zoning district.

Where allowed, temporary signs require a permit issued by the Planning Department. The permit is valid for one year, and can be renewed annually. The Planning Department administers temporary sign permits so that all permit renewals are due on July 1, every year. For signs located on a City sidewalk or within a City right-of-way, the permit application must be accompanied by a hold harmless letter (included with the application form) and proof of insurance.

In addition, temporary signs located in the CBD or CWD Districts must demonstrate compliance with the "mill motif" design criteria. Originally developed in the 1980s to help ensure that signage in downtown is reflective of Dover's historic character, these criteria as applied to temporary signs were recently modified by the Planning Board.

Tim Corwin, Assistant City Planner, explains that the design criteria modifications are intended to provide "additional flexibility for the City's business owners, while at the same time ensuring that temporary signs meet some basic design standards to help maintain an attractive downtown."

In connection with the permit renewal deadline, the Planning Department will perform an on the ground inventory of temporary signs some time after July 1. The purpose of this effort will be to ensure that all temporary signs on display in the City of Dover have a permit.

"Our goal is always equal and fair enforcement of our regulations," Corwin said.

For temporary signs on display in districts where temporary signs are not permitted, City staff will contact the business displaying the sign and ask that it be removed.

Applications for temporary sign permits can be found on the Planning Department website. Copies are also



available at the office of the Planning Department, located on the first floor of City Hall, open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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## SEED awards grants to Dover Middle School teachers

The Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover, or SEED, a nonprofit organization founded to foster teacher creativity and fund new learning initiatives, announced it has awarded four education grants totaling just less than \$3,000. The winners, all of which happened to be located at the Dover Middle School, were selected from the spring open application period that closed on May 1.

Dover Middle School technology education teacher John Clark was awarded a \$1,168 SEED grant that will allow for the purchase of a 3D printer for use in the DMS Tech Ed computer lab. This cutting edge technology incorporates the principles of STEM as well as computer programming and allows students to experience the process of additive manufacturing firsthand. The 3D printer will fill an important role in the design process, allowing students to go from virtual model to physical product right in the classroom.

Dover Middle School guidance counselor Fran Meffen was awarded a \$1,000 SEED grant to help support the FIRST Lego League, the FIRST Tech Challenge and Simple Machines run by the Dover Middle School STEAM Academy. The STEAM Academy is a self-sustaining extended learning program that brings Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Humanities and Mathematics to life through programs such as the FIRST Lego Teams, FIRST Tech Challenge teams and the Simple Machines program.

Dover Middle School arts educator Jo-Ann Gardella was awarded \$500 grant toward the purchase of a \$1,700 printing press. DMS art students completed many fundraising initiatives to raise the balance of the purchase (\$1,200.) The first venture using the printing press will promote social awareness and community concern for America's Wounded Soldier program where students will create an awareness campaign and then using the new printer, sell prints and donate the proceeds back to this worthy program.

Dover Middle School teacher Anne-Marie Horvath was awarded a \$306.41 SEED grant to purchase costumes that are reproductions of the clothes worn by pioneering

women and children while traveling on the Oregon Trail. The students will discuss each garment's design, its practical applications, materials used and construction methods. The grant money will also be used to purchase a scale model of a covered wagon and an award winning PBS DVD production of the Oregon Trail.

SEED raises private philanthropic dollars and provides grant funds, on a competitive basis, to educators who submit formal applications. In the midst of its public campaign, SEED is seeking 100 donors at the \$100 level to support its next funding period which will occur in the fall. The campaign concludes on June 30, 2014. To learn more about SEED's 100 for \$100, please visit [www.DoverSeed.org](http://www.DoverSeed.org).

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## Guided walking tours of historic Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will once again offer Guided Walking Tours of Historic Dover on Saturday mornings this summer, from May 24 through Sept. 13. Tours begin at 10:30 a.m.

Tours begin at the Dover Chamber and will leisurely stroll through Dover's Historic Downtown area, with numerous stops along the way during which the Guide will point out places of interest, offer historical perspective, and share stories and anecdotes about the people, places and events that have helped shape Dover.

Reservations are recommend and can be made by calling 603-742-2218.

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## City's boards and commissions keep our 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.

The boards and commissions below are now seeking to fill vacancies for regular and alternate seats:

- Arena Commission
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, 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.

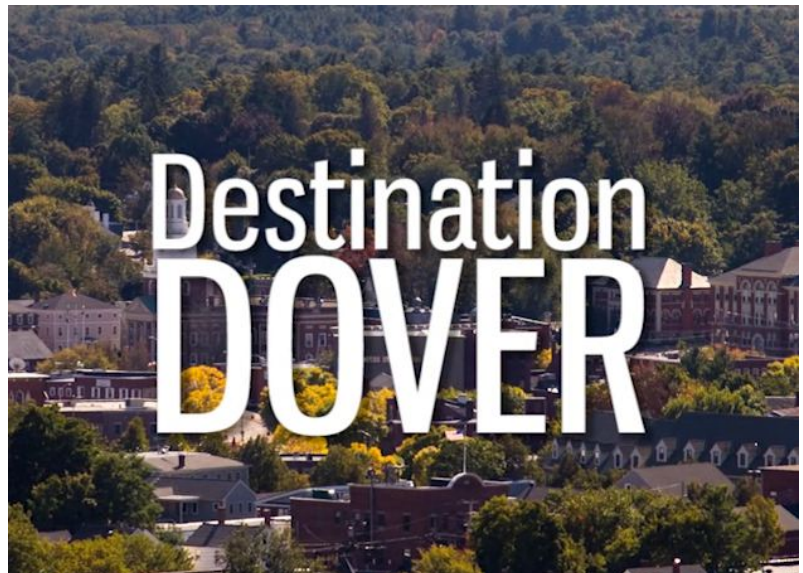
For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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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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## 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

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