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Meetings this week:

School Board, June 9, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, June 10, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a workshop session on Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m.,

Friday, June 6, 2014

71st annual New Hampshire Soap Box Derby is Sunday

The 71st annual New Hampshire Soap Box Derby will be held Sunday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Broadway in Dover.

The NHSBD is a youth gravity racing event that is open to boys and girls between the ages of seven through 18 that reside in the State of New Hampshire. Children interested in participating should email nhsoapbox@gmail.com.

During the event, the following traffic restrictions will be in place:

- From 8 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m., Broadway will be closed to all traffic between the intersections of Oak and Hill streets;
- All through traffic will be diverted via Hill and Park streets;
- Oak Street will remain open;
- Effective at 6 a.m. on Sunday, June 8, on-street parking will be prohibited on Broadway between Oak and Hill streets.

Public input sought on Amtrak Downeaster improvements

in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, June 11, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 11, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting 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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Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

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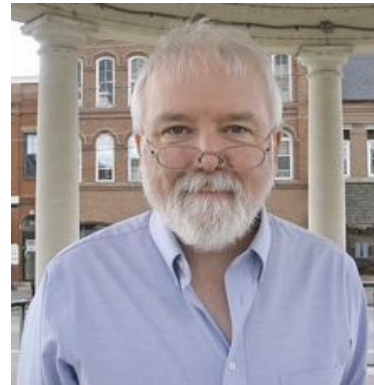
The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority is holding a public meeting to get input regarding future improvements for the Amtrak Downeaster passenger rail service.

The session will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the McConnell Center Cafe, 61 Locust St., Dover. Parking is available behind the Dover Public Library.

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

Author Brendan DuBois at the Dover Public Library June 16

Come to the Dover Public Library on Monday, June 16, at 7 p.m. for a talk and book signing with author Brendan Dubois. Dubois has just published his eighth Lewis Cole mystery, "Fatal Harbor" (Pegasus Books, 2014), set in Tyler Beach, NH (a fictionalized Hampton). These mysteries feature a retired Department of Defense analyst who's trying to live a quiet life as a reporter on the NH seacoast, but who ends up solving murders.



Brendan Dubois

Dubois grew up in Dover with his parents, Arthur and Mary, and his five brothers. He attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School and graduated from UNH. Before he was a best-selling author, Dubois worked, among other jobs, as a reporter for Foster's Daily Democrat and the Hampton Union. He is the author of 16 novels including a science fiction trilogy and several alternative histories. He has also written over 120 short stories. He has twice won a Shamus Award from the Private Eye Writers of America and has been nominated on three occasions for an Edgar Allan Poe Award. His stories have been included in many prestigious anthologies such as "Best American Mystery Stories of the Century" and "Best American Noir Stories of the Century".

Dubois was also a one-time champion on the quiz show "Jeopardy".



He now lives in Exeter.

For more information on this free program, call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

Cookbook book sale at the Dover Public Library

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will hold a special "Cookbooks Only" book sale for one week at the library's main desk from Monday, June 9 through Saturday, June 14.

Prices will range from 50 cents to \$3 and the stock will include a large selection of softcovers and hardcovers, local community cookbooks, exotic foreign cuisines, and everything in between.

The Friends of the Library are still accepting additional cookbook donations for the sale, so if you're cleaning out your kitchen bookshelf, please bring any gently-used cookbooks to the library's main desk by June 7.

The sale will take place during regular library hours: Monday through Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale will help the Friends of the Library continue to fund special library programs, museum passes, equipment, and furnishings.

The Cook & Baker now open at the McConnell Center

The McConnell Center
welcomes The Cook & Baker to
the McConnell Center Cafe.



The Cook & Baker offers fresh take out, family size entrees and flash-frozen meals for later in the week.

Visit for lunch or dinner, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, or to view the menu, visit thecookbaker.com.



This week in DOVER HISTORY

The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



June 6, 1798 - The Rev. Mr. Gray of Dover delivered before the Legislature, which sat at Hopkinton, "an ingenious and patriotic Discourse, which discovered at once the true Patriot and able Divine." The House voted that 500 copies be printed and 50 presented to Mr. Gray.



June 6, 1927 - A crew of 30 men is completing work on the high school annex (now the McConnell Center). It will contain modern classrooms, a gymnasium and auditorium, and in the basement, facilities for woodworking, a machine shop, and electrical departments of the manual arts.



June 8, 1828 - A party of seven men and boys sailing down the river on a pleasure excursion, on Sunday, the boat when near Dover Point was upset and Henry Demeritt aged 25, and Ebenezer Paul, 14, were drowned. Demeritt was a good swimmer and lost his life by endeavoring to save Paul, who could not swim.



June 9, 1826 - Died, Nicholas St. John Durell, aged 21 years, the oldest son of Hon. D. M. Durell. A young man of much promise and a member of the West Point Military Academy, from which he was on the point of graduating with high honors.



June 12, 1921 - The Dover Board of Assessors announced the total inventory valuation of the City for 1921 as \$13,677,024. This included mills and machinery at \$1,121,621, and 580 horses, 4 oxen, 889 cows, 92 sheep, 55 hogs, 3,913 fowl, 71 vehicles and 4 boats.

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.

Learn all about Dover Cub Scouts

Dover Cub Scout Pack 173 invites those interested in Scouting to an information night on Friday, June 6, 2014, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Golick's Dairy Bar, Dover Point Road.

Cub Scouts is for boys entering grades one through five in the fall.

During the information session, new Scouts will receive a free child-size soft-serve cone. A registration fee will be collected at the session for the summer program.

For more information, contact Jeff Slattery at (207)459-0489 or info@doverpack173.com, or visit Dover Cub Scout Pack online at www.doverpack173.com.

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.

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](#).

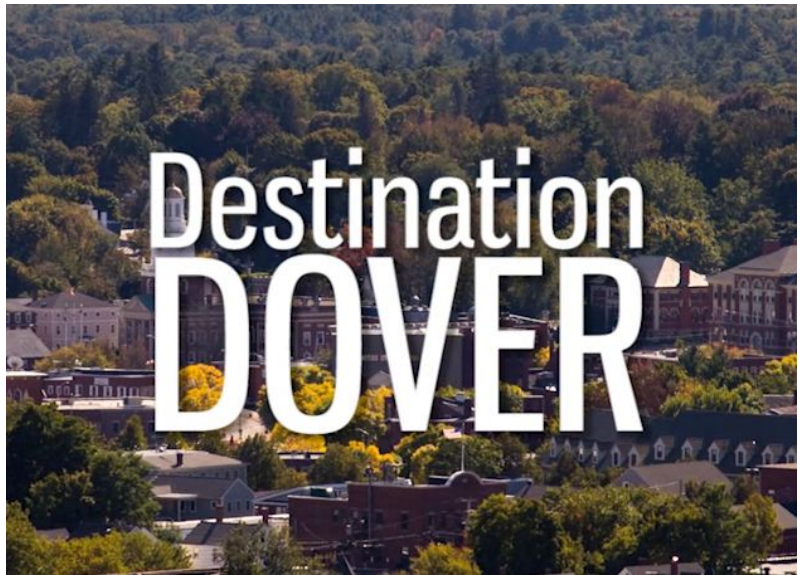
To download an application for board and commissions, click [here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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](#).

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, click [here](#).

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov/dntv to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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