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Meetings this week:

Planning Board, March 25, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, March 26, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at

Friday, March 21, 2014

Dover Masons to host DARE breakfast

The Moses Paul Masonic Lodge #96 will host its annual breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, March 29, 2014, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Proceeds from the event go to the Dover Police Department's DARE and Youth to Youth programs. The breakfast will be held at the Moses Paul Masonic Lodge at 32 Pearl St. in Dover.

The breakfast will include pancakes, bacon, eggs, sausage, home fries, toast, fruit slices, orange juice and coffee. The Dover Police Mounted Patrol and the DARE officers will also be present during the event.

The price of the breakfast is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children between the ages of 7 and 14, and free for children six and under. Tickets are purchased at the door on the day of the event.

Anyone who cannot make it to the event but wants to donate to the Dover Police Department's DARE or Youth to Youth programs may contact Capt. David Terlemezian at the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646.

To get to the Moses Paul Masonic Lodge #96, take Central Avenue to Hill Street. Turn left onto Park Street and right onto Pearl Street. From Broadway, Pearl Street is opposite the 121 Broadway Business Center and next to Strafford Tire.

For more information, contact the Dover Police Department

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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'New Hampshire's Little-Known Black Daughters' at the Dover Public Library March 31

New Hampshire has a long, rich, and vibrant African-American history. On Monday evening, March 31, at 7 p.m., the Friends of the Dover Public Library are pleased to present a program by JerriAnne Boggis and Courtney Marshall entitled "New Hampshire's Little-Known Black Daughters".

They will discuss the lives and contributions of two local African-American women: Nellie Brown Mitchell, a renowned 19th-century opera singer and concert company owner from Dover, and Harriet E. Wilson, an author from Milford who penned "Our Nig, or Sketches from the Life of a Free Black" in 1859. Re-discovered in 1982 by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., this book has been documented as the first African-American novel published in the United States.



Harriet Wilson

This dynamic program will explore themes of community, history, and identity and the continuing importance of Black history in New Hampshire. Courtney Marshall is an Assistant Professor of English and Women's Studies at the University of New Hampshire. Her field of research includes African-American literature, critical race feminism, queer ethnic studies, and law and popular culture. JerriAnne Boggis is the Director of the **Nellie Brown Mitchell** Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail and the Harriet Wilson Project who works to tell the little-known stories of Black history in New Hampshire and beyond.



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

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>.



March 23, 1903 - It is revealed by a trustee of the Wentworth Home for the Aged (now the Wentworth Home), that the last will and testament of Arioch Wentworth of Boston leaves \$100,000 for the endowment of a hospital in Dover. Wentworth's previous gifts to the Wentworth Home had already reached \$100,000. The hospital would be founded the next year, on March 15, 1904, and planned as a 30-bed hospital to be called "The Wentworth." The hospital opened in August 1906, and today, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital is now licensed for 178 beds.



March 24, 1730 - The report of the committee appointed to examine the Dover town books was, in substance, that they found by the said town book that great forgery and fraud had been used and frequently practiced by entering grants many years back in the inter spaces of the book and that the book had often been exposed and lay open to many persons to enter what grants they saw proper therein and that they found many of the said original grants in the former Town clerk's hand which appeared to be fraudulent and deceitful; that great quantities of land had been laid out by virtue of said grants by which the town, they imagined, had been stripped of at least fifteen thousand pounds worth of land. Later that year, on Dec. 30, upon the report of the committee on the town books, it was voted that "another committee be chosen to make a more exact and particular inquiry into the several grants and returns in said book, supposed to be corrupt and vicious; and that they have full power to summon and examine any person or persons upon oath, in order to discover the truth as far as may be, and any person or persons duly convened by summon

before the said committee, and refusing to declare upon oath what he or they know of the affair, shall be committed to prison by said committee, or the major part of them, there to remain till they comply to take their oaths, and that then the said committee give public notice on all the meeting houses in Dover (with convenient time for all persons that have any claims to any land by virtue of the aforesaid supposed vicious grants or returns) to make out the same before the said committee, at a certain day and when the said committee have made a strict examination in the Town book and fully heard all the claimers upon their grants and returns, then to make a particular report how many corrupt and vicious grants and returns they find on the said book, with the dates thereof, in what folios of the book they stand recorded, and who are the respective granters, and what quantity of acres is mentioned in each grant and return, in order to the General Assembly's proceeding thereon as to justice doth appertain; and that Mr. Odiorn and Mr. Sherburne be of the committee from the Council to join with such as the House shall appoint to act in the above affair. R. Waldron, Sec." The House concurred, with an amendment, that the whole town of Dover pay the charge of the committee, and appointed Nathaniel Weare and Theo. Atkinson as the committee on their part.



March 25-29, 1699 - A severe storm bears down on Dover, delivering five days of constant snow, rain, hail, thunder and extreme wind. It began with snow and ended with snow.



March 26, 1726 - On the petition of Nicholas Hartford, who "humbly sheweth" that his grant of liberty to keep a ferry over the fore river from Dover Neck to Kittery, made in 1717, had been of little profit at present nor likely to be for many years, and as he had been at great charge in building conveniences, and had no assurance of said ferry any longer than his own life, the said ferry was confirmed to him and his heirs.



March 26, 1770 - It was voted to build a Town House and a committee was appointed for that purpose, who were to do it in the best and cheapest manner.



March 27, 1704 - Capt. John Woodman, Capt. John Tuttle and Capt. John Knight of Dover were ordered to muster their several companies at the meeting house on Dover Neck on Wednesday the 5th of April by 10 o'clock, a.m., and Capt. John Tuttle then and there was to take a list of such as shall enter themselves volunteers in the service against the French and Indian enemy.

It's not too late to participate in "Fix a Leak Week"

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and City of Dover wants to encourage residents to celebrate National Fix a Leak Week by not wasting water from leaking household faucets and toilets. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) We're for Water campaign, Americans waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water from household leaks each year.

"Leaking toilets and other household fixtures are responsible for approximately 13.7 percent of indoor water use" noted NHDES Commissioner, Tom Burack. "The average annual water bill for a single family home in NH is about \$415, so homeowners could save on average \$60 dollars on their water bill just by fixing leaks in their home!"

As a WaterSense partner, NHDES is encouraging consumers to find and fix leaks to save water, energy, and money! It's simple, you have to do is check, twist, and replace:

- Check for leaks. Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers, and other fixtures. Also check for toilets with silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank, waiting 10 minutes, and seeing if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots too.
- Twist and tighten hose and pipe connections. To save water without a noticeable difference in flow in your bathroom, twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator.
- Replace the fixture if necessary. Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.
- In many cases, fixture replacement parts are inexpensive and can pay for themselves quickly and can be installed by handy do-it-yourselfers or local plumbing professionals.

To find tips on how to find leaks and easy instructions for repairing leaks, as well as to win prizes for checking for leaks, go to the "A-Z List" at www.des.nh.gov and scroll

down to "We're for Water".

12th annual Dover Public Library Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce its 12th annual Student Poetry Contest for grades K-12. Prizes will be awarded in six different categories: Grades K-2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12. Poems will be judged on originality, style and creativity.

Deadline for entry is April 16. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library, any Dover school library, or at <http://library.dover.nh.gov>.

All participants are invited to attend an "Evening of Poetry" on Monday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m.; refreshments will be served.

Students are invited to read their poetry at this event, but this will be purely voluntary.

For more information about the contest, contact Denise LaFrance at 603-516-6082.

Dover Chamber seeking scholarship applicants

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee is seeking applications for their student scholarship. One recipient will be awarded \$1,000 to use for post-secondary education, courtesy of Measured Progress. Click [here](#) to download an application. Applications are due by Wednesday, April 30.

The Chamber is also accepting nominations for the 2014 Educator of the Year Award.

For more information, visit the Greater Dover of Chamber's [website](#) or call 603-742-2218.

Federal Savings Bank
donates \$10,000 to SEED

The Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization that supports academic excellence by delivering groundbreaking grants to Dover educators, announced Federal Savings Bank has granted \$10,000 to the organization. The funds will be used to underwrite academic awards to Dover educators for advanced learning projects applied across the Dover school district.

SEED aims to create a legacy for educational excellence in Dover Public Schools and to advocate the value of education in the community. SEED is preparing for its next grant award period and will begin accepting proposals in April 2014. Proposals should be based on SEED's existing grant evaluation criteria which can be found on the SEED website at www.doverseed.org.

Since 1890, Federal Savings Bank has operated as a community bank. The bank has offices in Dover, Barrington, Durham, Portsmouth, and Rochester.

Woodman Museum opens for new season April 2

The Woodman Museum, one of the Seacoast's oldest historical attractions, will open for its 98th season with many new exhibits and extended hours on April 2.



This year the museum will celebrate the 175th anniversary of photography with Tintypes to Digital, an exhibit that takes visitors back to the early days of photography when people took photographs with a camera and not a telephone.

The museum will also open the new carriage barn exhibit as part of the 2014 list of events scheduled.

The museum's hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information or to schedule a group tour, call 603-742-1038.

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, 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.



The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens

Volunteer gardeners needed

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens depends on volunteers to help maintain and tend to the gardens enjoyed by the public each year. More volunteers are needed to help tend to the gardens, as well as assistance with website maintenance, historical research, database management and steering committee leadership.

To become a volunteer, visit joeparksgarden.org for more information.

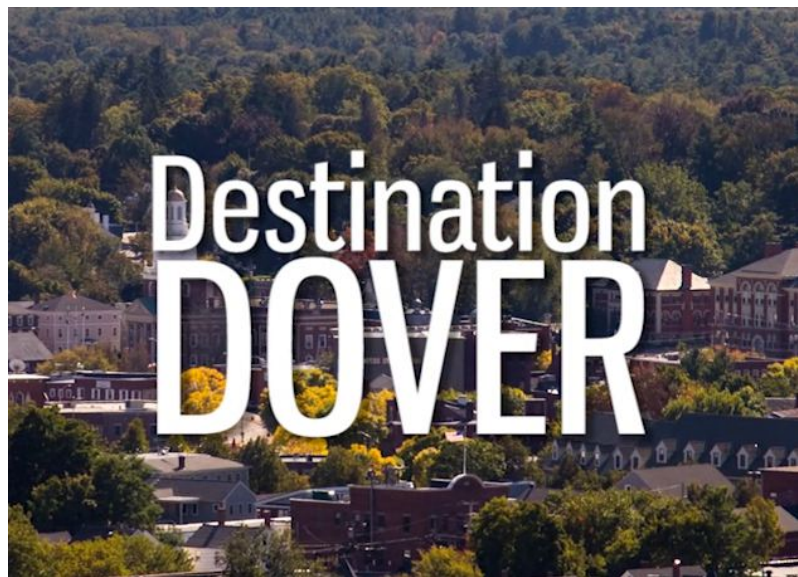
The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is located between 400 Central Avenue and Chestnut Street, along the banks of the Cocheco River, and forms a series of beautiful gardens filled with wild flowers, unique rhododendrons, mountain laurel, hostas, daylilies and countless other plants, many relocated from Joe Parks' own gardens. Formerly a neglected area along the river, the Riverwalk Garden was planned by Dover horticulturalist Joe B. Parks, built by more than hundred volunteers, and dedicated in June, 2008. Joe was extremely proud of the fact that all of the work at the Riverwalk Garden was done by volunteers. The garden features a Japanese Garden installed and maintained by Dover High School horticulture students, Lorraine's Corner,

a meditation and healing garden installed and maintained by Amy's Treat and dedicated in memory of Dover resident Lorraine Goren and several sculptures created and installed in the garden by art students from Dover High School. Each garden is maintained by a volunteer garden tender.

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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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