

### News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



#### HILTON'S POINT-1623

The first settlement at Dover was made here at the southernmost point of Dover Neck and was called Hilton's Point after Edward and William Hilton. They were fishmongers from London who, in 1623, established their fishing industry at this scenic site.



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### Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget before City Council March 28

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., will present the proposed fiscal year 2019 budget to the City Council on Wednesday, March 28, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The budget presentation is the first of several weeks of City Council budget meetings, workshops, and public hearings, the Week

#### Meetings this week:

## Planning Board, March 27, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

# City Council, March 28, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the workshop agenda, <u>click here</u>.

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit <u>dovernh.viebit.com</u>.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.



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City Hall hours:

before the City Council adopts a budget.

The budget presentation on March 28 and all budget meetings and workshops are televised live on Channel 22, streamed live online and available for on-demand viewing at <u>www.dover.nh.gov/dntv</u>.

A special page devoted to the fiscal year 2019 budget, which is updated throughout the budget process, <u>can be</u> <u>found here</u> at the City's <u>Budget Revealed online resource</u>.

## Reconstruction of Hanson Street expected to begin mid-April

As part of the City of Dover's Capital Improvements Program, reconstruction of Hanson Street is expected to begin mid-April and will continue through the 2018 construction season. The project will consist of upgrades to existing water, sewer, and drainage systems, and reconstruction of the roadway and sidewalks.

The City will hold a neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, March 27, at 6 p.m. at Community Services, 271 Mast Road. Residents are encouraged to attend to meet the City staff and S.U.R. Construction team working on the project and review the project details and anticipated timeline.

For more information, contact Assistant City Engineer Gretchen Young at 516-6450.

To sign up for project updates, <u>click here</u> and select "Dover Community Services, Hanson Street Reconstruction."

### Senior Center to host conversation on dementia

The Dover Community Senior Center welcomes the Alzheimer's Association for their program, "Dementia Conversations", on Wednesday, March 28 at 11:30 a.m. The workshop offers guidance on having caring and productive conversations on some of the hardest topics when caring for someone with memory changes.

The Dover Community Senior Center is located at 61 Locust Street in the McConnell Center, Door #1.

The session is free and open to the public.

For more information or to RSVP, call Linda Jarvis at 516-6420.

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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#### Dover Chamber to host State of the City April 17

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the annual state of the city on Tuesday, April 17, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the McConnell Center Cafe.

Hear city leaders discuss their vision for the future and priorities for the upcoming year. This year's speakers are City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron, Chief of Police Anthony Colarusso., Jr. and Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker.

A question-and-answer session will follow the remarks.

The cost of the event is \$15 and is open to the public.

The Chamber encourages those interested in attending to register in advance at <u>www.dovernh.org/economy</u>. Registration is required.

The program is sponsored by Eversource.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 603-742-2218, or visit <u>www.dovernh.org</u>.

## Dover Chamber accepting scholarship applications, educator of year nominations

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for its Student Scholarship program which will award one area student \$1,000 to be used towards post-secondary education costs. The Chamber is also collecting nominations for their annual Educator of the Year award which includes \$1,000 to be used towards classroom expenses. Both programs are organized by the Chamber's Business and Education Partnership and sponsored by Measured Progress, Inc.

The Student Scholarship is awarded to a local student either entering or continuing a post-secondary education who demonstrates a commitment to their community through volunteerism while maintaining a good academic record. All applications must be submitted to the Chamber no later than 5 p.m. on April 30. The recipient's name is announced in late May/early June. Last year's scholarship winner was a homeschooled student, Turner Jennings of Madbury.

The Educator of the Year award recognizes a local education professional who employs innovative education

strategies, demonstrates on-going leadership and cooperation and makes a lasting impact on their community and students. Educator of the Year nominations can be submitted by students, parents, colleagues or community members and must be received by the Chamber prior to 5 p.m. on May 11. The Educator of the Year will be announced in early June. The 2017 winner was Garrison School physical education teacher Sarah Loranger.

"On behalf of Measured Progress, it is our pleasure to continue sponsorship of this program that acknowledges excellence in educational practices from both the student and educator perspectives," said Jeanne Supple, Executive Assistant at Measured Progress. "Each year the candidate pool for each award is impressive. I look forward to reviewing this year's applications and presenting each of the awards."

Scholarship applications and Educator of the Year nomination forms can be picked up at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave., or found online at <u>www.dovernh.org/scholarship</u>.

### Dover Indoor Pool to host Easter Egg Hunt March 31

The Dover Indoor Pool will host its first Easter Egg Hunt in the pool on Saturday, March 31, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to help scour the pool 10 eggs each, one of which may contain a prize.



Additional games, activities and music are scheduled from 2:30-5 p.m.

The Dover Indoor Pool is located at 9 Henry Law Ave.

For more information, call 603-516-6441 or visit the Indoor Pool's <u>Facebook page</u>.



#### Join the StoryWalk in Downtown Dover April 7 and 14

The Dover Public Library and Dover's Economic Development Office are sponsoring a child-friendly StoryWalk on two Saturdays, April 7 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the downtown. The self-guided walk, featuring the book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury, will begin at Franklin Plaza and continue on down Central Avenue. After completing the walk, enjoy all the great shops and restaurants Dover has to offer, then come to the Children's Room at the Library to make a fun craft related to the story.

StoryWalk is an innovative and delightful way for children and adults! - to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from this popular children's book will be attached to wooden stakes installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the street, you'll be directed to the next page in the story. StoryWalk was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vt. and developed with the help of Rachel Senechal at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. To read more about the history of StoryWalk, visit http://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk. Be sure to join the walk on either of the first two Saturdays in April.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library's Children's Room at 603-516-6052.



### Calling All Peeps to the Dover Public Library!

The Dover Public Library is looking for creative Dover residents, Dover students, or Dover Public Library cardholders to enter our annual "Peeps Show" Contest this April.

Here's how it works: Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard size shoe box. The theme is

anything literary; recreate a scene from your favorite book, play, or poem. The first ei entries will receive a free plush Peep bunny or chick.

Those 17 or older are invited to compete in the Adult Division, while peeps, er, people 11 to 16 may enter the Teen Division. Children ages two to six are invited to enter the Kids Division, and ages seven to 10 may enter in the Youth Division. On the back of your standard size shoe box, please include your name, address, phone number, and title of your "Peeps Show". All Peeps displays may be dropped off at the Dover Public Library beginning Monday, March 19 through Saturday, March 31.

The Peeps will be displayed in the library for all to enjoy. The winner of each division will receive a \$25 Target gift card, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Prizes will be awarded on Monday afternoon, April 2.

Peeps should be picked up by 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 7. All Peeps not picked up by the deadline will be discarded or eaten.

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

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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, <u>located here</u>.

**March 26, 1759** - At a public town meeting held at the old meeting house on Pine Hill, Col. John Gage, Capt. Howard Henderson and Lt. Dudley Watson were chosen a committee to petition the General Assembly for liberty to raise money by a lottery to build a bridge over the Cochecho river. It was also voted to have two schools in town, exclusive of a grammar school and the school in Madbury, which was still part of Dover. It was also decided to pay the constables at the rate of 20 shillings for every 100 pounds, for collecting the taxes, instead of their rates being given in as heretofore, provided they make up with the selectmen at the end of the year.

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**March 25, 1765** - The town voted to have five schools for the term of six months, increasing the number required by law, which appears to have been three including Madbury, which was still a parish of Dover. Howard Henderson and Thomas W. Waldron were chosen assembly men.

**March 29, 1784** - The first election of State Officers by the people took place this year, and at a legal meeting held at Dover this 29th day of March, the Hon. Meshech Weare received 155 votes for President, General Sullivan 11, and Wiseman Clagett 2.

**March 23, 1793** - "Died in this town Mr. Benjamin Deane in the 31st year of his age - a useful and active citizen. During the late revolution, he was captured, while in the service of his country, and was confined in Forton prison for the space of eighteen months: during which he four times with others effected his escape from the prison, by digging beneath the walls, but unfortunately was retaken before he could get without the realms of despotism. He has left a wife and two small children to bemoan his loss.

**March 25, 1856** - First organization of the City Government - Hon. Andrew Peirce, the Mayor elect, taking the oath of office, and Charles Clements, Esq. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, surrendering the official seals and records of the town to his successor.

# How to contact your elected representatives

The City of Dover makes it easy to reach out to your local, state, county and federal elected officials by providing contact information for City Councilors,



state representatives and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Visit the City's online resource, <u>Find My Representative</u>, for a complete list of local, county, state and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which councilor represents your ward? You can find out <u>more</u>

information about the City Council here.

Wondering what ward you live in? Access the City of <u>Dover's interactive ward map</u>. The map also includes polling locations.

A list of School Board members and contact information <u>can be found here</u>.

#### 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 <u>online</u>.

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, <u>click here</u>.

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 firstgrade 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.

#### 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 <u>http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-</u>assessment/applications/index.html.



# 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 <u>www.dover.nh.gov</u> or call the Dover Recreation Department at 516-6410.

#### 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:

- Custodian
- Playground supervisor
- Playground counselor
- Summer day camp counselor
- Summer camp supervisor
- Parking Enforcement Officer
- Seasonal maintenance worker

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

#### 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? <u>Sign up now</u> 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, <u>click here</u>. 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, <u>click here</u>.

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, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

### 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 <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

