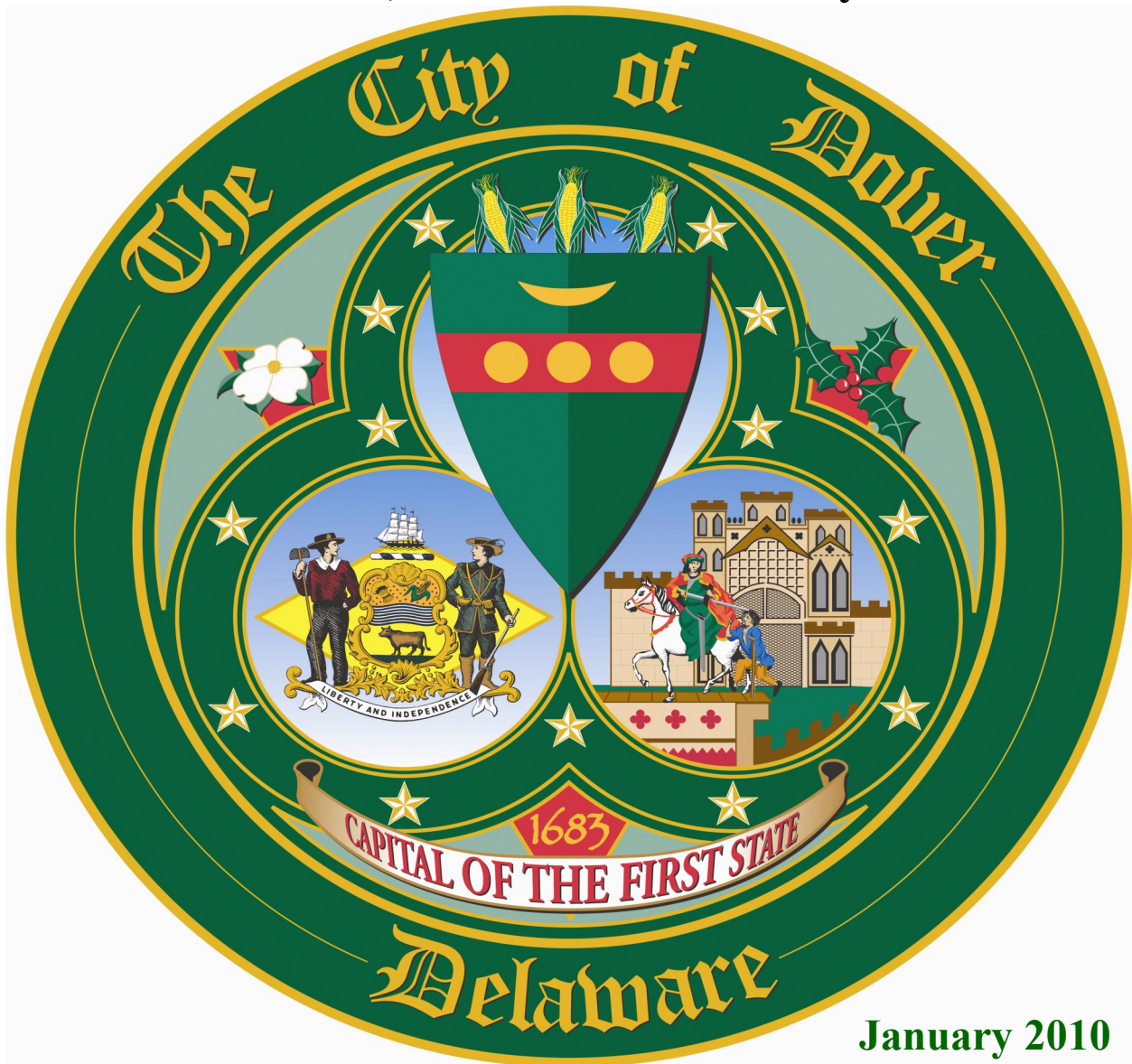


City of Dover Newsletter

Includes Parks, Recreation & Library Schedule



January 2010

City Of Dover Vision

The City of Dover is a place where people want to live! Through the team efforts of its elected officials, employees and citizens, Dover is a clean and safe community with a future of balanced growth and opportunity where all citizens are heard, enjoy a high quality of life and diversity is valued.

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Frequently Called Numbers

City Manager	736-7005	Library	736-7077
City Clerk (Council)	736-7008	Mayor	736-7004
Electric Billing Questions	736-7035	Police non emergency	736—7111
Electric Dispatch (Power Outages)	736-7086	Story Line	734-1006/1007
Fire Marshal	736-7011	Trash Collection	736-7025
John W. Pitts Center	674-7541	Water /Sewer	736-7060
Inspections/Planning	736-7010		

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR



The holidays are behind us and we are moving forward in 2010 with anticipation for a good year. I hope all of you enjoyed the time you were able to spend with your family and friends, and special thoughts go out to our military personnel serving both at home and overseas who are away from the ones they love.

We have been very fortunate with some new businesses downtown this year and the continuous efforts that are put forth to improve our economic development plans. In 2009 we participated in a study to bring commuter airline service to our area, the results were positive and it is being pursued with interested parties. As 2009 was wrapping up we were in talks with a company out of Columbia, South America to try to bring an import/export business to the community. We were able to obtain funding through grants for security cameras downtown and additional funds for security in City Hall through the Department of Homeland Security.

Working with the city council we were able to accomplish getting an extra ambulance shift reinstated that operates from 3-11pm due to a large increase in the volume of calls. Even though we are still facing economic issues I am happy to say that we were able to reduce the number of furlough days that were required for City of Dover Employees and the Dover Police Department. I continue to meet with the different corporations in the community as well as the educational institutions keeping a good working relationship that is viable for continued growth. As always I look forward to continuing my relationship with the local Legislators, Levy Court Commissioners, and the rest of our community as I have for many years. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Carleton E. Carey, Sr.

Mayor



May the New Year bring you all the happiness you deserve.

THE 2010 CITY OF DOVER MUNICIPAL ELECTION



The term of office for the Mayor and First, Second, Third, and Fourth City Council Districts will expire in May 2010.

RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO RUN IN THE 2010 CITY OF DOVER MUNICIPAL ELECTION MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

- (1) A citizen of the United States and of the State of Delaware; and
- (2) A resident of the city for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the day of the election; and
- (3) A resident of the election district from which they are seeking election, unless they are seeking election as mayor; and
- (4) Eighteen (18) years of age; and
- (5) Nominated by petition signed by not less than ten (10), nor more than 25 City of Dover registered voters. Petition signers for City Council candidates must reside in the City district for which the candidate is seeking election. Petition signers for Mayoral candidates may reside in any of the four (4) City districts, and
- (6) Must not have been convicted of embezzlement of public money, bribery, perjury or any other infamous crime.

Filing petitions are available from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 15 E. Loockerman Street or can be obtained from the City's website at www.cityofdover.com.

Completed petitions for the **Office of the Mayor** must be filed with the City Clerk by **Friday, January 29, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.** Completed petitions for the **City Council** seats must be filed with the City Clerk by **Friday, February 12, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.**

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The polling places will be announced once the filing deadlines have passed.

Additional information can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office: phone: 736-7008, e-mail: cityclerk@dover.de.us, or by visiting our website: www.cityofdover.com

PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION IN FINAL PHASE

The city-wide property tax revaluation is required every five years by City charter, it's purpose is to ensure that assessments are fair and equitable. The City retained Tyler Technologies, Inc., CLT Appraisal Services (CLT) to assist the City Assessor by performing the majority of the activities required for the project.

The revaluation began last January. Data collectors from CLT visited every parcel of real estate in the City – residential, commercial, and tax exempt – to verify or add to data currently on file in the assessment department regarding building sizes, features, and other characteristics. The assessment database was updated based upon the data collection effort for physical characteristics as well as economic information such as recent sales and investment property rents and expenses.

CLT appraisers have updated valuation tables to reflect a market value as of January 1, 2010 and are now in the field reviewed computer-generated estimates of value for all property types. During this review adjustments will be made to fine-tune values at the parcel and neighborhood level.

The last city-wide revaluation was conducted with a date of value of January 1, 2005. Since then the Dover real estate market has risen swiftly and then fallen. Overall, most properties values are higher today than five years ago even considering the current market.

In January of 2010 after the values are finalized and preliminarily accepted by the Assessor, CLT will mail notices of new values to all taxable property owners. CLT will then conduct informal reviews with property owners that have questions about their new values or wish to challenge the value.

The end result of the project will be an assessment roll that reflects current values such that each taxpayer is asked to only pay his or her fair share based upon today's market.

DOWNTOWN DOVER PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Downtown Dover Partnership has had an eventful first year. We've created several events to attract shoppers and residents to downtown – the Home for the Holidays Parade has been a huge success and featured many community groups, even though we did not have full cooperation from Mother Nature! Thanks to all of you who joined us in making it another wonderful year.. First Fridays – with downtown businesses showcasing local artists and musicians - have attracted a growing number of people who make Downtown Dover a destination on the first Friday of the month.

In June of 2009, the Downtown Dover Partnership purchased the property at 680-684 Forest St. The 684 Forest St building is being renovated to serve as a homeless shelter and will be managed and operated by the Dover Interfaith Housing Coalition. This facility will provide temporary shelter for homeless men.

The Partnership has provided support for current and prospective business owners by sponsoring seminars on marketing, visual merchandising, financing, and e-commerce. We've worked closely with the Small Business Development Center, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Delaware Economic Development Office, and many other community partners to assist business owners in the downtown business district and throughout the City of Dover.

Looking ahead, we received a grant from the USDA Rural Development Office to host a series of entrepreneurship workshops for current and prospective business owners who need help in developing and/or improving their business and marketing plans. We've also received funding from HUD to implement a Youth Employment Program. These funds will be administered by the Dover Housing Authority and are expected to provide employment for twenty (20) low to moderate income youth.

Mark your calendar for Dover's 17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 13, 2010. We're expecting the 2010 Parade to be one of the best ever. Our 2nd Annual Spring Splendor Fashion Show is also being planned. Attendees were surprised and impressed by the wide array of fashion, goods, and services on display from our downtown merchants at the show held in April 2009.

The Downtown Dover Partnership will be moving into the Greater Dover Foundation Community Building located at 101 W. Loockerman Street. .

DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. Why do we need a big regional Library when so much content is going onto the Internet and other electronic media?

A. Since the mid 1970's libraries have served a broader community role than just the provision of reading and study materials. Libraries now serve as community centers where enrichment activities that support life-long learning and intergenerational social activity are the center-piece of library function. Libraries are often the first opportunity that young children have to begin their learning journey and interaction with other children. Libraries provide opportunities for reading, relaxing, research, job searching, and cultural growth for all ages.

The Internet, rather than causing the demise of libraries, has created a greater demand. Information has exploded and most of it needs interpretation. The role of the librarian has changed from providing access to interpreting and assisting with verification of credible information.

There will always be a need for print materials as many readers prefer print. Many types of information cannot be easily conveyed online. Beyond that, however, the Library will continue to be an important location for public access to personal computers, electronic databases, and other electronic equipment.

The new Library will serve as a training and meeting site; a community gathering location; and a place where children can be introduced to books and reading. It will be an attractive and welcoming facility for all residents regardless of their reasons for visiting..

Q. How much public parking will be lost when the Library is built?

A. After the Library is built there will be 189 spaces for visitors to City Hall and the Library. At the current Library there are 36 spaces that are shared among three public facilities. City Hall's parking needs are between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, while the Library's peak needs start at 4:00 pm and on weekends.

Most of the spaces at the current City Hall lot are leased to businesses and governmental agencies. Those leases will be transferred to other nearby parking lots.

Q. Why was this particular location chosen?

A. In 2005, the City of Dover invited citizens from the City of Dover, Kent County, and community leaders to participate in a Site Selection Committee for the new Dover Public Library. The following people participated as members of the committee:

Tony DePrima, City Manager
Zach Carter, Dover Parks, Rec & Library
Sheila B. Anderson, Director, Dover Public Library
Richard Krueger, Director, Kent County Library

Eugene Ruane, Councilman & Library Liaison
Dr. Morris Eskenazi, Library Commission Chairman
Allan Angel, Levy Court Commissioner
Anne Norman, Director, Delaware Division of Libraries

The committee developed the following criteria for site evaluation:

size/capacity
parking (onsite and offsite)
accessibility
Visibility to passersby

neighborhood/cultural fit
contribution to downtown redevelopment
affordability

The committee evaluated and visited 26 sites. From those, this short list of potential sites was created:

Basil Bradford/Ice Plant/Stephenson's Lot	Playtex, Site 2
Bayard Hotel	Roadway Trucking
Chesapeake Utilities, Sites 1, 3 & 4	Army Reserve
City Parking Lot/Post Office	Lobby House
Eden Hill Farm	Federal Building

After applying the criteria to the above list of sites, the consensus was reached that the City Hall Lot/Post Office site on Loockerman most closely met the criteria. In addition to being available without cost, the new location will allow for future expansion of both building and parking once the Post Office facility is moved. The lease for that facility ends in 2020 and the Post Office has been officially notified that the lease will not be renewed.

Q Why is Kent County operating their own Library and not supporting the Dover Public Library?

A. The Kent County Library was created as an administrative facility in 1988. About ten years ago, the library began to circulate materials to the public from their leased location on Rt. 13 just south of Dover. Because that lease expires May 2010, the Levy Court will relocate the library to the Longacre Shopping Center close to Woodside.

In 2008, the Kent County Levy Court and the Dover City Council instructed their respective county and city executives to research management, oversight and funding options for county library systems. In May 2009, Mr. Petit de Mange and Mr. DePrima presented various options for developing a county-wide library system. The Dover City Council approved the concept of a merged library system for the County and City. The Kent County Levy Court decided to take no action.

The Dover Public Library is designated by the DE Division of Libraries as the Anchor Library for Kent County. In this role, the Dover Public Library provides support for all other libraries in Kent County including professional and technical expertise, cataloguing of materials, and maintaining a collection large enough to meet borrowing needs across the county.

The City of Dover has requested funding support for the Dover Library building project. To date, the Levy Court has declined to participate in funding of the new anchor facility.

Q. Doesn't building a "green" Library cost a great deal more?

A. Initially, construction costs for "green" infrastructure is higher; but over time, the cost of green building design and materials will be offset by energy savings in various areas. The new Library's objectives, for example, are to use 46% less energy and 40% less water. Moreover, we expect many of the costs required to achieve LEED certification will be covered by Federal energy funding.

Q. How large will the new Library collection be?

A. The new Library will begin with a core collection of 160,000 items. The collection of the current Library is 119,392 items. Those materials have aged and the materials are being thoroughly weeded so that the new collection will be more contemporary, contain accurate information and be useful to library customers.

For more information pertaining to the Dover Public Library or the Capital Campaign please feel free to contact Library Director, Margery Cyr at 302-736-7032 or via email at Margery.Cyr@lib.de.us

DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dover Public Library
45 S. State Street
Dover, DE 19901
www.doverpubliclibrary.org



Library Hours
Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM
Friday & Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM

Dover Public Library - Telephone Numbers

Answerline/Adult Services	(302) 736-7077
Children's Services	(302) 736-7034
Circulation	(302) 736-7030/7033
Consumer Health Librarian	(302) 736-7079
Dial-A-Story	(302) 734-1006/1007
Fax	(302) 736-5087
Interlibrary Loan	(302) 760-4925
Library Administration	(302) 736-5025
Reference	(302) 736-7094
Technical Services	(302) 736-7031
Teen Services	(302) 736-7185

Margery Cyr, Library Director

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Computer Classes

Adults & Teens - Join us for FREE computer classes at the Dover Public Library. Call 736-7077 to pre-register.

Searching the Internet

Monday, January 11 at 2:00 PM

Learn fast effective searching tools.

Computer Basics

Wednesday, January 27 at 2:00 PM

Saturday, February 27 at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, April 13 at 9:30 AM

This class is a basic computer introduction session.



"DE catalog" Database & more...

Tuesday, February 16 at 2:00 PM

Learn how to use the library's online catalog & various databases to search for books, magazines, and newspaper articles.

Word 1

Wednesday, March 17 at 2:00 PM

This class will introduce you to the basics of the MS Word program.

Intro to MS Publisher

March 25 at 7:00 AM

This class will introduce you to the basics of the MS Publisher program.

PowerPoint 1

Wednesday, April 21 at 2:00 PM

This class will introduce you to the basics of the MS PowerPoint program.

"Your Image: Online Maintenance" (Advanced Class)

Wednesday, January 13 at 5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 PM

Make your online image the best it can be.

Book Discussion Series



As always, the Dover Public Library is looking into new ways to draw people together and discuss various book topics. Keep your eyes and ears open or any posting pertaining to our new programs for events. If you have any questions or suggestions for a book, please call 760-4911.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Consumer Health Programs

Food & Diet Discussion Group

Open to teens & adults. Meetings will include a new nutrition topic presented by the moderator, then an open discussion of any food-related issues that participants are interested in. Topics may include whole foods, savvy food shopping, preventing diabetes, raw foods, cravings & more. Held on the last Thursday of each month in the Adult Meeting Room.

January 28 at 6:30 PM

February 25 at 6:30 PM

March 25 at 6:30 PM

April 29 at 6:30 PM

Film: "Simply Raw: Reversing Diabetes in 30 Days"

Meet six (6) typical Americans, each struggling to manage diabetes. At a medical clinic in Arizona, they are challenged to give up meat, dairy, sugar, alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, soda, junk food, fast food, and even cooked food for 30 days. The results astonish everyone. Documentary 90 minutes. Held in the Adult Meeting Room.

March 11 at 6:30 PM

Grow Your Own Food

Watch for our Grow Your Own Food program on Earth Day in April...Details to be announced. For more information, please call Patty Hartmannsgruber at 736-7079.

For more information about these programs and other consumer health questions, call Patty Hartmannsgruber, Consumer Health Librarian at 736-7079.

DOVER "ANCHOR" LIBRARY PROJECT

Help us get a new library!

For status updates, information about public meetings, to learn how to make a donation, go to: www.doverpubliclibrary.org/project

"In Harmony" Music Series

"In Harmony..." is a FREE program presented by the Dover Public Library as a cultural and educational experience. This program is made possible, in part by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts. All concerts for the 2010 series will be held on **Friday evenings at 7:00 PM** at the **Delaware Public Archives** (121 Duke of York Street) in the Mabel Lloyd Reserach Room. For additional information, please call Wanda Nesbit, Adult Services Librarian at (302) 760-4911.



February 5 David Pasbrig - Classical Pianist

March 5 Crosswinds Trio - Chamber Music

April 2 Peter Fletcher - Classical Guitarist

Adult Services 736-7077

Movies Based on the Book

Join us at the library for popcorn and free movies on the third Thursday of each month (**not a "teen", no worries, please join us anyway if you're interested**).

January 21 - 6:00 PM Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG-13) Book #6 in the series by JK Rowling

February 18 - 6:30 PM Whip It (PG-13) Based on the book by Shauna Cross

March 18 - 6:30 PM Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG-13) Based on the book by Rachel Cohn & David Levithan

April 15 - 6:30 PM X-2: X-Men United (PG-13)
Based on characters created by Stan Lee for Marvel Comics

Wii at the Library??

Yes, that's right, come join us for Wii fun! Held on these selected Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

January 14 February 4 March 4 April 1

Delaware Anime Society

Did you know the DE Anime Society holds its monthly meetings at the library? Join us the **second Saturday** of each month from Noon to 4:30 PM. Find them on line at: www.delawareanimesociety.com.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY JOB CENTER

Searching for work? Writing a resume?

Nervous about an interview?

Volunteers with experience in human resources, counseling, & job coaching will be here to help!

Mondays from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Wednesdays from 9 AM - 1 PM

Please call Wanda at 760-4911 or Elizabeth at 672-6805 for more details.

Brought to you by: Delaware Economic Development Office & Dover Public Library.

Young Writers' Workshops

Workshops are for TEENS (13 - 18). Bring 5 copies of your own work: stories, poems, prose, etc. We will read & critique each other's work. Workshops are held monthly from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

January 7 and 19 February 9 and 24

March 9 and 24 April 8 and 20

Call Sue Ray at 736-7185 or visit our website at www.doverpubliclibrary.org for more details!

Teen Services 736-7185



Toddler Story Time

(Birth - 3 yrs)
Tuesdays & Fridays
10:15 - 10:45 am

Preschool/Kindergarten Story Time

(3 - 6 yrs)
Thursdays
10:00 - 10:30 am

After-School Storytime

Join Miss Jackie & Miss Audrey for stories, songs and activities for children in Pre-K - 2nd grade. Program meets every other Thursday at 4:00 PM through the remainder of the school year. Please visit the library website at www.doverpubliclibrary.org for dates.

Dial-A-Story 734-1006 / 1007

A free storytelling service - check it out!



Where in the world in the library?

Lost in the library jungle? Find out how to locate books on the online catalog, use the Dewey classification system, and learn what databases we offer at the Dover Public Library. This program meets on the **third Wednesday** of each month at **4:00 PM** (or by appointment) and is for **children 12 & younger** who are independent readers with keyboarding skills. Please call **736-7034** to pre-register!

Homeschool Workshop

These workshops are open to children 10 and up. Topics: **World Cultures** on February 3 & 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM; **American Civil War** on May 5 & 19 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Registration is required as space is limited.

Saturday Stories with Miss Jackie

Bring the family out to enjoy stories, songs, and crafts with Miss Jackie on **Saturdays** at **11:00 AM** on the following dates:

January 23 February 20

March 20 April 17

Valentine Craft

Make a valentine for family or friends in this drop in craft for all ages. Younger children may need assistance. **Sunday, February 14 at 2:00 PM**

Book Reviewers Wanted

Calling all chapter book readers to join in! Interested in letting other children know which books are great and which ones aren't? Contact Miss Jackie at 736-7034 for program details.

Book Discussion: Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule

Join us on **Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 AM** for a book discussion on **Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule** by Harriette Robinet. Books are available at the Children's Desk, or from other libraries. Open to children who have read the book.

Children Services 736-7034

GENERAL INFORMATION

DOVER PARKS & RECREATION



Within the City of Dover, the Parks and Recreation Department oversees 26 parks & facilities city wide. Many of these are in your local neighborhoods. Our larger parks, in which we invite all to enjoy, consist of Dover Park located on White Oak Road, Schutte Park at the intersection of Mifflin Road and North Street and Silver Lake with two entrances.

Rules and regulations for all of the City of Dover Parks include (but not limited to): No alcohol, No Parking/Driving on the grass, No loud music, No drugs, No firearms, No firecrackers, No camping or camp fires, and Pets must be leashed at all times. Park hours: Dawn to Dusk.

Dover Park is the home to the Dover Park Recreation Center which holds up to 60 persons for special events such as baby showers, a child's birthday party and family dinners. Dover



Park also offers basketball courts, tennis courts, multi-purpose athletic field, playground equipment, paved walking path, disc golf, and two picnic pavilions. Additionally, the administrative offices for the department are housed here. Please give the office a call at 674-7541 or 736-7050 for rates and date availability.

Silver Lake offers the community a fabulous lake in which many people enjoy fishing and boating. The park which has two entrances (off Washington Street and off Kings Highway) has recently undergone a major tree and shrub planting project. Project volunteers have planted over 100 trees and shrubs along the stream and park areas. These efforts will assist in maintaining the lake from deteriorating further. Within the park, users will find paved paths, a boat ramp (permit needed), pavilions, grills, and playground equipment. Give the Parks & Recreation Department a call about pavilion rentals at 674-7541 or 736-7050. There is something for everyone at Silver Lake Park!



Schutte Park is the City of Dover's crown jewel for sports activities and leagues. Located in the front of the park is the John W. Pitts Recreation Center, which opened in April 2008, where we offer indoor recreational programming and leagues throughout the year and an indoor walking track! The Schutte complex also contains four lighted & fenced softball fields, ten multi-purpose fields that are used for field hockey, lacrosse, soccer or more, walking paths, *NEW* playground equipment for children ages 2-12, a pavilion, and ample parking. At the rear of the park is the Dover Little League Complex which features eight baseball & softball fields and is the host of the Big League Baseball Eastern Regional tournament.



Interested in hosting a company picnic or your family reunion in Dover? Consider your local City of Dover Parks! Information on our rental rates, rules and date availability can be discussed by calling the JWP Recreation Center at 674-7541 or the Dover Park office at 736-7050.

CITY COUNCIL



I hope everyone had a very happy holiday season and find that you are getting back into your same routines. Even though returning back to work after the holiday break may seem tedious we are all very fortunate to have jobs. With the economy being the way it is not everyone can say the same. We need to be thankful for the things we have, and those we have to share them with.

Building on our strengths this year is critical. With the global economy being tough, we need to maintain our focus on the items that are critical in keeping our city running in an effective manner while staying conscientious of the budget that our team has put together, we feel confident that we will be able to provide that for you. Many struggles are still to come, and by joining forces together I hope that we can overcome these hurdles quickly and swiftly.

While we always strive to provide you with our best efforts we realize that we did fall short on the snowfall removal and will be discussing why it happened and put a plan in place to be sure that this never happens again.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you again this past year on City Council, and as the Council President. I hope I have lived up to your expectations and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve you.

Beverly Williams
1st District Councilwoman

I hope that this finds all of you relaxed and refreshed starting 2010 and that you enjoyed your holidays with your families and friends.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve you since 2004. It has been a pleasure to be part of council and also know that I did my best in making fair decisions that affect many aspects of Dover.

I have decided not to participate in the upcoming election as I want to devote that time to my family and move forward with other ventures.

Over the years I have seen many positive changes occur and I am sure Dover will continue to grow and improve in the years to come.

I certainly reflect upon the foundation of which my life was built and what I kept in mind while serving you. As any good parents do, my father and mother taught me valuable life principles of fairness, respect, integrity and honesty. As a father, the task becomes mine to impart the same values to my children. I have been blessed with much fortune in life and an abundance of dedicated friends and supporters. I enjoyed serving on the Dover City Council and wish my current and former colleagues all the best. I also enjoyed the interaction with the City of Dover employees.

Again, many thanks to all of you for your support over the years, it has truly been a pleasure.



Tim Slavin
3rd District Councilman

CITY COUNCIL



“We are being double taxed, paying for a service twice, but receiving it only once.” Property owners in Dover are paying twice for services like planning and zoning, animal control, parks, recreation and libraries: once through city property taxes and once through Kent County property taxes.

Meanwhile, property owners in the unincorporated areas of Kent County are making only one tax contribution for these same services through their county property taxes; and, at the same tax rate as property owners in Dover and other incorporated municipalities in the county.

Prior Dover City Councils have tried many times in the past to change this unfair form of double taxation.

They have argued for the establishment of a “local service function budget” in Kent County similar to what New Castle County government does when it gives credit to property owners in municipalities in that county for the local services already provided by their municipal gov-

ernments. The county property tax rate is adjusted so that municipal property owners pay a lesser tax rate than residents in the unincorporated areas.

For example, property owners in unincorporated areas of New Castle currently pay \$0.7018 per \$100 for each \$100 of assessed valuation in county taxes, while property owners in the City of Wilmington pay only \$0.2436 for each \$100 of assessed valuation.

One of our New Year Resolutions should be to work together to get State legislation that will provide similar tax relief for property owners in Dover and the other incorporated municipalities in Kent County.

Gene Ruane

2nd District Councilman

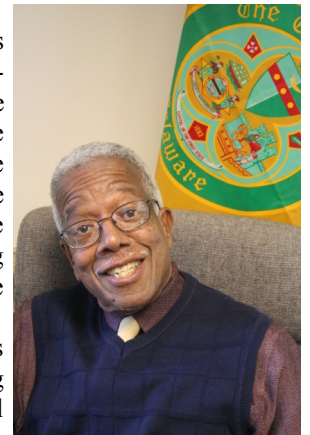
Do you live in a fancy mansion or in a neighborhood row home? Does it matter where you live? Is your character shaped by the environment where you spend most of your life? What are the consequences of living in sub-standard housing in your developmental years as a child, with the negative burdens of poor schools, split families, little or no community support, and negative peers? Where will the well rounded personality develop? Where will ideas be nourished, who will present the opportunities, and where will dreams be fulfilled? If one lives in a substandard neighborhood, the opportunity to participate in those activities that present opportunity may not exist, or they may be selectively presented in schools, clubs and more affluent areas of the community thereby omitting or neglecting the needs of a certain population. These are the concerns of many at risk youth of the community that must be addressed.

Who will rescue the disregarded children of the Dover community? Is it you? Is it me? Is it us together, making one big effort to provide better housing through code enforcement, demanding academic improvements in our schools, providing more, positive community activities that will challenge the fertile minds of our youth? The children are our future. They hold the fate of the world in their minds and spirit. We must engage our neighbors in developing serious ways of creating safe havens for our youth where they may grow and develop into first class citizens. The quality of life for many of our children must be addressed. **Our City Leaders are challenged to engage this thought.**

Certainly the right thing to do is to provide for the common welfare with accountable and passionately devoted educators, jobs for parents or guardians that pay livable wages, societal programs that will educate the public of their right to live in decent, affordable housing especially when rents and mortgages have surpassed the ability of many to pay, and lastly, expanded recreational and personal involvement programs that will attract and hold the attention of our beloved children. After all, they are the future!

Reuben Salters

4th District Councilman



Dover Park & Recreation Office & Staff Information

Dover Park & Recreation Office
1210 White Oak Road
Dover, DE 19901

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Phone: (302) 736-7050

Fax: (302) 736-7154

Dover Park - Parks & Recreation Staff

Zachery C. Carter, Director

Carolyn Courtney, Administrative Assistant

Steve Pickering, Sports Coordinator

Sherwanda Rachal-Speaks, Recreation Specialist

John W. Pitts Recreation Center

10 Electric Avenue

Dover, DE 19904

*Hours: Mon.-Thur., 8:30 AM – 9:00 PM

Fri., 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Sat., 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Sun., 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Phone: (302) 674-7541

Fax: (302) 678-2674

**All hours are subject to change without notice*

JWP Recreation Center - Parks & Recreation Staff

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ADULT ACTIVITIES

DoverWALKS

Join our facility based walking program to promote healthy lifestyles among local residents, including our seniors, mom's with strollers, and walkers of all ages. Our goal is to promote walking as an alternative to physical inactivity, remove barriers of weather and cost, promote walking as a family activity, and build community pride. This **FREE** program is a great way to get healthy, join friends for a walk or make new friends along the way. We provide Tracking/Record keeping forms to track your success, make available healthy tip sheets, and recognize our participants' success. Join us



today! The John W. Pitts Recreation Center features a 1/13th mile indoor walking track. Program hours are **Monday** through Friday, from 8:30 - 11:30 am.

Get Fit at the Pitt!

AARP Defensive Driving

Become a safer more confident driver as you learn to cope with congested highways, changing traffic laws, and roadway rudeness. There are no tests. Attend this classroom defensive driving course and receive a 10% discount on the liability and no-fault portion of your car insurance premiums for three years. Class is designed for people over 50, but is open to everyone. This is the basic class, for first time participants. Attendance both days is required for the Basic Course. Class is being held at the JWP Recreation Center in Schutte Park.

Registration:

Registration and fee schedule are available from the instructor, Stuart Wilhoite by calling 302-678-0263.

Dover Parks & Recreation does not handle registration.

Basic Course

Days: Wed. & Thur. Dates: Mar. 24 & 25 Time: 9 AM - 1 PM

Advanced Course (one day)

Day: Saturday Date: January 16 Time: 9 AM - 1 PM

Day: Wednesday Date: February 10 Time: 9 AM - 1 PM

Day: Saturday Date: April 10 Time: 9 AM - 1 PM

ADULT LEISURE, SPORTS & TRIPS

New FOR Seniors

Senior's Wii

Come over and join the fun of Wii with us. We are offering this fun and interactive activity to keep you moving & fit! Bowling and tennis will be offered, but if you have an idea - we'd love to hear it! Activity Fee: \$10

Location: JWP Rec. Center Time: 9 - 11 AM

Mondays & Wednesdays: Bowling

Dates: January 4 - March 8* Session: WiM1

March 15 - May 10 Session: WiM2

No Class: Jan. 18 & Feb 15

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Tennis

Dates: January 5 - February 23 Session: WiT1

March 9 - April 27 Session: WiT2

Senior Gym Space

The City of Dover Parks & Recreation Department is looking to hear from our community's Senior Citizens! We can offer organized gym space, if you have a group of seniors who want to play basketball, volleyball, or another indoor gym activity, give Steve Pickering, Sports Coordinator a call at 736-7095 - he is waiting to hear from you.

Indoor Soccer (30 and up)

This recreational indoor soccer activity for adults, consists of organized scrimmages focusing on exercise & fun. (No scores will be kept.) Taking place at the JWP Rec. Center from 7 - 8 PM. Activity Fee: \$25

Session AS1

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: Jan. 19 - Feb. 23

40+ Basketball

Looking for a little pick-up court time? We have just the thing, check out our 40+ Basketball, it's just the sport for those who are looking for exercise and court time! Taking place at the JWP Recreation Center from 7 - 8:30 PM. Activity Fee: \$20

Session MB1

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: January 4 - 27*

No Class: Jan. 18

Session MB2

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: February 1 - 24*

No Class: Feb. 15

Session MB3

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: March 1 - 31

Session MB4

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: April 5 - 28

Digital Scrapbooking Workshops

Attendees will learn how to upload your own family photos, as well as how to create projects using your own password-protected publishing & creation studio using the on-line publishing company Heritage Makers. You'll enjoy making projects and preserving memories without the mess of traditional scrapbooking. Activity fee includes: How To Class, Scanning of 100 photos, Swatch Book credit. Taking place at the JWP Rec. Center on Saturdays.

Activity Fee: \$25

Session DS1

Time: 1 - 4 PM

Date: January 23

Session DS2

Time: 1 - 4 PM

Date: February 27

Session DS3

Time: 1 - 4 PM

Date: March 20

Bus Trips

Day Trip to New York City

March and April are wonderful months to explore New York City. Participants will be taken to NY City via motorcoach and dropped off in the vicinity of Radio City Music Hall to explore and shop on their own. The bus will leave the Dover City Hall parking lot promptly at 7 AM. We will depart from NYC at 7 PM and return to Dover approximately 10:30 PM. Minimum of 35, maximum of 45. Please review the bus trip policy on the Registration Information page prior to registering. We do not offer refunds or credits if you cancel or miss the bus.

Depart: Dover City Hall Parking Lot, 7 AM

Activity Fee: \$35

Day: Saturdays

Trip 1: Date: March 20

Trip 2: Date: April 24

Day: Wednesday

Trip 3: Date: April 7



2010 Philadelphia Flower Show

"Passport to the World"

This show will treat visitors to an exotic journey of destinations covering the globe. Visit India, Brazil, The Netherlands, South Africa, and many more without leaving the country!

Depart: JWP Rec. Center Parking Lot, 8 AM

Activity Fee: \$37

Day: Wednesday

Trip 1: Date: March 3, 2010

ADULT & HIGH SCHOOL SPORT LEAGUES

Adult Volleyball League

Team registrations only for this exciting league. Team fee & rosters are due by January 8. Games being held at the JWP Recreation Center from 6 - 9 PM. Team Entry Fee: "A" Division - \$150 / "B, C & D" Divisions - \$250

Day: Thursdays

Dates: January 14 - March 11

Female Indoor Soccer League

Dover Parks & Recreation is conducting a Female Indoor Soccer League for High School age and up. League will consist of a six (6) game schedule with games being held at the JWP Recreation Center from 7 - 9 PM. Team Entry Fee: \$175 due January 13

Day: Wednesdays

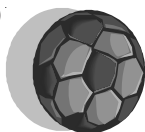
Dates: January 20 - February 24

Adult Indoor Futsal League

Team registration only. Playing a nine (9) game regular season without playoffs. Taking place JWP Recreation Center from 6 - 9 PM. Team Entry Fee: \$350 due by January 4

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: January 12 - March 9



Adult "3 on 3" Basketball League

Team registration only, for ages 18 & up. Games will be played to 21 points. Teams will play 2 games a night. Rosters must contain 3 - 6 players. 3 on 3 Basketball is self officiated. Players are expected to work together to play games fairly. League entry fees due one week prior to start of league. League rules are available on our website. Taking place at the JWP Recreation Center from 6 - 9 PM. Team Entry Fee: \$100

Session MBL1

Days: Mondays

Dates: Jan. 11 - Mar. 1*

No Program: Jan. 18 & Feb. 15

Session MBL2

Days: Mondays

Dates: Mar. 15 - Apr. 26

NEW

Womens Summer Field Hockey League

Team registration only. League games will be played at Schutte Park. International Field Hockey Federation rules with some local modifications will govern play. An organizational meeting will be held at the Dover Park Recreation Center on April 22 at 7 PM. Team Entry Fee: \$500 due by May 14

Days: Sundays & Wednesdays

Dates: Starting in June

High School Summer Field Hockey League

Team registration only. League games will be played at Schutte Park. High School Field Hockey Federation rules with some local modifications will govern play. An organizational meeting will be held at the Dover Park Recreation Center on April 22 at 7 PM. Team Entry Fee: \$350 due by May 14

Days: Mondays

Dates: Starting in June

Co-Ed Summer Softball League

Team registration only. League will consist of a 16 game schedule and is governed by ASA rules with local modifications. Games will be played on the Schutte Park, Dover Park, and New Street Park softball fields. An organizational meeting will be held at the Dover Park Recreation Center on March 4 at 7 PM. Team Entry Fee: \$620 due by March 19

Days: Mondays & Wednesdays

Dates: Starting in April

Mens Summer Softball League

Team registration only. League will consist of a 26 game schedule and is governed by ASA rules with local modifications. Games will be played on the Schutte Park, Dover Park, and New Street Park softball fields. An organizational meeting will be held at the Dover Park Recreation Center on February 18 at 7 PM. Team Entry Fee: \$885 due by March 5

Days: Mondays & Wednesdays or

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Dates: Starting in April

For more information on any of these leagues, please call Steve Pickering, Sports Coordinator at 736-7095.

ADULT DANCE & FITNESS

Interval Kickboxing

This dynamic workout will change your body from head to toe by doing 5 minute intervals of kickboxing & weight training. Interval training will rev up your metabolism & burn fat FAST. After 30 minutes of energizing kickboxing combos combined with weight training we will end with floor work. Please bring a mat and hand weights.

Instructor, Susan Albanese is a certified personal trainer and fitness specialist from Healthy Bodies for Today.

Taking place in the JWP Recreation Center from 6 - 6:45 PM. Activity Fee: \$25

Session IK1

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: January 4 - 27*
No Class: Jan. 18

Session IK3

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: March 1 - 24

Session IK2

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: February 1 - 24*
No Class: Feb. 15

Session IK4

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: April 5 - 28

Pilates Mat Program

This mat class provides many benefits including longer leaner body, core strengthening, and improved balance, coordination and posture. It is low impact, but a total body workout for everyone. The focus on diaphragmatic breathing can reduce stress. Instructor: Susan McDonald, CPI. Takes place at the Dover Park Recreation Center from 10 - 10:50 AM. Activity Fee: \$65

Session PM1

Day: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: Jan. 4 - Feb. 22*
No Class: Jan. 18 & Feb. 15

Session PM2

Day: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: Feb. 24 - April 5

Lunchtime Yoga/Pilates

This 30 minutes of intense toning and stretching class will make for a better afternoon at work or home. This class will tighten your core, arms and legs and de-stress your mind.

You will leave this class happy and ready to take on the world. Participants should bring a mat, & water.

Instructor, Crystal Nagyiski from Healthy Bodies for Today. Taking place in the JWP Recreation Center from 12:15 - 12:45 PM. Activity Fee: \$25

Session LY1

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: January 5 - 28

Session LY3

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: March 2 - 25

Session LY2

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: February 2 - 25

Session LY4

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: March 30 - April 22

Bootcamp Blast

Men & Women come challenge your body with this dynamic workout that burns fat and tones the body FAST! You will experience 5 minutes of kickboxing, cardio and sport style drills, then 5 more minutes of supercharged weight training to sculpt each muscle group. After 30 minutes of energizing circuit training we will end with floor work focusing on abs, hips & glutes. Instructor, Susan Albanese is a certified personal trainer and fitness specialist from Healthy Bodies for Today. Taking place in the JWP Recreation Center.

Saturday Class

9 - 9:30 AM

Activity Fee: \$15

Tues. & Thurs. Class

6:50 - 7:35 PM

Activity Fee: \$25

Session BS1

Day: Saturdays

Dates: January 9 - 30

Session BS3

Day: Saturdays

Dates: March 6 - 27

Session BS2

Day: Saturdays

Dates: February 6 - 27

Session BS4

Day: Saturdays

Dates: April 3 - 24

Session BT1

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: January 5 - 28

Session BT3

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: March 2 - 25

Session BT2

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: February 2 - 25

Session BT4

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: April 1 - 27

Zumba

Dance your way to a more fit you! Exciting & unique Latin moves & rhythms. Zumba is a high energy Latin dance in a fitness class setting. Made for all levels of fitness & you don't even have to know how to dance. Participants should bring a water, & towel. Instructor - Jennifer Tunnis. Taking place in the JWP Recreation Center from 5:10 - 5:55 PM. Activity Fee: \$40 (Instructor's discount *)

Session ZM7

Day: Mondays

Dates: Dec. 21 - Feb. 1

No Class: Jan. 18

Session ZM3

Day: Mondays

Dates: Mar. 22 - Apr. 26

Session ZT3

Day: Thursdays

Dates: Mar. 25 - Apr. 29

Session ZM2

Day: Mondays

Dates: Feb. 8 - Mar. 15

No Class: Feb. 15

Session ZT2

Day: Thursdays

Dates: Feb. 11 - Mar. 18

****Instructors Discount: ONLY applies when registering for a Monday & Thursday class at the same time.**

ADULT ACTIVITIES & FITNESS

Stressless & Fitness Yoga

This program incorporates the best of yoga techniques which tones the body, meditation for total body relaxation and stretching for strengthening and toning the whole body. Class is designed to develop strength & flexibility that is used to counter balance the stress in our day to day lives. You will also experience fat burning by holding poses. You will leave this class feeling less stressed, energized, and ready to take on the world.

Instructor, Susan Albanese is a certified personal trainer and fitness specialist from Healthy Bodies for Today.

Taking place in the JWP Recreation Center from 6:50 - 7:35 PM. Activity Fee: \$25

Session SY1

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: January 4 - 27

No Class: Jan. 18 & Feb. 15

Session SY2

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: February 1 - 24

Session SY3

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: March 1 - 24

Session SY4

Days: Mon. & Wed.

Dates: April 5 - 28

WOW - Women on Weights

Take a journey beyond the basic training class. You will experience the benefits of sculpting, toning and fast fat burning for the upper & lower body. After 30 minutes of weight training each muscle group we will end with floor work to focus on abs, hips & glutes. This class is packed with power, excitement and a definite challenge and will leave you pumped and energized. Please bring a mat and hand weights. Instructor, Susan Albanese of Healthy Bodies for Today. Taking place on Tuesdays & Thursdays at the JWP Recreation Center. Activity Fee: \$25

NEW

Session A1

Time: 9 - 9:45 AM

Dates: January 5 - 28

Session A2

Time: 9 - 9:45 AM

Dates: February 2 - 25

Session A3

Time: 9 - 9:45 AM

Dates: March 2 - 25

Session A4

Time: 9 - 9:45 AM.

Dates: April 1 - 27

Session P1

Time: 6 - 6:45 PM

Dates: January 5 - 28

Session P2

Time: 6 - 6:45 PM

Dates: February 2 - 25

Session P3

Time: 6 - 6:45 PM

Dates: March 2 - 25

Session P4

Time: 6 - 6:45 PM

Dates: April 1 - 27

Mommy & Me Fitness (with baby 1 - 3 yrs.)

This action-packed class includes a lot of fun, easy to follow fitness for Mom and Baby. Mommy and Baby fitness is the ideal way to bond with your baby while burning a bunch of calories. Classes combine strength-training exercises with cardiovascular drills, yoga, and abdominal exercises help improve core strength and lose inches fast. Incorporating baby into regular exercises can be fun for mom and baby and provides mom with an opportunity to recondition muscles that may have become weakened from pregnancy.

Remember Happy Mommy - Happy Baby. Instructor, Susan Albanese from Healthy Bodies For Today. Taking place in the JWP Recreation Center from 10 - 10:30 AM.

Activity Fee: \$25

Session MMI

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: January 5 - 28

Session MM2

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: February 2 - 25

Session MM3

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: March 2 - 25

Session MM4

Days: Tues. & Thurs.

Dates: April 1 - 27

Sole to Soul

Join Coleen Coleman as she guides you through easy soul line dances as seen on the Soul Line Revue TV Show. Coleen has done soul line dancing for seven years and is an instructor for the line dance class, "Soulsations" at the modern Maturity Center in Dover. This class is geared to those unfamiliar with line dancing, but experienced dancers are welcome to come for fun & exercise. So whether you like dancing to R&B, jazz, or the classic oldies, this class is for you. A waiver must be signed the first day of class. Class will be held at the Dover Park Recreation Center on White Oak Road. Activity Fee: \$40

Session SSW1

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: Jan. 6 - Feb. 10

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Session SST1

Day: Thursdays

Dates: Jan. 7 - Feb. 11

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Session SSS1

Day: Saturdays

Dates: Jan. 9 - Feb. 13

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Session SSS2

Day: Saturdays

Dates: Jan. 9 - Feb. 13

Time: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Session SSW2

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: Feb. 24 - Mar. 31

Time: 5:45 - 6:45 PM

Session SST2

Day: Thursdays

Dates: Feb. 25 - Apr. 1

Time: 5:45 - 6:45 PM

Session SSS3

Day: Saturdays

Dates: Feb. 27 - Apr. 3

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Session SSS4

Day: Saturdays

Dates: Feb. 27 - Apr. 3

Time: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

YOUTH LEAGUES & SPORTS

Summer Basketball League

It's back - our indoor summer co-ed youth basketball league. This league emphasizes fun, safety, participation, skill development and the proper attitude towards competition. Tryouts will be conducted on June 5th (for those who have pre-registered), no cuts. Held at the JWP Recreation Center, games will be played between 9 AM - 3 PM, schedule will be mailed once team assignments have been made. Activity Fee: \$50

****Proof of birth must be verified prior to tryouts.****

League Dates: Starts on June 12 (June 5th Try out

times: Bantam - 9 AM, Intermed. - 10 AM, Junior - 11 AM)

Bantam (boys & girls born in 1999 - 2000)

Intermediate (boys & girls born in 1996 - 98)

Junior (born in 1994 - 95)

Learn - N- Skate

Learn to Ice Skate consists of a 25 minute lesson with a skating coach & 25 minutes of supervised practice to work on the lesson. Dress warmly, wear gloves and as always when skating, children 7 & under must wear a bike or hockey helmet. Rental skates are available at no charge for these lessons. Held at the Delaware State Fair Ice Rink in Harrington from 6 - 6:50 PM on weeknights and 10 - 10:50 AM on Saturdays. Activity Fee: \$90

Session ISM1

Day: Mondays

Dates: Jan. 4 - Feb. 15

Session ISM2

Day: Mondays

Dates: Feb. 22 - April 12*

No Class: April 5

Session ISW1

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: Jan. 6 - Feb. 17

Session ISW2

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: Feb. 24 - April 14*

No Class: April 7

Session ISF1

Day: Fridays

Dates: Jan. 8 - Feb. 19

Session ISF2

Day: Fridays

Dates: Feb. 26 - April 16*

No Class: April 9

Session ISS1

Day: Saturdays

Dates: Jan. 9 - Feb. 20

Session ISS2

Day: Saturdays

Dates: Feb. 27 - April 17*

No Class: April 10

**Don't miss out, all classes
carry a minimum & maximum
number of participants!
Sign - up today!**

Learn-N-Play (3 - 5 year olds)

Together, parents and preschoolers can learn & play a variety of sports while practicing fundamental motor skills designed specifically for the young child. This basic introduction to sports consists of skill stations, games, and drills while stressing fun. Age appropriate equipment will be used. Both the child and the parent must wear court shoes and comfortable clothing and be ready to participate in the program. Taking place at the JWP Recreation Center gym. Each session class time runs from 6 - 6:45 PM. Activity Fee: \$18

All Sports Skills - Covers basic fundamental sport skill introduction to baseball, soccer, & basketball skills such as throwing, catching.

Session ALL1

Day: Thursdays

Dates: January 7 - 28

Session ALL2

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: February 2 - 23

Session ALL3

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: March 3 - 24

Basketball Skills - Introduces the basic fundamentals of basketball including passing, dribbling, & control.

Session BK1

Day: Thursdays

Dates: February 4 - 25

Baseball Skills - Introduces the basic fundamentals of baseball including hitting, catching, & throwing!

Session BA1

Day: Thursdays

Dates: April 1 - 22

Soccer Skills - Introduces the basic fundamental skills of soccer, including passing, dribbling and shooting.

Session SC1

Day: Mondays

Dates: March 1 - 29

Session SC2

Day: Mondays

Dates: April 5 - 26

Ice Hockey 1 - Learn To Play

Want to play ice hockey? We can teach you how. Hockey equipment is available for rental (\$75). Dress warmly. Held at the Delaware State Fair Ice Rink in Harrington from 5:10 - 6:00 PM. Activity Fee: \$100

Session IH1

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: Jan. 6 - Feb. 17

Session IH2

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: Feb. 24 - April 14*

No Class: April 7

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & SPORTS

Holiday Wrap & Play (ages 4 - 12)

Moms & Dads - Are you looking for an opportunity to shop 'till you drop" without the kids? Bring the children over to the JWP Recreation Center for an evening of fun. While you shop, your child will enjoy games, movies, & treats! Activity Fee: \$15

***Added Bonus** - Do you need a place to wrap gifts once you get them?? The Dover Park Recreation Center will be open for you to wrap your gifts at the same time. (Bring your wrapping supplies with you.)

***Applies to Holiday Wrap & Play registrants only**

Day: Saturday

Date: December 19

Time: 4 - 9 PM



Friday Fun Nights at the Pitts!

Youth ages 8 to 14 - we're looking for you!

Come over the the JWP Rec. Center and join us for a fun and safe environment! Each Friday, we'll offer a variety of activities such as volleyball, basketball, soccer, kickball, dodgeball, movies, and so much more! Registration is required. Activity Fee: \$20

Session FFN1

Date: January 15 - March 19

Time: 6 - 8 PM

NEW

Indoor Field Hockey Clinics

Open to girls and boys, these clinics held by Wesley College Wolverine field hockey players & coach are offered to youth ages 3 - 5, 6 - 10, and middle school & high school. For our new players we are offering the opportunity to purchase a stick package - a field hockey stick, ball, shin guards, & mouth guard for \$30. The sticks run from 28" to 34" & must be ordered in advance. (Upon registration, program times will be sent to you.) Clinics will be held on Saturdays at the Wesley West gymnasium.

Activity Fee: \$60 High School & Middle School

Activity Fee: \$45 (3 - 5 yrs & 6 - 10 yrs)

Session	Time	Age Group	Dates
FH1	9 - 11 AM	High School	January 2, 9 & 16
FH2	11 AM - 1 PM	Middle School	Jan. 23, 30 & Feb. 6
FH3	9 - 10:30 AM	6 - 10 yr. olds	Jan. 23, 30 & Feb. 6

JumpBunch (ages 18 - 36 months)

JumpBunch provides exercise & lifestyle activities that all families should incorporate into children's lives daily. The key to the curriculum is to introduce these concepts in a subtle, fun, but very effective way to instill a healthy attitude towards sports and fitness that can serve children well throughout their lives. Toddler - JumpBunch classes provide an age appropriate introduction to sports and fitness for children. At this age, they learn first by observing, and then begin to enjoy one of their first group social settings. JumpBunch's ingenious lesson plans encourage & delight toddlers. They enjoy cognitive & emotional as much as physical development at this young age. Held at the JWP Recreation Center. Activity Fee: \$55

NEW

Session JBI

Days: Tuesdays

Dates: Jan. 12 - Feb. 9

Time: 1:30 - 2:15 PM

Session JB2

Days: Tuesdays

Dates: Jan. 12 - Feb. 9

Time: 2:30 - 3:15 PM

Session JB3

Days: Wednesdays

Dates: Jan. 13 - Feb. 10

Time: 5 - 5:45 PM

Session JB4

Days: Tuesdays

Dates: Feb. 16 - Mar. 16

Time: 1:30 - 2:15 PM

Session JB5

Days: Tuesdays

Dates: Feb. 16 - Mar. 16

Time: 2:30 - 3:15 PM

Session JB6

Days: Wednesdays

Dates: Feb. 17 - Mar. 17

Time: 5 - 5:45 PM

Session JB7

Days: Tuesdays

Dates: Mar. 23 - Apr. 20

Time: 1:30 - 2:15 PM

Session JB8

Days: Tuesdays

Dates: Mar. 23 - Apr. 20

Time: 2:30 - 3:15 PM

Session JB9

Days: Wednesdays

Dates: Mar. 24 - Apr. 21

Time: 5 - 5:45 PM

Do you have an idea for a class or program?

We're always looking for new and exciting programs to offer for our community. If you have an idea of an activity or program that you would like to see, please contact the City of Dover Parks & Recreation programming staff, Sherwanda Rachal-Speaks or Steve Pickering by calling (302) 736-7050.

YOUTH FUN, CAMPS & SPORTS

PITCH, HIT & RUN

PITCH, HIT & RUN is a baseball skills competition sponsored by Major League Baseball. PITCH, HIT & RUN is designed to test 3 of the most fundamental aspects of baseball:

- I. Pitch - Pitch at a designated "Strike Zone" target.
- II.. Hit - From a stationary tee for distance and accuracy.
- III. Run - From second base to home plate for time.

Skill events are individually scored and converted to a total point score through the use of conversion tables. Participants will compete in each of the three components of PITCH, HIT & RUN and accumulate a total score based on his or her performance. Boys and girls compete together in four different age groups, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14.

Winners will have the opportunity to advance to sectional competition, Team Championships, and National Finals. Participants must provide a copy of a valid birth certificate for age verification. No metal spikes are allowed. Registrations will be taken the day of the event.

Date: Thursday, April 15

Location: Schutte Park Softball Field #2

On-Site Registration: 5:30 - 6 PM

Competition Starts: 6 PM

Activity Fee: FREE



Spring Break Camp

Grades 1 - 5

Looking for a safe and stimulating environment for kids to be kids during Spring Break? Our camp offers exciting activities, games, arts & crafts, and much more!

Participants must bring their lunch each day. Camp times are stickly enforced. Enrollment is limited - sign up today. Held at the JWP Rec. Center from 9 AM - 3 PM. Activity Fee: \$70.

Session: SBC1

Days: Monday - Friday

Dates: April 5 - April 9



Annual Egg Hunt

Youth 10 & under

Bring your baskets and be ready to gather eggs left by the Dover Park bunny. This annual event only lasts a few minutes - so don't be late!! The hunt starts promptly at Noon! The event is FREE to children 10 and under and will be held March 27 at Dover Park.

Indoor Boys & Girls Soccer

Ages 11 - 14 yrs.

This co-ed youth soccer program will consist of orangized scrimmages that focus on exercise and fun. Scores & standings will not be kept. Held at the JWP Rec. Center from 6 - 7 PM. Activity Fee: \$25 due by Jan. 14

Session SOCI

Days: Tuesdays

Dates: January 19 - February 23

Indoor Boys & Girls Soccer

Ages 7 - 10 yrs.

This co-ed youth soccer program will consist of orangized scrimmages that focus on exercise and fun. Scores & standings will not be kept. Held at the JWP Rec. Center from 6 - 7 PM. Activity Fee: \$25 due by Jan. 14

Session SOC2

Days: Wednesdays

Dates: January 20 - February 24

Boys & Girls Volleyball

Youth born: 1993 - 2000

These co-ed volleyball clinics are designed for all levels. (Youth will be divided by age group). Held at the JWP Rec. Center from 6 - 8 PM. Activity Fee: \$25

Session VBI

Days: Wednesdays

Dates: April 14 - May 26

Jr. Olympic Skills

JO Skills is a FREE skills program in which boys and girls compete separately and may advance through three levels of competition: Local, Regional, and National.

JO Skills is intended to encourage youth participation in sports and emphasize fair and friendly competetion. Youth compete in three age groups: 8 & 9, 10 & 11, and 12 & 13 with participant's eligibility being determined as of August 31, 2010.

Athletic Competitions Include:

Basketball - Making baskets from designated shooting areas and the free throw line;

Soccer - Participants dribble and shoot accurately in the fastest time possible;

Track & Field - Participants perform three fundamental skill events (50 Meter Sprint, Standing Long Jump, Ultimate Shot Put).

Activity Fee: FREE Days: Thursday

Dates: April 29 Location: JWP Rec. Center

On-site Registration: 5:30 - 6:15 PM

Competition Begins: 6:15 PM

Parks & Recreation - Registration Information

Registration Highlights

- * **Registrations must include full payment with completed & signed registration form.**
- * **No refunds or credit certificates will be given unless Parks & Recreation cancels the activity.**
- * **If you miss your activity, we do not offer credits or refunds.**
- * **No credits/discounts on late activity registrations.**
- * **We will not offer credit or refunds for participants who register for BUS TRIPS & then do not attend.**

Registration Process

Registrations are accepted at the John W. Pitts Recreation Center & Dover Park office, over the phone, and by mail. Registration is required & all fees must be paid prior to participation in a program. Many programs fill quickly, so we encourage early registration.

Credits/Refunds

We do NOT issue credits/refunds unless the program is cancelled by the City of Dover Parks & Recreation Department. We will contact you in this event.



Cancellation/Relocation Information Line

Weather conditions have you wondering if a City of Dover Parks & Recreation event is still taking place? Just call 736-7155 for updated program information!

Building & Pavilion Rentals

Dover Park Recreation Center and the JWP Recreation Center have rental space available for meetings & special occasions. Also, pavilion rentals are available in Dover Park, Schutte Park, and Silver Lake Park. A minimum of two (2) weeks notice is necessary for these rentals. For a complete list of rules, rate information, and date availability, give the City of Dover Parks & Recreation Department a call at (302) 674-7541.

Oops! Oops!! Oops!!!

At the time of print, we deem all information to be correct. We strive to be as accurate as possible; however, programs and program information is subject to change without notice.

Don't miss out!

Nothing cancels a great activity quicker than participants waiting until the last minute to register. There is a point where, if there are not enough registrants, an activity is cancelled. Calling the day before or even showing up the day of the activity to sign-up won't save the program! Register Early!



Help Take Care of the Parks

Keeping City of Dover Parks beautiful, clean, and safe starts with YOU!

- Report graffiti to 736-7050
- Pick up after Fido
- Respect park grounds
- Clean up your trash
- Keep music on low volume
- No driving on the grass
- Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Following these rules will help keep our parks enjoyable all year long!



BUS TRIP POLICY

- ⇒ Registrations must be received before the deadline.
- ⇒ Trips are subject to cancellation for inclement weather. *(We will attempt to notify participants in this case.)*
- ⇒ Trips are subject to cancellation if the minimum participant requirement is not met.
- ⇒ Registrations accepted on a first-paid first-served basis.
- ⇒ Travel times are approximate.
- ⇒ The bus will NOT wait for you.
- ⇒ Those under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- ⇒ No stops will be made for individual needs.
- ⇒ No refunds if you cancel your trip or fail to show.

Disability Related Accommodations

If you would like to participate in these activities & require disability related accommodations, please call our office at (302) 736-7050. You may reach TTY/TDD operator services by dialing 1-800-855-1155.

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Please read the Registration Highlights on the Information Page before registering.

ADULT PARTICIPANT/CHILD (UNDER 18) GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Please print and fill out completely

First Name	MI	Last Name	
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 75%;" type="text"/>
Mailing Address			
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>			
City,	State	Zip	
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>			
Primary Phone Number		Secondary Phone Number	Emergency/Other Contact Number
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>

Yes, send me email updates to:

Dover Resident ☐

Non-Resident ☐

PARTICIPANT #1

First Name	MI	Last Name	Sex	Birth Date (mm-dd-yy)	Age	Grade
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 75%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 75%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>

SESSION #	ACTIVITY NAME	ACTIVITY FEE
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PARTICIPANT #2

First Name	MI	Last Name	Sex	Birth Date (mm-dd-yy)	Age	Grade
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Payment Amount & Type

Total Due: _____ Checks to: City of Dover

Payment Amount & Type

Cash Check MC/Visa/Disc Other *Please circle*

Submit your registration by:

Mail: Dover Parks & Recreation, PO Box 475, Dover, DE 19903

Fax: w/Credit Card Info.: 302-678-2674

Phone: w/Credit Card Info.: 302-674-7541

Credit Card Information

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card Holder Signature: _____

RELEASE STATEMENT:

I understand that the City of Dover provides no medical coverage for participants unless specified, and that all bills which may be incurred as a result of an activity-related injury are my responsibility. I hold harmless the City of Dover and all other parties involved in the conduction of these activities. I agree that any photographs taken during the event shall become and remain the property of the City of Dover, and that the City of Dover shall have the right to use such photographs and/or films whenever so desired free of any claims on my behalf.

Signature of adult participant /If under 18, parent/legal guardian Date

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