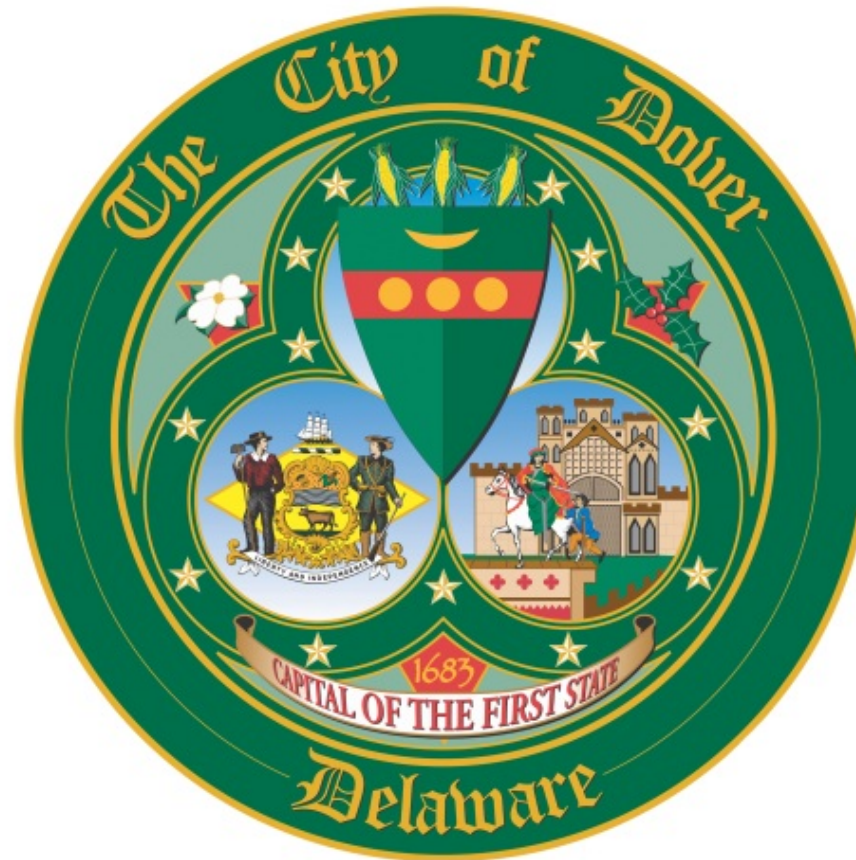




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THE DOVER DISPATCH

A Free Electronic Newsletter

1st Edition 3/30/2021

Welcome to the FIRST edition of our Newsletter

It is our hope to cover a variety of topics that interest each of you. We are also going to use this as a communication piece if we have a change to our schedule. Maybe due to inclement weather, we have to postpone trash or recycling - we will send out an announcement through this type of notice that you can receive in your email inbox. The service is FREE to all who would like to receive it!

City offices have reopened!

We are ready to serve you in person! We thank you for your patience during our partial closure with COVID-19, but we are excited to share that we opened back up for you on March 8th. We still have guidelines to follow, but we look forward to helping all of you again!



A Dover Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr. Randy Robertson to the City of Dover, in the capacity of City Manager. Mr. Robertson brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from areas across the nation.

WELCOME MR. ROBERTSON



Message from our new City Manager

Dover:

My name is Randy Robertson, and I serve as your new City Manager. As we

unveil our new electronic newsletter, I want to take this opportunity, to introduce myself and tell you how excited, my spouse, Darlene and I are to be here. In my first few weeks I've seen some of the tremendous capabilities and potential Dover and its citizens have to offer. I've been blessed to have 30 years of time with the United States Army, followed by 15 years of municipal leadership in several cities from Alabama to Alaska. I believe those skills and experiences have prepared and equipped me to serve you, our citizens, as we collectively continue to move our community forward. I sincerely appreciate the vote of confidence the Dover City Council bestowed in me to carry on the mantle of progress and thank my predecessors for the outstanding job they've done helping make Dover the first class city it is. At the same time I'm truly anxious to explore the possibilities of new programming and service delivery. Progressive communities embrace change and don't rest on their laurels.

Welcome to our first edition of the Dover Dispatch, our new electronic newsletter. We're starting with publishing twice a month; every other Tuesday, and see how things progress from there. However, we need your assistance to be successful. First, share the link to the newsletter with your friends and family and encourage them to sign up. Second, if there's something you believe should be reflected in an upcoming edition please shoot us an email

([**publicaffairs@dover.de.us**](mailto:publicaffairs@dover.de.us) or [**rrobertson@dover.de.us**](mailto:rrobertson@dover.de.us)). The more information sources we have the better. Please understand though, we probably won't be able to publish everything sent to us. We need to keep the newsletter informative and related to the broader topics affecting the city. The Dispatch isn't a Facebook-like platform, but more of a tool to help keep you informed about what's happening in Dover. Again, we need your input. Finally, if you "opt-out" tell us why you decided to do so.

So I'll end for now by reiterating how excited Darlene, I and our collie Bradley, are to be here. I look forward to getting to know and serve you. Blessings!

Most respectfully,

Randy Robertson

ELECTION TIME!

The City of Dover "At Large" Election is coming up! Mark your calendar and remember to vote on April 20, 2021. For additional voting information and to see a list of the candidates please go to [City of Dover Elections](#)



CITY OF DOVER GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION
FRIDAY, APRIL 02, 2021

There will be no trash or curbside recycling collection by the City of Dover on the Good Friday Holiday, Friday, April 02, 2021. Trash and recycling collection that would normally be made on Friday will be on Monday, April 05, 2021, along with the normal Monday collection. We ask residents scheduled for the Friday collection to have their containers set out on Monday by 7:00 a.m. Trash and recycling collection not completed on Monday will continue until completed. Please leave containers out for collection.

Citizens with questions may contact the Department of Public Works at 736-7025.

*The City of Dover Department of Public Works shall provide quality and effective services
upon which the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depend.
www.cityofdover.com/public-works*



CITY OF DOVER ELECTRIC CREWS HELP PUT OUT FIRE and SAVE A DOG!

The headline sounds like something you would hear advertising an upcoming episode on TV! Dover linemen Jason Bitter, Matt Espil, Brian Kempista and Liam Maher found themselves in this situation on March 3rd.

Click [here](#) to read the article by Delaware State News reporter Mike Finney.



The Dover Police Department Police Chief's Advisory Committee and Dover Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) are pleased to announce the U.N.I.T.Y. (Uniting Neighbors Initiative Through Youth) video contest to engage young Dover residents in crime prevention messaging. The contest will be split into two age/grade groups: Middle School (5th-8th grades) and High School (9th-12th grades).

Prizes will be awarded to finalists in each age group.

A minimum of \$1,500 in total prize money/scholarships!

More information and contest registration is available at

www.doverpolice.org/contest

Employee of the Quarter JEFF DILL

Jeff Dill, Budget Analyst for the City of Dover, was recently recognized with the first D.O.V.E.R. Award.

Jeff began his employment with the City of Dover on May 19, 2008 as an Accountant in the Finance Department until he joined the staff in the City Manager's office as the Budget Analyst March of 2018.

Jeff works hard in his daily role, and is an extraordinary employee.

In June of 2020 he also began processing payroll for almost 400 employees and did not skip a beat in continuing the budget process, ensuring everything was completed on time!

Jeff is always willing to help anyone who needs assistance. When he isn't at work Jeff enjoys spending time with his wife and 2 children, playing basketball or hockey, and game night with friends.

**Congratulations and thank you
Jeff!**





**JUST A REMINDER TO
CHECK AND CHANGE
YOUR BATTERIES IN
ALL OF YOUR SMOKE
DETECTORS.**

**SMOKE DETECTORS
SAVE LIVES.**



**JOIN US!
APRIL 29
2:00pm-6:00pm**

Looking for a job? Then please join us at the John W Pitts Recreation Center, located at 10 Electric Avenue, Dover, DE 19904. The City of Dover is hosting a Job Fair on **April 29, 2021** from **2:00pm to 6:00 pm.**

Are you a business or organization looking to hire? If so then you are welcome to have a table at the event at no cost to you.

For more information, please contact City of Dover Human Resources Department at (302) 736-7073 or kdeakins@dover.de.us



Caught you doing something GREAT!

Is there anything better than when you stumble upon someone doing something good - just because?

We would like to thank Mr. John Boole, a local resident, who was out collecting trash along New Burton Road on March 2, 2021. He does this regularly to give back to the community.

Thanks, John, for helping make Dover a place where people want to live!

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Please place all yard waste (including grass clippings) in a privately owned 35-gallon or less trash receptacle



It is against City of Dover Code (Sec. 98-5c) "to sweep, blow, or otherwise discharge grass clippings into any street, sidewalk, storm drain, or water course more than incidental amounts of grass."

Do not discharge or pile your clippings in the street



Finally Spring? Time to get our yards ready

Help the City of Dover improve water quality in our streams and rivers by keeping your grass clippings on your lawn!

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Thank you for doing your part!



CLICK FOR SPRING CLEAN UP INFORMATION

Time to get ready! Spring Clean Up allows you the opportunity to get rid of all the "extra" stuff you have been wanting to, at no additional cost!

Please click on the picture above to find out additional information as well as your days to set things out!

CITYWIDE FLUSHING SCHEDULE

Annual hydrant flushing will be taking place soon! This is done to proactively retract discolored water from our distribution system. While the water may be discolored, it is tested regularly and meets all local, state and federal requirements related to drinking water. Thank you for understanding as we continually work to improve our infrastructure. Click [here](#) for schedule!



PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THE TULIPS!

Our flowers will be
blooming soon!

As much as we all love the beauty of the tulips that come up in the City of Dover, we are asking to please not dig up the beds. Our Grounds division takes great pride in their efforts and we all enjoy them too!

Please Take the Downtown Parking Survey...



The Downtown Dover Partnership (DDP) is working to improve parking in Downtown Dover! We invite and encourage residents, stakeholders and guests to take our parking survey - fast way to let your opinion be known! Must be completed by March 31st at midnight! Click [here for SURVEY LINK](#)

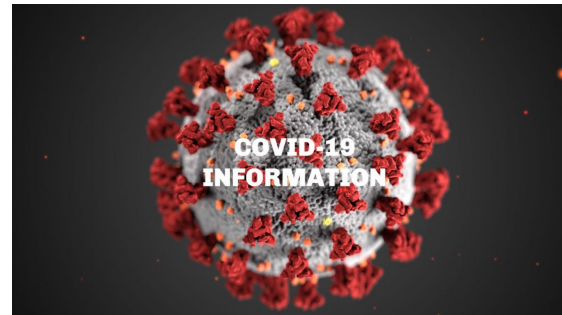
New Business Alert

Dover wants to welcome Shore Industries, a custom manufacturer of shade sails, covers, seating, awnings, etc. , to the growing list of manufacturers coming to our area. Relocating from Denton, MD., to Dover. Shore plans to fill 16 new jobs and projects growth of its workforce in the future. Shore makes custom outdoor living products and is a great addition to our City. On behalf of our citizens, city staff and community leaders, welcome to Dover Team Shore!

Latest information on COVID-19

Follow the latest news from the State of Delaware regarding COVID-19 tests, vaccines and other information

[Learn More](#)



Click the box below to see the current job openings for the
City of Dover!



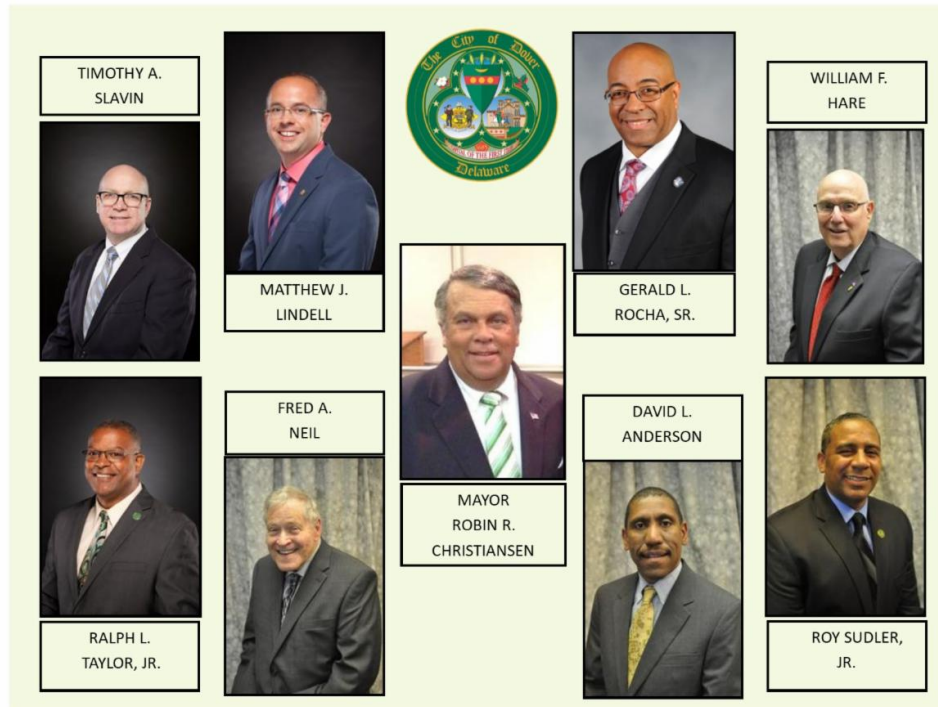
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DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Dover Public Library is open for four hours a day, five days a week.

Hours of operation are
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and
Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM,
and
Wednesdays and Fridays from 2
PM to 6 PM.

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