

Kent County LEVY COURT

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Community Newsletter & Parks, Recreation
and Library Activity Guide



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2024/2025**

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About the LEVY COURT

Levy Court is your County government. Kent County Levy Court is comprised of seven elected Commissioners: six are elected from the districts in which they reside, and the seventh is elected at-large to represent the entire county. The Commissioners serve at the will of the electorate and answer solely to their constituents. Since the Commissioners are elected officials, it is customary to refer to them with the designation of Honorable.

Levy Court responsibilities include: enacting planning and land use ordinances; providing parks and recreation facilities; establishing fees; providing emergency medical services; 911

communications; emergency management; approving sewer system construction; establishing the yearly tax rate and overseeing the county departments that support the mission of Levy Court. The Commissioners appoint a County Administrator who is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of county government.

Levy Court offices are located at 555 Bay Road. Residents may call 744-2300 to reach a County Office.

For more information on Levy Court, please visit our website at www.kentcountyde.gov.



HON. TERRY L. PEPPER
President
Commissioner At-Large
302-697-9194



HON. ALLAN F. ANGEL
Vice-President
Commissioner 3rd District
Committee: Administration
302-382-6735



HON. JOANNE MASTEN
Commissioner 1st District
Committee:
Planning Services
302-270-1747



HON. JEFFREY W. HALL
Commissioner 2nd District
Committee:
Finance Committee
302-632-0757



HON. ROBERT J. SCOTT
Commissioner: 4th District
Committee:
Public Safety
302-505-0198



HON. JODY SWEENEY
Commissioner 5th District
Committee:
Community Services
302-943-7328



HON. PAUL HERTZ
Commissioner 6th District
Committee:
Public Works
302-505-2310

About the ROW OFFICES

Kent County has four Row Officers: each of which is an elected official. Row Officers serve four year terms and each is empowered to manage their office. Each row office performs a distinct function within the County Government.

Row Officers are held accountable to the electorate and it is customary to refer to them with the designation of Honorable. These offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

REGISTER OF WILLS:

Hon. Harold K. Brode
Harold.Brode@
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302-744-2330

**Chief Deputy -
Dianne M. Rager**

Dianne.Rager@kentcountyde.gov
302-744-2328

RECORDER OF DEEDS:

Hon. Eugenia Thornton
Eugenia.Thornton@
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Deputy - Joel Gartner

joel.gartner@
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302-744-2318

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Hon. Brenda Wootten
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Deputy - Patricia A. Brown

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SHERIFF:

Hon. Norman Barlow
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Chief Deputy - Robert Daddio

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302-736-2161

Kent County PHONE DIRECTORY

**Kent County
Administrative Complex
555 Bay Road
Dover, DE 19901**

Levy Court	302-744-2305
Assessment Office	302-744-2401
Building Permits & Inspections	302-744-2451
Code Enforcement	302-744-2452
Community Development	302-744-2480
Economic Development	302-678-3028
Engineering	302-744-2430
Facilities Management	302-744-2357
Finance	302-744-2386
Tax Section	302-744-2341
GIS/Mapping	302-744-2416
Information Technology	302-744-2365
Parks & Recreation	302-744-2495
Personnel	302-744-2310
Planning	302-744-2471

**Kent County Emergency
Services Building
911 Public Safety Boulevard
Dover, DE 19901**

Emergency Communications	302-735-2200
Emergency Management	302-735-3465
Emergency Medical Services	302-735-2180

**Kent County Library
497 South Red Haven Lane
Dover, DE 19901**

Library Services	302-744-1919
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**Kent County Parks and
Recreation**

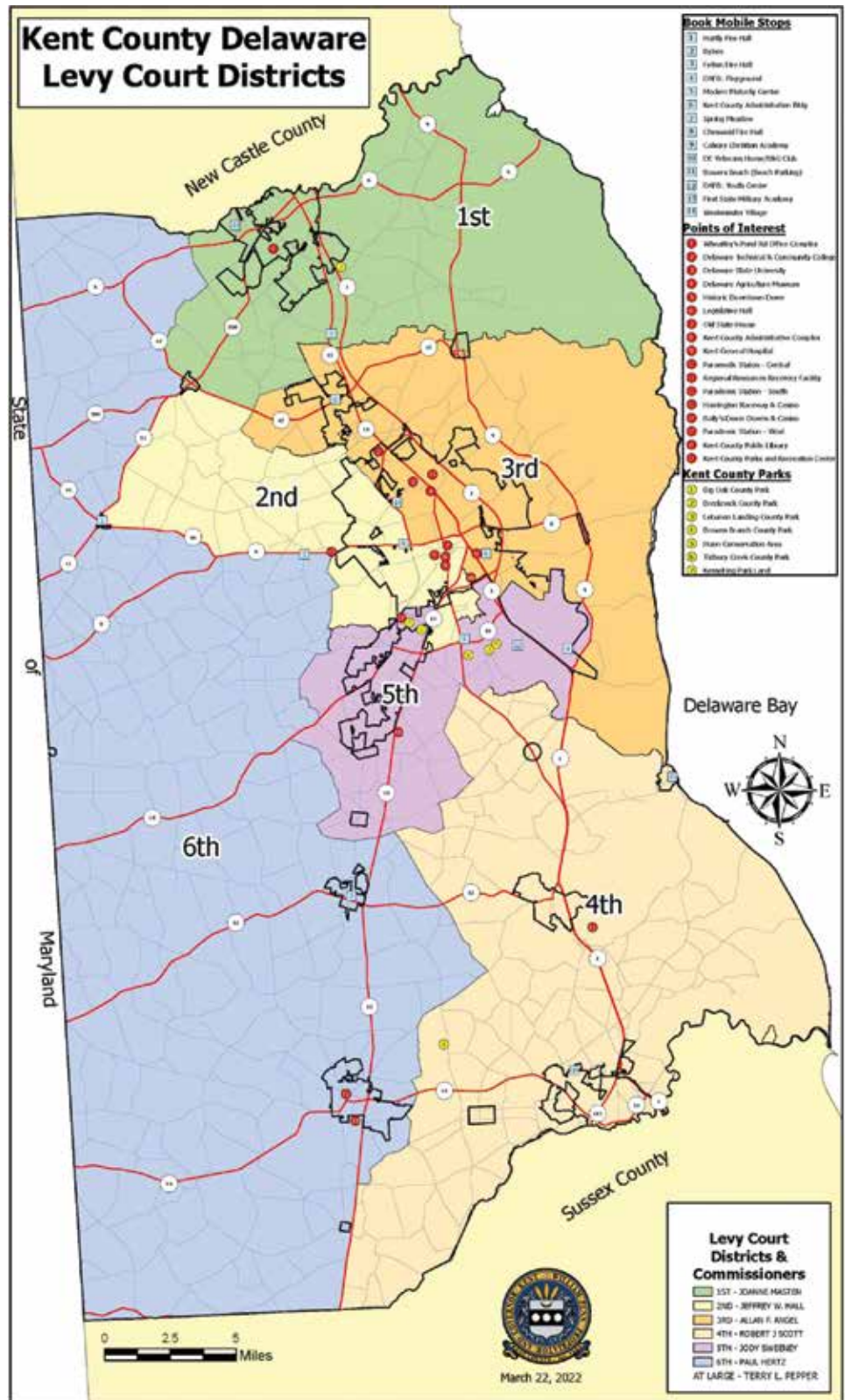
**1683 New Burton Road
Dover, DE 19904**

Main Number	302-744-2495
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**Kent County Wastewater
Treatment Plant**

**139 Milford Neck Road
Milford, DE 19963**

Wastewater Facilities	302-335-6000
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KENT COUNTY GARBAGE COLLECTION YARD WASTE ENDING

This is just a reminder to all Kent County Trash Districts with Yard Waste pick-up, yard waste collection will end the week of December 22, 2024.

Ensure all yard waste is loose inside your green can; no bagged yard waste will be serviced.

CHRISTMAS TREES:

For residents receiving “Yard Waste” service, Christmas trees will be collected on the resident’s normal collection day during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of January. In 2025, that will be January 13th-17th and the 20th-24th.

2025 HOLIDAYS & TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES			
	New Year’s Day	Wednesday, January 1 st	Trash Services, One Day Later for All Customers
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 20 th	
	Presidents Day	Monday, February 17 th	
	Good Friday	Friday, April 18 th	
	Memorial Day	Monday, May 26 th	Trash Services, One Day Later for All Customers
	Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19 th	
	Independence Day	Friday, July 4 th	Trash Services, One Day Later for Friday Customers
	Labor Day	Monday, September 1 st	Trash Services, One Day Later for All Customers
	Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11 th	
	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27 th	Trash Services, One Day Later for Thursday and Friday Customers
	Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 28 th	
	Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25 th	Trash Services, One Day Later for Thursday and Friday Customers
	Day After Christmas	Friday, December 26 th	
	New Year’s Day	Thursday, January 1 st	Trash Services, One Day Later for Thursday and Friday Customers

Kent County Sheriff Norman R. Barlow

ALERTS PUBLIC TO SCAM



Missing jury duty can come with real consequences. You could face a fine or even go to court. Scammers like to take advantage of that to get your sensitive information or money.

Sheriff Barlow would like to inform the public of this deceiving scam preying on unsuspecting residents.

The scam usually starts with a phone call stating they are a Deputy Sheriff representing the Kent County Sheriff's office and

they missed a jury duty notice. To make it seem even more real they go as far as giving you a badge number, case number or will even email/text you a summons complaint.

To help you identify whether you're being scammed, the Sheriff's Office or government agency will never ask for sensitive personal information or immediate payment over the phone. The scammers will insist that you can only pay with cryptocurrency, wire transfers, gift cards or payment apps.

If you receive one of these phone calls, please hang up and Do Not give them any personal information. If you think the call could be real, please call our office staff at 302-736-2161.

We are asking anybody who has received one of these calls to report it to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov and the FBI's Complaint Center at IC3.gov.

Winter Holidays & Trash Collection Services

Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Trash Services, One Day Later, Wed., Thurs., & Fri. Customers
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2025	Trash Services, One Day Later, Wed., Thurs., & Fri. Customers

Property Tax Credits and Exemptions Announcement

The enrollment period for property tax relief for seniors, 100% disabled veterans and those with disabilities under the age

of 65 is now through April 30, 2025. Find out more about the three ways you can decrease your tax bill below.

Combination of credits:

	<u>Senior School Property Tax Credit</u>	<u>School Property Tax Credit for Veterans</u>	<u>Elderly/Disability Property Tax Exemption</u>
<u>Senior School Property Tax Credit</u>		<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>School Property Tax Credit for Veterans</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Elderly/Disability Property Tax Exemption</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	

*Among the three property tax relief programs, residents can't receive the Elderly and Disability Exemption and the School Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans but can receive the Elderly and Disability Exemption and the Senior School Property Tax Credit. Also note, of the *two school property tax credits*, (Senior School Property Tax Credit and School Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans) **residents can only receive one or the other, not both.**

Kent County Senior School Property Tax Credits and School Property Tax Credit FOR DISABLED VETERANS

There are two school property tax credits in which Kent County property owners can apply: the **Senior School Property Tax Credit**, or the **Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans**. The deadline to apply is April 30th.

If you are currently enrolled in one of these programs, you will not need to reapply. Please note, residents can not receive both the Senior School Credit AND the School Property Tax Credit for Veterans.

SENIOR SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT - Homeowners age 65 or over are eligible for a tax credit against regular school property taxes of 50 percent (up to \$500). This credit may only be used against property taxes on primary residences.

There is a **10-year residency requirement** for the Senior School Property Tax credit. More information may be found at: <https://finance.delaware.gov/senior-relief/>

For a **Senior School Property Tax** application, visit: https://financefiles.delaware.gov/docs/ssptc_app.pdf

SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DISABLED VETERANS - Disabled Veterans must receive 100% disability compensation due to service-connected, permanent and total disability based on individual unemployability or a 100% disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and have **lived in Delaware** for the past **3 years** by April 30th.

Residency and other requirements and the application for the School Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans may be found at: https://financefiles.delaware.gov/docs/DVP-TAX_2021-01_2PaperInteractive.pdf

Again, as previously noted, residents can only receive one or the other of the school property tax credits, not both.

Elderly/Disability PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Kent County residents 65 years or older or those who will be 65 by May 31, 2025; **and/or** persons who are 100% disabled can apply for the Annual Elderly/Disability Tax Exemption. **To qualify, age, income and 5-year residency requirements** must also be met. *Please note: Disabled applicants must be able to document total disability. Because this exemption is income contingent, applicants must apply annually.*

The application deadline is April 30th.

Completed applications and subsequent verification forms must be received by the Board of Assessment at the Kent County Administrative Complex no later than April 30, 2025. The address is: Kent County Levy Court; Board of Assessment; 555 Bay Road; Dover, DE 19901.

Requirements for the Elderly and Disability Exemption:

- The adjusted gross income limit for single applicants is \$18,000, and for married applicants \$24,750. Social Security is not counted toward income. Applicants are required to include a copy of their **2024 Federal Income Tax Return** and a copy of their **2024 Delaware State Tax Return** with their application.

IRS Form 4506T must be signed and submitted with application. This form is sent to the IRS to verify adjusted gross in-

come. We will send this form to you along with the application.

- A copy of a Delaware driver's license or a State Identification Card is required to verify residency and age.
- Delaware Residents of five or more years, who have lived on their property for at least one year prior to April 30, 2025, may qualify for the Elderly/Disability Tax Exemption credit.
- Title to the property for which the exemption is sought must be in the name of the applicant, and/or the applicant and applicant's spouse, or a revocable grantor trust with the applicant listed as a trustee, as reflected in the official records of the county.

Additional Disability Requirements:

- Applicant must provide a Physician's Statement of Disability signed by a licensed physician certifying that the applicant is 100% disabled.
- A Social Security award letter stating 100% disability can replace the Physician Statement of Disability.

As the applications to date have not been uploaded to our website, you may contact our Assessment office at 302-744-2401 to put your name on a waiting list and you will be contacted when the application becomes available.

Property Reassessment FOR EQUITY AND BALANCE

In general, the property re-assessment process aims to create a more equitable property tax system by ensuring that property values reflect current market conditions. **Equitable** means fair and impartial. In the context of property taxes, an equitable system ensures that all property owners pay their fair share based on the true value of their property.

Over time, property values can change due to various factors like market trends, neighborhood developments, and property improvements.

If property assessments are not updated regularly, some property owners might end up paying more or less than their fair share of taxes.

Current market conditions refer to the present state of the real estate market, including factors like property demand, supply, and economic conditions. When property values are reassessed to reflect these conditions, it means that the assessed value of a property is aligned with what it would likely sell for in the current market. This alignment is crucial for several reasons:

1. **Accuracy:** Accurate property values mean that tax assessments are based on the true worth of properties, not outdated or inflated values.

2. **Fairness:** Ensuring that all properties are assessed based on the same market conditions helps distribute the tax burden more fairly among property owners.

3. **Transparency:** Regular reassessments provide transparency in how property taxes are calculated, helping property owners understand their tax obligations better.

4. **Revenue Stability:** For local governments, accurate property assessments ensure a stable and predictable revenue stream, which is essential for budgeting and providing public services.

In summary, the property reassessment process is designed to update property values to reflect their true market value, ensuring that the property tax system is fair, accurate, and transparent for all property owners. This helps maintain trust in the system and ensures that everyone contributes their fair share to the community's needs.

The Reassessment Process

In the fall of 2021 data collection began in Kent County where data collectors were out in the neighborhoods measuring buildings and speaking with property owners. Data collected also included: Year built and

physical condition of the property, general construction and building materials, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, finished basement area, and types of heating and cooling systems. Data collectors were trained to identify and record necessary property characteristics; however, they were not appraisers.

By spring of 2022, the data verification process began. Mailers were sent to all 88,000+ property owners to review the accuracy of the data collected prior to a value being placed on their property.

In the fall of 2023, tentative value notices were issued. Informal reviews and hearings were made available for property owners to ask questions, correct errors, and/or submit documentation supporting a different value regarding their assessments.

March 28, 2024, was the formal assessment appeal filing deadline. After the hearings, final property values were determined and were used for tax purposes starting from the next fiscal year which began June 1, 2024. To avoid collecting more taxes due to increased property values, Kent County adjusted its property tax rate to \$0.0572 cents per \$100 of assessed value, a decrease

from the previous tax rate of 36 cents per \$100.

Background

The reassessment stems from a 2018 lawsuit fueled by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Community Legal Aid Society, which claimed that outdated property assessments were leading to inadequate education funding. Consequently, Kent County was mandated to conduct a comprehensive reassessment of all real properties.

The updated values were to be used for property tax bills starting in fiscal year 2025, beginning June 1, 2024. The resolution also emphasized that the reassessment should be revenue-neutral, meaning, no additional funds are generated for the county.

Additionally, it highlighted the importance of outreach to communities that might lack the resources to understand the reassessment's impact on them. Public Meetings were held on October 12, 2021 at 1:00pm at the Milford Senior Center and at 6:00pm at the Harrington Fire House; October 14, 2021 at 1:00pm at the Kent County Levy Court Administrative Complex, and at 6:00pm at the Cheswold Fire Company.

Let's take a look at a sample current bill ... see next page.

PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT EXPLANATION

To gain a better understanding of the Kent County Property Tax Statement, take a look at the sample and legend for more information. All detailed information in this statement is an example and not actual data.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
PROPERTY LOCATION

KENT COUNTY TAX OFFICE

← **HEADING**

P.O. Box 802; DOVER, DELAWARE 19903 (302) 744-2341

SAMPLE BILL

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
0-00-000.00-00-00.00/000
Address

ACCOUNT NUMBER:



AMOUNT DUE: 0,000.00

AMOUNT PAID: _____

NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS HERE:

DOE, JOHN
DOE, JANE
123 MAIN STREET
A KENT COUNTY MUNICIPALITY, DELAWARE

← **MAILING**

POST DATED CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT

- 1) IF PAYING IN PERSON, PLEASE BRING BOTH PARTS OF THIS STATEMENT TO OUR OFFICE IN DOVER AT 555 BAY ROAD.
- 2) FAILURE TO RECEIVE A TAX STATEMENT DOES NOT RELIEVE THE TAXPAYER OF HIS OBLIGATION.
- 3) SCHOOL TAX RATES ARE ESTABLISHED BY LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS.
- 4) DITCH TAX RATES ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE TAX DITCH ORGANIZATIONS.
- 5) PLEASE FORWARD THIS STATEMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY IF THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT.
- 6) APPLY TO ASSESSMENT OFFICE FOR ELDERLY/DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS BY PHONE (302) 744-2401.
- 7) ***TO MAKE ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS WITH MASTERCARD, VISA, DISCOVER OR BY E-CHECK PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.KENTCOUNTYDE.GOV OR CALL 1-888-877-0459 *** PROCESSING FEES APPLY***

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

KENT COUNTY TAX OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS

P.O. Box 802; DOVER, DELAWARE 19903 (302) 744-2341

8:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

SEE LEGEND

BILLING PERIOD	ASSESSMENT	SCHOOL DISTRICT
6/1/24—5/31/25	367,000.00	SEE LEGEND

FAX NUMBER (302) 736-2088

PLEASE INDICATE THIS NUMBER ON ALL CHECKS/
CORRESPONDENCE

ZONING	RS1	REF#	ACCT #	00000
SCHOOL TAX		USER FEES		COUNTY TAX
SCHOOL	.4836	1774.81	TRASH DISPOSAL FEE	COUNTY .0572 209.92
SC/CREDIT		500.00 CR		
VOCA	.0268	98.36	LIGHTS	
			LIBRARY	
			STORMWTR	
			SUBURBAN PARKS—RATE SET BY STATE	
TOTAL SCHOOL TAX	1373.17	TOTAL USER FEES	585.61	TOTAL COUNTY TAX 209.92

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
0-00-000.00-00-00.00/000
Address

DOE, JOHN
DOE, JANE
123 MAIN STREET
A KENT COUNTY MUNICIPALITY, DELAWARE

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE 2,168.70

PREVIOUS BALANCE OR CREDIT

TOTAL DUE BY 9/30/24 2,168.70

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 000000000



LEGEND

HEADING

The Tax Office is responsible for the collections and distribution of County, school, library and ditch taxes, trash, streetlights and sewer fees.

The office issues mobile home certification letters, administers the State of Delaware Senior Tax Credit Program for Kent County, and provides assistance to the community's legal representatives and title searchers.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Identifies a property's location on tax assessment maps.

MAILING

Identifies property owner's name and mailing address.

SCHOOL & LIBRARY TAX

2024 – 2025 TAX RATE CHART

SCHOOL DISTRICT	COUNTY TAX	LIBRARY TAX**	VO-TECH TAX	SCHOOL TAX	SCHOOL CAPS	TOTAL RATE*
#14 SMYRNA	.0572	.0051	.0268	.3328	-0-	.4219
#18 CAPITAL	.0572	.0051	.0268	.4836	-0-	.5727
#20 CAESAR RODNEY	.0572	.0051	.0268	.3060	12.00	.3951
#22 LAKE FOREST	.0572	.0051	.0268	.2696	15.00	.3587
#26 WOODBRIDGE	.0572	.0051	.0268	.3165	8.82	.4056
#40 MILFORD	.0572	.0121	.0268	.2807	-0-	.3768

*TOTAL RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE CAPS.

**THE DISTRICT LIBRARY TAX IS CHARGED TO EACH DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INCORPORATED AREA OF DOVER.

LIBRARY TAX DISTRICTS INCLUDE: DUCK CREEK LIBRARY, DOVER LIBRARY, KENT (CR) LIBRARY, HARRINGTON LIBRARY AND MILFORD LIBRARY.

USER FEES

TRASH DISPOSAL 2024—2025

Kent County Customers with Yard Waste—\$365

Kent County Customers without Yard Waste—\$334

STORMWATER

- \$28 per Residential Property per year

SUBURBAN PARKS - Fees Set by the State of Delaware

- Royal Grant—.009330

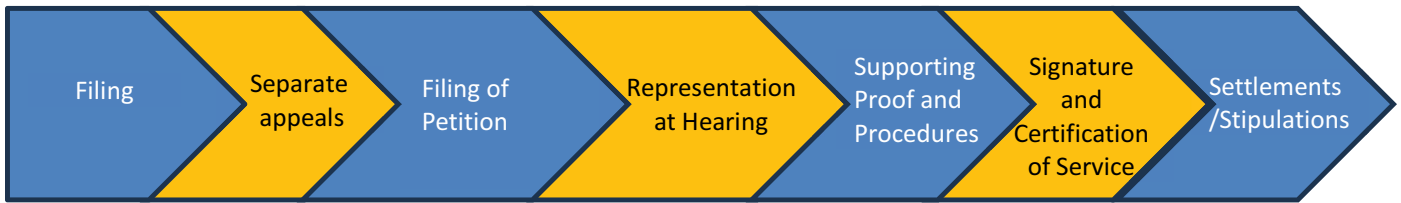
- Old Mill Acres—.008420

- Eagles Nest—.011730

STREETLIGHT DISTRICT RATES

District No.	District Name	FY 25	District No.	District Name	FY 25	District No.	District Name	FY 25
1	Briar Park	141 130.6	90	Traybern	43 176.8	175	Fox Hollow	59 35.58
2	Kent Acres	135 49.56	92	Wynn Wood	182 190.3	176	Victoria Meadows	17 174.5
3	Rodney Village	380 64.57	93	Mt Vernon	76 141.4	177	Green Hill Farm Estates	90 86.75
4	Capitol Park	212 75.16	94	Jackson Ridge	52 168.1	178	Alexanders Village	48 35.82
6	Richardson Estates	22 49.83	95	Planters Run	80 102	179	Derby Shores	17 195.5
8	Moore's Lake	236 71.44	96	Pleasant Valley	40 54.73	180	Hidden Brook	151 40.13
11	Brookdale	61 142	97	Stag Crossing	42 47.37	181	Forty Nine Pines	114 36.16
13	Windswept	57 122.2	98	Fernwood	73 129.3	182	Danfield Estates	19 156.2
14	Star Hill	173 78.62	99	Burtonwood Village	96 47.06	183	Fork Landing West	43 38.7
20	Generals Greene	97 45.84	100	Chestnut Ridge	36 49.54	185	Estates of Verona Woods	148 30
21	Burwood	31 185.9	101	Lakeshore Village	459 43.79	186	Loganberry	109 28.31
22	Sheffield Farms	121 127	102	Pheasant Pointe	61 45.78	187	Auburn Meadow	80 38.91
23	Kentbourne	52 193.6	103	Brenford Station	217 39.17	Total Units		16,044
24	Eagles Nest	99 65.08	104	Rpckland Hills	82 45.98			
25	Old Mill Manor	77 74.78	105	Green/High	102 95.98			
26	Pennwood	141 73.57	106	Grand Oaks	95 74			
27	Hidden Acres	95 183.5	107	Rockland West	45 49.83			
28	Brighton/Windy Way	53 45.7	129	Point Landing	156 30.9			
39	Brookfield	166 45.7	130	Harmony Hill	31 100.4			
41	Stonegate	180 161.2	131	The First Tenth	15 86.68			
42	John Char	56 189.4	132	Estates at Wild Quail	95 158.1			
44	Wild Quail	185 35.23	133	Longacre Village	236 94.59			
48	Sandy Hills	175 131.9	134	Whitetail Run	152 148.9			
49	Pleasant Woods	19 45.12	135	Brenford Woods	110 28.11			
51	Normansmead	60 46.24	136	Hampton Hills	76 291.7			
54	Winding Ridge	46 45.04	137	Jockey Hollow	210 36.03			
55	Kentwood	284 35.85	138	Satterfield	251 114.5			
56	Riverwood Estates	167 38.8	139	Spring Meadow	246 25.88			
57	Jonathans Landing	206 41.49	140	Meadows@Chestnut Ridge	118 34.1			
58	Misty Pines	56 232.4	141	Townsend Fields	105 43.88			
59	South Glen	27 44.84	142	Masseys Mill	60 43.95			
60	Summerfield Village	18 86.8	143	Olde Field Village	135 32.87			
61	Carlisle Village IV	63 38.71	144	Breeders Crown Farm	63 136.1			
62	Canterville	39 37.88	145	Courseys Point	198 36.15			
63	Church Creek	135 137.2	146	Garrison Circle	29 37.08			
64	Meadow Ridge	30 52.64	147	Reserve@Chestnut Ridge	464 49.37			
66	Magnolia Meadows	67 47.34	149	Timber Mills	86 32.96			
67	Moore's Meadows	127 173.9	150	Pintail Pointe	38 107.5			
68	The Orchards	198 187	151	Champions Club @Jonathans Landing	325 33.76			
71	Oaknoll	69 47.53	152	Roseville Estates	74 39.83			
72	Fields of Magnolia	51 169.8	153	Barrett Farms	70 166.4			
73	Pleasant Hill	89 161.9	156	Mount Friendship	30 55.71			
74	Chimney Hills	221 45.5	157	Village of Eastridge	189 62.38			
75	Dykes	236 143.8	158	Willowwood	494 31.7			
76	Crystal Creek	236 143.8	161	Hazel Farm	203 246.9			
77	Meadowbrook Acres	183 35.31	163	Pickering Pointe	48 34.22			
78	Village of Wild Quail	84 53.13	164	Quails Nest	103 106			
79	Hunters Ridge	65 56.01	165	Hunters Run	40 291.5			
80	Maplehurst	13 66.08	166	Lynnwood Village	42 163.6			
81	Doe Run	31 184.9	167	Dogwood Meadows	102 37.78			
83	Cardinal Hill	65 56.01	168	Dickinson Creek	67 96.08			
84	Rolling Meadows	85 45.37	169	Village of Nobles Pond	405 117.9			
85	Village Drive	16 46.28	170	East Bay Point	38 238.4			
86	Twelve Oaks	42 433	171	Woodfield	226 48.77			
87	Carlisle Village I, II, III	173 39.06	172	Ponds at Willow Grove	92 106.5			
88	Planters Woods	100 47.06	173	Robin Hill	18 58.86			
89	GL West/Fairway Circle	27 52.96						

The Appeals Process



Property Assessment appeal forms for both residential and commercial properties are available on the Kent County Website: <https://www.kentcountyde.gov/Residents/Tax-Credits-Exemptions-Assessment#section-2>

Please note that all appeals must be returned to the Board of Assessment Office by 5:00pm on the last working day of January of the year you are appealing. All appeals will become effective for the next annual billing. Postmark will not be accepted. Exceptions cannot be made.

Separate appeals must be filed for each parcel.

When filing the petition, the original petition must be filed with the Kent County Board of Assessment Office.

(a) a copy must be served upon the Kent County Assessment Office or, in the event of county appeal, served upon the property owner/representative.

(b) a copy should be retained by the Petitioner.

(c) any supporting documents attached to the original petition must also be attached to any copies made.

Representation at hearing:

(a) The petitioner must be present at the hearing or be represented by an attorney-at-law to practice in the State of Delaware.

(b) If the petitioner/representative does not appear at the scheduled hearing, the appeal will be considered withdrawn and denied.

Supporting proof and procedures:

If you are appealing a change of assessment, you will be required, at the time of filing the petition, to provide evidence from which the Board of Assessment Review can determine the market value of your property as it stood on July 1, 2023. (examples: Comparable sales (and/or an appraisal as of July 1, 2023) An appraisal may be submitted, but it must state the

Kent County Board of Assessment Review as the intended user and must represent market value as of July 1, 2023. If an appraisal is submitted, the appraiser must be available to testify in support of the appraisal. Subject to the Board of Assessment Review's discretion, you may present other relevant information concerning the property under appeal, such as photographs, surveys, etc., this information will be required to be submitted at the time of the filing of the petition. At the request of the petitioner-party, the County must also provide the party with a copy of the property record card for the property under appeal, at least three calendar days prior to the hearing.

Signature and certification of service:

The signature of the petitioner is required on the petition. The certification of Service of the copies to the Kent County Board of Assessment Office (or to the property owner/representative in the case of a county appeal) must be filled out and signed by the person making the petition.

Settlements/stipulations:

A settlement agreed upon between the petitioner and respondent must be approved by the Kent County Board of Assessment Review and must reflect whether the Assessment Supervisor, Finance Director, or applicable Assessor agree with the settlement. Proposed stipulations/settlements must be executed on forms available from the Kent County Board of Assessment Office. If the Board of Assessment Review approves the settlement, it will enter a judgment incorporating the settlement. If the Board of Assessment Review disapproves the settlement, the Board of Review will notify the parties of the denial and will schedule a hearing for the appeal.

Return original copy to: Kent County Board of Assessment 555 Bay Rd. Dover DE 19901

Please refer to the following webpage on our website for the Residential and Commercial/Industrial appeals form. <https://www.kentcountyde.gov/Residents/Tax-Credits-Exemptions-Assessment#section-2>

Employees of the Month

FREDERICK STRAUSS, JR.

JULY 2024



Frederick Strauss, Jr.
Department of Community Services

Kent County Department Heads have selected FREDERICK STRAUSS, JR. from the Department of Community Services – Parks Division as the JULY 2024 Employee of the Month.

Fred is a Parks Worker III in the Parks Division and started with Kent County in August 2004. Fred began his career with the County as a Parks Worker I, quickly promoted to a Parks Worker II in February 2005. While at the County, Fred obtained his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) under the professional development/training policy and was later promoted to Group Leader as a Parks Worker III in July 2011.

Fred is stationed at Big Oak County Park, and he is responsible for all aspects of park maintenance, including cutting grass, applying weed control, maintaining the playgrounds and exercise equipment, trail maintenance, pruning trees, restroom

cleaning, grooming and lining the athletic fields, snow removal, equipment repairs and general park maintenance and clean-up. He takes a lot of pride in the work he performs to ensure the park is safe, clean and aesthetically pleasing for all the park patrons to enjoy. During a 6-week period last year, Fred was stationed alone at Big Oak Park maintaining the entire park by himself.

According to the Director of Community Services, Jeremy Sheppard, "Fred is very talented with lots of experience in most all the trades needed to perform the job. He is very creative and is always looking for ways to improve his work product. He works conscientiously and efficiently with lots of detail to make sure all tasks are completed thoroughly to meet the expectations of his supervisor as well as the park patrons. He often lends a hand to other Kent County Parks employees to make sure all the projects and tasks are completed. Fred is truly an asset to the parks department and does a fabulous job keeping Big Oak Park a beautiful place for patrons to visit and enjoy."

Congratulations Fred on a job well done!

RICHARD WASHINGTON

AUGUST 2024



Richard Washington
Department of Public Works

Kent County Department Heads have selected RICHARD WASHINGTON. from the Department of Public Works – Wastewater Facilities Division as the August 2024 Employee of the Month.

Rick is a Laboratory Technician II in the Wastewater Facilities Division and started with Kent County in June 2001. Rick began his career with the County as a Laboratory Technician I, promoted to a Lab Technician II in July 2015.

As a Lab Tech II, Rick has been instrumental in providing the best process control data available to our facility operators and manag-

ers. Rick consistently performs highly technical work in the testing of wastewater samples, to ensure compliance with the requirements set forth by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Being one person in a team of three has meant working weekends and holidays (when necessary). Rick has been willing to work overtime to always maintain continuity of operations.

According to the Acting Director of Public Works, Diana Golt, "Rick is an exemplary County employee, who is always willing to go the extra mile. For 23 years Rick has always set an example of what it means to be a dedicated employee. His knowledge and experience are irreplaceable. Rick remains to play an intricate role in the lab testing process."

Congratulations Rick on a job well done!

KIRSTIN CONING

SEPTEMBER 2024



Kirstin Coning
Department of Administration

Kent County Department Heads have selected KIRSTIN CONING. from the Department of Administration – Information Technology Office as the September 2024 Employee of the Month.

Kirstin is a Computer Support Technician II in the Information Technology office and started with Kent County in August 2021. Kirstin began her career with the County as a Computer Support Technician I, promoted to a Computer Support Technician II in May 2024.

As a Computer Support Tech II, Kirstin is the administrator for office 365, Microsoft Ex-

change, and the point of contact for all Microsoft 365 applications such as Outlook, Teams, SharePoint, and OneDrive. She played a crucial role in the transition to Office 365, showcasing her ability to adapt and thrive in new technological environments. Her com-

mitment to understanding the county's software is evident in her proactive approach to problem-solving. Notably, Kirstin took the initiative to secure a remote monitoring tool that enables our help desk technicians to oversee all county-owned devices.

According to the Director of Planning Services, Sarah Keiffer and Acting IT Director, Donna Barnes, "Kirstin has been an invaluable asset to the help desk team at Kent County since joining in August 2021. Her engaging attitude and friendly demeanor have made her a favorite among both co-workers and staff throughout the county showcasing a tremendous mix of customer service and technical skill. She can easily translate "tech speak" for people less technologically inclined without judgement and appears to truly enjoy helping her Kent County teammates. She has great ideas for how Kent County can continually improve its technology and help staff get the most out of available tools. Kirstin is the epitome of what a Help Desk can be."

Congratulations Kirstin on a job well done!

KENT COUNTY LEVY COURT, COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Programs and Activities for Recreation, Parks, and Libraries



Winter 2024/2025

KENT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION & KENT COUNTY RECREATION CENTER

1683 New Burton Rd.
Dover, DE 19904

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday,

8:00am – 5:00pm

Phone: 302-744-2495

Email:

ParksRec@KentCountyDE.gov

www.KentCountyDE.gov

Parks and Recreation Commission

Kevin Zimmerman, Chairman	4th District
John Stant III, Vice Chairman	2nd District
Walter Carroll	6th District
Ed Coker	1st District
James E. Long	5th District
Brian J. Michalski	At Large
Walter Waite, Jr.	3rd District

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to plan, promote and develop recreational facilities and activities consistent with the needs of all Kent County residents for now and the future.

Commission Goals:

1. To promote the health, welfare and safety of all recreational participants
2. To monitor recreational facilities and programs
3. To study and identify needed recreational facilities and services
4. To support the Park and Recreation Division in serving all Kent Countians
5. To fulfill responsibilities delegated by Kent County Levy Court under Article III of the Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws
6. To protect and conserve natural resources
7. To promote an awareness of public recreational facilities in Kent County
8. To incorporate technological resources into the County recreational planning and delivery system
9. To promote and develop Greenways as recreational resources
10. To function as a recreational advocate on behalf of the population of Kent County
11. To work in conjunction with other agencies to enhance recreational resources
12. To expand recreational and leisure activities
13. To insure compliance with provisions for open space, preservation and management
14. To identify and recommend funding sources that support parks and recreation opportunities

Accepted by Kent County Levy Court 8/22/2000

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

• Registration will be accepted through the mail, in-person or on-line on a first-come, first-served basis. **NO PHONE IN REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Cost of activity must be paid in full when registering except when stated differently. Please follow registration procedures listed below.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online Registration catalog can be accessed via secure.rec1.com/DE/kent-county-de/catalog. MasterCard, Visa and Discover Card **payments are processed through Authorize.net (which will read Kent County Levy Court on statement);** however, refunds must be processed through Kent County Parks and Recreation; allow up to 2 weeks for processing. All other refund policies apply.

CREDIT CARD USE POLICY

Kent County Parks and Recreation cares about the safety of your credit card information. We will no longer accept mailed or phoned in credit card payments. Credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, Discover) can be made via our online registration catalog (CivicRec). Kent County Parks and Recreation can only accept credit card payment by authorized account holder as displayed on the card.

PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

The Kent County Parks and Recreation invites individuals to enjoy our programs, parks, and facilities. It is the policy of the Kent County Levy Court that all programs be accessible to all individuals as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you or the person(s) you are registering need modification for your program of interest, please contact Mike Rigby at 302-744-2495 or email at michael.rigby@KentCountyDE.gov before registering to discuss this matter.

TEXT MESSAGE NOTIFICATION

Through our registration software vendor, CivicRec, we have the capabilities of sending text message notifications directly to your mobile phone. The text message notification system would only be used for the program you are currently participating in and relate only to important messages such as cancellations, changes to schedule, or other necessary updates. In order to receive the text message notifications, you must submit your mobile carrier name when signing up for an account. If you have any questions regarding this helpful program, please call our office.

REFUND POLICY

Registration fees for recreation programs/activities must be paid in advance and shall be refunded in full to the payer of record if the County cancels the program/activity. If a participant cancels his/her participation in a program at least **five (5) days** prior to the first scheduled day, a full refund shall be paid less a **\$5** processing fee pursuant to County ordinance. Refunds will not be given for any other reason.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Classes and activities are subject to cancellation for any reasonable cause.
- For weather and last minute cancellation information, please view our website at kentcountyde.gov/home and facebook.com/KentCountyParksandRec. Timely program cancellation notifications will be done by email or text notification from Staff.
- Please make sure that the instructor is present before dropping your child off at a program
- Arrive to pick up your child at least five minutes before the program's scheduled closing. Failure to pick up your child on time may result in expulsion from the program.
- A child may be expelled from a program with no refund after notifying parent of disciplinary problems.
- The Department may photograph programs and participants for publicity purposes, such as the brochure, facebook, twitter, etc.
- The Department has the right to adjust any of the program details in the brochure including fees, locations, instructors, times, days and starting dates.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that in using the facilities, programs and equipment of Kent County Parks and Recreation, I do so entirely at my own risk and I assume the risk of any injury and/or damage while engaging in any physical exercise or activity or use of any facility on the premises. This assumption of the risk includes, without limitation, my use of the gymnasium, athletic courts, lobby, hallways, athletic fields, parks, sidewalk, parking lot, seating, or any equipment in the facility/park. I further agree to assume the risk in participating in any activity, class, program, instruction, or any event sponsored by Kent County Parks and Recreation (Kent County Levy Court).

By executing this Agreement, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE, Kent County Levy Court and its past, present and future administrators, partners, employees, insureds, assigns, agents, and representatives in their personal and professional capacities (collectively "Kent County Parks and Recreation"), from all claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action, and from all acts of active or passive negligence on the part of such entity, its servants, agents, or employees of any nature whatsoever, including attorneys' fees and costs arising out of or connection with the aforementioned activities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Kent County Levy Court from any claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action, loss, liability, damage or cost which Kent County Levy Court may incur due to my presence at or use of the facility. I further agree that the foregoing warranty, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of Delaware and that if any portion is deemed to be invalid, it is expressly agreed that the remaining terms shall remain in full legal force and effect.

KENT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION - ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Important: Registration waiver must be signed by participant. If participant is under 18, parent or guardian must sign.

Mail To : Kent County Parks and Recreation, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover, DE 19904

RECEIPTS REQUESTED BY: EMAIL, OFFICE PICK UP, OR INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION.

PAYMENTS	Credit card Payments are processed through Authoriz.net which will read Kent County Levy Court on statements.
Payee Name (First, Last)	
Street Address	
City	
E-mail	
Home Phone	
Mobile Phone	

Registration procedures, see page 18.		Request Receipt			YES		NO	
ACTIVITY CODE	ACTIVITY NAME	FIRST	PARTICIPANT'S NAME LAST	SEX	T-SHIRT SIZE	BIRTH DATE	FEE	
SPECIAL REQUESTS (Siblings, Coaches, Teammates etc.):								SUB TOTAL \$

FORM OF PAYMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. CHECK # _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. CREDIT ON ACCT
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. MONEY ORDER

CREDIT CARD POLICY

DO NOT SEND CREDIT CARD INFO
ON FORM. PLEASE SEE
REGISTRATION PROCEDURES ON
PAGE 18 IN THIS BROCHURE FOR
USE OF CREDIT CARDS.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FULL AGREEMENT ON **PAGE 18** OF THIS BROCHURE AND/OR THE COUNTY WEBSITE, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION. I AM AWARE AND AGREE THAT BY EXECUTING THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE, I AM GIVING UP THE RIGHT TO BRING LEGAL ACTION OR ASSERT A CLAIM AGAINST KENT COUNTY LEVY COURT FOR ITS NEGLIGENCE AND/OR FOR ANY DEFECTIVE PRODUCT THAT MAY BE IN THE FACILITY OR ON ITS PREMISES. BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THIS FOREGOING AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE. PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN FOR ANY CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OLD ENTERING A PROGRAM.

SPECIAL REQUESTS (Siblings, Coaches, Teammates etc.):

Signed:

Date:

ARTS & CRAFTS

ART 101

Ages: 7-12 Fees: \$80
Days: Sat Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Sess: Feb 1 - Feb 22 AC# ART101201

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Join us for Art 101, the perfect class for budding artists eager to explore, create, and learn! Over the course of this class, students will take inspiration from famous artists and different art genres, while experimenting with a variety of materials such as acrylics, pastels, watercolors, charcoal, and more! Through engaging mini-lessons, students will discover the styles and stories of renowned artists from the past, gaining inspiration for their own creations. Each session, students will dive into a new medium, learning essential techniques and creating their own artworks that reflect the styles and methods they've learned. From the vibrant hues of acrylics and pastels to the fluidity of watercolors, students will get hands-on experience with various artistic tools, allowing them to express their creativity in multiple ways. By the end of the class, students will have a collection of their own unique pieces, inspired by the greats of art history and showcasing their growth as young artists. ***All materials included.** Instructor: Mackenzie Nicholson Min 5, Max 15.

ART 101 FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

Ages: 7-12 Fees: \$90
Days: Wed Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Sess: Feb 19 - March 26 AC# ART101FHS219

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Designed specifically for homeschoolers, this dynamic art class invites students to explore their creativity through a variety of hands-on projects. Over the course of the class, young artists will dive into different materials such as paint, clay, and mosaics, discovering new techniques and finding their unique artistic voice. From the vibrant colors of paint to the tactile experience of clay, students will work with a wide range of materials to bring their ideas to life. This class is all about trying new things, encouraging students to explore different styles and methods as they uncover what excites them most about art. By the end of the course, students will have a portfolio of creative projects, each one reflecting their personal journey in art. This class is perfect for homeschoolers eager to add more creativity and fun to their learning experience! ***All materials included.** Instructor: Rebecca Walsen. Min 5, Max 15.



BEGINNER QUILTING - HEART AND NINE PATCH

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$80 (Includes pattern)
Days: Tues Time: 3:00-6:00pm
Sess: Jan 14 - Feb 11 AC# BQUILT114

Delaware Sewing Center, 1716 S Governors Ave., Rodney Village Shopping Center, Dover. What says love better than hearts! Combine straight set nine-patch blocks and appliqued hearts. Participants will learn freezer paper applique by hand and basic machine pieced nine-patch. Then add a border or two and you will have a quilt top. You will finish your quilt top using basic machine quilting and then binding. Five weeks. Pattern and all handouts included. Please pick up supply list at Delaware Sewing Center before class. **Fabric will need to be washed before class. For more information and a list of supplies, call instructor Crystal Sweeney at 302-674-9030.** Max 8.

BRUSHSTROKES & BOOKMARKS: WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Ages: 16+ Fees: \$35
Days: Mon Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Sess: Feb 3 AC# BBWW203

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Dive into the vibrant world of watercolors in the Brushstrokes & Bookmarks Watercolor workshop, where you'll craft unique, personalized bookmarks! This fun and interactive class is designed for beginners and art enthusiasts alike, offering an opportunity to explore the basics of watercolor painting and bookmark design. In this workshop, students will learn basic watercolor techniques and how to enhance your bookmarks with fine pen work. Learn how to add intricate details and embellishments that make your designs pop! Apply the techniques you've learned to design and paint your own set of bookmarks. Experiment with colors, patterns, and styles under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Once you've completed your creations, leave them with us to be professionally laminated and cut. Your finished bookmarks will be ready for pickup at the end of the week, making them durable and perfect for personal use or gifting. Join us for a colorful adventure where art meets function and take home a piece of your creativity! ***All materials included.** Instructor: Olivia Figueroa. Min 5, Max 12.



DRAW, PAINT, PRINT, CREATE!

Ages: 10-14 Fees: \$100
Days: Sat Time: 10:00am-3:00pm
Sess: Feb 15 - March 22 AC# DPPC215

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Join us for an exciting art adventure designed just for tweens! In this hands-on class, young artists will explore the elements of art through the techniques of famous artists. Each week, students will dive into the styles of iconic masters and create their own unique masterpieces. From the bold lines of Keith Haring to the vibrant color compositions of Alma Thomas, students will experiment with a variety of styles and methods. Techniques will include action painting, use of motion, color theory exploration, and learning the fundamental elements of art. Through these projects, tweens will gain a deeper understanding of key art elements such as color, shape, line, and composition. While learning from the masters, students will be encouraged to infuse their personal style and creativity into each project, making every piece truly their own. Whether your tween is a seasoned artist or new to the world of art, this class offers a fun and engaging environment to explore, create, and grow. Join us for a creative journey through the techniques of legendary artists and express yourself! ***All materials included.** Instructor: Debbie Brockmeyer. Min 5, Max 15.

INTRO TO PRINTMAKING

Ages: 16+ Fees: \$65
Days: Sat Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Sess: March 1 AC# ITP301

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Discover the art of dry point printmaking, a timeless technique mastered by some of history's most celebrated artists, including Albrecht Dürer, Francisco Goya, Edward Hopper, Käthe Kollwitz, and Pablo Picasso. In this immersive one-day workshop, you'll learn the essentials of this intricate process and leave with your very own limited edition of fine art prints. What You'll Learn:

- Master the Tools: Get hands-on experience with the fundamental tools of dry point printmaking, understanding how to create and prepare your own intaglio plate.
- Inking & Printing: Learn the traditional process of inking and printing an intaglio plate, using an etching press to bring your design to life.
- Create Your Edition: By the end of the workshop, you'll have produced a signed and original edition of three intaglio prints, each one a testament to your newly acquired skills.

Whether you're looking to diversify your artistic practice or simply try something new, this workshop offers a unique opportunity to explore a historic art form and create work that you'll be proud to display. ***All materials included.** Instructor: Josh Nobiling. Min 5, Max 12.

ARTS & CRAFTS

MEDITATIVE MANDALA ROCK PAINTING

Ages: 16+ Fees: \$35
Days: Sun Time: 1:00pm–3:00pm
Sess: Jan 18 AC# MMRP118

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Join us for a relaxing and creative workshop to learn the art of dot painting mandalas - on rocks! In this workshop, students will explore the calming practice of creating intricate mandala designs while mastering various techniques. Students will learn the best methods for selecting and prepping rocks to create a smooth canvas for their artwork. They will learn how to work with acrylic paints, including mixing colors and creating vibrant designs, as well as how to use specialized tools to master the art of dotting with precision. Whether you're a beginner or have some painting experience, this workshop is designed to be relaxing and enjoyable for everyone. Come relax, unwind, and let your creativity flow! ***All materials included.** Instructor: Mackenzie Nicholson. Min 5, Max 15.

YOUR LIFE IS ART: POP ART ADVENTURES WITH DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

Ages: 7-12 Fees: \$90
Days: Wed Time: 10:00am–12:00pm
Sess: Jan 8 – Feb 12 AC# YLIA108

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Jump into the colorful world of pop art and personal storytelling with the "Your Life is Art" series! Inspired by the beloved Diary of a Wimpy Kid books, this six-week class invites students to explore their own life stories through the lens of illustration art and pop art styles. Each session begins with a lively discussion of the books, where students will relate the humorous and relatable experiences of Greg Heffley to their own lives. Students will learn the basics of illustration and pop art, gaining an understanding of how to use these styles to express their own unique stories. Through guided activities, each child will illustrate important and memorable moments from their own lives, using pop art and comic-style techniques to create vibrant and meaningful artwork. At the end of the course, students will have a portfolio of their artwork, each piece capturing an important aspect of their lives and celebrating their individuality. Join us for "Your Life is Art" and discover how to turn your everyday adventures into extraordinary works of art! ***All materials included.** Instructor: Rebecca Walsen. Min 5, Max 15.



MIXED MEDIA MASTERPIECES

Ages: 10-14 Fees: \$80
Days: Sat Time: 10:00am–12:00pm
Sess: Jan 11 – Feb 1 AC# MMM111

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Discover the world of mixed media art and try something new! Over the course of four weeks, you will explore three different artistic mediums and learn the techniques needed to create stunning works of art.

- Week 1: Acrylic or Watercolor Painting Begin your artistic journey by exploring acrylic or watercolor painting. You'll learn fundamental techniques such as color mixing, brushwork, and layering to create dynamic and expressive artworks.
- Week 2: Colored Pencils In the second week, you'll master techniques such as layering, pressure control, cross-hatching, and dotting to create detailed and vibrant illustrations.
- Week 3: Oil Pastels Learn blending techniques, texturing, and color mixing to create soft, luscious works of art with depth and dimension.
- Week 4: Mixed Media Masterpiece In the final week, bring all your skills together to create a unique mixed media piece. Combine acrylic/watercolor, colored pencils, and oil pastels to design your own masterpiece!

Throughout the course, students will receive personalized guidance and support as you experiment. By the end of the workshop, students will have four completed projects to take home and display, each showcasing your growth and creativity as an artist ***All materials included.** Instructor: Ava Scott. Min 5, Max 12.

POTTERY FOR KIDS

Ages: 10+ Fees: \$80
Days: Wed Time: 5:30pm–7:30pm
Sess: Feb 5 - 26 AC# PFK205

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Join us for a fun and creative four-week pottery class where young artists will learn the basics of slab building! In this hands-on course, students will learn the foundational techniques needed to create their own unique clay masterpieces. Each week, they'll explore different projects, including crafting a tile, slab vase, slab bowl, and an abstract slab sculpture. Students will get familiar with slab building techniques, shaping and assembling clay to form their creations. They'll practice using various pottery tools and learn to apply sgraffito designs, a technique where they'll carve into the clay surface to reveal contrasting layers. Students will gain an understanding of the clay drying stages and the glazing process, adding color and shine to their final pieces. By the end of the course, each child will have a collection of beautifully crafted pottery pieces to take home, showcasing their creativity and newfound skills. This class is perfect for kids who love to get their hands dirty and explore the endless possibilities of clay ***All materials included.** Instructor: Charlese Phillips. Min 5, Max 12.

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS

Ages: 16+ Fees: \$100
Days: Sun Time: 10:00am–12:00pm
Sess: Feb 9 – March 16 AC# PHOTBEG209

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Do you have a camera, but still use the auto settings? Do you want maximum control over your images to achieve exactly what you envision? Then this class is for you! In this 6-week course, students will learn the basics of photography including: Exposure, Aperture, Shutter speed, Basic editing & more! Students will have the opportunity during class hours to get outside and practice the techniques they learn. **All you need is a DSLR camera and a notebook! The editing portion will be taught via a projector, but students can bring their own laptop if they'd like.** Instructor: Jarred Knorr. Min 5, Max 15.

T-SHIRT QUILTING

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$80
(Includes pattern/handouts)
Days: Sat Time: 5:00 – 8:00pm
Sess: Jan 18 – Feb 8 AC# TQUILT118
Days: Tues Time: 3:00 – 6:00pm
Sess: Feb 18 – Mar 18 AC# TQUILT218

Delaware Sewing Center, 1716 S Governors Ave., Rodney Village Shopping Center, Dover. If you are like most people, you have a pile of treasured old T-shirts you just can't bear to throw away. This class is geared to turning your old clothes into lasting memories. Just think of a graduation gift, a lasting memory of a great vacation, or all those years of sports. Please pick up supply list at Delaware Sewing Center before class. **Fabric will need to be washed before class. For more information and a list of supplies, call Delaware Sewing Center at 302-674-9030.** Min 4, Max 7.

EDUCATIONAL

BREATH WORK & SOUND BATH MEDITATION SERIES

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$30
Days: Wed Time: 6:30–7:30pm
Sess: Mar 19 AC# BWSBM319

Location TBD, Clayton. Combining the power of breath with healing sound, this class assists students in taking control of their stress response, sleep quality & energy levels regardless of age or health. Students will practice proper breathing techniques while listening to gentle tones designed to induce an almost immediate feeling of well-being. A guided meditations will accompany for part of the class. Bring yoga mat/cushion or use one provided. Led by certified Breath Coach & Meditation Instructor Audra Littleton. For more information, call Audra Littleton at 302-530-8220. Visit www.Find-Ur-Balance.com for more info. Max 10.

EDUCATIONAL

EFT FOR EVERYTHING

Ages: 15 & up Fee: \$41
Days: Wed Time: 6:30–8:30pm
Sess: Feb 12 AC# EFT212

Kent County Administrative Complex, 555 Bay Road, Dover. Room 221. The Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT), OR “Tapping”, is the most influential and widely known energy psychology method in the world. When properly done, EFT reduces (or completely removes) any problem being addressed, often in less than twenty minutes. Participants will learn the tapping sequence and standard affirmations in order to benefit from EFT immediately. Class led by certified EFT practitioner, Audra Littleton. Visit www.Find-Your-Balance.com for more information. Max 20.

LAW OF ATTRACTION & MAKING YOUR MIRACLES

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$51
Days: Wed Time: 6:30–8:30pm
Sess: Jan 22 & Jan 29 AC# LAMM122

Kent County Administrative Complex, 555 Bay Road, Dover. Room 221. We’ve all heard “happiness comes from within”, but with so many external factors imposing on our lives, how do we shift our focus from “out there” to “in here”? Straightforward and easy to understand, this workshop is packed with information, insights, and techniques to dramatically improve the quality of your life in ways you’ve never imagined. Led by Law of Attraction Coach Audra Littleton. Min 5, Max 15.

REIKI “1”

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$74
Days: Wed Time: 6:30–8:30pm
Sess: Feb 26 – Mar 5 AC# REIKI1226

Kent County Administrative Complex, 555 Bay Road, Dover. Room 220. Reiki is a safe, simple and natural form of energy medicine. It is a complete system for self-care that complements traditional medical care and promotes the body’s natural ability to heal. Participants will learn the Reiki hand positions, and complementary tools designed to be used as self-treatments, as well as for family and friends. Each participant receives traditional level 1 attunements, and a completion certificate. For more information, call instructor Audra Littleton at 302-530-8220. Max 12.

FITNESS

AQUA AEROBICS / CARDIO BLAST

Ages: 18 and up Fee: \$75
Days: Tue and Thurs Time: 6:00–7:00pm
Sess: Jan 7 – Feb 6 AC# FMMCAQ107
Sess: Feb 11 – Mar 13 AC# FMMCAQ211

Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Ave., Dover. Take advantage of water’s natural resistance to get an aerobic and toning workout without the wear and tear on your joints. This program focuses on cardiovascular fitness and range of motion and is a great workout for seniors. Participants must bring their suit and towel. Instructor: Betsy Gustafson, personal trainer and fitness instructor with 30+ years of experience. Min 20, Max 25.

VIRTUAL BODY TONING

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$55
Days: Mon & Wed Time: 5:30–6:30pm
Sess: Jan 6 – Feb 26 AC# BTONE106
(No class 1/20, 1/22, 1/27)
Sess: Mar 10 – May 7 AC# BTONE310
(No class 3/19, 4/21, 4/23)

Online classes, Zoom link provided for each class. This class concentrates on those trouble areas (thighs, hips, and abdomen), as well as firming up the upper body (arms, back, shoulders, and chest). Participants should bring a mat and two 1 to 5 lb. hand weights. Instructor: Kathy Kennedy-Ratajack. Min 10, Max 30.

VIRTUAL YOGA

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$35
Days: Mon & Wed Time: 6:35–7:05pm
Sess: Jan 6 – Feb 26 AC# YOGA106
(No class 1/20, 1/22, 1/27)
Sess: Mar 10 – May 7 AC# YOGA310
(No class 3/19, 4/21, 4/23)

Online classes, Zoom link provided for each class. Yoga begins with simple breathing exercises and stretches intended to clear the mind as well as open up the lungs. Most people beginning yoga will experience measurable progress in their strength and flexibility after a week or two of daily practice. Clothing should be comfortable to allow free movement. Participants must bring a yoga sticky mat. Instructor: Kathy Kennedy-Ratajack. Min 10, Max 30.



LEAGUES

ADULT COED INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Ages: 16+ Team Fee: \$450
Days: Sun Time: 5:00pm
Sess: Jan 5 AC# INSOCLG105
(No 2/23/25)

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. Six players on the field at one time (including a keeper); one player must be a female. **Indoor shoes only NO CLEATS.** All games will be officiated by trained officials.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Ages: 14-18 Team Fee: \$450
Days: Fri Time: 5:00pm
Sess: Jan 10 AC# HBSOLG110

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. Designated for high school teams as they prepare for their Spring season, offering a quality soccer experience for both recreational and competitive players. League will be over an 8-week course depending on how many teams register. Two 24-minute halves with running clock.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Ages: 14-18 Team Fee: \$450
Days: Tue Time: 5:00pm
Sess: Jan 7 AC# HSGSCOLG107

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. Designated for high school teams as they prepare for their Spring season, offering a quality soccer experience for both recreational and competitive players. League will be over an 8-week course depending on how many teams register. Two 24-minute halves with running clock.

INDOOR BOYS HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE LEAGUE

Ages: 13 - 18 Fee: \$87
Days: Thurs Time: 7:00pm
Sess: Jan 2 - Feb 6 AC# BLAX102

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. This pick-up league is designed to develop fundamental skills and techniques that will help prepare your game at the next level. All players will be placed on teams by the Coaching staff and will compete in games over the 6-week time frame. Players need to provide their own equipment (helmet, mouthpiece, gloves, elbow/shoulder pads and stick) **NO CLEATS or SPIKES.** For more information, call Joesph Paugh at 302-744-2486. Min 10, Max 70.

INDOOR YOUTH LACROSSE LEAGUE

Ages: 9 - 13 Fee: \$87
Days: Thurs Time: 5:45pm
Sess: Jan 2 - Feb 6 AC# YLAXLG102

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. This pick-up league is designed to develop fundamental skills and techniques that will help prepare your game at the next level. All players will be placed on teams by the coaching staff and will compete in games over the 6-week time frame. Players need to provide their own equipment (helmet, mouthpiece, gloves, elbow/shoulder pads and stick) **NO CLEATS or SPIKES.** For more information, call Joesph Paugh at 302-744-2486. Min 10, Max 70.

INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Days: Sun Fee: \$80
Sess: Jan 5 - Feb 9 Time: 11:30am-2:30pm
Ages: 9-11 AC# YSOCLG105A
Ages: 12-14 AC# YSOCLG105B

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. Designed to keep youth soccer players playing through the winter. Each player will be placed on a team by coaching staff and will compete in games over a 7-week course. An instructional session will take place prior to game time for teams to practice. We will have coaches leading the instructional sessions, but we do need help from volunteer parents to assist with teams! Each team will participate in a 1-hour session during the above time frame.



KENT YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE ROOKIE DIVISION

Ages: 7-8 Fees: \$75
Days: Practice/Games Tue Time: 6:30-7:45pm
Sess: Mar 4 - Apr 15 AC# KYBL25(7-8)
(No: 4/1/25)

YOUTH DIVISION

Ages: 9-10 Fees: \$75
Days: Practice - Mon Time: 6:00-8:30pm
Games - Wed 6:00-8:30pm
Sess: Feb 19 - Apr 16 AC# KYBL25(9-10)
(No: 3/31 & 4/2)

JUNIOR DIVISION

Ages: 11-12 Fees: \$75
Days: Practice - Mon Time: 6:00-8:30pm
Games - Wed 6:00-8:30pm
Sess: Feb 19 - Apr 16 AC# KYBL25(11-12)
(No: 3/31 & 4/2)

RECREATIONAL DIVISION

Ages: 13-16 Fees: \$75
Days: Practice - Mon Time: 6:00-8:30pm
Games - Wed 6:00-8:30pm
Sess: Feb 19 - Apr 16 AC# KYBL25(13-16)
(No: 3/31 & 4/2)

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. Teams will play games on Wednesday nights and have practice on Monday nights. A full schedule of team practices

and games will be distributed at the beginning of the league. Wednesday Feb 19th and Monday Feb 24th will be a player showcase and nights. Games will have two 20-minute halves with a running clock. First game will be March 5th. Team T-Shirts will be provided.

Rookie division will not have player showcase nights and will begin on March 4th and end April 15th. Rookie division will practice and play a game on the same night.

Additional volunteer coaches and assistants are needed. If you are over 18 and would like to volunteer, please call the Recreation Office at 302-744-2495. **(Background checks are required for all coaches and assistants and will be administered free of charge.)**

LEAGUES

PICKLEBALL LADDER LEAGUE

Ages: 18 & up Fee: \$30/person
Days: Wed Time: 6:00pm
Sess: Jan 8 – Feb 12 AC# PBLEAG108

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Individual registration only. League will play 6 weeks. Basic understanding of Pickleball rules and game play is necessary. Trophies awarded to 1st and 2nd place finishers. Min 12, Max 24.



WINTER 2025 CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Ages: 16+ Fees: \$300 on or before 12/20/24
\$350 after 12/21/24
Registration closes 1/3/25
Days: Tue Time: 6:00–9:00pm
Sess: Jan 7 AC# ASUVBLG107

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Matches are best of 3, rally scoring, games are scored to 25. Regular season based on number of teams. The league concludes with single elimination playoffs. For more information call Jonathan Stewart 302-744-2489 or email at jonathan.stewart@kent-countyde.gov

YOUTH INDOOR FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Ages: 7-14 Fee: \$65 (includes T-shirt)
Days: Sat Time: (7-10) 3:00-4:00pm
Sess: Jan 4 – Feb 8 AC# YNFLFL104A
Time: (11-14) 4:00-5:00pm
AC# YNFLFL104B

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. Participant will receive training in the fundamental skills of offense and defense. This non-contact league emphasizes on throwing and catching. Games will be played inside the Recreation Center – **NO CLEATS OR SPIKES**. (Please indicate shirt size on registration form). Parents or guardians are encouraged to volunteer as coaches and assistant coaches. If you are over 18 and would like to volunteer, please call the Recreation office. **(Background checks are required for all coaches and assistants and will be administered free of charge at the county office.)** For more information, call Joseph Paugh at 302-744-2486. Min 10, Max 50.

MUSIC/DANCE

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

Ages: 12 & up Fee: \$50
Days: Mon Time: 2:30–4:00pm
Sess: Jan 13 – Mar 3 AC# ECD113
No class 1/20/25 or 2/17/25

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Skip a trip to the gym and try folk dancing for exercise! This class is designed for beginners, however experienced dancers are welcome to join. New steps and new dances will be taught each week. The class moves at the pace of the students. Singles and couples are welcome. All dances are taught and “called” by the instructor. Sneakers or flat, non-marking soles are best. English Country Dancing is seen in Colonial Williamsburg and the Jane Austen movies. This class is fun, easy and lightly aerobic. Great for homeschoolers! Great for seniors, too! Instructor: Jackie McCabe. Min 16.

KCRC SOUL LINE DANCING

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$41
Days: Tue Time: 6:30–7:30pm
Sess: Jan 7 - Feb 4 AC# KCRCLSD 107
Sess: Feb 11 - Mar 11 AC# KCRCLSD211
Sess: Mar 18 - Apr 15 AC# KCRCLSD318

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Multipurpose Room. Looking for a great way to burn calories, meet new people, and improve your coordination while enhancing your dance moves? Well, look no further; Soul Line Dancing is for you. Come out and join the fun at our beginner level classes as you learn popular dances such as the Electric Slide, Wobble, Cupid Shuffle, Uptown Funk, and many more. Instructors: Chuck & Kelly Cooper, C & K Soul Line Dancing Min 10, Max 25.



SPORT INSTRUCTION

BEGINNER PICKLEBALL CLASS

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$55
 Days: Thu Time: 1:00-2:30pm
 Sess: Jan 9 - Jan 30 AC# PICKLBEG109
 Sess: Feb 6 - Feb 27 AC# PICKLBEG206

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. This class is for beginners only. Pickleball is designed for all skill and age levels and is very easy to learn. Knowledge of the game is not necessary. Basic drills, skills and rules of the game will be taught. Our indoor courts will make your Pickleball experience much more memorable. Min 6, Max 14.

INTERMEDIATE PICKLEBALL CLASS

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$55
 Days: Thu Time: 3:00-4:30pm
 Sess: Jan 9 - Jan 30 AC# PICKLINT109
 Sess: Feb 6 - Feb 27 AC# PICKLINT206

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Some previous experience of Pickleball is necessary. This class is designed for individuals who want to expand their knowledge and skills of the game. Serving, positioning, lob shots, dinking are just some of the skills that will be taught during this class. Min 12, Max 14.

JR. NBA POST SEASON

Fees: \$50 (Includes a T-shirt)
 Ages: 7-9 AC# JRNBAPOST106A
 Day: Mon/Wed Time: 6:00-7:00pm
 Ages: 10-12 AC# JRNBAPOST106B
 Day: Mon/Wed Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm
 Sess: Jan 6 - Jan 29
 (NO program: Jan 20)

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Players will take part in basketball skills development clinics that will teach fundamental basketball skills including ball-handling, shooting, rebounding, and passing. Players will rotate through skill development stations and participate in scrimmages to further develop skills.



LEARN TO ICE SKATE/BEGINNER

HOCKEY SKATING SCHOOL - 1

Ages: 4 - 14 Fee: \$80 (Includes skate rental)
 Days: Fri Time: 6:30-7:20pm
 Sess: Dec 13 - Jan 24 AC# LIS11213
 Sess: Jan 31 - Mar 14 AC# LIS1131
 Sess: Mar 21 - May 9 AC# LIS1321
 Days: Sat Time: 10:50am-11:40pm
 Sess: Dec 14 - Jan 25 AC# LIS11214
 Sess: Feb 1 - Mar 15 AC# LIS1201
 Sess: Mar 22 - May 10 AC# LIS1322
 Days: Wed Time: 6:55-7:45pm
 Sess: Mar 26 - May 7 AC# LIS1326

Centre Ice Rink, Harrington. Learn to Ice Skate is devoted to teaching beginner skaters, who are not interested in playing hockey, basic skating skills. Beginner Hockey Skating School (BHSS- I) is devoted to teaching beginner skaters who are interested in playing ice hockey the basic skating fundamentals in hockey skates.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Bike helmet or approved ice hockey helmet with cage, hockey or winter gloves, Rental skates are available at no extra charge.

LEARN TO PLAY/BEGINNER HOCKEY SKATING SCHOOL - 2

Ages: 4 - 14 Fee: \$96 (Includes skate rental)
 Days: Sat Time: 11:50am-12:50pm
 Sess: Dec 14 - Jan 25 AC# LIS21214
 Sess: Feb 1 - Mar 15 AC# LIS2201
 Sess: Mar 22 - May 10 AC# LIS2322

Centre Ice Rink, Harrington. Beginner Hockey Skating School (BHSS- II) is devoted to teaching novice skaters who are interested in playing ice hockey and players who completed BHSS- I next level basic skating fundamentals and basic stick/puck skills in full equipment. Learn to Play is devoted to enhancing the hockey skills and game play basics needed to advance beginner players into youth ice hockey programs. Every week the players will also partake in some type of game to keep them coming back for more.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Every participant is required to wear a mouth guard, an approved ice hockey helmet with cage, elbow pads, gloves, cup, shin guards, shoulder pads, pants and stick. Rental skates are available at no extra charge. Used equipment may be available to help offset the initial cost of starting hockey.



STEP-BY-STEP ACADEMY

Days: Sun Fee: \$110
 Ages: 10-14 Time: 10:00-11:30am
 Sess: Jan 5 - Feb 9 AC# SBSACAD15A
 Ages: 15-18 Time: 12:00-1:30pm
 Sess: Jan 5 - Feb 9 AC# SBSACAD15B

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. Step-by-step soccer academy follows Technical Skill Development Brazilian Soccer Methodologies emphasize the development such as control the ball, dribbling and passing from an early age. This is achieved through drills and small-sided games that encourage players to use and improve their technical abilities. This is not a beginner program!

TOT & PARENT MULTI SPORT CLASS

Ages: 2-4 Fee: \$55
 Days: Wed Time: 3:00-4:00pm
 Sess: Jan 8 - Feb 12 AC# TRCPTM108

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. This is a Parent and child class that is a great introduction to a variety of sports for both parents and their emerging athletes. Parents will work with their child to develop skills and a love for sports. This class will cover a variety of sports including Soccer, Football, Baseball, Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, etc. Minimum of 5, maximum of 15. If you have any questions about registering, please call Parks & Recreation at 744-2495.

TOT INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

Ages: 4-6 Fees: \$40
 Days: Saturday Time: 10:30-11:30am
 Sess: Jan 11 - Feb 8 AC# TBASKLG111

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. Participants will be placed on teams by Kent County Parks and Recreation. Players will be introduced to the rules and fundamentals of basketball. The main goal is to have fun!

TOT MULTI SPORT CLASS

Ages: 4-6 Fee: \$55
 Days: Wed Time: 4:00-5:00pm
 Sess: Jan 8 - Feb 12 AC# TRCTMS108

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. This class is a great introduction to a variety of sports for emerging athletes. This class will teach fundamentals on how to play various sports and how to play with others. A variety of sports will be covered including: Soccer, Football, Baseball, Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, etc. Minimum of 5, maximum of 15. If you have any questions about registering, please call Parks & Recreation at 744-2495.

SPORT INSTRUCTION

TOT INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER

Ages: 4-6 Fee: \$50
Days: Sun Time: 9:00-9:55am
Sess: Jan 5 - Feb 9 AC# TISOCRC105

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. This is an introductory class to develop the fundamental skills on how to play soccer. Players will receive training from licensed coaches following a 7-week curriculum. The main goal is to have fun! **Must have clean sneakers and shin guards.** Min 10, Max 20.



YOUTH HOLIDAY PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Ages: 8 - 16 Fee: \$35
Days: Fri Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
Sess: Jan 3 AC# YHPC103

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. This clinic is designed to introduce kids to the sport of pickleball or improve the skills of those that already play. The clinic will feature introductory skills, age-appropriate drills as well as learning the rules and scoring of the game. Participants should wear comfortable sneakers. Equipment will be provided but feel free to bring your own paddle if you have one. Instructors: Lynn Price and Kim Holden. Min 10, Max 24.

YOUTH INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER

Ages: 7-9 Fee: \$55
Days: Sun Time: 10:00-10:55am
Sess: Jan 5 - Feb 9 AC# YISOCRC105

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. This is an introductory class to develop the fundamental skills on how to play soccer. Players will receive training from licensed coaches following a 7-week curriculum. The main goal is to have fun! **Must have clean sneakers and shin guards.** Minimum of 10, maximum of 20.



TOURNAMENTS

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Ages: 16 & up Team Fee: \$50
Days: Sat & Sun Time: 8:00am start
Sess: March 8 and 9

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Register online at pickleballbrackets.com





**REGISTRATION FEE \$275
PER TEAM**

Dates:

Boys: February 22, 2025

Girls: February 23, 2025

Register At:

<https://route1sports.org/delawarefutbolacademy/tournaments/>

**All games played at Kent County Parks & Rec
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WINTER 2024/2025 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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It is the policy of the Kent County Levy Court that all programs be accessible to all qualified handicapped individuals as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you, or the person you are registering, need reasonable accommodation for your program of interest, please contact Kent County Public Library before registering to discuss the matter with the program coordinator(s).

The Library may photograph programs and participants for publicity purposes, including posting to social media sites.

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NEW ZEALAND PEN PAL PROGRAM

Bi-monthly. Make a new friend who lives 9,000 miles away! Stop in to fill out a registration form. Children under 18 must fill out a form in person and have parental permission. (*Incidentally, it's Summer in New Zealand now!*) This program is sponsored, in part, by the Friends of Kent County Public Library.

DECORATE THE LIBRARY!

November 30-December 14. Help us decorate the library for winter! Stop by and make a paper snowflake, then leave it in the basket. Finished snowflakes will be added to KCPL's winter window display! All supplies provided. (*All snowflakes must be completed while in the library.*)

WINTER READING GAME

December 15-February 15. Our reading challenge is sure to "monopolize" your free time! Earn a small incentive upon completion.

PUZZLE SWAP

Saturday & Sunday, January 18 & 19 – 1:30-3:30pm Bring gently used, complete and boxed jigsaw puzzles (between 150-1000+ pieces) to library during regular library business hours between January 2-16. Receive vouchers to exchange for the same number of puzzles on the day(s) of the swap. Vouchers are only valid on the days of the swap: January 18 & 19. We cannot accept donated puzzles on the designated days of the swap; please do not put donated puzzles in the outside book return.

BOOKOPOLY DÉCOR

Saturday, January 25 – 1:30-2:30pm Ages 10-Adult. Customize Monopoly-Style frameless canvas wall art. Perfect for home, office, or game room décor. Must pre-register; no walk-ins. (*Program held before normal library business hours. Only those who have preregistered, and their accompanying adult for children under the age 16, will be permitted in the building.*)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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STORY!TIME WITH MISS ROBIN

Thursdays, 10:00am through December 19; no meetup December 26; in January 2025 Story!Time moves to Fridays at 10:00am

Miss Robin has a wonderful line-up of stories, songs, activities, and crafts to explore! Check out the weekly theme on the library Facebook page at "KCPLibrary." Groups of 5 or more, please call ahead (302) 744-1919. Ages 5 and under.

DIAL-A-STORY: (302) 741-4171

Call from any place at any time and listen in! Menu options change regularly. *Dial-a-Story is brought to you by the Friends of KCPL.*

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Children can collect small incentives for reaching milestones on their way to reaching 1,000 books before kindergarten. Visit the KCPL circulation desk for more information on registering. Reading logs and rewards are distributed at KCPL's weekly Story!Time program with Miss Robin.



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DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

All Delaware children from birth to age five, regardless of their family's income, can receive a FREE book each month by mail. Visit www.lib.de.us/imagination for more information. (*Brought to you by Delaware First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney's First Choice Initiative, in collaboration with the Delaware Division of Libraries and the Delaware Library Consortium.*)

SEASONAL CRAFTS

Check out the KCPLCrafts channel on YouTube! We have a lot of video tutorials for simple crafts that use basic craft supplies you probably already have at home. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/@kcplcrafts7129>

BALLET THEATRE OF DOVER PRESENTS EXCERPTS FROM THE NUTCRACKER

Sunday, December 1 – 2:00pm

Enjoy narrated scenes from the company's holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*. Meet the characters from the beloved holiday favorite and receive a take-and-make craft to take home.

BULLET JOURNALING

Wednesday, January 22 – 6:30pm

The bullet journal combines a calendar, to-list, goal tracker, diary – even a reading journal – all into a single book. Join us and learn how these journals can be used and ways to customize them. Ages 13 and up. Pre-registered participants only.

PAWS FOR READING

Thursdays, December 5 & 19, January 2 & 16, February 6 & 20, March 6 – 6:30pm

Bring your child to the library to read aloud for 10 minutes to a friendly therapy dog provided by PAWS for People. One dog per reader, per 10-minute session. Ask about our 5x incentive!

BOOK BINGO

Sundays, December 8, 15, 22, & 29 – 2:00pm

Ages 5-18. Kids! Play Bingo and win some fabulous books to add to your home collections. Games start promptly at 2:00pm; we suggest early arrival, to select your game board and get settled. Five rounds each afternoon.

SONGS, STORIES & SLEIGH BELLS

Wednesday, December 18-- 6:30pm

Complete a craft (while supplies last) as we share seasonal stories, including *A Night Before Christmas*. Be on time, or you'll miss our "special guest!" (Ho, Ho, Ho!).

"THAT'S THE TICKET!" CRAFTS

Saturdays, December 21, January 11, February 8: 10:00-10:45am

Each child receives a random ticket that determines the craft kit they complete over the next 45 minutes! Make the craft and take it home! Preregistration mandatory; ages 6-12 only; parent/guardian must remain in building during program. (*Program held before normal library business hours. Only preregistered children and their accompanying adult will be permitted in the building.*)

HOMESCHOOL CONNECTION

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25: 3:30-4:15pm

Ages 8-13 (firm). Geared primarily towards homeschooled students, this group meets weekly to complete at-home projects to share the following week with the group. Preregistration required; no walk-ins.

DELAWARE ANIME SOCIETY

Saturdays, January 11, February 8, March 8 – 1:00 – 4:30pm (No meeting in December)

(Ages 13 and up) The Delaware Anime Society is for those with an interest in Japanese anime (animation), manga (graphic novels), cosplay, music and pop culture to meet in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

DAY OF THE WINTER KNIGHT & PRINCESS

Saturday, February 1, 10am-11:30am

Ages 6-12 (firm). A Winter Royal will read a story, and after that we will enjoy activities and crafts! Costumes encouraged. Pre-register! No walk-ins. Parent /adult guardian must remain at library during event. (*Program held before normal library hours. Only those who have preregistered, along with their accompanying adult, will be permitted in the building.*)

"JUST DUCKY!"

Monday, January 13 – 6:00pm

Ages 7 and under. Celebrate National Rubber Ducky Day with a special PJ story time. Wear your fave jammies!

BOOK DONATIONS

While we appreciate your continued generosity, the Friends of Kent County Public Library **WILL NOT be accepting books/movies/music donations in December, January or February.**

Please do not put donated items in the outside book return, nor leave them outside the library.



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ADULT PROGRAMS

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A DICKENS OF A DECEMBER

Kent County Public Library is celebrating a Dickens-themed month! Enjoy these programs:

DIY Festive Pomander

Wednesday, December 4, 4:00pm

Decorate an orange to create a fragrant pomander ball. While supplies last. (*Allergy alert: Craft involves citrus, cloves, and cinnamon*)

"A Dickens Christmas"

Monday, December 9 at 6:30pm

With re-enactor Alisa Dupuys features a unique and entertaining retelling of Charles Dickens' holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, from the perspective of Scrooge's captivating sister!

A Victorian Christmas

Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30pm

Join Trish Chambers for a lecture on the Victorian era traditions of caring, giving, and good will towards men that helped shape holiday traditions over the years – and even today!

Friday the 13th Book Club

This book group meets to discuss speculative fiction from 11pm-midnight only on months when the 13th falls on a Friday. Join us at **House of Coffi** (14 West Loockerman Street, Dover) to discuss Charles Dickens' classic seasonal ghost tale, *A Christmas Carol*, featuring four spirits.



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FREE FOR ALL CONCERTS

Join us for free live performance featuring local artists. Open seating. All are welcome!

Friday, December 6 – 6:30pm

"Expressions of Joy," features harpist Joy Slavens performing seasonal favorites.

Friday, February 7 – 6:30pm

The Honey Badgers weave their voices together over driving guitar and wistful violin. Enjoy songs about finding yourself, finding each other, and finding your way in the world.

SPOTLIGHT ON DELAWARE

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

The "Diamond" State may be small, but it is packed with fascinating stories from history. Join us for a unique look at the history of the First State. Please pre-register, as seating is limited.

BENEATH THE CANOPY | December 11

Did you know? In the 1930s and 1940s, Milton was the Holly Wreath Capital of the World – shipping Christmas wreaths worldwide! And, during the 1920s, Laurel was a major manufacturer of wooden bushel baskets and crates for fruits and vegetables. Or the critical role Delaware wood products played during WWII and in the rebuilding the World Trade Center? Retired State Forester and native Delawarean Bob Tjaden shares his varied experiences and work in forestry over three decades.

DELAWARE'S OLD MILLS & MILLERS | January 15

Learn about Delaware's historic mills, which once powered Delaware's economy, with Steve Childers of Abbott's Mill, Delaware's last remaining working mill in the region, now on the National Register of Historic Places.

BURMA SHAVE: POETRY IN MOTION | February 5

Famous for its advertising gimmick of posting humorous rhyming poems on small sequential signs along the highway, Burma Shave signs were a staple of mid-century Sunday drives in Delaware. Learn more with Fulbright Scholar Margaret Opsata.

COLD READS

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Join us for a "cold" reading of a variety of radio play scripts. Participate by taking a part or stay to listen as the magic unfolds. (Ages 16 and up)

December 17: *The New Adventures of Nero Wolfe*

January 14: *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

February 11: *Downton Abbey (Episode 1)*

BOOKED FOR LUNCH

Mondays, December 2, January 6, February 3 -- 12:30pm

Bring a bag lunch and discuss books you've recently read with other avid readers – no assigned titles!



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ARTS & LETTERS BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, December 4, January 8, February 5 – 12:30pm
Fiction and non-fiction books related to the various arts.

A NEW YEAR, A HAPPIER YOU!

Sunday, January 26 – 1:30pm

Create your own personalized happiness project at the beginning of the new year! Marcia Moran, MS LPCMH, a family therapist with over 30 years of experience, will share proven techniques and practices to empower you to make 2025 your happiest year ever. Ms. Moran will share current scientific research and lessons from popular culture to enable you to live a less stressful, more joyful and fulfilled life.

NEW! AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS: REFRESHER

Saturday or Sunday, January 11 or 12, 1:00-5:00pm

Register with AARP (<https://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/locations/> and scroll down or call 908-415-9984) for a 4-hour refresher class for drivers who have taken the defensive driving class 3 years ago. There is a course material fee of \$20 for AARP members/\$25 for non-AARP members – which AARP collects). Course offers auto insurance discount, as well as future 3-point credit over 3 years for Delaware drivers.

JOY OF DRAWING

Tuesdays, January 21 & 28, February 4, 18 & 25, March 4, 11 & 18

Art Show: March 25-April 5; Reception 5:30-7:00pm, March 25

Embrace your inner artist in a class that encourages experimentation and self-expression. No experience is necessary. Rebecca Howell, Delaware Museum of Art, leads aspiring artists in a series of 8 FREE basic drawing classes, materials include pencil, charcoal, pen, ink, and pastel. Course culminates with an exhibit of participants' artwork. Limited seating; ages 55+ (firm). *This program is made possible, in part, through a grant from the Delaware Division of Arts.*

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Discussions start at 6:30pm

What is the most romantic type of novel? What makes reading romance so captivating? Are there benefits to reading these stories? Learn about different romance genres – and share your favorite titles from these categories! Meet others who share your passion for reading!

Tuesday, February 4, Regency and Historical Romance: Romances rich in historical detail.

Wednesday, February 12, Romantic Suspense: Uses suspense, mystery, or thriller elements to drive the love story forward.

Thursday, February 20, Romantic Comedy: Lighthearted, humorous plot lines combining love and laughter.

Monday, February 24, Contemporary Romance: Love stories set in modern times.

AN 80s KIND OF ROMANCE

Saturdays, 6:00pm

Enjoy the romance movies of the 1980s on the BIG screen – but preregister by the Wednesday prior to the film! To have this program take place, a minimum of 10 must be signed up by then! <https://www.tinyurl.com/KCPLcalendar>

February 1: (1987, PG-12, 1h 34m) A high school boy saves up for a new telescope, but winds up spending it to “rent” a girlfriend – the most popular girl in school.

February 8: (1987, PG, 1h 30m) A young artist, searching for his vocation, makes a mannequin so perfect he falls in love with it.

February 15: (1980, PG, 1h 43m) A playwright uses self-hypnosis to travel back in time to meet the actress whose vintage portrait is displayed in a grand hotel.

February 22: (1987, PG-13, 1h 40m) Spending the summer at a Catskills resort with her family, Frances “Baby” Houseman falls in love with the resort’s dance instructor, Johnny Castle.

QUILLED VALENTINE’S DAY CARDS

Saturday, February 1, 2:00pm

Join us in creating personalized Valentine’s Day cards. Practicing the colonial craft technique of paper quilling, participants will produce individualized holiday keepsakes. Each attendee will be given the opportunity to craft two cards. All supplies provided. Pre-registration required.

ANNUAL VALENTINE’S SHAKESPEARE LIVE READING: HAMLET

Sunday, February 9 – 1:00pm

Ages 16 and up. Join us for a live reading of Shakespeare’s historical tragedy. Participate by taking a part or stay to listen as the magic unfolds. Preregistration encouraged.

NEW! AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS: BASIC

Friday or Saturday, February 21 or 22, 10:00am-4:00pm

Register with AARP (<https://www.aarp.org/auto/driver-safety/locations/> and scroll down or call 908-415-9984) for a 6-hour class for drivers who have not taken the defensive driving class in the past 3 years. There is a course material fee of \$20 for AARP members/\$25 for non-AARP members – which AARP collects). Course offers auto insurance discount, as well as future 3-point credit over 3 years for Delaware drivers.

UPCOMING CLOSURES: In the Winter, the Mobile Library is off-road December through February. The Children’s Room will be closed on Wednesday mornings, February-April 2025. On Friday, December 6th the Library will be open from 5-8pm and the Mobile Library will be closed. The Library will be closed December 13 and December 25 – 27, January 1 and 20, and February 17.

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TUESDAYS starting 3/4

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2/26 & MONDAYS starting 3/3
GAMES 6 & 7 PM
WEDNESDAYS starting 3/5

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