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CELEBRATE DOVER'S BIGGEST WEEKEND WITH HISTORY & HERITAGE AT THE 86th ANNUAL DOVER DAYS & NASCAR SPRING RACES

Dover, DE—Mark your calendars for the 86th Annual Dover Days Festival presented by WSFS Bank on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's festival is in conjunction with the NASCAR Spring Races at Dover International Speedway starting Friday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 5th.

The Dover Days Festival is one of Delaware's largest and longest-running free events dedicated to celebrating our state's heritage and culture. Festival activities showcase Delaware traditions while highlighting contemporary times with a parade, moon bounce village, food & craft vendors, and so much more.

The Annual Dover Days Festival kicks off with Dover's largest parade stepping off at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4th, continued with a day filled with festivities, scheduled programs, guided walking tours, children activities, traditional maypole dancing, and much more. Starting at 3 p.m., festival-goers can head to Loockerman Square for the History, Heritage & Hops Brewfest in downtown Dover.

Tethered hot-air balloon rides are back again for another year on Legislative Mall. Festival-goers can take a ride in the balloon for \$5 per person from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Riders can enjoy a birds-eye view of downtown Historic Dover, as they climb 150 feet (weather depending) into the air.

New entertainment includes two pirate shows, “Pirates of Approaching Storm Show” and “Pirates of Fortunes Folly Show”. In addition, there will be a new magic show located on The Green, “Magic by Charlie,” and re-enactors including “For Woodness Sake”, 1st Delaware Regiment, Bedlum Bones, and Lady Aimee Sewing to name a few.

The Air Mobility Command Museum is hosting a Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th. The event includes historical presentations, re-enactors camps, static displays, historical aircraft fly-bys, and much more.

Don't miss NASCAR Spring Races starting Friday, May 3rd, with “JEGS 200” NASCAR Gander Outdoor Truck Series Race. On Saturday, May 4th, the “Allied Steel Buildings 200” NASCAR Xfinity Series Dash 4 Cash Race and Sunday, May 5th, “Gander RV 400” Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race.

A special thank you to our sponsors for their continued support: City of Dover, WSFS Bank, Comcast, Highmark Delaware, Del-One Federal Credit Union, Shore United Bank, First State Heritage Park, Delaware State News, TodayMedia, PNC Bank, American Spirit Credit Union, Delaware Lottery, and Pennsy Supply.

For more information on Dover Days Festival or to buy tickets for NASCAR Spring Races, please visit www.DoverDaysFestival.com. For more information on festivals and events in Delaware's Quaint Villages, please visit www.visitdelawarevillages.com/events-calendar/

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86th Annual Dover Days Festival Schedule

From Horses to Horsepower in one great weekend! Celebrate the History and Heritage of Dover like never before! The 86th Annual Dover Days Festival and NASCAR at Dover International Speedway!

MONDAY – APRIL 29

Guided Tours

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Old State House, 25 The Green

Tour this 1791 building that served as the state capitol from 1791 to 1933.

Guided Tours

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Legislative Hall, 411 Legislative Ave.

Visit the building that has been home to the Delaware General Assembly since 1933.

Stories of The Green Walking Tour

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

John Bell House, 43 The Green

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TUESDAY – APRIL 30

Guided Tours

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Old State House, 25 The Green

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Self-Guided Tours

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Biggs Museum of American Art, 406 Federal Street

Permanent collection of American fine and decorative arts and changing exhibitions throughout the year. Currently featuring, "Spirit Revealed: New Works by Aaron Paskins."

General Admission: \$10

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Grandstand Gate 3 Open
2 p.m.
Dover International Speedway

NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series Practice
2:05 p.m.
Dover International Speedway

NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series Final Practice
4:05 p.m.
Dover International Speedway

FRIDAY — MAY 3

Air Mobility Command Museum Opens
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day
Air Mobility Command Museum
1301 Heritage Rd, Dover AFB, DE 19902

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Grandstand Gates 3, 4, 11, 19 Open

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Dover International Speedway

FanZone

10 a.m.

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Visit Delaware's Quaint Villages' Mobile Visitor Center, The Villager sponsored by Chesapeake Utilities at the FanZone at Dover International Speedway

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Dover International Speedway

NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series Free Autograph Session

11 a.m.

Dover International Speedway

Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Practice

11:05 a.m.

Dover International Speedway

NASCAR Xfinity Series Practice

12:05 a.m.

Dover International Speedway

NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series Qualifying

1:10 p.m.

Dover International Speedway

NASCAR Xfinity Series Final Practice

2:30 p.m.

Dover International Speedway

Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Qualifying

3:40 p.m.

Dover International Speedway

NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series Driver Introductions

4:30 p.m.

Dover International Speedway

Start of the "JEGS 200" NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series Race

5 p.m.

Dover International Speedway

First Fridays in Downtown Dover

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Fun for the whole family with entertainment and artists throughout the shops and restaurants in downtown Dover.

In Harmony Concert Series

6:30 p.m.

The Dover Public Library will be hosting the Del Tones, an A Cappella group, for their “In Harmony Concert Series”.

Dover Public Library

LANTERN TOUR: Dover, The Green

8 p.m.

Hear true tales of tragedy and infamy from Dover’s history. Join our guides through historic Dover and its cemeteries by lantern light this spring. Space is limited; call (302) 739-9194 for reservations. Lantern tours cancelled due to inclement weather will not be rescheduled. \$10 per person.

SATURDAY– MAY 4

Wesley United Annual Pancake Breakfast

7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church

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Air Mobility Command Museum Opens

9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day

Air Mobility Command Museum

1301 Heritage Rd, Dover AFB, DE 19902

Re-enactors Camp on Display

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Dover International Speedway

The 86th Annual Dover Days Festival sponsored by WSFS Bank

9 a.m.

The 86th Annual Dover Days Festival officially begins at 9 a.m. with vendors, food, and activities!

Dover through the Decades

9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

John Bell House on The Green

Follow along as we travel through Dover's history and highlight some of the historic events that happened here over the years.

86th Annual Dover Days Festival

First Saturday – May 4: Favorite Pastimes

Colonial Artisans Faire Opens sponsored by American Spirit Credit Union

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Green, Old State House, Biggs Museum of American Art's lawn areas

Come see colonial lace making, wood working, basket weaving, quilting, and more demonstrated in our Colonial Artisans Faire area.

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A Capitol Experience

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Legislative Hall

Tour Delaware's State Capitol building, and experience Delaware history.

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Colonial Trapping sponsored by PNC Bank

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Outside of the Biggs Museum of American Art

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The Sounds of War: Patriotic Music

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Johnson Victrola Museum

Guided tours will examine music's influence on America's wars. Hear patriotic music that was recorded by Victor Talking Machine Company on authentic Victor Talking Machines.

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1st Delaware Regiment Reenactment Camp sponsored by PNC Bank

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Green

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Colonial Market Showcase
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Outside the Biggs Museum of American Art
86th Annual Dover Days Festival

Community Tent sponsored by Del-One
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
The Green
Come see local organizations making a difference in the community.
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Biggs Kids: Paper Dolls
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Biggs Museum of American Art
Love the colonial clothes in the paintings at the Biggs? Make your own colonial paper doll inspired by the collection. Biggs Museum of American Art.
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Guided Tours
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
The Old State House
Come tour the historic Capitol building and celebrate Old Dover Days.
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Breakfast with American Association of University Women (Fee)
9 a.m. -11 a.m.
Corner of Kings Hwy & State Street
86th Annual Dover Days Festival

Dover Days Festival Car Show
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
The Legislative Mall, M.L.K. North Blvd
86th Annual Dover Days Festival

Sand Castle Exhibit sponsored by Shored United Bank
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
The Legislative Mall, Martin Luther King Jr Blvd North
86th Annual Dover Days Festival

Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Practice
9:05 a.m.
Dover International Speedway

86th Annual Dover Days Parade sponsored by the Delaware Lottery

9:30 a.m. Kickoff
State Street & Loockerman Street
86th Annual Dover Days Festival

World War II Paratroopers Drop Zone Normandy Mission Briefs

10 a.m.

Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day

Hangar 1301, Air Mobility Command Museum

1301 Heritage Rd, Dover AFB, DE 19902

Early 20th Century Exhibit of Vintage Clothing sponsored by the Friends of Old Dover and the Dover Century Club

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

40 The Green in downtown Dover

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Cascading Carlos, The Juggler sponsored by Comcast

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Cascading Carlos show begins at Constitution Park, the corner of State and North St.

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The Moon Bounce Village sponsored by Highmark

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Moon Bounce Village opens (weather permitting)

The Legislative Mall

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Hot Air Balloon Rides (Fee)

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Legislative Mall (weather permitting)

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Grinchspare the Plausible sponsored by Comcast

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

State St.

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Stories of The Green Walking Tour

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

John Bell House

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Tours of the Governor's House

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Woodburn – The Governor's House

Enjoy guided tours of the official residence of Delaware's Governor since 1965.

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Pirates of Fortunes Folly Show
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The Green
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Aircraft Fly-by's including C-47 "TAB", C-130, C17, C-5
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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Magic by Charlie sponsored by Comcast
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
The Green
Engaging street magic for the whole family!
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First Annual Rising Scholars in American Art Lecture: 2019
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
The Biggs Museum of American Art
University of Delaware Senior, Annabelle Fichtner, will guide participants in a traditional Lenape net-type process.
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Maypole dancing on The Green sponsored by Today Media
11:30 a.m.
The Green
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Pirates of Approaching Storm Show
11:45 a.m.– 3 p.m.
The Green
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NASCAR Xfinity Series Qualifying
10:10 a.m.
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Wesley Preschool Choir
12:00 p.m.
The Green
Preschool Children's choir performing Colonial Songs in their colonial outfits.
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Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Final Practice
12:00 p.m.
Dover International Speedway

Dover English Country Dancers sponsored by PNC Bank
1 p.m.
Front of the Old State House
English Country Dancers
86th Annual Dover Days Festival

Vintage Base Ball Match
1 p.m.
The Field behind Woodburn, the Governor's Mansion
Diamond State Base Ball Club and the Lewes Base Ball Club square off in a vintage Base Ball Match
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NASCAR Xfinity Series Driver Introductions
1 p.m.
Dover International Speedway

Start of "Allied Steel Buildings 200" NASCAR Xfinity Series Dash 4 Cash Race
1:30 p.m.
Dover International Speedway

"Behind the Scenes" Tour
1:30 p.m.
Delaware Public Archives
See how the Archives preserves and protects important records.
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The Once and Future Courthouse
1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Kent County Courthouse, 38 The Green
From the 1690s to the present, learn how this building went from a courthouse to a hotel and back again.
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Dover English Country Dancers sponsored by PNC Bank
2 p.m.
Front of the Old State House
English Country Dancers
86th Annual Dover Days Festival

History, Heritage & Hops
3 p.m. -9 p.m.
Loockerman Plaza

50th Anniversary Bash at the Xfinity Stage in Victory Plaza featuring by John Rich and Sam Grow with appearances by NASCAR Champions Richard Petty, Bobby Allison and longtime executive Mike Helton

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Dover International Speedway

D-Day Celebration Swing Dance

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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Air Mobility Command Museum

1301 Heritage Rd, Dover AFB, DE 19902

Fireworks sponsored by Delaware's Quaint Villages

9 p.m.

Dover International Speedway in R.V. lots

SUNDAY – MAY 5

FanZone

8 a.m.

Dover International Speedway

The FanZone, outside of Turn 4 near the Monster Monument at Victory Plaza, is free to all fans. Interactive displays will be set up, featuring games, free sampling, live music and more

Visit Delaware's Quaint Villages' Mobile Visitor Center, The Villager sponsored by Chesapeake Utilities at the FanZone at Dover International Speedway

8 a.m.- 2p.m.

Dover International Speedway

Plein Air Painting, sponsored by Parke Green Galleries and the Delaware Store

9 a.m. Registration opens, and painting starts.

The subject matter can be anything in historic Dover from Woodburn to Christ Episcopal Church and from the St. Jones River to Governors Avenue. 2 p.m., Painting ends.

All pieces should be brought to Parke Green Galleries.

2 to 3 p.m.

Public voting to select the winner.

Cash prize for first place winner

All Grandstand Gates Open

10 a.m.

Dover International Speedway

Charlie Daniels Band concert with appearance by John Rich

11 a.m.

Dover International Speedway

Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Driver Introductions

1:20 p.m.

Dover International Speedway

Start of "Gander RV 400" Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race
2 p.m.
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