



Schedule for Wednesday, July 4, 2018

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries,
121 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard North (formerly called Duke of York Street)**
Capital Challenge!

Visit the sites within First State Heritage Park to complete a special holiday scavenger hunt – with new interactive challenges – through Dover’s cultural treasures and win a prize!

The Old State House on The Green

Guided tours throughout the day. Enjoy “*Thunder and Rain*” – a feature film presentation about Caesar Rodney’s historic ride for independence playing throughout the day.

John Bell House on The Green

Simple Pleasures: 18th-century Games and Amusements
Colonial games and activities – for children of all ages!

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Legislative Hall – Delaware’s State Capitol Building, 411 Legislative Avenue
The Laws of Fun

Tour our State’s Capitol building and learn about the legislation that created and protected our State and National parks, making them available for the public to enjoy. (Photo ID is required for all adults.)

Johnson Victrola Museum, 375 S. New Street

“Stars and Stripes”
Enjoy patriotic music played on original Victrola Talking Machines!

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Biggs Museum of American Art, 406 Federal Street

The Biggs will be open and free for the Dover 4th of July festivities. Stop in to see the museum’s current special exhibition of etchings by Rembrandt, a special exhibition of needlework samplers from 18th and 19th century Delaware, and the museum’s permanent collection of American paintings, furniture and silver. There will also be a special Biggs Kids

craft for children of all ages: Show off your 4th with red, white, and blue by making a patriotic paper lantern at the Biggs!

12:30 p.m.

Dover's Heroes of the Revolution Walking Tour

Meet at the John Bell House on The Green

Dover was a hotbed of revolutionary and loyalist activity during the struggle for American Independence. Hear of such valiant figures as John Haslet, John Patton, and Dr. James Tilton.

2 p.m.

National Bell-Ringing Ceremony

The Old State House on The Green

Every Independence Day, bells ring across America's thirteen original colonies at 2 p.m. to jointly celebrate the birth of our nation. Join us as we read the Declaration of Independence and ring the Old State House bell.

2:30 p.m.

Tales of Slavery and Freedom Walking Tour

Meet at the John Bell House on The Green

Find out how a brave group of runaway slaves known as the Dover Eight made a daring escape from the Dover Jail. Hear about famous African-American Richard Allen and his connections to the Golden Fleece Tavern.

4 p.m.

National Bell-Ringing Ceremony

The Old State House on The Green

Join us as we read the Declaration of Independence and ring the Old State House bell.

4 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Food and Craft Vendors

Peruse and purchase from a variety of food and craft vendors on Martin Luther King Blvd. North (formerly Duke of York St., next to Legislative Mall)

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5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Free Children's Activities

Moonbounces, pony rides and petting zoo on the west end of Legislative Mall, near the Liberty Bell replica and in front of the Biggs Museum.

6 p.m.

Old Fashioned Fourth of July Parade

Sponsored by the American Legion Fox Post #2, enjoy a patriotic parade with music, marchers, antique cars and more through downtown Dover. The parade route is along State Street, starting at Hazel Road and ending just past The Green.

7 p.m.

287th Army Band of the Delaware National Guard

The amazing and versatile band of Delaware's National Guard will playing from 7 until the fireworks, showcasing a variety of musical styles and performing in different ensemble arrangements, including brass ensemble, rock band and full concert band.

8 p.m.

Opening Ceremony

Ceremony featuring C-17 flyover, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem, led by Dover Mayor Robin Christiansen in front of Legislative Hall.

8:15 p.m.

287th Army Band of the Delaware National Guard continues

Dover's Fourth of July tradition, a concert of patriotic, pop and band classics in front of Legislative Hall, leading up to the fireworks show.

Dusk – About 9:20 p.m.

Fireworks!

The 2018 Dover Fourth of July fireworks show by Serpico Fireworks, set to this year's musical theme.

In case of rain or high winds, fireworks will be rescheduled for Saturday, July 7.