

#### **Dover Area Parks & Recreation**

Play - Connect - Explore
Dover, Pennsylvania





#### Over 25,000 residents live in Dover

Dover is a quintessential "bedroom community" with many residents working in York, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and beyond. Our residents enjoy being close to many amenities while still holding on to a feeling of a small community. Dover's recreation programs focus on the whole family. For example, the award winning Sensory Santa event provides a Santa experience for people with sensory needs. We strive to include ALL members of the family. Red, White & Boom draws over 10,000 people to celebrate our Nation's birthday, a day early, on July 3rd. Events with the **America 250 PA** logo will feature special activities focusing on Dover history as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of America.

#### We want to partner with your business

In this guide, you will find ways that you can support the community while also benefitting your business. Our sponsors receive exclusive benefits including marketing exposure to Dover residents. You can support the future of these programs and events and gain exposure to the **Dover Proud** community.

Dover Area Parks & Recreation reserves the right to refuse a sponsorship for any reason.

#### Dover Area Parks & Recreation Facts & Reach



@DoverTwp

7.9k followers



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@dovertownship

**452 followers** 



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People attended more than 35 programs and events hosted by Dover Area Parks & Recreation in 2025. Estimated total attendance of over 15,000.

Dover Township publishes four printed newsletters a year that are mailed to over 9,000 households. Virtual newsletters are available monthly via SavvyCitizen.

#### **Favorite FUN Memories**



"We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing"

George Bernard Shaw



# Groundhog Day

#### ( DESCRIPTION

Dover's very own groundhog, Dover Doug, delivers his Prognostication at 7am on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a free breakfast available in the Community Building immediately afterwards. Dover Doug has been predicting the weather since 02-02-02.

#### (DEMOGRAPHICS)

**DATE:** February 2<sup>nd</sup>

**LOCATION:** Lehr Park

**ATTENDEES:** Families

**AVERAGE AGES:** All Ages

**ATTENDANCE:** 100



Bunnyfest & Adult Egg Hunt

Basket Sponsorship: \$50

#### **DESCRIPTION**

**Your Name** 

We stuff over 12,000 eggs for this community favorite. Friday night is for the grown ups (in the **DARK**) and Saturday is for the kids. We have egg hunts for **ALL** members of the family (including the doggies!). Sponsor one basket or more!

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

**DATE:** Mar 27 & 28

**LOCATION:** Brookside Park

**ATTENDEES:** Families

**AVERAGE AGES:** All Ages

ATTENDANCE: 1,600



### Summer Camp

Special Visitor Sponsor: \$500

Help us bring a special guest to camp!

Field Trip Sponsor: \$500

Help us lower the costs for the field trips!

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Our 8 week summer camp has programming for preschoolers (ages 3-5), elementary (grades K-6) and Leaders in Training (grades 7-8). We also have a Counselor in Training program for grades 7 & up for those interested in becoming a future camp counselor.

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

DATE: June - August

**LOCATION:** Lehr Park &

**Brookside Park** 

ATTENDEES: Children

**AVERAGE AGES:** 3-15

ATTENDANCE: 125/week



### REd, White & Boom!

Please see next page for opportunities



#### **DESCRIPTION**

Our largest single day event of the year. Food trucks, music, fireworks viewing and kids activities are available at the Dover Township building, Station 6, and Lehr Park (sensory friendly firework viewing) from 6-9pm. Fireworks are launched from Eagle View Park a little after 9pm.

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

DATE: July 3

**LOCATION:** Eagle View Park

**ATTENDEES:** Families

**AVERAGE AGES:** All Ages

ATTENDANCE: 10,000

### Juy 3. 2026

Build your business, support your community and gain exposure at the largest event of the year!

#### Fireworks Sponsor (1 available) \$15,000

Your business will be announced as the sole sponsor of the fireworks in all promotions (digital and print) plus will be announced by the DJ throughout the event. Sponsor table available during event, banner at Dover Township building location, and business listed as a sponsor on the recreation website.

#### Music Sponsor (2 available) \$2,000

Your business will be listed on the recreation website event page and Facebook event page thanking all of our event sponsors. Banner displayed at the musician you sponsor, and a sponsor table available during the event.

#### Kids Zones Sponsor (3 available) \$1,000

Your business will be listed on the recreation website event page and Facebook event page thanking all of our event sponsors. Banner displayed at the kids zone you sponsor, and a sponsor table available during the event.



# Old Fashioned Carnival



#### DESCRIPTION

Enjoy old time fun at Dover's oldest park. Old Fashioned Carnival has been a Dover tradition since the 1980s. Games are created by summer campers, cake walk with the Emigsville Band, and other fun carnival activities.

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**)

DATE: July 15

**LOCATION:** Brookside Park

**ATTENDEES:** Families

**AVERAGE AGES:** All Ages

**ATTENDANCE:** 400



### Dover Days



#### **DESCRIPTION**

Our two day Dover celebration spends one day in the Township at Brookside Park and one day in the Borough at Station 6. Saturday is full of family activities. Sunday is a car show with music. This event supports Dover's Stronger Together mission from our Joint Comprehensive Plan.

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

**DATE:** Oct 4 & 5

**LOCATION:** Brookside Park/

Station 6 (Borough Fire Dept)

**ATTENDEES:** Families

**AVERAGE AGES:** All Ages

**ATTENDANCE:** 400/300



# Food Truck Festival

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This returning favorite features several local food trucks, music, the Haunted Barn, train display, fall vendors, apple cider slushies, and other fall fun! Located in the historic Brookside Park.

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

DATE: Oct 25

**LOCATION:** Brookside Park

**ATTENDEES:** Families

**AVERAGE AGES:** All Ages

**ATTENDANCE: 2,000** 



# HalloBool

Join us!

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Our HalloBoo! event includes a Trunk or Treat, food trucks and music. We welcome businesses and organizations to sign up to be a trunk and hand out candy. In 2024, we had over 600 children come through! We open a half hour early for our friends with Sensory Needs.

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

DATE: Oct 30

**LOCATION: TBA** 

**ATTENDEES:** Families

**AVERAGE AGES:** All Ages

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,000



#### **DESCRIPTION**

This annual event provides an opportunity for us to thank the Veterans living in our community. Veterans and their families are invited to a free breakfast and to share their stories with us.

#### (DEMOGRAPHICS)

**DATE:** November 11

**LOCATION:** Community

Building

**ATTENDEES:** Veterans

**AVERAGE AGES:** All Ages

**ATTENDANCE: 100** 



#### DESCRIPTION

Brookside Park gets transformed into a winter wonderland throughout December. Brookside Christmas events include two Sensory Santa nights, two traditional Santa nights, a Tree Lighting and the drive through light display complete with I Spy Windows!

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

**DATE:** Various Dec dates

**LOCATION:** Brookside Park

**ATTENDEES:** Families

**AVERAGE AGES:** All Ages

**ATTENDANCE:** 1,500

# WE HAVE MORE TO OFFER!

Those were just a few of our special events. Our staff is always assessing our programs and events, looking for new opportunities while keeping up with industry trends. As our department continues to grow, so does our list of programming. Here's a quick look at what else we offer.

#### YEAR AT A GLANCE

January	Character Breakfast, Puzzlepalooza
February	Groundhog Day, Winter Carnival
March	Adult Egg Hunt, BunnyFest
April	Breakfast with the Bunny, Food Truck Competition
May	All About Mom, Princess Tea Party
June	Kickoff to Summer Party, Pirate Quest, Summer Camp
July	Red White & Boom!, Old Fashioned Carnival, White Rose Classic
August	Touch A Truck
September	Headed Back to Hogwarts, Jurassic Brookside Park
October	Dover Days, Car Show, Pumpkin Walk, Haunted Barn, Food Truck Festival, HalloBoo!
November	Veterans Day Breakfast, First Frost
December	Sensory Santa, Tree Lighting, Brookside Christmas, Storytime with Mrs. Claus, Noon Years Eve

Can't decide what to sponsor? Check out our packages on the next pages!

#### **SPONSOR PACKAGES**

In order to get the most out of your sponsorship dollars, we offer custom sponsorship packages in addition to our a-la-carte options. A listing of events can be found on the next page.

### Platinum Sponsor: \$5,000

- Sponsorship of ALL Tier I events
- Sponsorship of 3 Tier II events
- Sponsorship of 3 Tier III events
- Sponsor name on Volunteer shirts
- Business name listed as sponsor on recreation website

#### Gold Supporter: \$3,000

- Sponsorship of 2 Tier I events
- Sponsorship of 2 Tier II events
- Sponsorship of 3 Tier III events
- Sponsor name on Volunteer shirts
- Business name listed as sponsor on recreation website

#### Silver Sponsor: \$2,000

- Sponsorship of 2 Tier II events
- Sponsorship of 3 Tier III events
- Sponsor name on Volunteer shirts
- Business name listed as sponsor on recreation website

### Bronze Sponsor: \$1,000

- Sponsorship of 2 Tier III events
- Sponsor name on Volunteer shirts
- Business name listed as sponsor on recreation website

**Friend: \$500** 

Sponsor name on Volunteer shirts

#### **SPONSOR BENEFITS**

#### **Pre-Event Promotion**

Name mentioned in all promotions (digital and print)

Name listed as sponsor on our recreation website and Facebook event page

Posts with links to business' social media pages

#### **Day of Event Promotion**

Name displayed on event poster or donor sign
One 10x10 promotional space at the event
Banner (2'x4') hung at event (to be provided by sponsor)
Acknowledgement by event emcee (when an emcee is part of the event)

#### **Post-Event Promotion**

Name mentioned on a thank you to sponsors on our Facebook event page following the event with a link to your business' social media pages

#### **TIER I EVENTS**

Adult Egg Hunt
BunnyFest
Red, White & Boom!
Old Fashioned Carnival
Dover Days
Car Show
Food Truck Festival
Brookside Christmas

#### **TIER II EVENTS**

Groundhog Day
All About Mom
Food Truck Comp.
KickOff to Summer
White Rose Classic
HalloBoo!
Sensory Santa

#### **TIER III EVENTS**

Bunny Breakfast
Princess Tea
Touch a Truck
Jurassic Brookside
Headed to Hogwarts
Pumpkin Walk
Veterans Day Meal
First Frost
Noon Years Eve

# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



### In Kind Donations

We are always looking for help with items for our programming! Past inkind donations have included: candy, gift cards, coffee, craft supplies, photography services, silent auction items, food & beverage items, space for programming, etc.

Check out our Amazon wish list at doverpa.myrec.com



#### **Memorials**

In 2024, Dover Township started a memorial program. Memorial benches and trees are available at Brookside Park, Lehr Park, and Eagle View Park. Engraved bricks are available at Brookside Park in the patio outside of the Carousel building. These items can be used to honor someone who has passed, or they can list your business/organization's name.

Contact for more info: charris@dovertownship.org



### Volunteer Opportunities

Your business or organization may also volunteer for park maintenance projects such as clean up days. We can also accept volunteers for many of our events. Other ideas include: having a trunk at the HalloBoo! Trunk or Treat, teaching a class for the community, being a visitor for our summer camp program, or joining our Rec Committee.

Volunteer info available at doverpa.myrec.com

### Have a different idea? Reach out to us!

