

Historic  
Downtown

# DOVER

Dover, Delaware



Main Street  
DOVER  
INCORPORATED

# Welcome

Welcome . . .  
to Downtown Dover.  
We want to share with  
you our history,  
architecture, beauty  
and our hospitality.

Our first  
downtown was The Green, laid out in 1722 in  
accordance with the orders of William Penn in  
1683. Center of life for the County Seat and  
State Capital, it was the site of early fairs and  
markets. Craftsmen and artisans such as  
cabinet makers, shoemakers, carpenters, tailors  
and hatters shared the historic Green with  
government officials and residents, as well as  
several inns and taverns. At one of these inns,  
The Golden Fleece Tavern, Delaware ratified  
the United States Constitution on December 7,  
1787, becoming the FIRST STATE to do so.

The mercantile activities of the City  
shifted several blocks north to Loockerman  
Street as Dover began to grow after the Civil  
War. Many buildings on this street retain their  
turn-of-the-century facades. A stroll down this  
street reveals architectural details from  
throughout the Victorian era as well as more  
contemporary Art Deco and Post Modern.

We have two distinct historic areas to  
share with you ... one Colonial and one  
Victorian. You are invited to visit these areas as  
you enjoy our flowers, grand shade trees and  
brick walks. Throughout our downtown are  
specialty shops, neighborhood stores,  
restaurants and very friendly people.

## DOWNTOWN PARKING -

Look for this symbol



**Bradford Street lot**  
(Bradford Street between  
Loockerman and Reed  
Streets). Free 2-Hour Parking Monday through  
Friday. No limits on weekends.

**City lot**  
(One-half block East of State Street on  
Loockerman Street). Free 2-Hour Parking  
Monday through Friday. No limits on weekends.

**Governors Avenue lot**  
(Governors Avenue between Loockerman and  
Reed Streets - North side of Parking Lot).  
Free 2-Hour Parking Monday through Friday. No  
limits on weekends.

**Water Street lot** (Water Street between  
Governors Avenue and State Street). Parking  
Meters.

**On-street parking on Bradford, Division,  
Loockerman, Governors Avenue.**  
Free 2-Hour Parking Monday through Friday. No  
limits on weekends.

**Museum Parking**  
(Bank and New Streets) Free Parking.

## PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Dover City Hall, The Plaza, Loockerman Street  
Delaware State Visitors Center, 406 Federal  
Street

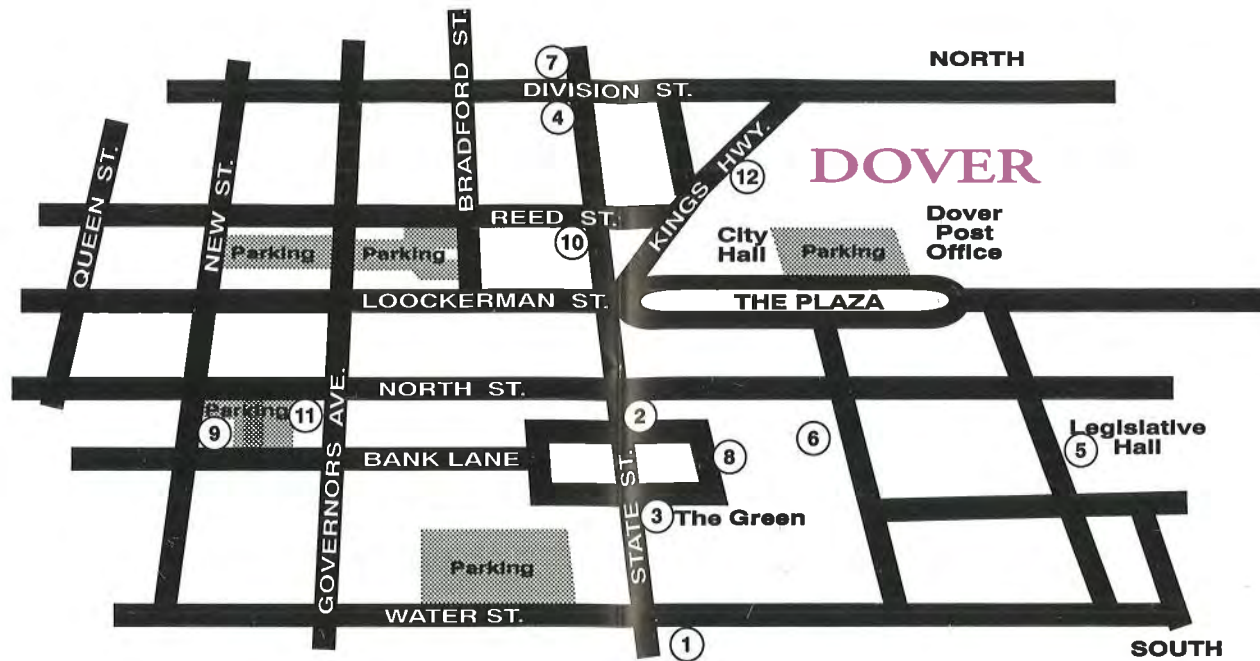
State Museums, see Museums section in this  
brochure

Dover Public Library, 45 South State Street.

## TOUR DOVER'S HISTORIC DISTRICTS.

Enjoy walking tours of the Old Dover or  
Victorian Dover Historic Districts conducted by  
certified guides of Dover Heritage Trails, Inc.  
Tours for one person or a bus load. By  
appointment. Call (302) 678-2040 or write to  
Box 1628, Dover, DE 19903. Fees for students,  
adults, senior citizens. Handicapped accessible.

# HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND MUSEUMS



**1. Christ Episcopal Church (1734)**

*State and Water Streets*

Originally an Anglican mission, Christ Church has been the place of worship for a number of famous Delawareans including Nicholas Ridgely, ratifier of the United States Constitution. A monument to Caesar Rodney, signer of the Declaration of Independence, can be found in the graveyard. The church building evidences several architectural fashions of the last three centuries and is open daily for prayer and meditation.

**2. Golden Fleece Tavern Site (c. 1740)**

*State Street and The Green*

Delaware was the first state to ratify the constitution and did so on this site on December 7, 1787.

**3. Kent County Court House (1874)**

*The Green*

This is the third County Court House. Tricentennial celebrations were held in 1983.

**4. Landmark (1896)**

*6 South State Street*

This Second Empire home with Italianate features was built by Dr. Henry Ridgely, physician, farmer and organizer of the Delaware Railroad.

**5. Legislative Hall (1932)**

*Legislative Mall*

Delaware's General Assembly meets here. This and the other government buildings that line Legislative Mall are Georgian Revival.

**6. Delaware State Visitors Center and Sewell C. Biggs Museum of American Art**  
*406 Federal Street*

The Visitors Center features visitor information and changing exhibits. The Biggs Museum features regional decorative arts and American paintings. A Delaware State Museums site.

**7. Mifflin House (1885)**

*2 North State Street*

The application of green serpentine stone makes this Queen Anne residence distinguished in Dover.

**8. Old State House (1792)**

*The Green*

The State House is the second oldest state House in continuous use in the country. This "official state capitol" contains the Governor's presentation and ceremonial office and 18th century courtroom and legislative chambers. A Delaware State Museums site.

**9. Johnson Victrola Museum (1967)**

*Bank Lane and New Street*

This museum features Delawarean, E.R. Johnson (founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company) victrolas, recordings and artists 1901-1929. A Delaware State Museums site.

**10. Rose Cottage (1862)**

*Corner of State and Reed Streets*

This Victorian Gothic cottage was built by Reverend Thomas B. Bradford, the namesake of the Victorian District north of Loockerman St. called Bradford City.

**11. Meeting House Galleries I & II (1790-1880)**

*316 S. Governors Avenue*

Gallery I features an exhibit on 12,000 years of Delaware archaeology. Gallery II "Main Street Delaware" features exhibits on small town Delaware including printing presses and a general store. A Delaware State Museums site. The Presbyterian cemetery is the burial site for many famous Delawareans.

**12. Woodburn (1791)**

*Kings Highway*

The official residence of the Governor of Delaware. Architecturally it is one of the State's finest houses and was a known stop on the Underground Railroad. A fine boxwood garden covers the spacious grounds.



# DOWNTOWN DOVER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

## ACCOUNTANTS

\*Mitten and Winters  
117-119 W. Loockerman Street

## ANTIQUES

\*Antiques, Art & Collectibles  
329 W. Loockerman Street

R.A. Baker Jewelry

114 W. Loockerman Street

\*Heart Strings

136 W. Loockerman Street

## ARMY NAVY STORE

\*Dover Army Navy Store  
222 W. Loockerman Street

## ART GALLERIES/PICTURE FRAMING

\*Dover Art League  
102 W. Loockerman Street

New Dimensions Frames

& Ruyters Art Studio

434 S. Governors Avenue

\*Raubacher Gallery

106 S. Governors Avenue

## AUTOMOBILES, NEW/USED

\*Delaware Auto Sales, Inc.  
319 W. Division Street

## BAKERIES

\*Fleischer's Bakery

149 S. Governors Avenue

## BANKS

\*PNC Bank

3 The Plaza, W. Loockerman Street

Beneficial National Bank

Bank Lane and New Streets

\*Delaware Trust

101 W. Loockerman Street

\*Mellon Bank

8 W. Loockerman Street

\*Wilmington Trust

139 S. State Street

## BARBER SHOPS

Colonial Barber Shop

151 S. Governors Avenue

Wayne & Sammy's Barber Shop

315 W. Loockerman Street

## BEAUTY SALONS AND NAIL CARE

Agie's Hair Den

231 W. Loockerman Street

Ana & Co. Hair Design

32 Loockerman Square

Chris' Classinique Hair Studio

119 S. Bradford Street

Fresh Look Hair Studio

415 W. Loockerman Street

Head to Toe Nail Salon

108 W. Loockerman Street

Jackie's Ultimate Touch

33 W. Loockerman Street

Images Hair Styles

135 S. Bradford Street

Jimmy's Salon de Coiffure

329 W. Loockerman Street

Miriam's Hair Clinic

8 N. Governors Avenue

Nubian Hair Design

415 W. Loockerman Street

Sadie's & Co.

129 S. Bradford Street

## BED AND BREAKFAST

\*Inn at Meeting House Square

305 S. Governors Avenue

## BOOKS

Book Bin

207 W. Loockerman Street

## BRIDAL/FORMAL WEAR

Simon's Bridal Shoppe

215 W. Loockerman Street

Veils & Tails

213 W. Loockerman Street

## CLOTHING

Ben's Mens Store and Tailor Shop

142 W. Loockerman Street

Beyond Basics

207 W. Loockerman Street

\*Class, The Store for Gentlemen

118 S. Bradford Street

Kohn's Men's Wear

21 W. Loockerman Street

Simply You

239 W. Loockerman Street

## COSMETICS

\*Merle Norman Cosmetics

115 W. Loockerman Street

## DRY CLEANERS/LAUNDRY

\*Capitol Cleaners

217 S. New Street

\*Harry Louie Laundry & Dry Cleaning

129 S. Governors Avenue

## GIFT SHOPS

\*Body Sense & Delightful Gifts

32 Loockerman Square

\*Delaware General Store-

Home of Delaware Made

214 S. State Street

\*Beyond Dimensions

59 S. Governors Avenue

\*Porney's Too

140 W. Loockerman Street

## HARDWARE STORES

\*Dover Hardware

128 W. Loockerman Street

Larrivee Designer Hardware Center

505 S. Governors Avenue

## INTERIOR SUPPLIES

\*Holt Distributors Co., Inc.

Reed & West Streets

\*Dover Jewelry & Broker

201 W. Loockerman Street

\*Forney's Ltd.

106 W. Loockerman Street

## NEWS STAND

\*Dover Newsstand

126 W. Loockerman Street

## OFFICE PRODUCTS/FURNITURE

\*Capitol Office Products

116 W. Loockerman Street

## PHOTOGRAPHY

\*Young's Studio

134 W. Loockerman Street

## REAL ESTATE COMPANIES

\*Chabbott Petrosky

Commercial Realtor Ltd.

2 N. State Street

Paramount Realty

32 Loockerman Square

Stoltz Realty

305 S. State Stree

\*Woodburn Realty

64 S. Kings Hwy.

## RESTAURANTS/BARS/PUBS

Angelo's Pizza

20 W. Loockerman Street

Bradford Street Gate

150 S. Bradford Street

C Moore's Place

24 W. Loockerman Street

Center City Restaurant

154 S. Governors Avenue

Food King

27 W. Loockerman Street

Junior's Bagels & Delicatessen

154 S. State Street

Market Sub & Steak

210 S. Governors Avenue

My Place Tavern

312 W. Loockerman Street

Irish Mikes Olde Towne Pub

107 W. Loockerman Street

W.T. Smithers

140 S. State Street

Spanky's Loockerman Street Lounge

132 W. Loockerman Street

\*Webby's Cafe

25 W. Loockerman Street

## SHOE STORES

\*Kennett Shoes

147 S. Governors

## SPORTS CARDS/COMICS

Comics, Cards & Collectibles

114 W. Loockerman Street

Superior Comics

214 W. Loockerman Street

## TRAVEL AGENCIES

\*Welcome Aboard Travel, Ltd.

206 S. State Street

\*Members of Main Street Dover, Inc.

We are sorry that, because of space limitations,

we were not able to include all businesses in

the Main Street Dover district.

## OTHER MAIN STREET DOVER, INC. MEMBERS

John Alstadt

B. Gary Scott Realtors

Becker, Morgan, Moore, Olds & Richter, Inc.

Bell Atlantic

Burns & Ellis Realtors

Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce

Chesapeake Utilities

City of Dover

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Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.

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Dover Art League

Dover Arts Council

Dover Post

Duane, Morris & Heckscher

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