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**Justice of the Peace Court 16 is moving Nov. 25**

Justice of the Peace Court 16 on Bank Lane in Dover will be closing on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015 to move to its new location inside the Kent County Courthouse in Dover, where it will resume operations on Dec. 2.

Currently, Justice of the Peace Court 16, which focuses on civil matters, shares space at 480 Bank Lane with Justice of the Peace Court 7, which is a 24-hour court that focuses on criminal and traffic matters.

Caseload impact in both Justice of the Peace Court 16 and 7 has caused overcrowding at the current location, necessitating the move. Court 16 will have its own dedicated space inside the Kent County Courthouse and Court 7 will have additional room, after the move, at the Bank Lane location.

By moving Court 16 to the Kent County Courthouse, the Court can take advantage of existing court and security infrastructure, which is in keeping with the priorities of Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. to consolidate court operations, when possible, into a single facility to save taxpayers money.

Court 16 will close its current location at the end of business on Wednesday at 4 p.m. It will re-open and resume operations at 8 a.m. in its new location inside the Kent County Courthouse at 414 Federal Street, Room 173.

The operations of Justice of the Peace Court 7 will not be affected by the move.

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