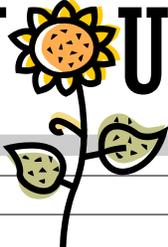


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From the President's Desk

The month of March brings changes in Bridgeville's municipal government. Voting Districts # 2 (Lawrence Tassone) and #3 (Pat Correll) were uncontested and each will serve 2-year terms on the Town Commission. The District #1 Commission seat, currently held by Jay Mervine, was contested in this election cycle and the seat was won by Timothy Banks.

District #1 Commissioner Mervine has served the Town well since June, 2010. Jay has a rich knowledge of our community, as well as our state government, which has been invaluable to the Town and we thank him for his faithful years of service.

Please welcome new District #1 Commissioner, Tim Banks, who has lived in Bridgeville virtually all of his life, other than his time in the military and has recently served two years on Bridgeville's Planning and Zoning Commission. We welcome him to the Commission and look forward to working with him.

Officers for the year include Pat Correll, President; Sharon McDowell, President Pro Tempore and Lawrence Tassone, Commission Secretary. Also appointed were Jesse Savage, Town Manager/Finance Director; Dennis Schrader, Town Solicitor and Jason Loar of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., Town Engineer.

We would like to acknowledge our Bridgeville Board of Election consisting of Mrs. Anne Hallman, Mrs. Betty Ann Hardesty and Mr. Don Kover, who qualified the candidates and supervised the Election. Our Election Officers included Mrs. Vera Hartzell, Mrs. Margaret Sipple and Mr. Robert Slater, who verified the eligibility of the voters and operated the voting machine. Thanks also to Town Secretary Peggy Smith for coordinating the Election process.

Our congratulations go to Woodbridge High School senior Altia Anderson for being chosen Gatorade's "Delaware Girls Basketball Player of the Year" and now a contender at the national level. The award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court. Altia has maintained an A average and served as treasurer of her school's Key Club. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Marquette University this fall and we wish her the very best.

Spring is Blooming and new Banners are Flying! Please take note of the efforts of the Town's Economic Development Committee, which has been the stimulus for new Town banners. Continuing the Town's familiar phrase "If You Lived Here You'd Be Home Now," the phrase "Delaware's Front Porch" has been added to convey the small town hospitality that is Bridgeville.

ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SPRING WEATHER!

Pat Correll

UPCOMING BRIDGEVILLE EVENTS

**Community-Wide
Yard Sale**
Saturday, May 7
7 AM-Throughout Town

**24th Annual
NALC Food Drive**
Saturday, May 14
(Food Donations received at Post Office
or placed by your Mailbox.)

**Memorial Day
Celebration**
Monday, May 30, 9:30 AM
Veterans Memorial, Town Cemetery

Monthly Statistics

Reflects Totals from Month of:	DECEMBER 2015	JANUARY 2016	FEBRUARY 2016
Traffic / Criminal Arrests	195 / 9	132 / 11	131 / 15
Building Permits / Revenue	6 / \$4,749.95	6 / \$5,065.56	4 / \$5,812.20
Certificates of Occupancy	6	4	4
Untagged / Inoperable Vehicles	1	1	7

Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

January / February / March 2016

The Delaware Bicycle Council has announced Bridgeville as the inaugural winner of the Council's Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Fund Grant of \$10,000. The grant will pay for the survey/design contract for the northern addition to the Heritage Shores Bike Path along Wilson Farm Rd.

At its mid-year Budget Workshop, the Commissioners adopted a budget amendment with a 3% decrease. Adjustments were due in part to human resource changes and a late completion of the Alarm project.

The 2015 Emergency Services Fund of \$31,341.73 has been donated to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company (BVFC) toward the purchase of 800 megahertz radios.

USDA and DNREC have provided grant funding of \$50,000 for the first phase of Bridgeville's Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. The Town is working toward meeting its wastewater discharge requirements.

The Town employees and Commissioners held a 50-50 raffle at their annual Christmas party, enabling them to donate \$70 to Union United Methodist Church Christmas Food Baskets for needy families in our community.

The Town has purchased a used bucket truck for tree trimming, hanging Christmas lights, flags, etc. and continues to assist Greenwood with lights/flags. Support from the Kiwanis Club is much appreciated!

At their February meeting, the Commission re-appointed the CPA firm of Lank, Johnson & Tull, which has been the Town Auditor for a number of years and assists many neighboring Towns and non-profit organizations.

The Commission has voted to continue receiving state mosquito spray services for 2016.

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on March 15th to consider an application by the Heritage Shores developer to amend a portion of Phase 3. The change would remove the alleyways and enlarge lot sizes in this section of the development. The Town Commission will consider this request at its April 11th monthly meeting.

Multiple conversations with DeIDOT regarding their proposed partial closure of the Rifle Range Rd./U.S. 13 intersection have led to a change in plans. DeIDOT has completed a new accident study and intends to reverse course and leave the intersection open.

The EPA and DNREC have reconsidered Bridgeville's designation as a current MS4 Stormwater permittee and have determined that Bridgeville is not required (yet) to apply for a permit to regulate its stormwater infrastructure; however, it is in the best interests of the Town to move forward and develop "Best Management Practices" which can be instituted as funding permits. There is little doubt that stormwater regulations will be required in Bridgeville following the 2020 census.

The Bridgeville Cemetery Association has recently purchased land on Emory St. adjoining the western boundary of the Cemetery. Owning property on both sides of the east end of Emory St. now, they would like to move the existing fence on the west side of the cemetery approximately 97 feet further west, closing part of Emory St. Relocation of the fence and entrance gate will keep that property secure and allow for future cemetery expansion. The request was approved by the Commission.

The Heritage Shores fence on Wilson Farm Rd. has been power-washed. The tower will be washed and painted in 2018 as part of the regular maintenance contract.

Town News



Bridgeville
Christmas Parade
December 18, 2016
Save the Date!



Apple Scrapple Festival Update

The Apple Scrapple Committee is hard at work preparing for the 25th Anniversary in October 2016 and anticipates a spectacular event!

Organizing the festival is a year-long mission and many residents serve, enabling our community/schools/civic organizations to raise much needed funds. We are always looking for more volunteers to help the festival run smoothly and ask for a commitment of 15 hours a year, with a maximum of 4 hours during the festival. If this is something you would like to do individually, or with your organization or business, we would be happy to have you join us. Meetings take place the last Tuesday of each month, 7 PM at the Bridgeville Library.

Karen Johnson, Chairperson
Bridgeville Public Library
302-337-7401

Friday Garbage/Recycling Services

Peninsula Oil Subscribers ONLY

There will be no interruption of garbage & recycling services due to Memorial Day or July 4th.

Recycling services are provided bi-weekly and collection is as follows:

April 8/22 May 6/20 June 3/17 July 1/15/29

Questions? Call Peninsula Oil at:
1-302-990-2825
Website: penoil.com

Economic Development Committee

Seeking Advice

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) continues to meet monthly to pursue advice from professionals and new ideas to attract visitors, businesses and resources to the Town of Bridgeville.

The January committee meeting featured Ms. Diane Laird (Delaware Economic Development Office - DEDO) as well as Mr. Rick Ferrell (Retail Market Answers, LLC) for much-appreciated input.

Mr. Ferrell believes it is important to consider the community as a whole. He stressed connectivity between downtown, the highway and Heritage Shores; all somewhat different, but all important to Bridgeville's success. He suggested targeting regional and local businesses, as these are more apt to thrive in a small town market.

It was also recommended that Bridgeville connect with and have conversation with other similar towns in the area. Relationships with and between realtors, property owners, bankers and the town should also be embraced.

Moving Forward

The town's branding banners arrived in mid-January and several are now installed on Main and Market Streets.

The EDC has installed a new town sign at the corner of Main and Market in front of the Dollar General Store. Unfortunately, the previous sign was irreparable and could not be re-posted. The new sign is based on the Town's new branding theme.

On March 16th, the EDC hosted a roundtable discussion with Sussex County commercial realtors to determine what is needed to encourage Bridgeville's economic growth.

In early April competitive matching grant money for commercial property owners on Market and Main is being made available to some property owners who choose to make visible property improvements, i.e. wall painting, sidewalk repairs, façade improvement, etc.

Town News

New Faces on the Block

Welcome New Homeowners!

Whistling Duck Drive:
Anthony & Patricia Coppola
David & Gloria Houle
Paul Jackson
Alicia, Sheryl & Gary Mala

Champions Drive:
Frederick & Carol Cozza
Larry & Denise Jester
Phillip & Denise Kessel
David & Linda Styer, III
Russell & Constance Taylor
Theodore & Cindy Tichy

Walnut Street:
Jeff Murphy

Edgewood Street:
Carl Vincent

Ruddy Duck Lane:
Richard & Dianne Buturla

Harlequin Loop:
Edward & Karen Cofino
Robert & Eileen Costello
Charles & Bonnie Phillips



Pool Owners

Pool meters will again be available from the Town Hall. This metered hose will allow you to fill your pool with water

ONE TIME ONLY DURING THE SUMMER, charging only for water, not for sewer. Pool meters must be returned within one week to avoid penalty.

Code Department

Grass Cutting

The Town will only give **one warning per year** concerning grass that is 8 inches or taller. A \$100 fine will be assessed for a second violation. If you will be out of Town for an extended period of time, please make arrangements for your grass to be cut in your absence.

No Exceptions!

Grass clippings are not allowed in the street, as they clog the street sweeper.

Power-washing

We strongly recommend homeowners power-wash their dwelling - especially the north side. The mold and mildew which collects is very unhealthy for your family!

Tree & Foliage Trimming

In order to clean the streets at the curb line, the Town's street sweeper requires a height clearance of at least twelve (12) feet. There are many properties in Town with tree limbs that are below the clearance height and bushes that extend over the curb line. We would appreciate everyone's cooperation in trimming and maintaining these trees and bushes so the street sweeper can do an effective job.

Sidewalk Repairs

Please be advised: All sidewalks on your property are to be maintained by the property owner. The Town asks all residents to make necessary repairs for the safety of all Bridgeville residents.

Dog Owners

All dogs with pit bull characteristics must be registered at Town Hall.

Chaining/tethering dogs with ropes/wires is prohibited.

Residential Mailbox Requirements

Mailbox: 3-inch light-reflective numbers/letters

Structure: 4-inch light-reflective numbers/letters

Those not in compliance will be fined!

Contact Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Butler concerning these requirements (337-7135)

Community-Wide



Saturday, May 7

7:00 AM

At Homes Throughout Town

Town News

Bridgeville Collection Station

Bridgeville has a Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) drop-off center nearby. This Station operates on a “pay-as-you-throw” basis - each bag of garbage or yard waste costs \$1.00. To protect the safety of the operator and the users, **NO cash transactions** take place on-site. Pre-paid tickets must be purchased in advance, which are available in \$10.00 increments online at dswa.com or in person at regular DSWA facilities. They are also available at the Sussex County Administration Building in Georgetown. Tickets expire one year from the date of purchase.

The Bridgeville Collection station offers a convenient and relatively inexpensive option for disposing of household garbage/yard waste.

16539 Polk Road, Bridgeville

Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Follow Rt. 404 west out of Town and turn left on Polk Rd.

Bridgeville Memorial Day



Join us in honoring
our Veterans

Celebration

May 30, 2016

9:30 AM

Veterans Memorial

Bridgeville
Cemetery

Saturday May 14

24th Annual

Donations

Received at the
Bridgeville Post Office
or Leave Donations
by your Mailbox

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LETTER CARRIERS

**Stamp
Out
Hunger**
FOOD DRIVE

Household Hazardous Waste / Electronic Goods / Paper Shredding Event

Jones Crossroads Landfill
28560 Landfill Lane
Georgetown, DE 19947

Every Monday
10 am - 2 pm

Paper Shredding

Residents may bring up to 2 file boxes of paper for shredding. (medical/financial/legal/tax records, receipts) Papers with staples or paper clips are accepted.

Household Hazardous Waste

Product containers marked with words:

“Warning” “Hazardous” “Poisonous”
“Flammable” “Corrosive” “Explosive”
I.E.: household cleaners, garden pesticides, nail polish, fluorescent bulbs, antifreeze, oil-based paints
No Latex Paint

Electronic Goods

Computers	Printers	CD players
Microwaves	Telephones	Televisions
Game Boys	Fax Machines	VCRs

Delaware Solid Waste Authority (www.dswa.com)

Community Activities

**** **ANNUAL LIBRARY BBQ FUNDRAISER** ****

**** **Saturday/Sunday July 30/31** ****

Corner of Rt. 404 & Scott's Store Rd., West of Town

Bridgeville Public Library Events

Story Time 2-4 Year Olds - Tuesdays, 11 AM

3-6 Year Olds - Thursdays, 11 AM

Lap Sit 3 Month Olds-2 Year Olds - Wednesdays, 10 AM

Saturday Story Time/Lap Sit 1st Saturday, monthly

Lap Sit 3 Month Olds - 3 Year Olds - 9 AM

Story Time 3-6 Year Olds - 10 AM

Teen/Tween Programming April 19 May 3/17

3:30 - 5PM Board games, arts, crafts

Family Fun Night Apr 19/May 17/June 21/July 19 6:30 - 8 PM

Summer Reading Programs "On your Mark, Get Set, Read" & "Get In the Game" Registration begins June 1; programs continue through August.

Bridgeville Reminiscing Hour Wednesday, April 13, 1:00 PM

Coffee & refreshments / talk about the "Good Ol' Days"

Adult Crafts Fridays, 6-8 PM

Apr 22/May 27 /June 24/July 22

Genealogy April 30, 10 AM DE Humanities Forum presents "Orphans Train Movement of 1854-1929".

Lecture/discussion program. Light refreshments; registration required. Sign-up at Circulation Desk

Computer/E-reader Classes/Employment Assistance

Wednesday mornings, 10-11 AM - See Alice Min. Check monthly calendar; registration required for all classes at circulation desk.

Closings: May 30 July 4th July 30/31 - BBQ Fundraiser

***** 302-337-7401 *****

Lions / Lioness Club News

DNREC "Reclaim our Rivers Project" The Bridgeville Lions Club participated in "Adopt-A-Wetlands" (Rifle Range Rd.) clean-up project on April 2nd with DNREC and other organizations. The Little League Field Clean-up took place later the same day.

New Lions Club Concession Trailer The Lions will be on the road participating in local festivals as fundraising projects. As always, monies raised will be invested in local community projects.

Annual Senior Awards Lions & Lioness will present awards to the Class of 2016 at Graduation exercises: Ray Passwaters Business Scholarship/Citizenship Awards/Lioness \$1,000 award to senior girl attending college.

www.facebook.com/bridgevillelions

Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville News

BBQ Stand Mark your calendar for another summer of famous Kiwanis barbecue chicken. The Kiwanis Club BBQ stand will open for the season on Saturday April 23th and Sunday the 24th and will be open weekends through October 2nd. The stand is located 4 miles west of Bridgeville on Seashore Highway (Route 404). The sale of this traditional delicious summertime favorite goes to benefit children and youth, community needs and the less fortunate. We hope the Bridgeville community will continue to support this fundraising activity.

Operation Warm Through an anonymous donation, 450 new winter jackets have been given to the Kiwanis Club for needy children through the dedicated efforts of a Kiwanis member. Additionally, the Bridgeville Kiwanis Club has purchased 200 winter jackets for the past two years and distributed them to needy children in the Bridgeville area.

Inter-Club Activities

April: Bridgeville Lions Club

May: Election of Officers and Directors

Hosting Woodbridge National Jr. Honor Society

77th Annual Charter Night celebrated on March 21st.

Bridgeville Historical Society

Visit the BHS Museum The Old Fire House at 102 William St. will be open the following days: **Group Tours arranged: 337-7600**

Tuesdays, 10 AM - 12 PM

Sundays, 12 PM - 3 PM - May 1 / June 5 / July 3

Special Interest The BHS is very interested in learning the histories of businesses that have operated in Bridgeville. If you have any old photos, written histories, or interesting stories you can share, please call 337-8595.

New Members Welcome Our new year begins April 1. Pick up a brochure at Town Hall or the Bridgeville Public Library; complete the membership form and return via U.S. Mail.

Membership Dues: \$15 - Single \$25 - Family
\$75 - Patron \$500 - Life Membership

Friends of the Bridgeville Library

Celebrity Bartender

1730 Tavern - Heritage Shores
Wednesday, April 13
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Local Business Forum Featuring:

Scott's Furniture Frozen Farmer
Lohmeyer Greenhouses, LLC
Tuesday, May 10
Bridgeville Public Library - 7 PM



**2nd Annual
Friends Fundraiser**

"Jumping June Jamboree"

Saturday, June 4
11 AM - 3 PM

Family Event - Food! Games! Fun!

DJ Services by J&B Entertainment

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TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE

"The Journal"
101 N. Main Street
Bridgeville, Delaware 19933

or Current Resident



Important Dates to Remember

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|--------------|--------------|---|-------------|--------------|---|
| April | 11 | Monthly Commission Mtg Town Hall 7 PM | May | 31 | Woodbridge Schools - No School for Students |
| | 13 | Celebrity Bartender-Heritage Shores Tavern
Friends of Library Fundraiser 4:30-6:30 PM | | | Apple Scrapple Committee meets 7 PM
Newcomers Welcome - Bridgeville Library |
| | 23 | Coastal Concerts – Peabody Conservatory
Graduates Maria Scott/Tariq Al-Sabir
Free Concert at Union UM Church 7 PM | June | | * Kiwanis Chicken BBQ Open Sat/Sun in June |
| | 23-24 | * Kiwanis Chicken BBQ Opening Weekend | | 2 | "The Culinary Classic" Dining Event - Heritage
Shores. Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels, DE
Call Regina Dodds 302-656-6451 |
| | 24 | ***Benefits Bridgeville Police K-9 Unit*** | | 4 | Jumping June Jamboree Library Fundraiser
11 AM - 3 PM |
| | 25-26 | Woodbridge Schools - No School for Students | | 5 | Woodbridge Senior Graduation
Historical Society Museum Open Noon - 3 PM |
| | 26 | Apple Scrapple Committee meets 7 PM
Newcomers Welcome - Bridgeville Library | | 9 | Woodbridge Schools - Last day Pre-K - 11 |
| May | | * Kiwanis Chicken BBQ Open Sat/Sun in May | | 13 | Monthly Commission Mtg Town Hall 7 PM |
| | 1 | Historical Society Museum Open Noon - 3PM | | 28 | Apple Scrapple Committee meets 7 PM
Newcomers Welcome - Bridgeville Library |
| | 7 | Town-Wide Yard Sale Begins at 7 AM | July | | * Kiwanis Chicken BBQ Open Fri.-Sun. in July |
| | 9 | Monthly Commission Mtg Town Hall 7 PM | | 3 | Historical Society Museum Open Noon - 3 PM |
| | 10 | Local Business Forum Bridgeville Public
Library - 7 PM Friends of the Library | | 4 | Independence Day Town Offices/Library Closed |
| | 14 | Annual NALC Food Drive
Food donations received at the Post Office or
picked up at your mailbox | | 11 | Monthly Commission Mtg Town Hall 7 PM |
| | 27 | Woodbridge Schools Last Day for Seniors | | 26 | Apple Scrapple Committee meets 7 PM
Newcomers Welcome - Bridgeville Library |
| | 30 | Town Memorial Day Celebration 9:30 AM
Town Offices/Library/Woodbridge Sch. Closed | | 30-31 | Library Fundraiser at Kiwanis Chicken BBQ |