

**Economic Development Committee  
Town of Bridgeville  
September 2016 Update**

- At its August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting the Economic Development Committee met with the Sussex County Chief of Building Code, Andy Wright and Bridgeville's Code Enforcement Officer, Jerry Butler. The conversation gave the committee a better understanding of code responsibilities. Zoning is a town responsibility. New construction and major modifications require county approval by way of an engineering and/or architectural plan. Changing a residence to a business requires a zoning change (or variance) as well as architectural plans submitted to the county for approval.
- The EDC is seeking Commission approval for a second round of façade improvement grants. The grants will be offered to businesses on Market Street. The application deadline will be Wednesday, October 12 with work completed no later than Wednesday, December 28.
- At its September 21 meeting the EDC will be discussing ways to achieve its strategic plan objective:

**TOWNWIDE PRESERVATION: *Make a concentrated effort to preserve and maintain historic properties throughout the town***

- Work closely with the Historical Society to maintain Bridgeville's Historic District
- Actively pursue investors to restore historic residential properties
- Increase public awareness of Bridgeville's historic properties such as the Sudler House and the Historical Society Museum

The Sussex County Historic Preservation Planner, Dan Parsons, as well as Bridgeville historic property owners and members of the Bridgeville Historical Society will be participating.

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