



# THE JOURNAL

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## SOMETHING NEW!!

At the request of residents, the Commissioners decided to publish a quarterly newsletter. Hopefully this will keep residents informed of news from the Town Hall and community happenings.

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## ELECTION

The Commissioners Election was held Monday, January 5, 1998 at the Fire Hall. A total of 134 residents participated at the polls. There were two seats up for two-year terms, and one seat up for a one-year term. Robert Bennett was unopposed for the one-year term. Running for the two-year terms were: Margaret Sipple, Charles Royal and Robert Slater. Re-elected were Margaret Sipple and Robert Slater.

## 1998 COMMISSIONERS

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| PRESIDENT:  | ROBERT BENNETT  |
| STREETS:    | MARGARET SIPPLE |
| WATER:      | JACK DALTON     |
| POLICE:     | CHARLES SINGMAN |
| WASTEWATER: | ROBERT SLATER   |

The Commissioner meetings are held the second Monday of every month at the Town Hall, 7:00 P.M. The meetings are open to the public.

A big thank you is extended to the Bridgeville Kiwanis Club and the Woodbridge Key Club for installing the Christmas lights. A thanks also goes to the Bridgeville Lioness Club for trimming the Christmas tree (across from Town Hall) and decorating the wooden barrels along Market Street. Both organizations wish to thank Mr. Glen Collins for his help with these projects.



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## REMINDER...

The Town Code prohibits the accumulation of rubbish in yards. ARTICLE III, #20024-no person shall allow rubbish to remain, to be deposited or to accumulate, either temporarily or permanently, on his/her property. #2200-28C: any person who violates this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, he/she shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00.

TO KEEP THIS COMMUNITY CLEAN IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE!  
BEWARE-THE RUBBISH CONTROL IS ALWAYS ON DUTY.....

**THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION....****JANUARY 12, 1998:**

Reorganizational meeting: Sworn into office for one-year, Robert Bennett; two-year term, Margaret Sipple and Robert Slater. Mr. Bennett was elected President.

- 306 traffic arrests reported for the month of December.
- Two new police officers were hired.
- A water leak was repaired Dec. 15, 1997 in the North Cannon and Oak Street area. The final road repair will be made when the weather is warmer.
- Discussion and the first reading of Ordinance 98-1 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MINIMUM FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL SEWER IN THE TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE"
- A budget workshop was scheduled for January 26th at the Town Hall.
- It was reported the Boot Camp Workers cleaned a lot on North Main Street and cleaned part of John Street
- A letter was sent to a business owner requesting they clean up the debris from a fire that occurred last fall.
- The new chemical building at the W.W.T.P. is on line.

**FEBRUARY 9, 1998:**

- Traffic arrests for January, 1998 totalled 290.
- 99½ tons of stockpiled sludge was removed. The W.W.T.P. upgrade is still on hold until Hopkins Construction completes the punch list.
- Two loads of rock were put in place along the banks of the stream on N. Cannon Street to stop a wash out from the two recent storms.
- Two letters sent to property owners pertaining to trash clean up.
- Discussion and vote on Ordinance 98-1, sewer minimum.
- Nextel Communications representative made an offer to the Town to rent a piece of land 50' x 50' directly

behind the Town Hall to install a 199' tower. Before any decisions are made, a soil sample must be taken. Commissioner Sipple said she would like to receive input from the citizens of their opinion on a tower in Town.

- The 1998-1999 budget was approved.
- The Commission approved the transfer of Marcus Cable to Comcast Cable.
- It was approved to change the Town Charter pertaining to filing dates and election dates for Commissioner Election. The new date for the election will be the second Saturday in January, and the filing date will be four weeks prior to the election. The Charter Amendment still has to be introduced in this legislative session in Dover.
- Discussion was held on absentee ballots and registration procedures.
- Garbage collection was discussed with no decision made. The Commission would like to hear public input.
- The Boot Campers workers will be in Town for two weeks this spring for clean up detail. (April 1-3 and April 6-9).

**MARCH 9, 1998:**

- Traffic arrests for February, 1998 totalled 385.
- W.W.T.P received three septic haulers for the month with a revenue of \$5,692.00.
- Clean Delaware removed several tons of wet sludge.
- Nextel Communications decided not to rent land from the Town for a tower.
- Discussion held on employees insurance premiums.
- Laws Street Paving Project approved for a cost of \$128,000.00. Scheduled start up date April 13, 1998.
- First Street will have catch basin installed.
- Property Tax Appeal Day, Saturday March 28th, 1-4P.M. Town Hall.

March Min. Cont:

- Town Clean-Up scheduled for Saturday, April 25th.
- Enforcement of violators parking their vehicles the wrong way on streets is in effect.
- Will be obtaining prices on a new lawn mower.
- Chief Orr has been appointed Housing Code Enforcement Officer for the Town. He will be enforcing the housing codes within the limits of Bridgeville.

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PUBLIC INPUT...

\* The Commisisoners have heard many comments about a community-wide trash pick-up. Preliminary estimates of cost would be from \$12.00 to \$15.00 a month per household. Businessess would not be covered-they would continue with their current arrangement. Every household would be covered and the price would be added to the monthly water/sewer bill. We would like your written comments on this subject. If enough interest is shown we will schedule a public meeting.

\* It has been suggested that the Town of Bridgeville fluoridate its water supply. We would like to have the opinions of our citizens before proceeding further. Please let us have your written comments, both pro and con. Just send your opinions to the Town Hall, 101 North Main Street. Here again, if enough interest is shown a public meeting will be scheduled.

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The Commissioners would like to thank the advertisers in this issue that helped make the publication of this first newsletter possible.



CHRISTMAS AWARDS

The signs of the season were certainly in Bridgeville this past holiday season, as more houses than ever celebrated with decorations. I don't think it was so much for the annual Kiwanis light contest as it was for pure, joyous participation in the holidays. Regardless, all were noticed but the three winners were:

**BEST DECORATED HOME:**

Rev. and Mrs. Gary Tulak

**BEST DECORATED DOOR:**

Dr. and Mrs. Rudy Beckert

**BEST KIWANIAN DECORATED HOME:**

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardesty  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

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SATURDAY

APRIL 25, 1998

For Spring Clean-UP Day, Saturday, April 25th, the Town will be furnishing bulk trash pick-up from all streets and paved alleys within the Town limits. Trash must be placed on curb or end of lot if you have a paved alley behind your property. All trash will be picked-up starting at 8:00 A.M. - **EXCEPT** tires and appliances with freon. Tree limbs and branches must be tied in bundles no longer than four feet in length.

**MARK YOUR CALANDERS!!**

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**REPORT FROM YOUR WATER  
COMMISSIONER JACK DALTON**

AS we initiate this inaugural edition of the Bridgeville Newsletter I think it fitting that I report on the quality of the Town employees who operate your water system. A more dedicated team you are not likely to find anywhere. Any of you who have had reason to call for service for your water supply will agree that they are prompt, professional and courteous. I think you will join me in saying, "Well done and thank you".

Except for a couple of small feed line leaks we have not had any great challenges since we lost the pump in the new well last year. We need to be mindful of up-grades that will be needed in the near future such as some remaining cast iron mains that will need to be replaced to guard against the kind of leaks we have had to repair recently. If we maintain the positive budget position we currently enjoy we would be wise to earmark some of that money for these repairs.

This year we will also address the idea of fluoridating our water supply. There is currently pressure on the State level to have the municipalities fluoridate their water to guard against tooth decay. As we have seen in the local media, some towns have chosen to do so and some have not. We welcome the input from the citizens of Bridgeville as to what their wishes are concerning this matter. Some areas of consideration are: who will it serve, what are the pros and cons of adding fluoride to our water and what are the immediate and long term cost of such action. Please make your wishes known.

Finally, we want to remind

those who will be filling swimming pools this year that we have metered hoses available at Town Hall for this purpose so that you will only be charged for the water you use and not for the sewer charge for the water you use and not for sewer charge on filling your pool.

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| WATER LOSS (IN GALLONS) |                 |                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Leak<br>this Size       | Loss<br>per Day | Loss<br>per Month |
| •                       | 120             | 3,600             |
| •                       | 360             | 10,800            |
| •                       | 693             | 20,790            |
| •                       | 1,200           | 36,000            |
| •                       | 1,920           | 37,600            |
| •                       | 3,096           | 92,880            |
| •                       | 4,296           | 128,980           |
| •                       | 6,640           | 199,200           |
| •                       | 6,984           | 200,520           |
| •                       | 8,424           | 252,720           |

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**PROMOTING SAFETY  
ON BICYCLES....**



1. A person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk shall yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal before over taking.
2. A person shall not ride a bicycle on a sidewalk or crosswalk when prohibited by official signs or markings.
3. A person riding a bicycle on a sidewalk or pushing a bicycle across the road at a crosswalk shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a pedestrian.
4. No bicycle shall carry more persons than it was designed to carry. An adult rider may carry a child securely attached in a backpack or sling.

**\* ORDINANCE #585:**



TOWN CODE #222-82: Except as otherwise provided, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to and within twelve (12) inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the shoulder.

This ordinance is being enforced by the police officers serving this Town....

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THE PESSIMIST SEES THE DIFFICULTY IN EVERY OPPORTUNITY: THE OPTIMIST SEES THE OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY DIFFICULTY..

**"STREET NEWS" FROM  
COMMISSIONER SIPPLE**



Think SPRING with clean-up time in mind.

The Ag. Class at Woodbridge High School with the direction of Mr. Hudson Keller, has planted re canna roots in pots to later be transplanted around the monument and flag pole at the Town Hall.

Would any organization or individual like to adopt a street to keep it clean? Every time I go into the Town Hall, I have a handful of trash which I have picked up in the yard surrounding it. Anytime we (residents) see trash out of place--reach down and pick it up. It's good exercise and would make our Town a much prettier and cleaner place to live. Call Town Hall and volunteer.

The Boot Camp workers have done many things to help clean up the Town and are still scheduled to do more.

Since the water and sewer projects have been completed, our streets are in better shape than they have been for a long time.

We are happy to report that the Delaware Department of Transportation has indicated to the Town that they will be resurfacing Church Street from N. Main to the Town limits this coming spring or early summer. The Laws Street paving project is scheduled for April.



Thanks to Alma for a job well done on this our first newsletter. Also to Watha for her superb watch over the Towns finances.

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APRIL 5 - SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR



DATES TO REMEMBER....

- MARCH** 27/28 - Bridgeville Lions Club Variety Show, Woodbridge Jr/Sr High School. 8P.M.
- 29 - Woodbridge Sophomore Beef/Dumpling Dinner, High School, 12-5 P.M.
- APRIL** 1 - April Fool's Day
- 5 - Palm Sunday  
Daylight Saving Time Begins-CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR!
- 7 - Apple-Scrapple Mtg. Town Hall, 7 P.M.  
Volunteers Welcomed!
- 10 - Good Friday, TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
- 12 - Easter Sunday
- 13 - Commissioners Meeting, Town Hall, 7 P.M.
- 22 - Secretaries Day
- 25 - Clean-Up Day: trash pick-up starts at 8:00 A.M.
- MAY** 11 - Commissioners Meeting, Town Hall, 7 P.M.

FROM THE MOUTHS OF...  
"LITTLE SPROUTS"



Stepping outside one cold spring day, my 3-year-old caught a chill. "I need my sweater", she said with a shiver. "The wind is giving me the wiggles."

The minute a fog lifted, our son, 3, looked outside and shouted, "Mommy, you cleaned the windows!"

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**Green Thumb Word Find**

ANYONE itching to dig into springtime will want to plow right through this fertile word search. Rooted in the jumbled-up rows of letters below are the names of 24 crops (at bottom) that sprout in flower and vegetable gardens.

Weed them out by connecting letters up, down, diagonally and backward.

GOOD LUCK!!

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| BEETS      | GERANIUMS  | ONIONS    | SQUASH      |
| BROCCOLI   | HOLLYHOCKS | PEAS      | TOMATOES    |
| CARROTS    | IMPATIENS  | POTATOES  | TURNIPS     |
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