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FALLING FOR FALL



When the frost is on the pumpkins
And the moon is yellow cheese,
When the goldenrod and asters
Start to crumple to their knees,
When the geese are slicing wedges
From a golden harvest moon,
Then the rising sun is feeble
And it lacks its heat at noon.

When the bears are fat and sleepy,
Coming winter's a sure sign.
Colored leaves of birch and maple
Contrast richly with the pine.
When the nights are crisp and starry,
Then my heart is full of cheer...
When the frost is on the pumpkins,
It's my favorite time of year!

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Ms. Nadine Smack
Mr. Tim Banks

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ELECTION FOR NEW COMMISSIONERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2001 is not
far off! For anyone seeking a seat
on the Commission the filing deadline
is FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000 by
12:00 noon.

The positions open for the 2001
election are as follows:

- 1 - 1 year term
- 2 - 2 year terms

Commissioner terms that are up:

Jack Dalton
Glenn Miles
Charles Singman

Carry-over Commissioners are:

Earl Greason
Margaret Sipple

Anyone who would like to file for
a position must file at the Town
Hall in writing by December 15th.

VOTER REGISTRATION: every citizen
in the Town of Bridgeville who is 18
years of age or upward shall have
one vote provided he/she has regis-
tered on the "Books of Registered
Voters". A person may register at
the Town Hall during the hours of
8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through
Friday. Deadline for voter registra-
tion is Wednesday, January 3, 2001.
No one will be allowed to register
after the close of business on that
day.

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MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION MEETINGS:JULY 10, 2000:

- 305 traffic arrests. 2 trucks stopped in Town. Total complaints were 139.
- The average daily wastewater flow was .195 million gallons. Three septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,792.
- The E.P.A. Pretreatment Audit was conducted on June 20, 2000.
- The average daily water supplied was 130,000 gallons.
- Plans are under way to pave the unpaved road on S. Cannon Street (between new sidewalks and road).
- Commissioner Greason rescinded his June motion to charge Cannon Cold Storage a late fee of \$100 pertaining to documents that were not received on time.
- Commissioners approved to pay the \$650 membership dues to the Delaware League of Local Governments.
- Resolution #00-1 was approved which will allow the University of Delaware to submit a grant application to the state for funding pertaining to the Comprehensive Planning Study. Cost to the Town will be \$9,944.
- A request was granted to Mr. Raymond Taylor to close First Street (between Cannon and Gum Streets) on July 22 for a church event.
- Commissioners were told by a resident they were in violation of the new budget they approved at the June meeting.
- President Dalton said no final plans have been made on the new Food Lion or WAWA.
- Mr. Joe Conaway stated the Commissioners do have defense regarding the problem with chickens being raised in town as stated in Chapter 84.

AUGUST 14, 2000:

- There were 408 traffic arrests and 24 criminal arrests for July.
- The average daily wastewater flow was .209 million gallons.
- There were two septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,900.
- Average daily water supplied was 127,000 gallons.

AUG. MINUTES CONT.

- Representative from the J.C. Elmerich Company explained in detail the termite damage at the police dept. and the method of control they would be taking to destroy the termite colonies. Cost of the project: \$2,754.
- Commission decided to send out bids to trash collection agencies to see if any were interested in a town-wide service. First reading for the trash collection will take place at the Sept. meeting. This service will not be mandatory to the residents.
- A request was granted to the Senior Center allowing them to hold a second car wash and bake sale on Sat., September 9th in the Town Hall Parking Lot.
- A resolution was passed to raise the \$200,000 tax cap to \$500,000 for the Town. This will now have to be presented to the General Assembly for approval. This does not mean Town taxes will be raised at this time, but does give the Commission the ability to collect more revenue if necessary.
- Because of the budget problems facing the Town, the Commission voted to change the employees health benefits from BCBS Program #9 to HMO #8 effective October 1, 2000.
- Commissioners voted to increase the small purchase authority from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
- Because of the budget problem the Commission discussed freezing the employees pension plan, but because it is set up as a "money purchase" that can not be done. It is being considered to change the pension plan to a "profit sharing" plan so it can be changed as needed. This could happen within the next year.
- Because of the budget shortfall it was discussed about enacting a business license but no action was taken.
- Motion was approved stating that any new employee would only receive health benefit coverage and not the family plan.

MINUTES CONT'D.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2000:

- There were 346 traffic arrests and 31 criminal arrests.
- A new police vehicle will be purchased with grant money.
- The average daily wastewater flow was .199 million.
- There were three septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,620.
- A submersible pump was purchased for the receiving station for a cost of \$1,441.15.
- A wet-well rotary blower had to be replaced at a cost of \$895.
- Drinking water supplied for the month was 4,047,000 gallons.
- The paving along S. Cannon Street and Laws Street has been completed. Union Alley has also been resurfaced.
- The first reading of Ord. #1-2000 was presented; "An Ordinance Relating to Garbage and Refuse Collection for the Town". Bids have been received and hopefully will be decided by the Oct. meeting. Second reading will take place at that time.
- Mr. Rick Tull, Lank, Johnson, & Tull, presented the audit for the year ending June 30, 2000.
- Commissioners approved the amended budget for YR 2000.
- Officer Powell recently made a "crack cocaine" bust at Canterbury Apts. Officer Wix arrested an individual for carrying marijuana at Laverty Lane. Officer Manuszak arrested the men responsible for the robbery at the Grape and Grain.
- Laptop computers have been installed in all police vehicles.
- Resident requested police reports be listed in the local papers.
- Chief Parsons stated the Town has police coverage from 6 am til 1 am.
- Trick or Treat night will be on Tuesday, October 31st, 6-8 pm. only.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S
DESK

Everyone is getting excited about the up-coming Apple-Scapple Festival. Wherever I travel in the state, people are asking how we can be so successful. I tell them we are blessed with some very hard working, community minded people who have made the festival the unqualified success it is. To the Committee, thank you, and well done.

Two years ago we tried to save money for the citizens of Bridgeville by offering trash service through a single provider. That idea ran into two obstacles. First, there were those who had made arrangements for their trash and did not want to be compelled to participate in the town program. Second, we only received one bid, and it was not a savings over what we were paying individually due to the fact that there was only one major contractor in the area.

We have now received bids for a voluntary program, and based on the bids, it will be a substantial savings over what we are paying now. Because it is a voluntary program we need 250 people to sign up for the services to get the best price. The service will include a contractor supplied container and will include the pickup of yard waste and household trash. Information will be sent to you explaining the program as soon as we have completed negotiations with the contractor. I urge everyone who uses a trash service to take advantage of this offer.

Call Town Hall, 337-7135, and sign up now.

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HALLOWEEN 2000



TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

WILL BE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st

6 - 8 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY

Thanks to Ben Ewing, the library has a newly paved driveway with added parking. Please don't use the handicapped parking spot near the ramp unless you are licensed.

The Second Century Club has donated a hand made quilt to the library for raffling. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The quilt has an Apple-Scrapple theme, with fall colors and apple appliques. The Second Century Club actually cut and pieced the top with the Rose Quilt Shop doing the quilting. Drawing for the quilt will be at the library on October 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Storytime at the library has started, with two storytimes on Tuesday, at 10:30 am. Kay Peterson will be working with preschoolers. At 2:00 pm she has started a second storytime for children over age 5.

The library will be having a used book sale on Apple-Scrapple Saturday, October 14th. Hardback books will sell for \$2 (except for a selection of \$3 books), and paperbacks for .50 each. Cleaning out your bookcase? Donate used books to the library for our sale.

A new coffee table book is being offered by a Lewes printer, A Brush with Fate by our own Jack Lewis, called "the ultimate Jack Lewis book". Copies ordered through the library flyers will result in a \$10 donation to the library. Call the library at 337-7401 and we will send a flyer, or you can pick one up at the library.

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**SCHOOLS ARE BACK IN
SESSION....PLEASE WATCH
OUT FOR OUR CHILDREN !!**

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NOTES FROM COMMISSIONER EARL GREASON



The last couple of months have been the best time for our citizens to let your Commissioners know what concerns you about what happens in our Town. We have a budget deficit to contend with, a plan for our future development to complete, and we've even had some citizens suggesting we should eliminate our police department. I, for one, don't like to vote without the 'consent of the governed', and I especially don't want to vote according to the wishes of a couple 'squakly wheels'. Some letters have been sent to the local papers complaining about the actions of your Commission, which does great to shout from a 'soapbox' to the whole west side of the county, but it doesn't accomplish much right here in our Town. The phone numbers to the Town Hall and all of your Commissioners are local, we're in the phone book, and we've made ourselves available to meet with any of you by appointment at the Town Hall if someone can't make the monthly Town Meeting. Everything this Commission does for the Town is a matter of public record and debate, and I, at least, guarantee that any question regarding the Town operations and finances will be promptly answered. So, what I mean is, if you see a letter to the editor complaining about the Town government, it's because they didn't ask me anything 'cause I would've answered 'em. And, I'm equally confident in the accessibility of the other Commissioners, 'cause I've asked them. If you're concerned about what's going on, call me, call us, or just leave a message with Alma or Watha. It's as easy as that!

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APPLE-SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL**OCTOBER 13/14**

HOME DECORATING CONTEST: the Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring the third annual home decorating contest. The judging will take place on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th from 4-7pm.** The decorations **MUST** follow the "Apple-Scrapple" theme. Yard or home may be decorated. Anyone living in the town limits may participate. Prizes will be awarded on Friday evening, Oct. 13th at the stage area. Plaques will be placed in winner's yards. **JOIN IN ON THE FUN!** For more info call 337-7070.

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**MIDATLANTIC FARM CREDIT
APPLE BAKING CONTEST-OCT. 14th**

The apple baking contest will take place at the Bridgeville Fire Hall.

Divisions:

-Traditional Apple Pie-\$500 Bond

-Apple Dessert-\$500 Bond

-Children's Dessert-\$100 Bond

All registrations must be received on/or before October 10, 2000. Forms may be picked up at Visitors Center, Library, T.S. Smith & Sons, or the Town Hall. A big thank you to the sponsor of this event. For more info call 337-8318.

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COOKING WITH SCRAPPLE CONTEST:

Put yur culinary skills to test-develop an exciting new recipe using SCRAPPLE! A \$100 Bond will be awarded to the winning entry. Bring entries to the firehall, Oct. 14th between 8-10 am. Forms may be picked up at the Town Hall, Library, T.S. Smith & Sons, or the Visitors Center. For more info call Rita 337-8318.

**DECORATING WITH APPLES**

BE CREATIVE: this year there will be three divisions:

*Home Decoration-indoors/outdoors
\$100 Bond

*Wooden Accent-\$100 Bond

*Floral Arrangement-\$100 Bond

All items must follow the apple/pig theme. Takes entries to the firehall Fri. evening, 10/13 between 7-9 pm. or Sat. morning 8-10am. All entries must be received on/or before Oct. 10th. Forms may be picked up at T.S. Smith & Son, Library, Visitors Center, or the Town Hall. For more info call Rita, 337-8318.

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FESTIVAL DAYS: Once again the fesitval committee would like to thank the residents in advance for their patience and understanding during this two-day event.

TAKE NOTE: because of increased attendance and traffic flow during the festival and for safety reasons, **MARKET STREET will be closed on Saturday, October 14th, from 6 am until 6pm.** Alley permits will again be given (2 per family) for residents where streets will be blocked off. Should you need one more, may be picked up at Town Hall (3 max). Streets that will be closed: Market Street, Delaware Avenue, Williams Street, Laws Street (Market to Edgewood), 400 block of Walnut Street, Railroad Avenue (Market to Walnut), S Cannon Street (Market to Walnut). The reason for the permits is to keep non-residents from using the alley ways. We **MUST** keep safety first! **ALLEYS MUST NOT BE BLOCKED-VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY.**

Once again we thank all residents for their understanding and hope everyone enjoys the 2000 festival!



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Annual Firemen's Chicken & Dumpling Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2000 from noon until 5:00 pm. at the firehall. Carry-outs will be available. DON'T FORGET!!! SURE IS GOOD EAT'N!

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The Historical Society will be sponsoring their 25th Annual Craft Show, Christmas in Bridgeville, on Saturday, December 2, from 9:00 am til 3:00 pm. at the Woodbridge Jr/Sr. High School. The society members are selling \$1.00 chances on antique round claw foot dining-room table to be given away that day.

Lunch will be catered by Jimmy's Grille. Mark your calendars....a craft event you don't want to miss!

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EXPERIENCE IS SOMETHING YOU DON'T GET UNTIL JUST AFTER YOU NEED IT!

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

- OCT. 9 - Commission Mtg., 7PM, Town Hall, Public Welcome
 13/14 - Apple Scrapple Festival
 31 - Halloween-Trick or Treat Night, 6-8 PM
- NOV. 5 - Annual Firemen's Chicken/Dumpling Dinner, 12-5 PM, Firehall
 11 - Veteran's Day
 13 - Commission Mtg., 7PM
 23 - Thanksgiving Day
 23/24 - Town Office Closed
- DEC. 2 - Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Show, 9am-3pm, Woodbridge High School
 11 - Commission Mtg, 7PM
 15 - Filing deadline for Commission Positions (noon)
 22 - Office Closed
 25 - Christmas Day-Office Closed
- JAN. 1 - New Years' Day-Office Closed
 3 - Town Voter Registration Deadline
 15 - Election for Commissioners

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THINGS TO THINK OVER

SHIN: a device for finding furniture in the dark.

When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets crowded.

The best way to forget all your troubles is to wear tight shoes!

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then, your body and fat are really good friends.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

The severity of the itch is proportional to the reach.

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