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## WELCOME TO BRIDGEVILLE

### NEW HOMEOWNERS:

Ms. Karen Dietrich  
Mr/Mrs. Tim Banks  
Mr/Mrs. Ed Kuhling  
Mr/Mrs. Ralph Smack  
Mr/Mrs. Derrick Parker  
Ms. Theresa Amos



AND  
IT'S  
ONLY  
JUNE!

### BUSINESS OWNERS:

Mr. Thomas Jefferson, Sr.  
Cannon Street (2 places)

Mr. Robert Duncan  
S. Main Street

Ms. Jeanette Spinelli  
Market Street

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### NOTICE TO POOL METER USERS:



Starting July 1, 2001 residents using pool meters will be required to give a \$25.00 deposit for the five day use. If meter is NOT returned on the fifth day, the deposit will not be returned to customer.

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### LOOK INSIDE.....

The June water/sewer bills will be enclosed with the Town Property Tax Bill. To avoid a penalty on your taxes, please pay before September 30, 2001.

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### CHAPTER 90-BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS

TOWN CODE: no owner of land shall permit the unregulated growth of vegetation, including but not limited to weeds, grass, hedges, bushes, or shrubs to be maintained on any property within the corporate limits of Town.

MAXIMUM HEIGHT: no weeds or grass shall exceed a height of 8" inches at any time of the calendar year.


#### OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WAY PROHIBITED:

No hedges, bushes, shrubs, tree or other vegetation shall be permitted to grow in such a manner as to inhibit the free passage of pedestrians on any street, sidewalk or walkway.

COMPLIANCE REQUIRED: upon failure of property owner to comply with this chapter, the Town shall issue written notice ordering compliance. If said owner does not remedy this violation within ten days of notice, the Town shall cause violation to be corrected, and the cost thereof, plus administrative costs incurred, shall be billed to the property owner.

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**MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETINGS****APRIL 9, 2001**

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- Total traffic arrests-106. Trucks stopped in town-1.
  - There were three septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,084.
  - Cost to repair all leaking roofs at the WWTP-\$30,000.
  - DelDOT has agreed to repair the bulkhead at the branch on N. Main Street.
  - The Federal Flood Insurance Program will be presented at the May meeting.
  - No action was taken on the new handicap signs to be installed on the west side of the firehall.
  - Commissioners decided to keep the traffic pattern on John Street as is.
  - The Town Solicitor to check on new procedures for town elections and registering.
  - Employees will collect compensatory time instead of over-time when asked to attend meetings, etc.
  - Commissioners and employees will hold their quarterly meeting on April 26 at 8:00 am.
  - Two new signs, "no loitering" and "no overnight parking" will be installed on the public parking lot on Market Street.
  - Residents who receive second letters pertaining to accumulated debris in their yards and do not bring yards into compliance in five days will be taken to court.
  - President Conaway announced the lot on the corner of Main and Market Streets was recently sold. The new owner plans to make it a convenient store with two gas pump islands.
  - A rezoning hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2001 for the property at 112 N. Main Street.

**MAY 14, 2001**

- Total traffic arrests-141. Trucks stopped was 1.
- No decision made on placing handicap parking on the west side of the firehall.
- Letter received from Delmarva Rural Ministries pertaining to the now 28 units to be built at Elizabeth Cornish Landing.
- Resolution for the National Flood Insurance Program was presented.

- The first reading of Ordinance #01-3, An ordinance establishing a Flood Plain Area was presented.
- Commissioners voted to require all landlords responsible for their tenants water/sewer bill after the second month of non-payment.
- A \$25 deposit will be required for all users of the pool meters.
- Commissioners will soon be appointing three residents to the Zoning Commission.
- Discussion held at the Advisory Committee Meeting pertained to: an apartment building without a fire escape, old vehicles in yards, speeders on Jacobs Avenue, Gum Street hole, properties with tall grass and weeds, and building permits.
- A revised animal ordinance will be presented at the June Commission meeting.
- Letters to be sent to property owners you have land around the Town limits to see if they are interested in annexation.
- There were three septic haulers for a revenue of \$3,448.
- Water Department-Consumer Confidence Reports will soon be distributed.

**JUNE 11, 2001:**

- There were 137 traffic arrests and one truck stopped.
- We had three septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,548.
- The Consumer Confidence Reports were delivered to all customers on June 5/6, 2001.
- After four budget workshops, the FY 2002 Budget was adopted on 6/11.
- Permission was granted to the fire department to place "no parking" signs on Cannon Street for elections only.
- Ordinance #01-3, An ordinance to establishing a flood plain area was adopted.
- Ordinance #01-4, An ordinance to amend Chapter 128, Fees, by adding new rate increase to several items was also adopted.
- Ordinance #01-5, An ordinance to amend Chapter 96, Building Construction Fees was approved. This will increase the first \$1,000 of a permit to \$10.00.



**MINUTES CONTINUED-JUNE**

- Ordinance #01-6, An ordinance to amend Chapter 128, Section 2, Paragraph H, by adding the following: sewer impact fee of \$1,080 for any residential dwelling. The fee for any apartment/town house for said line shall be \$360 per bedroom. Ordinance passed 5-0.
- Topics discussed at the "Fireside Chat" included traffic, abandoned vehicles, trash cans left in front yards, dog/cat problems, and curbing on Church Street.
- Woodbridge School District turned down the "Cops for School Program" grant.
- Councilman Finley Jones has allotted money to reburish the Town Hall to make it handicap accessible.

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**THAT GOOD EAT'N IS BACK..**

The Kiwanis Club Chicken BBQ is open every weekend through September. The BBQ is located approximately five miles west of Town on Rt. 404.

The Lions/Lioness Oyster Trailer will open July 6/7 and will be open every weekend through August. The menu includes: oyster sandwiches, homemade crabe cakes, fries, hot dogs, hamburgs and cold sodas. The trailer is located just south of the Shore Stop on Rt. 13A (S. Main Street).

**SOMETHING GOOD IN TOWN !!!****SCOOP'S ICE CREAM PARLOR**

Enjoy delicious ice cream soda, chocolate fudge, milk shakes, and more at 612 Market Str. (formerly McDowell's Mkt). Hours are 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, seven days a week. For more info call 337-3226. **WHAT A BETTER WAY TO COOL OFF ON THESE HOT SUMMER DAYS!**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.....**

**TRASH COLLECTION.....**The Town Commission was forced to meet in Emergency Session on Wed., June 20, 2001, because of the failure of Superior Sanitation to pick up trash in our Town. We can report that there were three bidders for our trash and the Commission awarded the bid to Waste Management. We can also report that the cost of their service (\$13.25 monthly) will remain the same.

Waste Management was the low bidder on the original bid in 2000, and even though they are one of the largest companies in this business and have the "wherewithall" to perform this service without interruption, the previous Commission elected to go with the second low bidder.

**TAKE NOTE:** WasteManagement will supply a 96-gallon cart. Their service includes weekly collection of the cart and two (2) additional bags or one (1) additional 30-gallon container. Bulk items such as furniture, appliances or construction debris are not included. **PICK DAY FROM NOW ON WILL BE THURSDAY.**

Anyone interested in signing up for this great deal can call the Town Office, 337-7135, for more details.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT 96-GALLON CARTS SHOULD BE ARRIVING THE WEEK OF JULY 2, 2001.**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK!



I'm pleased to announce that the Fiscal 2002 Budget has been passed by the Commissioners and provides, for the first time in years, a balanced budget with a reserve. Let me highlight some of the accomplishments of this budget.

- The budget proposes NO property or capitation tax increases.
- It does propose minor charges in our fee structures in order to bring Bridgeville more in line with fees that other governments are charging. These increases include the following:
  - 1) a one-half percent increase in the monthly penalty charged for late payment of taxes.
  - 2) a \$5.00 increase in the first \$1,000 of a building permit fee.
  - 3) a 30 cent increase per thousand gallons of water used. This fee will be used to generate the funds necessary to maintain the water tower.
  - 4) a \$10.00 minimum charge for wastewater service.
- The proposed budget would provide a 3% cost of living raise for most employees but every employee will be given a raise.
- This budget provides funds to pay for the new Bridgeville Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
- This budget re-established a long-time tradition of past Commissions by setting up a grant program for community based organizations including the Bridgeville Fire Company, Historical Society, Library, Woodbridge Little League, and the Apple-Scrapple Festival.
- This budget allocates funds to hire a fourth police officer for Bridgeville.
- This budget addresses the maintenance needs of our existing water tower and puts maintenance into a scheduled and budgetary process.
- This budget sets aside funds to do maintenance in our Wastewater Dept. including the repair of all the roofs in our existing plant as well

as collection system maintenance.

- This budget provides \$10,000 payment to the Greenwood Trust to continue the pay down of a loan from the past that was borrowed to operate the Town. With this payment the outstanding balance will be \$44,000 as the Commission is making a \$10,000 payment this fiscal year that through sound fiscal management we have been able to accomplish.
- We are anticipating a \$100,000 Suburban Street Aid Grant that will allow us to do over \$80,000 worth of repair and maintenance to our Town streets. This grant is through the efforts of our Senator Thurman Adams, Jr.
- This budget provides the necessary funds to pay down the Bonded Indebtedness of our existing Wastewater and Water Systems.
- This budget has a minimum of \$13,000 set aside for contingencies.

We have also been able to bring our Town back under the protection of the Federal Flood Insurance Program through the adoption of the National Flood Plain Insurance Ordinance. No longer will the taxpayers of Bridgeville be exposed to complete liability if a hurricane were to damage our wastewater facility.

Things have changed in Town since January. The Commission continues to hear citizen's complaints, concerns, or compliments at our monthly "Fireside Chat". The Commission makes itself available the last Tuesday, of every month to listen to our citizens. Starting at 7:00 PM anyone can come to the Town Hall and be heard. The Citizen's Advisory Committee continues to meet with the Commission and provides a great deal of input into the way our Town is operated.

And look around our Town at the physical changes that have occurred. Thomas Jefferson has purchased the old Farm Supply building and is turning it into a thing of beauty just as he did to the Lofland



property on S. Cannon Street. Duncan Petroleum has purchased the property on the corner of Main & Market Streets and is presently renovating it as a convenience store with gasoline service. Horney Enterprises has purchased the old Short Garage on N. Main Street and will be relocating his electronic business there after the old gas station is demolished and replaced with a new building. The Tull family has built a new structure on West Market Street that will be available for lease thus bringing new business to town. A new antique and "what not" shoppe has been opened on Market Street by Jeanette Spinelli. Derrick Parker has purchased a home on Walnut Street and is completely remodeling it. Things are happening in Bridgeville, and we are delighted at the positive changes.

We will be receiving a grant from Sussex County Councilman Finley Jones that will enable us to make our Town Hall more handicapped accessible by correcting the problem with our front door. Through Finley's grant we will also be moving our Commission meeting room to the first floor thus allowing use of our Town Hall by all the people of Bridgeville. Commissioner Bill Jefferson has volunteered his expertise to see that this project is completed.

Bridgeville is a great place to live and now a great place to do business.

Joe Conaway

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### ANNUAL DELAWARE AVENUE "YARD SALE"



The residents of Delaware Avenue will be holding their "big sale" on Saturday, September 15, 2001. Anyone is welcome to set up a booth on that day. More the better! For more info contact Joanne Conaway, 337-7747.

The "Spring Sale" is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2002.

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### NOTE OF INTEREST

Bridgeville postal employees, members of the National Association for Letter Carriers, collected 1,250 pounds of non-parishable food on May 12th. The collected food was donated to the UUMC Community Food Bank. A big thanks to all our postal employees and to the residents of this community.

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**BEAUTIFULL BARRELS...** Kay Sue and Howard Hardesty have done it again! The flowers in the barrels on Market Street are just beautiful this year. A big "thanks" for all your hard and dedicated work.

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**APPLE-SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL**, Oct 12/13. Right around the corner! The committee has been meeting for several months in preparation for the event. As the event grows more volunteers are needed and more work has to be done. If you are willing to give a little time for this wonderful event contact Bonnie, 349-4637 or Alma, 629-9582 for more info.

**COME OUT AND LEND  
A HELPING HAND!**



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COMMUNITIES OF SHALOM-a program in the church but requires the help of the entire community to succeed. The program hopes to be the catalyst for the rebuilding and renewing of communities. For more information contact Rev. Purnell Moody (337-3281) or Rev. Gary Tulak (337-7409).

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TOWN OFFICE	337-7135
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**JUST A REMINDER: TOWN TRASH PICK  
UP NOW ON THURSDAY (EARLY).....**

**GAMES FOR WHEN YOU ARE OLDER!**

1. Sag, you're it.
2. Pin the toupee on the bald guy.
3. 20 questions shouted into your good ear.
4. Kick the bucket
5. Red rover, red rover, the nurse says bend over.
6. Doc goose.
7. Simon says something incoherent.
8. Hide and go pee.
9. Spin the bottle of mylanta
10. Musical recliners.

**"OLD" IS WHEN.....**

1. Old is when your sweeties says, "Let's go upstairs and make love", and you answer, "Honey, I can't do both!".
2. Old is when your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.
3. Old is when a sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door.
4. Old is when going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

**DATES TO REMEMBER.....**

- JULY** 4 - Independence Day, Town Office Closed  
 9 - Board Meeting, 7 PM, Town Hall  
 25 - Planning Commission Mtg, 7 PM, Town Hall  
 31 - "Fireside Chat", 7 PM, Town Hall, Everyone Welcome
- AUG.** 13 - Board Meeting, 7 PM  
 28 - "Fireside Chat", 7 PM
- SEPT.** 3 - Labor Day, Town Office Closed  
 10 - Board Meeting, 7 PM  
 25 - "Fireside Chat", 7 PM
- OCT.** 8 - Board Meeting, 7 PM  
 12/13 - Apple-Scrapple Festival  
 30 - "Fireside Chat"

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5. Old is when "getting a little action" means I don't need to take any fiber today.
6. Old is when "getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

**Sky-High Word Find**

WHAT'S UP in the sky and all through this Word Find proves summer is in the air.

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CLOUDS	O O B N Q K R L B S X M N Q R O S Q V
CONSTELLATION	O T Y Q T U Q T B D V X S E I D K E T
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