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PRAY FOR OUR
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ELECTION FOR NEW COMMISSIONERS.....



SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2002 is not far off! For anyone seeking a position on the Town Commission the filing deadline is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2001 by 12:00 NOON.**

There are three positions open for 2002:

- 1 year - Pat Correll
- 2 year - Margaret Sipple
- 2 year - Earl Greason

Carry-over Commissioners:

Joe Conaway
Bill Jefferson

Anyone who would like to file for a position must file at the Town Hall in writing by the deadline of Dec. 14.

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 registered 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.

TAKE NOTE: The office will be open for registration on the following evenings from 5-7 pm: Monday, Oct. 8, Monday, Nov. 12, and Monday, Dec. 10.

If you have any questions regarding the election, call the Town Hall, 337-7135.

BRIDGEVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN NEARS COMPLETION....



The Town of Bridgeville Comprehensive Plan is nearing completion. The Planning Commission and the University of Delaware's Institute of Public Administration have been working for over a year to develop the draft plan. Using information gathered at last September's Community Planning Workshop, the plan has been written to include elements involving land use, growth, annexation, historic resources, infrastructure, and transportation.

Your input is welcome and encouraged. There will be a public presentation on the plan draft scheduled for November or early December, and a public hearing will follow. Please continue to check with Town Hall regarding the dates, times, and places for these presentations. If you have questions about the plan or the planning process you may contact Howard Hardesty, Planning Commission Chairman at 337-8595 or David Edgell with the University of Delaware at 302-735-8204.



**PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2001,
PAY PROMPTLY TO AVOID
A PENALTY!!!!**

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETINGS:**JULY 9, 2001:**

- There were 144 traffic arrests for June. Trucks stopped were 4.
- Three septic haulers for a revenue of \$3,420.
- The Delaware Housing Authority announced that Bridgeville will receive \$36,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Funds.
- The allotment for Bridgeville on the Municipal Street Aid is \$56,589.13 (approx. \$400 more than last year).
- The Senior Center was granted permission to hold a car wash on the parking lot across from Town Hall.
- Mr. Thomas O. Jefferson was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his renovation work on the Lofland Building and the Farmer Supply Building on Cannon Street.
- Residents who did not comply with a letter of request to remove their abandoned vehicles from their property will be contacted by the police department.
- The 1992 police vehicle was recently sold for \$2600.
- Fireside Chat is scheduled for July 31, 2001.

AUGUST 13, 2001:

- Councilman Finley Jones presented the Town with a check to help defray cost of remodelling back room in Town Hall for a downstairs meeting room.
- There were 169 traffic arrests and six trucks stopped in Town in July.
- There were four waste haulers for a revenue of \$3,678.
- Due to high water and flooding during rain storm (6.11") the lift station at Gateway Plaza went under water and had to be shut down due to the large amount of storm water run off that it was pumping to the WWTP. The lift station was started up on Sunday morning.
- Chief Parsons reported 66 letters were sent to residents who had abandoned cars on their property. Most residents cooperated with the request

Only six received a final notice on August 10th.

- The 1984 police van has been sold.
- Doug Jones suggested that a savings account be set up for replacement of water meters. Meters have a life expectancy of fifteen years (present meters are six years old).
- President Conaway stated the "Fireside Chats" have been very well attended.
- Chief Parsons is still working on updating the "animal ordinance".
- Delmarva Waste Management has purchased all of the "toters" that belonged to Superior.
- The raised water rate of 30 cents a thousand will set be set aside for much needed maintenance on the water tower.
- Certificates of Appreciation were given to the following:

Doug Jones, Phillip Mowbray, and Rick Passwaters for their efforts spent in cleaning up after the rain storm.

Kay Sue and Howard Hardesty for dedicated work to beautiful flowers barrels on Market Street.

Anita and Marshall Craft for the opening of the new ice cream parlor.

Ruth Ann Tull and Margaret Sipple for their constant care of the flowers around Town Hall.

Officer Church Manuszak for his quick response to a sick lady at Jimmy's Grille.

Each month the Commission will be awarding deserving residents of our community with these certificates.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2001:

- Ms. Marlene Elliott, State Director of the USDA Rural Development Program, presented the Town with a check for \$2,257,000 (\$1,000,000 in grant money, \$1,257,000 loan) for the upgrade of the wastewater plant. The loan will not start until the Town is actually ready to begin the upgrade.
- Certificates of Appreciation were presented to: Lester Williams, Jr., Brad Cannon, Clif Jackson, Bobb Dixon, Donald Smack, John Burbage,

and the Sussex Community Correction Center for the work on the Mt. Calvary Cemetery preservation.

- Commissioner Sipple will be contacting the Soil/Water Conservation to seek help in repairing of the bulkhead on North Main Street.
- There were 93 traffic arrests and 5 truck arrests in August.
- There were 4 septic haulers for a revenue of \$3,799.
- On Aug. 15 a representative from FEMA, DEMA and Councilman Jones toured the WWTP to see the water damage from the rain storm of Aug. 12.
- The Town solicitor is in the process of drawing up an ordinance to allow for absentee voting in Town elections.
- Mosquito Control sprayed the Town on Wednesday, August 29th.
- On Saturday, Sept. 15th a Community Outreach Day will be held on Cannon and First Streets.
- The Town will meet with Cannon Cold Storage to try and resolve the back tax problem and the odor problem.
- The town employees's health insurance will remain with BCBS.
- The Community Development Block Grant Program will hold their annual hearing at the regular Commission meeting in October.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

During the Fourth of July Celebration held in Laurel, President Joe Conaway was awarded the Mayor's Watermelon Seed Spitting Trophy. The magic of the spit was 35 1/2 feet.... GREAT JOB, JOE!!! Bridgeville is on the map again.....

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DRIVE CAREFULLY.....OUR SCHOOLS ARE BACK IN SESSION, KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.....



COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Trick or Treat night will be Wednesday, October 31st for children twelve and under. Hours are 6-8 pm only.

Immediately following the trick or treat hours, there will be a Halloween Party at the Historical Park on Delaware Avenue. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. This event is sponsored by the Lions and Lioness with assistants from the Kiwanis Club and the fire company.

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The Annual Firemen's Chicken and Dumpling Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 4, 2001 from noon until 5:00 pm at the firehall. Carryouts will be available. **DON'T FORGET!!! BEST DUMPLIN'S IN TOWN.....**



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The Historical Society will be sponsoring their "26" Annual Craft Show, Christmas in Bridgeville, on Saturday, December 1, 2001 from 9:00 am til 3:00 pm at the Woodbridge Jr/Sr High School.

Lunch will be catered by Jimmy's Grille. Mark your calendars-don't miss this one!

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*CAROLLING ON THE GREEN (Main/Mket St). There will be Christmas carolling on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm on the green. Bring a canned item for the Community Christmas Baskets. For more info, call Town Hall 337-7135 or Commissioner Correll, 337-7783. **COME OUT FOR A GOOD OLD FASHION CAROLLING.....**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Just a reminder the Tenth Annual Apple-Scrapple Festival will be held October 12 & 13th. This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than ever. The Apple-Scrapple Committee promises something for everybody and if this year's festival is anything like last year's, we are all in for a good time.

Because of our improving fiscal condition, the Town Commission was able to invest \$50,000 in a CD. This money will earn the Town additional funds and enhance our cash flow. Of course, this is without cost to the people of Bridgeville. We will continue to invest idle funds as they become available thus increasing Town revenues without seeking additional monies from the people of Bridgeville.

We are pleased to announce that our Town has received a grant of \$1 million dollars and a loan of \$1,257,000, a total of \$2,257,000 that we will be able to use to update our existing wastewater facilities. This grant-loan package is through the U.S.D.A. Rural Development program and will enable us to add a biological nutrient removal system to our current wastewater treatment facility thus meeting the new requirements of the Clear Water Act. The improvements to our treatment program will help protect the Nanticoke River and serve the needs of a growing Bridgeville Community. The funds are now available but we still must complete the engineering and land acquisition program necessary to complete these improvements. All of this has to be done with an eye towards obtaining more grant funding from other sources to make these new EPA requirements as less of a burden on our people as possible. We will update you periodically as we move through the steps necessary to bring these improvements on line.

The Town's Planning Commission continues to meet with the Institute of

Public Administration, the University of Delaware, to develop our first Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Bridgeville. This planning document will help direct the future of our Town for the next five years. Before it is adopted by the Town Commission, there will be a number of Public Hearings that will allow the citizens of Bridgeville the opportunity to have as much input as possible in the future direction of our Town.

Through the efforts of Commissioner Bill Jefferson, the meeting room for the Commission has been relocated to the first floor of the Town Hall. Bill did most of the work himself but a great deal of the painting was done by Alma Fleetwood, Lester Williams, Joann Conaway, with assistance from Commissioner Pat Correll. The President of Commission got more in the way than anything! Not only have we eliminated the stairs as problem for public access to our meeting room, we have reinstalled the front door of the Town Hall making the building more handicapped accessible. Please come see your facility.

Joe Conaway

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NEWS FROM S.C.A.T.

The Sussex County Association of Towns, is a group made up of cities and towns from Sussex County. Working as a unit, they have become a loud voice heard in Dover, the State, and Washington, D.C.

SCAT is currently reviewing legislation that will impact all of Sussex County.

Monthly meetings are held Sept thru June. Meetings attempt to keep all towns abreast of legislation that may affect them environmentally, socially, politically or economically.

Blades Mayor Hardin will assume President of SCAT for the year 200

APPLE-SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL OCTOBER 12/13, 2001

HOME DECORATING CONTEST: Once again the Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring its fourth annual home decorating contest for the festival. The judging will take place on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th FROM 4-7 PM.** 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, October 12th at the stage area. Plaques will be placed in the 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. 13th

The apple baking contest will take place at the Bridgeville

Fire Hall.

Divisions:

- Traditional Apple Pie- \$250 Bond
- Apple Dessert - \$250 Bond
- Children's Dessert-\$100 Bond

All registrations must be received on/or before October 10, 2001. Forms may be picked up at the Library, T.S. Smith & Sons or the Town Hall. A big thank you is extended to the sponsor of this event. For more info call Rita at 337-8318.

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SOMETHING NEW: FIRST ANNUAL MAYOR'S SCRAPPLE SLING!!!!

All Mayors or Presidents of Town Councils and the Sussex County Council have been invited to the First Annual Scrapple Sling. This event will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, Oct. 13th at the stage area. Come out and support your favorite "slinger".

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Festival Tees/Sweats on sale at T.S. Smith & Sons, the library or the Town Hall.

FESTIVAL DAYS: Once again the festival 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 13th from 6 am until 6pm.** Alley permits will again be given (2 per family) for residents where streets will be blocked off. **** If you need one more, may be picked at Town Hall.** Streets that will be closed: Market Street, William, Walnut (400 block), S. Cannon (Market to Walnut), Laws (Market to Edgewood), Delaware Avenue, Railroad (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.**

We hope you enjoy the 2001 Festival which by the way, is No. 10.

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Mr. Keith Parsell
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Mr. Michael Curlett

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DATES TO REMEMBER....

- OCT. 8 - Town Board Meeting, 7 PM,
 12/13 - Apple-Scrapple Festival
 30 - "Fireside" Chat, 7 PM
 Town Hall
 31 - Trick or Treat Night, 6-8 PM
 Halloween Party in Park
- NOV. 12 - Veterans Day
 Town Board Meeting, 7 PM
 22 - Thanksgiving, Town Office
 Closed 22 and 23.
 27 - "Fireside Chat", 7 PM
- DEC. 10 - Town Board Meeting, 7 PM
 24 - Christmas Eve, Town Office
 Closed
 25 - Christmas Day, Town Office
 Closed
- JAN. 1 - New Year's Day, Town Office
 Closed



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REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS:

WHEN MOWING GRASS DO NOT
 THROW GRASS CLIPPINGS OUT
 INTO THE STREET.

NO OUTDOOR BURNING ALLOWED
 IN TOWN LIMITS.

TOWN BUILDING PERMITS REQUIR-
 ED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HOMES.
 PERMITS ALSO REQUIRED FOR
 INSTALLING POOLS AND FENCES.

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If exercise could be packed
 into a pill, it would be the
 single most widely prescribed
 and beneficial medicine in
 the world!

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HISTORICAL MOTHERS

THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER: Of course
 I'm proud that you invented the
 electric light bulb. Now turn it off
 and get to bed.

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER: But it's
 your senior picture. Can't you do
 something about your hair? Styling
 gel, mousse, something...?

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOTHER: The next
 time I catch you throwing money
 across the Potomac, you can kiss your
 allowance good-bye!

COLUMBUS'S MOTHER: I don't care what
 you've discovered, you still could
 have written!

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Clever Costume Word Find

TO TREAT you to a tricky challenge,
 we've fashioned a frightfully fun
 Word Find this time.

Lurking in the letters below are
 24 words (also listed below) refer-

ring to a boo-dle of Halloween dis-
 guises. Unmask the correct answers
 by connecting letters up, down, diag-
 onally and backward.

ANGEL
 BALLERINA
 BUNNY
 CLOWN
 COWBOY
 FAIRY
 FIREMAN
 GHOST
 GORILLA
 HOBO
 KING
 KNIGHT
 MERMAID
 MOUSE
 MUMMY
 PILGRIM
 PIRATE
 PUMPKIN
 QUEEN
 SCARECROW
 SPACEMAN
 SUPERHERO
 TIGER
 WIZARD

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T	J	U	Q	G	E	R	Y	G	D	N	I	D	A	A	B	O	E	E
D	G	J	P	O	H	C	Q	G	N	A	F	G	F	N	I	R	D	U
R	E	A	X	E	R	D	A	Z	F	A	G	B	F	C	T	I	C	D
U	T	G	R	N	G	C	Q	P	X	J	A	A	R	F	U	L	G	D
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C	M	C	P	Y	W	E	L	N	X	D	M	C	L	B	A	K	B	E
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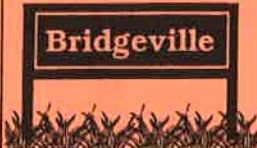
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