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COMMISSION ELECTION

JANUARY 12, 2002

The election for new Commissioners will take place on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2002, from 12:00 noon until 7:00 PM.**

There were three positions available.

- * One position for a one year term.
- * Two positions for two year terms.

The deadline for candidates filing for the positions was December 14th.

The following candidates filed for the positions:

- One Year Term: Pat Correll
- Two Year Term: Earl Greason
Margaret Sipple
Robert Slater

The election will be held for the two, two year terms.

All residents who wish to vote in the Town election **MUST** be registered by **JANUARY 2, 2002**. Office hours at the Town office are 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM., Monday thru Friday. Absentee voting is available. For more information call the Town Office, 337-7135.

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**REMINDER: TOWN OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED**

**DECEMBER 24 and 25
and
JANUARY 1, 2002**



BRIDGEVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPLETED

The Town of Bridgeville Comprehensive Plan has been completed and ready for review by the state and the citizens of Bridgeville.

The second open meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 9, 2002** at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall. Residents may review the plan before the meeting by stopping at Town Hall.

If you have questions concerning the plan or the planning process, call Chairman Howard Hardesty, 337-8595 or David Edgell with the University of Delaware, 735-8204.

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IT'S CHRISTMASTIME AGAIN....

Choose the tree and drape the tinsel;
String the lights of red and green..
Hang the wreath and mistletoe;
Bring out the cherished manger scene.

Place the candles in the windows,
Guiding those who seek your door;
Sing the old familiar carols,
Sung so many times before.

Build the hearth fire til it's glowing;
Gather loved ones close around;
Read again the wondrous story
Of the Babe whose love abounds.

Fling your heart's door open wide,
Feel cheer and goodwill enter in;
Know the peace of love-come-down...
Oh, joy! It's Christmastime again!

--Janette Gentry

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETINGS:**OCTOBER 8, 2001:**

- Total traffic arrests-125. Trucks stopped in town-2
- ADT will be installing a security system at the well sites and the WWTP.
- Total number of waste haulers was three for a revenue of \$2,808.
- Commissioners Joe Conaway, Pat Correll and Earl Greason met with Greenwood's Donnie Donovan and Finley Jones on September 24th to discuss the Greenwood Agreement and to try and resolve the storm-water problem.
- Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to: Community Outreach Day-Joyce Jenkins, Bernard Dennison, Rose Teale and Elizabeth Cornish. Refurbishing of the Downstairs Meeting Room-Commissioner Bill Jefferson, Sally Jefferson, Alma Fleetwood and Joann Conaway.
- Commission decided to form a committee to work on a community tree project. Grants for this type of project are available.
- Mr. Dale McDowell, Sussex County Community Development and Housing, presented a program regarding funding grants available to residents for rehab projects in this area.
- Comcast will raise Standard Service rates from \$34.25 to \$36.95 beginning November 1, 2001.
- Mrs. Kathy Myers will begin work Monday, October 22 as the new part-time department clerk.
- Commissioners voted to supply the school with 25 copies weekly for 32 weeks(\$200) of the Seaford Star for reading supplement.
- The Town has been reinstated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for flood insur
- Dr. Kevin Carson, Mr. Coulter Passwaters, and Mr. Mike Breeding requested school property on Church Street be annexed into the Town. Request for waiving of building permits and impact fees for the new school building was tabled.

- The first reading of an ordinance to permit absentee voting in all Town elections was introduced.
- A 5-year lease agreement with St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Town was signed pertaining the their parking lot on the east side of William Street. The Town will lease the parking lot for a \$1.00 a year.
- Town officials met with officials from Pet Poultry Products to discuss violations of their permit, odor problems and the on-going tax debate.
- A resident requested the Commission look into broken windows and the possibility of someone living in the unoccupied house at 104 N. Main Street.
- Christmas Lights have been purchased for Church Street-donations towards the project were received from the Lioness Club and the Kiwanis Club.

NOVEMBER 12, 2001:

- Total traffic arrests-142. Total trucks stopped in town-2.
- Security system installed at the #2-2D well sit.
- The service line flow at 9 Church Street was corrected on 11/9/01.
- There were three septic haulers for a revenue of \$3,300.
- The Christmas lights for Church Street have arrived and will be installed in time for Christmas.
- Mr. Jason Deibel received a Certificate of Appreciation for his achievement as an Eagle Scout.
- A Certificate of Appreciation to awarded to Mr. Robert Duncan for the opening of his new business, Bridgeville Super Soda Center on the corner of Main and Market Strs.
- Discussion was held on installing a fence along the Town's parking lot-no action taken.
- Confirmation was received from the state regarding the \$100,000 grant for street improvements.
- Repairs will be made to the heating system at the WWTP.
- Ordinance #01-9, Absentee Voting, was adopted.

MINNESOTA-CONT'D.

- Corrosion Control Corporation was awarded the contract for the maintenance program on the water tower... Ten year program-\$91,900.
- Discussion held on the waiving of sewer impact and building permit fees for the school district. No action taken.
- Environmental Consultants of Rehoboth have been obtained to review the building plans for the new school.
- Councilman Finley Jones donated \$500 towards the renovations of the downstairs meeting room.
- Filing deadline for residents who wish to run for a Commission position is Friday, December 14, 2001 by noon.
- Residents must be registered with the Town in order to vote in Commission elections. Deadline for filing is January 2, 2002.
- A letter was received from Kenny, Inc. requesting annexation of land north of Town into the Town limits.
- Discussion was held regarding the odors from Cannon Cold Storage. The plant personnel is currently in the process of trying another solution that hopefully will solve the matter.
- A new pay scale for the police department was adopted during a special meeting.
- Mrs. Myrna Dixon, 313 First Street, requested speed signs be placed on her street for the safety of the children in the area.
- It was announced that in an emergency that might concern the community, residents could report to the firehall and also should listen to their local radio and TV stations for any announcements.

DECEMBER 10, 2001:

- Total traffic arrests were 104 with 2 trucks stopped.
- There were two septic haulers for a revenue of \$3,474.
- Commercial Roofing started working on the main building at the WWTP on 12/5.
- Jason Deibel received a Certificate of Appreciation for his scout project.
- Commissioner Correll received a Certi-

- of Appreciation for her efforts in obtaining Christmas lights for Church Street.
- Mr. Ray Kenny of Kenny Inc. gave a presentation of his company that will soon be locating in Bridgeville
- The police department is interviewing people who are interested in becoming an officer with the department.
- President Conaway thanked Mr. Bob Hunsberger and his company for working so hard in alleviating the odors from their plant.
- After some discussion on sewer impact fees for the new school buildings, a charge of \$26,750 was agreed by the Town and school.
- Residents interested in filing for a Commission position must do so by Friday, December 14th at noon. There are three positions open.
- A second open meeting to review the Bridgeville Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be held January 9, 2002.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S
DESK.....



I would like to take this opportunity in the name of the Town Commission to wish all of the people of Bridgeville a very happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

The year 2001 has been a good year for Bridgeville. Our finances have stabilized and are showing signs of increasing. We have been able to invest \$100,000 of your dollars in CD's, the interest of which adds to our revenues. These funds will be used in the operation of the Town and rather than let them sit idle or in accounts that do not pay as much in interest as the CD's, the Commission elected to invest the money.

We were able to obtain a \$15,000 grant from the Sussex County Council through the efforts of Councilman Finley Jones. This payment is part of the County's Transfer Tax program

Our Senator, Thurman Adams, Jr., has directed a \$100,000 Suburban Street Grant to the Town that will enable us to repair Second Street, North Cannon Street, and Walnut Street in addition to assisting us with a more aggressive patching and sidewalk programs. Some of these funds will also be used to remove some town trees in the Town-Right of-Way between the sidewalks and the streets. This grant is in addition to the over \$58,000 we already receive in Municipal Street Aid. Our Representative, Ben Ewing, is also looking at helping us with a grant of his own through Suburban Street Funding. Street Commissioner, "Bootsie" Sipple is working at getting this work done in early spring of 2002.

For the first time in many years, all the main streets in Bridgeville have Christmas lights. Commissioner Pat Correll went out and got donations to help us accomplish this goal. Thanks to the Bridgeville Lioness and the Kiwanis Club over \$2,000 was donated; when we were having trouble getting the new lights installed, Conective donated their time, equipment and the use of their employees to get those lights up. Doug Jones of our water department fabricated the hangers needed for the lights and the job was done.

On December 5, 2001, we held our first annual "Caroling on the Green". Approximately seventy-five people joined in song, shared food donations, and welcomed Santa Claus to Bridgeville. Next year will even be bigger! Thanks to Commissioner Correll for her efforts in this program.

The election for the three open seats on the Commission will take place on Saturday, January 12, 2002 from 12:00PM to 7:00 PM. at the Town Hall. For the first time in our history there will be provisions for absentee voting. The development of this voting ordinance was as a direct result of a suggestion by Town resident, Donald Kirby. For more information, contact the Town Office, 337-7135. As no one filed

against Commissioner Correll for t one year term, she has been re-elected. However, there is a contest for the two, two year terms. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, the Planning Commission under Chairman Howard Hardesty has presented Bridgeville's first Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Planning Commission will hold a second hearing on January 9, 2002 at the Town Hall. Following that hearing the Commission will schedule its public hearing on this plan in late January. Copies of the plan are available for review at the Town Hall and the Bridgeville Library. We have already submitted this plan to the County and State for their review and comments. This plan could be adopted in February thus opening the way for annexation votes to increase the economic base of our Town.

The Commission looks forward to a very productive and exciting 2002, and if the beautiful decorated homes this season is any indication then we will even have a brighter year than we thought.

Joe Conaway

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE
COMMISSION
AND
EMPLOYEES
OF
BRIDGEVILLE...

COMMUNITY BRIEFS**APPLE-SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL**

The following were winners at the home decorating contest held during the festival: A special thanks to the Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this event.

1st-John and Dawn Tomeski
2nd-Bill and Linda Boyles
3rd-Richard and Fran Benson

Honorable Mention:

Russ and Diana Chaney
Betty Jane Steffen
Hannah Pusey



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FIRST ANNUAL**"CARROLING ON THE GREEN"**

The Commissioners sponsored the first annual caroling on Wednesday, December 5th. There were approximately 75 in attendance. After the caroling, led by Rev. Tulak, hot chocolate and donuts were served while Santa visited with the children. Can goods was collected for the Christmas Food Baskets. A big thank you goes to Howard Hardesty and Jim Tennefoss for the refreshments and Commissioner Correll who chaired the event. A good time as had by all!

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CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring their home decorating contest on THURSDAY, DEC. 27th, 5:00 to 7:00 PM. For more info call Kevin Carson, 337-8881. The three categories are:

Best Decorated Home
Best Decorated Door
Best Decorated Home by a Kiwanian.

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REMINDER:

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow 24 hours after each

snowfall.

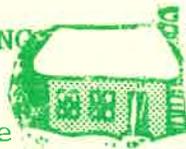
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WAYS CHRISTMAS IS DIFFERENT**THIS YEAR....**

1. Last Christmas we were thinking about all the things we didn't have; this Christmas we are thinking about all the things we do have.
2. Last Christmas we were counting our money; this Christmas we are counting our blessings.
3. Last Christmas we were digging into our banks accounts to find the money to fly home for the holidays; this year we are digging deep into our souls to find the courage to do so.
4. Last Christmas we thought a man who rushed down a football field was a hero; this Christmas we know a man who rushes into a burning building is the real hero.
5. Last Christmas we were getting on one another's nerves; this Christmas we are getting on our knees.
6. Last Christmas we were giving thanks for gifts from stores; this Christmas we are giving thanks for gifts from God.
7. Last Christmas we were thinking how good it would feel to be affluent; this Christmas we are thinking how good it feels to be alive.
8. Last Christmas the people we idolized wore football, basketball, and baseball uniforms; this Christmas we idolize people who wear police, firefighters and military uniforms.
9. Last Christmas "peace on earth" is something we prayed for on Sunday mornings; now it is something we pray for every day.

There's no way to sugarcoat it: Since September 11, life has changed dramatically and substantially for everyone. But while many things have changed, at least one has not. Last Christmas people around the world gathered to celebrate family and faith this Christmas people around the world will gather to celebrate the same. And this year, as we continue this age-old tradition, we will understand in ways just how precious our families and faith are.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- DEC. 24/25 - Town Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
- Jan. 1 - Town Office Closed for New Year's Day
- 2 - Deadline to register to vote in Town election.
- 9 - Planning Commission Mtg, 7:00 PM-Town Hall, Open to the public.
- 11 - Absentee voting ballots must be received at Town Hall.
- 12 - Commission Election, noon til 7:00 PM., Town Hall
- 14 - Commission Mtg., 7:00 PM, Town Hall. Swearing in of new Commissioners.
- 21 - Town Office Closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday Observance.

- Jan. 29 - Fireside Chat, 7:00 P Town Hall
- FEB. 11 - Commission Mtg., 7:00PM
- 26 - Fireside Chat, 7:00 PM
- MAR 3 - Firemen's Annual Beef and Dumpling Dinner, Noon til 5:00 PM., Fire-hall. Carry-outs available.
- 22/23 - Lions Variety Show, Woodbridge Jr/Sr.School, 8:00 PM. Tickets from any Lions or at the door.
- 26 - Fireside Chat, 7:00PM.
- 31 - Office Closed for Good Friday.

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NOTE: Residents with trash "toter" please remove them from the street or front yard after trash has been picked up on designated day.

No outdoor burning allowed in Town limits.

Important Phone Numbers:
 Town Office - 337-7135
 Town Police - 337-8302
 WWTP - 337-7843

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The Town's newsletter is now four years old! How times flies.....We would like to thank our sponsors who made it all possible. The area business people have supported our efforts all the way. Please support them by patronizing their businesses.

Town Commissioners



Festive Fruitcake Word Find

SAVOR THE SEASON by slicing into this fun fruitcake Word Find!
 Mixed into the letters below are 24 words (also listed below) that spice up this traditional Christmas treat.

Fork over each flavorful ingredient by connecting letters up, down, diagonally and backward.

ALMONDS	B S W E K C E R E T T U B S S S W L I
APRICOTS	E D D M A V L J C W X M T U T I D W M
BAKING POWDER	G D P N V N T S E Z S K R O K W X G Y
BUTTER	G U D S O Y E C T M C T C T N E Z G B
CANDY	S Y K S U M S E I A I I U Q U L P J N
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DATES	D J M R G O K R A G U S A S S A C O I
EGGS	Y H J R O I S I H K V F A U J E W U U
FIGS	R W A E F P P H N F L W L M X N S Z J
FLOUR	W P R H I H Y S X G V X I O I I D S E
GLAZE	R S T C P V S E C S P V H S U P R S G
HONEY	T L E G D N O S U E A O Y E N R R G N
MOLASSES	J S Y T I R N S N N W J W T W A S I A
NUTS	P X L S A I V A I R O Y M D E H C F R
ORANGE JUICE	O S I E F D H L B K N U Z L E G K E O
PECANS	C A T Y A X L O B U W C T A Y R A S P
PINEAPPLE	R X A O J A Q M T R V K Y E N O H Z W
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