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AFFIRMATION FOR TODAY

- * Today I will live through the next 24 hours and not try to tackle all of life's problems at once.
 - * Today I will improve myself...body, mind and spirit.
 - * Today I will refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen if!
 - * Today I will find grace to let go of resentments of others and self condemnation over past mistakes.
 - * Today I will not try to change or improve, anybody but me.
 - * Today I will act toward others as though this will be my last day on earth.
 - * Today I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. They are not different. I will do the best with what material I have.
 - * Today I will be unafraid. I will enjoy what is beautiful, and I will believe that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.
- Whether these are the best of times or the worst of times, these are the ONLY times we've got. Live each day fully and you will look back on a life that made a difference.

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NEWS

LOOK INSIDE...



The June water/sewer bills will be enclosed with the Town Property and Capitation Bills. To avoid a penalty on your taxes, please pay on or before **September 30, 2002**.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK



Bridgeville Historical Park

* WEDNESDAY, JULY 31st

SMYRNA FIREMAN'S BAND.....

* WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14th

MILFORD COMMUNITY BAND....

From 7:00pm - til dark. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by:
 Bridgeville Historical Society
 Bridgeville Lions Club

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BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY..... SUMMER READING PROGRAM

All children will want to sign up for the Summer Reading Program this summer. Kay Peterson, Youth Services Librarian, has scheduled some great programs and fun activities; there are lots of reading prizes to give away, and there are many new books to read.

Each child reading for prizes should have a Sussex County Library Card, and check out all books from the Bridgeville Library. Anyone is welcome to attend the activities or programs scheduled. These are held in the Parrish Hall at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on William St. All of the programs start at 11:00 am and should last about an hour and a half. If a child is just visiting for a few weeks, we can give them a temporary card for the Summer Reading Program.

SIGN UP AND START READING FOR PRIZES ON JUNE 11th.!

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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETINGS:APRIL 8, 2002:

- There were three septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,340.
- The USDA Rural Development toured the wastewater facility as a routine three year inspection-plant received no negative comments.
- Average daily water supplied: 126,000 gallons.
- The police department reported 174 traffic arrests and one truck stopped.
- President Conaway and Commissioner Correll will attend the 25th Annual Sussex County Prayer Breakfast in Georgetown on May 7, 2002.
- Delmarva Rural Ministries is in the process of making application for expansion of 12 new units at Elizabeth Landing.
- Topics discussed at the March 26, "Fireside Chat"-Mt. Calvary cemetery clean-up, accumulated trash in yards, and unattended vacant homes.
- Discussion held on placing liens on property with unpaid taxes with possible sale of property.
- Commissioners Sipple and Correll will be applying for grant money for the Community Tree Project.
- President Conaway and Commissioner Greason met recently with state and federal representatives concerning the Town's grants and loans for the spray irrigation system.
- Notice received that Pic-Sweet Company will be locating in the Cannon (Rt 18) area.
- Commissioners agreed to amend the fence ordinance.
- Discussion held on unlicensed vehicles being abandoned on properties.
- Food Lion Grand Opening to be Wed, April 17th. All Commissioners invited to attend.

MAY 13, 2002:

- There were 103 traffic arrest with 29 criminal arrests. Only one truck stopped in Town.
- Three septic haulers for a revenue of \$3,060.
- On May 10, 2002 negotiations were concluded with the Passwaters family and Mr. Allen Rocks regarding the land

(600 acres) south of Town.

- Mr. Mike Zimmerman, owner of the Bridgeville Park Center, would like to annex into the Town.
- Town received \$1,000 from the University of Delaware to reimburse the treatment plant for reed bed sludge testing and spraying the reeds with round-up.
- Commissioners agreed to start procedures to collect back taxes from property owners. If taxes are not paid, the Commissioners will take the necessary steps to have the property sold to cover tax expenses.
- After many months of discussion concerning installing a fence on the north side of the public parking lot on Market Street, the Commissioners decided to go forth with the project. The cost of the project will be paid by the Town and several business owners.
- A charter amendment was introduced that will change the Commission election from the second Saturday in January to the first Saturday in March. The amendment will be submitted to Senator Adams and Rep. Ewing for this legislative session.
- Four ordinances were introduced:
 - A02-2: Amend #234-18 relating to use regulations of C-1 Commercial Districts.
 - A02-3: Conditional Use Ordinance.
 - A02-4: Amend #132-2 relating to maximum fence heights.
 - A02-5: Amend #234-33 relating to off-street parking. Second reading and vote will take place at the June meeting.
- Ordinance No. A02-6-relating to junked, wrecked, dismantled cars will be discussed at the June meeting.

JUNE 3, 2002-BUDGET WORKSHOP

- Meeting held to introduce Fiscal Year Budget 2003 as required by law. There will be no increase in capitation or property taxes this year. Budget adoption will take place at the regular meeting in June.

MINUTES-cont'd
JUNE 10, 2002

- There were 95 traffic arrests and 30 criminal arrests. One truck stopped.
- Consumer Confidence Water Reports were delivered to all residents on May 30 and 31st.
- KennyFarms water main installation will be completed in the near future.
- There were three septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,084.
- The stock-pile dry cake sludge was removed by Clean DE. Inc.
- Mr. Nick Rocks and Mr. Robert Rauch presented their ideas for the new development south of Town. One the property is annexed into Town the first construction will be the 18 hole championship golf course.
- WAWA, Inc. has expressed an interest in annexing land into the Town.
- Delinquent tax payers were sent certified letters stating if taxes were not paid a lien on their property and possible sale of the property would take place in July. Most of the delinquent tax payers have paid up their account.
- Ordinances A02-2, A02-3, A02-4 and A02-5 were adopted and set in place.
- The Budget for 2003 was balanced and approved by the Commission.
- President Conaway thanked Ruth Ann Tull, Marge Flynn and Joann Conaway for taking the time to clean up John Street. Employees Doug Jones and Rick Passwaters help with this project also.
- Commission agreed to support SCAT in asking Congress for beach front protection funding.

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RE M I N D E R

NO OUTDOOR BURNING ALLOWED IN

TOWN LIMITS.

NO FARM ANIMALS ALLOWED IN

TOWN LIMITS.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



The future continues to look bright for our Town. With the possible annexation of a 2000 unit village and golf course, Bridgeville appears to be ready to reap the benefits of the attraction that Sussex County offers to the many people who are moving to our county.

This new development will have a mix of housing types and will range in price from just under \$100,00 to \$200,000. In addition, there will be a public golf course and a club house facility that will be available. There will be a commercial component that will give us even more shopping alternatives for the entire community. Later this summer, the developer, Allen and Rocks, will be mailing to all of our households a survey as to what we would like to see in this development. The developer has already committed to provide our community with a new library. We have an opportunity to have input; your ideas are important so please share them with Allen and Rocks. Much more information will be available later on; the Town Commission will see to it that we share whatever we know with you. Needless to say, there will be ample time provided through the public hearing process for all of your questions to be answered. This process will begin in the fall of this year and will also involve a number of additional parcels that have requested annexation to our Town.

The Town has adopted its Fiscal 2003 Budget. Again, The Commission is proud to say that there are no property, capitation or fee increases proposed in this budget. The budget continues the grant program initiated last year that provides grants to five community-based organizations.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK-cont'd.

In addition, we have allocated funds for a fifth police officer. As an aside, two new police officers will be available to the Town as of June 24, 2002, when these outstanding young men graduate from the Police Academy. We have also provided additional funds as our share of grant program that could provide us two new police vehicles. Through this budget, new computers will be purchased for the Town Hall and the Wastewater and Water Departments. The budget provides the necessary funds to update our zoning ordinance. The Fiscal 2003 Budget provides the matching grant funds for a program to restore our streets with new tree plantings. This program has been developed through the efforts of Commissioners Orrell and Sipple. A complete list of the highlights of the Fiscal 2003 Budget is available in the Town Hall.

Finally, through the efforts of our Senator Thurman Adams, Jr., a number of streets in Town will be repaired and re-paved. Representative Ben Ewing has provided the funds to install new curbing around the Bridgeville Cemetary on N. Cannon St. We thank these gentlemen for their help in making Bridgeville a better place.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Jospeh T. Conaway

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ATTENTION POOL OWNERS.

SUMMER IS HERE!!



For those who will be filling swimming pools this summer, there are metered hoses available at the Town Hall. The metered hose will allow you to fill your pool with water charging only for water used, not sewer charges. Pool meter may be kept out for five days at a time. If you do not need them may return them soon. Call the office, 337-7135, to reserve a meter.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

On Saturday, May 11th the local Chapter of National Association of Letter Carriers collected 1400 lbs of food the Community Food Bank at the Union United Methodist Church. Great Job!

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Summer Flowers- once again a big thanks to Howard and Kay Sue Hardesty, Bridgeville Lions Club and the Bridgeville Lioness Club for their work and donations for the new flower barrels and beautiful flowers.

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A special thanks to the Kiwanis Club for again placing the flags along Market and Main Streets.

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GOOD FOOD TIME:



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 Shack will open the week of July 5/6 and run every weekend through August. Items on the menu: oyster sandwiches, crab cake sandwiches, ff, hamburgs, hot dogs and cold sodas. The "shack" is located just south of the Shore Stop on S. Main Street.

Please support these organizations, all money earned is returned to our community... **

SPECIAL... Saturday, July 13, 2002, O'Leary Law Offices, 103 S. Main Street, will provide FREE one hour consultations for preparation of wills, durable powers of attorney, and health care directives to any one living in Bridgeville, DE. Please call for Patricia O'Leary, 337-0900 to make your appointment- beginning at 8:00 AM. Last appointment at 5:00 PM. First Come, First Served.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- * Building Permits required for home improvements.
 - * No outdoor burning permitted in Town limits.
 - * Building permits required for the installation of pools, fences, carports, porches and driveways.
 - * It is unlawful for any person to keep within the Town any animal which shall by barking, whing, howling or otherwise disturb the peace or quiet of any person or which becomes a nuisance or destructive to property or is dangerous to the health, safety or general welfare of persons in Town. No farm animals permitted.
 - * 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. No weeds or grass shall exceed the height of eight (8) inches at any time of the calendar year.
 - * No vegetation shall be permitted to grow in a manner as to inhibit the free passage of pedestrians on any street, sidewalk or walkway.
 - * No vegetation shall be permitted to grow in such a manner as to inhibit the visibility or the free passage of any motor vehicle on any street, alleyway or passageway.
 - * It shall be unlawful for any person within Town limits to use or operate a sound system in a motor vehicle or bicycle at an excessive noise level.
 - * It shall be unlawful for any person within Town limits to operate a motor vehicle which causes excessive noise levels as a result of a defective or modified exhaust system or unnecessary engine revving.
 - * No person shall allow rubbish to remain, to be deposited or to accumulate, either temporarily or permanently, on his/her property.
- RUBBISH:** normal household foodstuff of vegetable or animal origin, paper

products, fabrics, plastic and metal containers, bottles, crockery and other similar materials, and combustible and non-combustible waste materials, including the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible material, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood excelsior, rubber (tires), leather, tree branches, yard trimmings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass crockery, old furniture and appliances, wastepaper, cardboard, sawdust piles, rubbish from building construction or reconstruction, uprooted tree stumps, street refuse and all other waste materials, including any abandoned, unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicles.

- * No person shall post or affix a notice, poster or other paper or device, calculated to attract the attention of the public, to a lamp-post, public utility pole or shade tree or upon any public structure or building, except as may authorized by the owners thereof or required by law.
- * No off-street parking shall be permitted within the front setback of any lot except where there is an existing driveway, parking lot or curb cut intended for parking or as otherwise permitted by the Zoning Code.
- * No fence, hedge or other type of barrier shall be permitted in a front yard or front setback that is in excess of three feet in height.

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NEW HOMEOWNERS:

Mr. and Mrs. George Mackenrodt
 Mr. Terry Willey, Jr.
 Mr. Charles Kibler
 Mr. Tim Banks
 Dr. Kanwaljit Ahuja

**NEW BUSINESSES:**

Barbara and Jeremiah O'Leary
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WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

JOIN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE—READ BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2002 Summer Reading Program Schedule

June

Tuesday, June 18

Life Size Me
Name Plates

Thursday, June 20

Star Glasses
Handprint Art

Tuesday, June 25
Friendship Bracelet
Puppets

Thursday, June 27
Jim Hossick's
Education Rock Program

July

Tuesday, July 2
Steve Heder Program

Thursday, July 4
Closed For Holiday

Tuesday, July 9
Straw Sculptures
Elf Gardens

Thursday, July 11
Michael Richmond
Boudewyns Program

Tuesday, July 16
Rehoboth Summer Children's Theatre
"Puss in Boots"

Thursday, July 18
Magic Wand
Magic Potions

Tuesday, July 23
If I Were An Animal

Thursday, July 25
Bonnie Johnson
(Delaware Museum of Natural History)
American Animals Program

Tuesday, July 30
"Me" Boxes
Boomerangs

August

Tuesday, August 5
Paper Beads
Clay Pots

Thursday, August 1
Olympic Torch
Sports Bookmarks

Thursday, August 8
End of Program Party and Prizes

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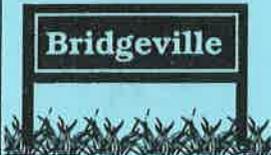
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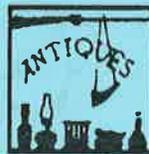
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