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TAPESTRY OF SPRING

When winter's snow is laid to rest,
Then spring steps in and tries its best
To lift our spirits all day long
With sunny days and robin's song

Soon roses climb the old fence rail
To cradle nests of baby quails,
While here and there a bee flies by
To stake its claim on earth and sky.

And stately daffodils stand tall,
Bright tulips grace the garden wall
As nature in her wonder weaves
A tapestry among the leaves.

Fresh earth turned by hand or plow,
Sweet lilac blooms on leafy boughs
And fragrance when they're woven in
This tapestry as spring begins.

ELECTION NEWS: The Commission Election cancelled for March 1, 2003. Only the incumbents filed for the three positions.

Pat Correll—one year term
Joe Conaway-two year term
Bill Jefferson-two year term



WELCOME TO BRIDGEVILLE

NEW HOMEOWNERS:

Mr. Troy Hill
Mr. Jeffrey LaChance
Mr. James Teneffoss
Ms. Lisa Miltenberger
Mr. James Lofland



NEW BUSINESSES:

- * M-T TRASH-614 W. Main Street
- * BLESSING PAWN & MUSIC SHOP-
104 Market Street

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

BUILDING PERMITS

It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, business or corporation to undertake or cause to be undertaken the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, alteration or relocation of any building or structure unless an approved building permit has been obtained from the Town Office (example: sheds, pool, fences, replacement windows, new construction, etc).

OFF-STREET PARKING

No off-street parking is permitted within the front setback of any lot except where there is an existing driveway, parking lot or curb cut intended for parking and is property maintained as such.

TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2003



COMMISSION MINUTES:**JANUARY 13, 2003:**

- Total traffic arrests for Dec.-82
- Three septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,000.\
- WWTP-51 consecutive months without a NPDES violation.
- Repaired water main break at Walnut and William Streets on Dec. 30th. Total cost of repair was \$733.85 with 46 man hours incurred. Cost estimate for concrete replacement is \$9,500.
- Repairs to Well #2D starter control were made on January 7th at a cost of \$152.
- New truck chassis was delivered to Meadows Hydraulics for body installation on Jan. 8th.
- A resolution was presented to Mrs. Angie Custer that honored her son, John Custer, who recently was appointed by the U.S. Army to Brigadier General. General Custer was a 1970 graduate of Woodbridge High School.
- Miss Dusti Vanderwende was presented with a resolution from the Town recognizing her outstanding accomplishments in school and the community as well as being nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.
- Brian Hall of the Delaware Forest Service presented the Town with a Tree City USA sign, flag, and certificate for using a \$3,000 grant to purchase and plant trees on Delaware Avenue.
- Twenty-two applications were received for two police officer positions. Motion was made to hire Adam Hitchens and Christopher Story. Both men will attend the police academy starting in February.
- Through the Suburban Street Aid Funds and the efforts of Senator Adams and Rep. Ewing, the Town will be able to complete the 24 street related projects for a cost of \$162,630.
- Commission voted to purchase a new police vehicle. Several grants will help defray the cost of the new vehicle.

- Mr. Steve West of AgriLink Foods requested an adjustment on their monthly industry billing. Requested granted.
- An ordinance relating to zoning adds a section called "Agricultural Industrial Overlay Zone" was introduced.
- President Conaway presented "The State of the Town of Bridgeville". The list consist of twenty-eight accomplishments for 2002. A major new subdivision was annexed into Town bringing the total incorporated acreage to 15,040 acres.
- Chickens are still being housed in Town which is in violation of the Town Charter. Police officers working to clear this matter up. Also working to see that residents do not park their vehicles on front lawns.

FEBRUARY 10, 2003:

- Total traffic arrests for Jan.-55.
- Well #2 flow meter giving false readings according to flow testing. Parts no longer available. Replacement estimates for replacing meter are approx. \$1,800.
- New vehicle for water department is in the process of having lighting, radio and equipment installed.
- There were two septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,608.
- One submersible pump at the Bridgeville Plaza Lift Station is still out of service-waiting for pump price quote.
- The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has nominated the Bridgeville WTP to compete for the EPA Regional, Operations and Maintenance Excellence Award. This is a great achievement for the WWTP. Congratulations to Phillip Mowbray.
- The new accounting system, Quick Books, has been set in place and working well for Town Treasurer, Debbie Miller.
- Meeting was held recently between the

MINUTES CONT'D-FEBRUARY, 2003

- the Commissioners of Bridgeville and Greenwood pertaining to the sewer agreement.
- Mobil handicap "no parking" signs will be placed on the west side of the fire hall.
- The second reading for the Agriculture Industrial Overlay Zone was read and adopted.
- Job descriptions for police personnel were presented by Police Commission Bill Jefferson.
- Commission voted to allow the state to spray for mosquitoes between April and November, 2003.
- President Conaway introduced the ordinance that relates to maintaining of dangerous buildings within the Town limits.
- The SPCA personnel is currently working on a reported sighting of a pack of wild dogs in North Bridgeville.

MARCH 10, 2003:

- Traffic arrests for February, 64.
- Two septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,284.
- Due to the rain and snow the pumping station at the Bridgeville Plaza had to be shut down.
- On Feb. 13, 2003, DNREC conducted its annual compliance inspection of the WWTP, no deficiencies found.
- Well #2-meter, pipe, and materials for meter replacement have been purchased and meter will be installed when Well #2 pump is removed for redevelopment.
- Judge Paul Ellis administered the oath of office to the following unopposed incumbents for the positions on the Commission: Pat Correll, Joe Conaway and Bill Jefferson. The Commission members then appointed Joe Conaway as president.
- Commissioners presented Sussex County Councilman Finley Jones with a Certificate of Appreciation for his generous donations and support for our community.
- Students from the Alternative School will be

earning their community service requirements by helping with odd jobs around the Town Hall.

- Saturday, March 22, 2003, from 1-4 PM, the Commissioners will hold the Annual Tax Appeal Day in the Town Hall.
- A grant of \$3,000 was obtained from DNREC through their Coastal Program to help defray the cost of updating the zoning ordinance and creating a new subdivision ordinance.
- The first reading on Ord. #A03-3, An ordinance that creates an Emergency Service Funding Program that allows for provisions for administration of grants and funds to the fire department.
- Commissioners approved the adoption of Ord. #A03-2: An ordinance relating to Maintaining of Dangerous Buildings Within the Town of Bridgeville. This is a major step for the Town.
- Discussion was held on snow removal, snow emergency routes and other snow related concerns.
- Commissioners adopted a resolution announcing March as Red Cross Month.
- Commissioners and Town employees will be receiving ID tags in the near future.
- Mrs. Carol Gasior thanked Doug Jones and Rick Passwaters for plowing the parking lot of the library after the snow storm.
- Mr. Coulter Passwaters, school board president, express his appreciation for the newly installed street lights along S. Cannon Street and Sussex Avenue.
- Several historic pictures donated by Mr. Robert Bennett are now displayed in the downstairs meeting room.



Board Meeting
7:00 PM
2nd Monday of
each month.....

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:



Town elections were scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2003. Only three candidates filed by the deadline for the three seats: incumbents, Pat Correll, Bill Jefferson, and myself. As a result, the election was cancelled and the three of us will serve another term (Bill and I will serve two years and Pat will serve a one year term). The Commission reorganized at the March 10, 2003, meeting; I will continue to serve as President, Mr. Jefferson will serve as Police Commissioner and President Pro Tem, and Ms. Correll will continue to serve as Water Commissioner. Hold over Commissioners, Bootsie Sipple and Earl Greason, will continue to serve as Street Commissioner and Wastewater Commissioner respectfully.

At this writing I can report that we have begun to renegotiate the wastewater contract between Greenwood and Bridgeville that was originally signed in 1989. Although that contract was appropriate for that time, conditions have changed and we needed to address the equity of that contract. With the cooperation of the Town of Greenwood, we will resolve the equity issue and bring additional revenue to our Town. This contract was for a period of 40 years, and we want to publicly thank the Town Council of Greenwood for its cooperation in resolving this equity problem.

We can proudly report that the Bridgeville Wastewater Plant has been nominated for the prestigious federal E.P.A. Regional Excellence Award for operations and maintenance of a wastewater plant. To be nominated is a great honor as we will compete for this award with a number of both private and public plant operations in this region. Nomination is a tribute to Phil Mowbray, Plant Operator, Doug Jones and Rick Passwaters, who besides their other duties, assist Phil in operating one of the best facilities on the East Coast.

These three gentlemen deserve another pat on the back for their efforts in the most recent snow storm. Not only were the streets of Bridgeville open and accessible throughout the entire storm, their efforts kept our storm water system open so that we were able to avoid street flooding that plagued other towns throughout Sussex.

Three new ordinances were considered by the Commission since my last report. We have adopted an Agricultural Industrial Overlay Zone. This first of its kind ordinance for Delaware will allow us to recruit agricultural related industries without the red tape that delays the development of these businesses in other areas. The second ordinance adopted deals with "Deteriorating and Dilapidated Buildings". This ordinance will allow us to take steps to eliminate those eye sores and public health threats that are found in our Town. The third ordinance now under consideration is an emergency service funding program that will create a fund that will provide money to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company for new equipment. With the advent of the new development, the pressure to raise funds for the additional equipment that will be needed to protect both that area and the present Bridgeville will be intense. This ordinance places the responsibility for those expenditures on the development that is causing the need in the first place. By adding an additional fee to our building permit charge, every building permit issued in the new development will contribute substantial funds for our volunteers.

Finally, the new development is moving along quite well. We are very hopeful that you will see the beginning of the development this fall. That's about one year ahead of schedule.

Bridgeville, what a great place to be!

Joe Conaway

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....



COMMUNITY BRIEFS.....

KIWANIS CLUB CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS.....

BEST DECORATED HOME:

Linda and Bill Boyles

BEST DECORATED DOOR:

Donald Kirby

BEST DECORATED KIWANIAN HOME:

Betty Ann Hardesty

MOST FESTIVE:

Catherine Ross

Myrna Neal



Congratulations to all for a job well done? A special thanks to the Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this event each Christmas season.

BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



The library is celebrating the arrival of public access computing in our community. With a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the library has purchased four new Gateway computers and a new laser printer.

An Open House was held on Friday, March 21st to celebrate this exciting addition.

The Bridgeville Public Library is located at 210 Market Street. Founded in 1919, the library has provided internet public access since 1997 on a limited basis. The new computers add to the library's growing infrastructure, which includes a computerized catalog and a full-time connection to Delaware's digital library at www.lib.de.us. For more information call 337-7104.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG.....



NO MORE SNOW !!!!!

BRIDGEVILLE SENIOR CENTER

SECOND ANNUAL SPRING DINNER/DANCE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2003
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**



Cost is \$5.00 per person for a night of entertainment and great food! This event is to be held at the Union United Methodist Church on N. Laws Street. (across from the Baltimore Trust Bank). Buffet style dinner and music provided by Stardust Entertainment. Please join us for a fun-filled evening. For ticket information call 337-8771.

BRIDGEVILLE LIONS PRESENT



Their 50th Annual Variety Show "50 Golden Years" Friday and Saturday, April 4 & 5, 2003 at 8:00 PM at the Woodbridge Jr/Sr High School. Tickets may be purchased from any Lions member or at the door ..Cost \$5.00. **ALL LOCAL TALENT... COME ON OUT FOR AN ENTERTAINING NIGHT OF MUSIC AND FUNNIES!!!!**

REMINDER: Residents can still sign up for "town garbage pick up". The cost is \$13.25 a month which is added to your water/sewer bill. Pick up is Thursday morning (place toter out for pick up the night before). Contact the Town Hall, 337-7135 , if you are interested in this service.



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



DATES TO REMEMBER

- MARCH** 25 "Fireside Chat", 7:00PM, Town Hall, Come Chat With The Commissioners!
- APRIL** 4/5 Lions Club Annual Variety Show, 8:00PM, High School
- 6 Daylight-Savings Time Begins (Spring clocks forward one hr)
- 14 Town Board Meeting, 7:00PM. Town Hall
- 18 Good Friday, Town Office Closed
- 20 Easter Sunday
- MAY** 11 Mother's Day
- 12 Town Board Meeting, 7:00PM
- 16/17 "Relay For Life" Cancer Walk
- 26 Memorial Day Observed, Town Office Closed
- 27 "Fireside Chat", 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 30 Memorial Day (Traditional)
- JUNE** 3 Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 9 Town Board Meeting, 7:00PM Town Hall
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day

EVER WONDER !!!!!

- * Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- * Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- * Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons.

- * Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- * Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- * Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- * Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hours?
- * Why is it that to stop Windows 98, you have to click "start"?

Rainbow Days Word Find

SHOW US your true colors—with this springtime word jumble. It's sure to whet your wits!

In the shower of letters below are 24 words (all listed at bottom) that, in one way or another, tie into rainbows. To catch sight of them, connect letters up, down, diagonally and backward.

(Of course, with rainbows, the sky's the limit! So we've also concealed the names of three primary colors—not included in the list—among the letters.

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 I L D P S M D D G E T T R A D R P Y K
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| BANDS | DROPS | KALEIDOSCOPE | RAYS |
| BEAUTY | GOLD | LIGHT | SHOWER |
| BRILLIANT | HEAVENS | MIST | SPECTRUM |
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