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## TOWN CLEAN UP DAY



SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2003

The Commissioners of Bridgeville have scheduled a "Clean Up Day" for Saturday, September 20, 2003 beginning at 6:00 a.m.

M-T Trash, located in Bridgeville, will go down each street in town to pick up items only one time. They will not go back a second time. M-T Trash will pick up: bundled branches, limbs, etc. in lengths no longer than four (4) feet, furniture, stoves, and household trash. They will not pick up freezers, refrigerators, air conditions, tires, construction material, rocks, bricks, batteries, oil or dirt.

A scrap metal container will be available at the Municipal parking lot on "Clean Up Day". Only metal items can be deposited in the container no freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, televisions or furniture. Items such as bicycles and tire rims can be deposited.

Please remember that recycle igloos are available for use by residents year round. They are located in the rear of the Municipal parking lot on Main Street.

For your information, we will accept old American flags at the town office and will have the American Legion to burn them.

We are attempting to implement a program which will help keep our community clean year round and also aid with criminal incidents. Our intent is to have "Block Captains" for each street

in town. The "Block Captain" would be responsible to report and assist in formulating a program to help residents with removal of unwanted household items, trimming of over grown trees, shrubs, etc. The "Block Captain" would also keep a watchful eye on their street and report any criminal mischief acts to the police department (337-8302). Such a program is being considered, but we need your help. If you are interested, have suggestions, etc. to help with this program, please call Joann Conaway at 337-7747 or Bonnie Walls at 337-7135.

Thank you for your support in keeping our community clean, safe and attractive.

## COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

Residents of The Town of Bridgeville will hold a Community Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, September 13, 2003 from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Rev. Art Titus will leave on Saturday, the 13th, a truck at the Town Municipal Building parking lot for disposal of any worthwhile left over items. Rev. Titus will pick up items at any time...call him at 349-4746 to make arrangements. Anyone having questions regarding the Yard Sale can call Joann Conaway at 337-7747.

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## CAPITATION AND PROPERTY TAXES DUE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

PAY PROMPTLY TO AVOID

A PENALTY!!!!

## MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETINGS:

### JULY 14, 2003:

- Total traffic arrests for June were 379.
- The water main located on West Church St. was relocated by Kay Construction for the storm water main for Woodbridge Middle School.
- Dr. Jack Gallagher and his team from the University of Delaware, College of Marine Studies, planted phragmites will be studied in this controlled project.
- Well No. 2. located at Cherry Alley, is back on line after pump repairs earlier this summer.
- The second and final reading of Amendment to Ordinance No. A02-8, Relating To Zoning, To Modify The Commercial Uses Permitted In The Residential Planned Community Zoning District and To Clarify The Provisions Concerning the RPC District Amendment was presented. The ordinance was adopted and becomes effective immediately.
- Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Town Engineers, will begin the bidding process for the proposed sidewalk and street projects. Work will not interfere with the Apple-Scrapple Festival.
- The Dangerous Building Inspection Committee (Jack Cannon, Joe Conaway and Bill Jefferson), submitted there report advising of their findings regarding 104 North Main Street. The property owner will be notified of the violations and correction deadline.
- Ms. Lisa Miltenberger was granted a "Conditional Use" for the property located a 419 South Main Street. The Conditional Use Hearing was held June 24, 2003 for the opening of a Home Décor business at said address.
- The community suffered severe wind damage due to the storm of July 6, 2003. The cost to the Town for downed limbs and trees totaled \$3,960. The Town Manager will inquire to see if the Town is eligible to use Municipal Street Aid Funds to cover the cost of the clean up. The Correctional Boot Campers workers were

called to help clean the Town for the week following the storm.

- The Town will receive \$6,534,300 in grants and loans from DNRC and the United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) pertaining to the required upgrading of the wastewater treatment facility.
- The Town Manager is working with the Sussex County Constables office regarding three abandoned trailers. This is a slow process, but she believes the outcome will be a positive one.
- The FY-'04 Municipal Street Aid Funding for the Town has been reduced by \$1,100.78.
- Congratulations to Town Employee Rick Passwaters on his class completion to acquire his water license. Mr. Passwaters was the fifth highest in the class.
- The Town received a check from the Delaware Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$3,810.60 for reimbursement of expense incurred during the statewide February, 2003, President's Day Snow Declaration.
- Mr. Bob Rauch, developer of Bridgeville South, presented plans consistent with revised and approved Concept Plan and consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

### AUGUST 11, 2003:

- Traffic arrests for the month of July totaled 315.
- Mrs. Cindy Truitt of 209 Market Street, Bridgeville, presented the Commissioners with a plaque to express her gratitude for increasing the police department to five full-time officers thereby enabling the Town to have twenty-four hour, seven day a week coverage.
- The state insurance representatives will present the health insurance options to all full time Town employees on Wednesday, August 20, 2003.
- Due to conflicts regarding the monthly meeting for October, 2003, the Commissioners agreed to change the meeting to October 20, 2003.
- Sen .Adams and Rep. Ewing advised they will again have Community Cleanup Initiative Program Credits that can used for landfill cost on the day of the Town clean up.

**MINUTES CONT'D-AUGUST**

- Clean Up Day was scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2003.
- A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the problems at the Kids for Sanctuary Playground. It seems a group of young people have been abusing the playground with vulgar language and behavior.
- Speed limit and radar patrolled signs will be installed on the Wilson Farm Road as it relates to the area within Town limits.
- The 1996 police vehicle is in need of engine repair, but it was decided not to act on the that matter at this time. The department still will have four vehicles on the road.
- The house located at 118 North Main Street has been demolished by the state in preparation of a new bulk head along the ditch bank.
- Auditors, Lank, Johnson, and Tull, started on July 28,2003, the audit for the year ending 2003.
- A news release was received from the Delaware State Housing Authority pertaining to the Community Development Grant Funding. The only municipality downstate to receive funding this year was Ellendale.
- The Commission was advised that each Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner receives \$75,000 for community projects. It was decided to check into this matter for a possible funding for Bridgeville.
- A work order was submitted to Conectiv for several street lights throughout Town that are in need of repair.

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**THE REGULAR MONTHLY  
COMMISSION MEETING  
WILL BE HELD MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 20, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

**ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S  
DESK.....**

We are pleased to announce that the Town of Bridgeville has been awarded a total of \$6,534,300 in grants (\$2,577,300) and loans (\$3,957,000) from the Federal and State Governments to make the required improvements to our existing wastewater facility. Bridgeville was one of only two towns in Delaware to receive a one million dollar grant from the U.S.D.A. to improve our present sewer system. Representative Mike Castle and his staff were very instrumental in seeing that Bridgeville received this grant. These funds are necessary because of existing federal law that requires Bridgeville to remove its treated effluent from existing waterways. Whether the new development is here or not, we would still be required to make these improvements. The addition of this development allows us to spread the cost over a greater number of individuals. By doing this we will be able to reduce the yearly wastewater cost per household from the projected additional cost of \$500 to \$900.

To accept these funds we will have to change our existing borrowing limit in the Charter. Legislation will be introduced in January, 2004, to do this. In addition, a bond referendum will be held to accept these monies. That referendum will be held in October, 2005. Unlike school referendums, this will not effect your property taxes but will effect your monthly sewer bill by about \$7.50, and that's not going to happen until 2007. Even with this, the Commission continues to explore ways to reduce this cost.

We will again hold a Town Clean Up Day which is scheduled for September 20, 2003. Look for more details on this day elsewhere in this newsletter.

The new development, Bridgeville South,

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'DESK...CON'T**

Continues to move ahead and we are hopeful work will begin in December of this year. At the present time the developers are working at obtaining the necessary permits to begin work. The Commission has approved the plans for the overall project and specific plans for Phase I; that phase will include the golf course, infrastructure (sewer, water, roads), the Club House, amenities and 245 homes. All construction is at the developers' expense and all the infrastructure will be given to the Town once it has been completed to our satisfaction.

The 2003 Street and Sidewalk Project, funded by Senator Thurman Adams, Jr. and Representative Ben Ewing, will be advertised for bids on September 15, 2003; the bids will be opened on October 6; and the award of that bid will occur October 20, 2003. Work on these projects will start shortly thereafter.

Mark September 13, 2003 as the day our first Town wide "Yard Sale", and the twelve annual Apple-Scrapple Festival will be held on October 10th and 11th.

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**ATTENTION  
DOG OWNERS**

Contact has been made with the S.P.C.A. and unannounced visits will be made to handle the situation of dogs running at large. Please be sure your dog is controlled at all times. Be fair to your neighbors and keep your dog safe by keeping them controlled.

For persons who walk their dogs, please do not allow them to defecate in other people's yards. Either take a plastic bag or a "pooper'scooper" for clean up.

**APPLE SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 10 AND 11, 2003**

**FESTIVAL UPDATE:** 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 11th from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Delaware State Police will not allow any vehicle down Market Street during said hours unless a street permit is displayed on the dash of the vehicle. Alley permits will again be given to residents where streets will be blocked off. \*If you need one more, it may be picked up 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 Avenue (Market to Walnut) and Mechanic Street. 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.....**

We hope you enjoy the 2003 festival.....No. 12.



**THIRD ANNUAL MAYOR'S  
SCRAPPLE SLING...**

All Mayors or President of Town Councils and the Sussex County Council have been invited again to this event. The stage area will be the site of this event (bring your hard hats) at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday (10/11). Come out and support your favorite "slinger". The trophy went to Seaford last year with Mayor Dan Short. Will it remain in Bridgeville this year??????



**APPLE SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL.CONT'D**

**HOME DECORATING CONTEST:**



The Kiwanis Club will again sponsor its fifth annual home decorating contest for the festival. The judging will take place on **Thursday, October 9th from 4-6:30 p.m.** The decorations **MUST** follow the Apple-Scrapple theme. Yard or homes may be decorated. Anyone living in the Town limits may participate. Prizes will be awarded on Friday evening, Oct. 10th, at the stage area. Plaques will be placed in the winner's yard. **JOIN IN ON THE FUN!!!!** For more info, call 337-7070.

**FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY  
SALUTE TO AMERICA**

Friday—October 10th, 6:15 P.M.-Stage Area behind Bridgeville Fire Hall.



**ATTENTION KIDS**

**LEGO CONTEST-SATURDAY, OCT. 11th.**

3rd Annual Apple-Scrapple Lego Contest at 3:00 PM on the 2nd floor of the fire hall. Open to all children between the ages of 5-12. All contestants **MUST** be pre-registered. For more info, call Rachel Hovermale, 337-8318. **BRING YOUR OWN LEGOS.....!**

**REMINDER:** 2003 Apple Scrapple Festival t-shirts, sweatshirts, and caps now on sale at the library, T. S. Smith & Sons and the Town Hall.

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**—Carnival, Health Fair, Live Entertainment, Craft Shows, Tractor Pull, Car Show, Nanticoke Indians, Quilt Show, Scrapple Breakfast, Chili Luncheon, Large Food Court, Trade Show, Orchard Tours, Scrapple Carving, Pie Eating Contest, and **ELVIS ... Yes, the King will be in Town Saturday at 5:00 P.M.**



**PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY  
OUR KIDS ARE BACK IN  
SCHOOL...**

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**BRIDEVILLE SENIOR CENTER**

**SECOND ANNUAL FALL  
DINNER/DANCE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2003  
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM**



Cost is \$5.00 per person for a night of entertainment and great food! This event will be held at the Union United Methodist Church on North 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 337-8871.

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**BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY  
NEWS**



The Bridgeville Library is introducing a teen book discussion group called "Medieval Teen-Ages". The books chosen are Accelerated Readers. Discussions will be held monthly (Sept-Dec). Please call the library to sign up or call 337-7401.

The Library Family Night will be held on Sept. 24th at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Bonnie Jones from the Delaware Museum of Natural History will introduce us to our Backyard Animals.

The Library is happy to announce they now have Six Gates computers available for public use. We thank the Sussex County Department of Libraries.

**READING IS COOL!!**



**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 totter out for pick up the night before). Contact the Town Hall, 337-3135, if you are interested in this service



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- SEPT. 1 Labor Day, Town Office Closed
- 8 Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Town Hall
- 13 Community Wide Yard Sale
- 20 Town Clean Up Day
  
- OCT. 10-11 Apple-Scrapple Festival
- 13 Columbus Day Observed
- 20 Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Town Hall
- 31 Halloween
  
- NOV. 2 Annul Firemen's Dinner
- 10 Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Town Hall
- 11 Veterans Day
- 27-28 Thanksgiving- Town Office  
Closed
  
- DEC 6 Christmas In B'ville Craft Show
- 10 Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Town Hall

**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

**HALLOWEEN-**"Trick or Treat" night will be October 31st, from 6-8 pm for children under twelve years of age. The Bridgeville Lions Club will again sponsor the Halloween Party in the park on Delaware Avenue at 8:00 P.M.

**FIREMEN'S DINNER-**Sunday, November 2, Noon until 5:00 PM, Bridgeville Fire Hall....all you can eat chicken and slippery dumplings with all the trimmings.

**CHRISTMAS IN B'VILLE CRAFT SHOW-** Saturday, December 6, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Woodbridge Jr/Sr. High School. Lunch will be catered by Jimmy's Grill and the Bridgeville Lioness Club. Sponsored by the Bridgeville Historical Society.



**NO OUTDOOR BURNING  
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