COMMISSION ELECTION
SATURDAY
MARCH 5, 2005

The Town Election for Commissioners will be held Saturday, March 5, 2005 from noon until 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall, 101 N. Main Street. At the election, the voters of the Town shall vote for three Commissioners, two of whom shall serve for a term of two years and one shall serve for a term of one year. The deadline for candidates to file is February 2, 2005. The positions available for election are currently held by the following:

* One-year term: Patricia Correll
* Two-year term: Joseph Conaway
* Two-year term: William Jefferson

Carry-over Commissioners for 2005 are Margaret Sipple and Earl Greason.

IMPORTANT

Every citizen of the Town of the age of eighteen or upwards shall have one vote provided he/she has registered on the "Books of Registered Voters" of the Town. Citizens of the Town may register at the Town Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No person shall be registered after the close of business on the tenth day prior to the date of the annual election.

Absentee voting is available. For more information call the Town Office, 337-7135.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....

The Town Commission of Bridgeville would like to take this opportunity to extend to the residents of our town a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the coming year bring the promise of Christmas to our great country and hopefully, peace on earth and good will for all mankind.

Once again our Senator, Thurman Adams, Jr, and our Representative, J. Ben Ewing, have provided funding for street, curbing and sidewalk repair in Bridgeville. These two gentlemen have provided the town with $325,000 in Suburban Street Aid funds that will enable us to do a number of repairs throughout town. Streets to be addressed include Walnut, Delaware, Railroad, Cannon, Vine, Spruce, Maple, Gum, Cherry, Chestnut, Cedar, Williams, Mechanic, and Laws Streets. Sidewalks to be repaired included portions of Laws, Cedar, Walnut, Williams, Cannon, Mechanic, Edgewood, Railroad, Main and Sussex Extended. In addition, a number of handicapped ramps will be installed on Delaware, Walnut, Market, Laws and Cannon Streets. Without the help of Senator Adams and Representative Ewing these repairs would not be possible under our current budget limitations. We are deeply indebted to these gentlemen for their assistance.

Because of funds provided in the past we have begun some repairs already. You may have noticed the cement patches on some of our streets. Unfortunately, because of weather restraints, we will not be able to do the overlays that are
planned until next Spring. We plan to have the 
bid awards made on the new projects prior to next 
Spring so that all the work can proceed at that 
time.

We have located land for our required Spray 
Wastewater System. The town spoke with a num-
ber of landowners with sufficient land to resolve 
our wastewater needs for decades. We spoke 
only with those landowners who were willing to 
sell to Bridgeville. The Town Commission was 
not interested in entering into condemnation pro-
ceedings to obtain this land. Condemnation pro-
ceedings are both costly and time consuming. We 
have purchased 123.78 acres on County Road 594 
owned by the Tatman family. This parcel is lo-
cated adjacent to 900 acres of agriculture preser-
vation land. This owner of that parcel is willing 
to lease this land to the town and we are presently 
in the early stages of negotiation that lease. The 
total acreage being considered solves Bridge-
ville’s wastewater needs for decades and becomes 
an option for Sussex County in their plans to de-
velop a Western Sussex Wastewater System.

In our travels throughout town it is great to see 
all the festive lights and decorations. Once again 
the people of Bridgeville have demonstrated why 
our slogan is so true...”Bridgeville, if you lived 
here, you would be home now”.

Joe Conaway

POSTAL NEWS—In order for your letter carrier 
to deliver your mail promptly and provide you 
with uninterrupted services, residents must 
clear snow/ice from walkways and the approach 
to the mailbox.

“NEITHER RAIN OR HEAT NOR GLOOM 
OF NIGHT STAYS THESE COURIERS FROM THE 
SWIFT COMPLETION OF THEIR APPOINTED 
ROUNDS”.

WORDS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

We are most appreciative of the financial support 
from Senator Thurman Adams and Representative 
Ben Ewing to allow for needed street/sidewalk re-
pairs. We are hopeful that affordable bids will be 
received in early spring so that the work may be 
accomplished.

The town will, in conjunction with the Sussex 
County Community Development Office, through 
the Delaware State Housing Authority, request 
funding for rehabilitation and demolition of prop-
ties throughout town. If you are interested and need 
information on the program, please give me a call. 
Also, properties having action taken by the Danger-
ous Building Inspection Committee for needed re-
hab or demolition, is progressing. Steps have and 
will continue to be taken to have property owners 
bring their dwellings, etc. up to code or to have 
them demolished.

Through a grant from the Department of Agricul-
ture, Delaware Forestry Service and Delaware Ur-
ban and Community Forestry Council, sixteen trees 
have been planted on Walnut Street.

Our thanks to the Bridgeville Historical Society 
and Conectiv for their generous donation to assist 
with the repairing of wiring, timers, circuit break-
ers, etc., so that the Christmas lights would work 
safely. Also, thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Bridge-
ville for the new Christmas lights—they are beauti-
ful and certainly make the town festive.

Congratulations to Officer H. Burke Parker on his 
promotion to Corporal.

My best wishes to the residents and town employ-
ees for a wonderful holiday season and a healthy 
New Year. May next year be one of respect for one 
another and bring peace and understanding through-
out the world.

Bonnie Walls

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
DECEMBER 24 and 27
DECEMBER 31
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2004:
- There were 234 traffic arrests for the month of September.
- On September 26, Mr. Steve Rohm of DNREC and five students from DelTech toured the WWTP to observe the process control requirements of our unique wastewater treatment plant.
- Analyzed lead and copper samples indicated the town met the requirements set by the Environmental Protection Agency for MCLG's (maximum contaminant level goals).
- On September 29th, Delaware Rural Water Association representatives performed water quality testing utilizing the ECLOX equipment. The data would be used if there was any suspect of tampering of the town's water supply.
- Curbs were painted on the corner of Laws and Edgewood Streets.
- Ten residents received letters concerning abandoned vehicles. Eight took corrective action.
- The Town Commission presented a proclamation proclaiming October 18 through October 22, 2004 as National Business Women's Week. Ms. Donna Smith accepted the proclamation.
- Ms. Kathy Rash, representative of the YMCA Resource Center of Delaware requested financial assistance from the town. After a general discussion, the Commission granted $1,000 to the University of Delaware-Woodbridge after school program.
- Mr. Nick Rocks, developer of Heritage Shores, advised invitations were mailed to all Bridgeville residents regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony for Heritage Shores scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2004.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dave Speicher and Mr. George Mackenrod have offered to be Crime Watch Volunteers.
- Town Manager Walls reported that Clean Up Day held September 18th was a huge success.
- The Bridgeville Historical Society donated $1,000 to help defray the cost of Christmas light repairs.
- Sussex County Community Development Office has scheduled a public hearing for December for Community Block Grant Funding for residents of the town.
- P & A Paving was awarded the contract regarding the paving of St. Mary's Episcopal Church parking lot. The project cost is $30,206.
- Discussion was held concerning visibility when exiting John Street onto Main Street. The matter was tabled until the November meeting.
- The town brochure contract was awarded to PT Mailers in the amount of $1,454.91.
- The Commission approved the vendor list for the Apple-Scrapple Festival as per Ordinance #01-2-Vendors in Town.
- The Dangerous Building Inspection Committee reported the hazardous conditions of the property located at 109 North Cannon Street. The Commission accepted the report from and committee and scheduled a public hearing as required by Ordinance #A03-2-Maintaining Dangerous Buildings.
- Mr. Kevin Mason was awarded the contract to paint the eaves, windows and doors at town hall in the amount of $1,900.

NOVEMBER 8, 2004:
- There were 276 traffic arrests in the month of October.
- The final painting of the lime silo at the WWTP was accomplished on November 1, 2004.
- On October 27th, Clean Delaware, Inc. cleaned the sewer lines between Jacobs Avenue, Laverty Lane, Elizabeth Cornish Landing, and Elm Drive.
- Routine service was performed on the auxiliary generator at Rt. 13 and 404 pumping station on October 26th.
- Shrubs and flowers were planted in the park on the corner of Market and Main Streets.
- Code Enforcement Constable Kimle met with Mr. Lester Williams and Reverend Marie Robinson regarding establishing a community effort to clean and improve properties.
- A letter was received from Dr. Carson, Woodbridge School Superintendent, expressing his appreciation to the Bridgeville Police Depart-
MINUTES CONTINUED:
ment for the quick action taken in apprehend-
those involved with a crime at the high school
the weekend of October 30th.
- Mr. Brian Hall of the Delaware Forestry Ser-
vice and Delaware Urban and Community
Forestry Council planted sixteen trees on
Walnut Street on October 12th.
- The public hearing regarding the town’s
participation in the Community Development
Block Grant Program is scheduled for
December 13th.
- The town’s solicitor filed the first set of re-
quired documents with the court pertaining to
the vacant property located at 104 North
Main Street.
- On October 30th the S.P.C.A. picked up
three stray dogs and issued on summons.
- A public hearing was held pertaining to the
property located at 109 North Cannon Street.
The Dangerous Building Inspection Commit-
tee submitted their report concerning hazard-
ous conditions on the property. The owners of
the property were not in attendance. With no
comments being offered from those in attend-
ance, the Commission voted to have the
property brought up to code within 90 days or
be demolished per Ordinance A03-2-Main-
taining Hazardous Buildings.
- A public hearing was held regarding the final
reading of Chapter 90-Section 90-3A, Grass,
Weeds, or Other Vegetation. The following
was amended to the Ordinance: No weeds,
grass, or other vegetation clippings, etc. shall
be placed on any street, alleyway, passage-
way, sidewalk, or walkway. Second change
added a $250 administrative fee to be billed to
property owner if the violation is corrected by
the Town.
- Senator Thurman Adams, Jr. committed
$175,000 for the town’s on-going street
improvement projects.
- The Commission adopted a Resolution for a
Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town. This
Plan will allow Sussex County and the State
an opportunity to qualify for Hazard Mitiga-
tion Grant Programs monies in the event a
presidential emergency or disaster declaration
is made to lessen the economical impact of a
natural or man-made hazard.
- Mr. Edwin Kelly of 110 Elliott Drive, was grant-
ed five feet of the alley width which adjoins
his current property. The cost of transferring
the land will be at the expense of Mr. Kelly.
- Caroling in the Park was scheduled for Tuesday,
December 14th at 6:30 p.m. Participants are
asked to bring canned food items for the needy
food baskets.
- President Conaway advised four property owners
have requested annexation of their land into
the Town of Bridgeville. Mr. Rocks, developer
of Heritage Shores, advised the three parcels
he would like to have annexed are situated south
of the development.
- Patrolman First Class H. Burke Parker was pro-
moted to Corporal effective November 8, 2004.

DECEMBER 13, 2004:
- There were 291 traffic arrests in the month of
November.
- Clean Delaware, Inc. was called in to clear a
sewer-main blockage between the WWTP and
the Bridgeville Cemetery and the line between
the WWTP and North Main Street.
- The sewer cleanout was repaired and a cleanout
box was installed in the sidewalk for the post
office.
- Eleven new water meters were installed at Eliza-
beth Corning Landing Apartments.
- Two letters were sent to residents regarding
abandoned vehicles. Three letters were sent
to residents regarding accumulate debris. Code
Enforcement Constable Kimler advised resi-
dents have been receptive in correcting these
violations.
- Satterfield and Ryan replaced timers, meter
pans, circuit breakers and boxes for the
Christmas lights.
- A public hearing was held regarding a reques-
to funding for rehabilitation and demolition
HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring their annual home decorating contest again this year. The judging committee will do a ride-around (evening hours) between December 26 and December 30. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and placement signs will be placed in the front yard. Best Doorway, Best Home and the Best Decorated Home of a Kiwanian will be selected.

The Kiwanis Club has sponsored this contest since 1945.

BRIDGEVILLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Community Christmas Street Lights were completely reconditioned for this Holiday Season. This has been an annual project for the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville since 1939.

The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville received its charter from Kiwanis International in January, 1939, having been sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Seaford. The second major project the local Kiwanians undertook was to have a few strings of Christmas lights erected across Market Street. This was made possible by donations received from local merchants along Market Street as well donations received from residents. The Town of Bridgeville paid the electric bill and has continued this day. World War II begun December 7, 1991, and during those war years lights could not be lighted due to the federal “black out”. The lights were put back into service after the war, and since 1945 served the community until 1983.

The Kiwanis Club assumed full responsibility after The war to maintain the lights and arrange to put them up, take down and store away each year. As funds became available through various Kiwanis fund raising projects, more strings were added until all of Market Street was covered. Also, garland and bells were added to the strings in time. By 1983, the strings were becoming more and more costly to maintain due to the continued repairs over the 43 years.

The Kiwanis Club decided to replace the strings of lights with a lighted six foot Christmas tree mounted to poles.
KIWANIS CLUB CONTINUED:

To poles along Market Street and North and South Main Street. New electric service had to installed the entire length of Main Street, and during the Holiday Season of 1983 the new street lights were purchased and erected at a cost of $10,000.

These lights served the community through 2003. After 20 years of repairing and maintaining them, it was decided to change to be made. After re-searching the market for new lights, it was found the purchase of new lights for a cost over $15,000 was prohibited for the club. Therefore, the existing six foot tree lights were completely reconditioned with the exception of the iron tree frame and pole bracket. This was completed at a cost of $8,000, and they are as “brand new” and, with proper care, should last the community many years.

The seven Christmas tree lights installed along Church Street are similar, and were purchased approximately five years ago by the Bridgeville Lioness Club, The Town of Bridgeville, and the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville. The Kiwanians also maintain these, install and take them down each year.

This project has continued for 65 years and the Kiwanis Club plans its continued sponsorship for the enjoyment of the residents and those who travel through our community. However, as it true with other things, the replacement and maintenance cost increase with each passing year. The Town of Bridgeville, along with paying the electric bill, improved some electrical service this year and we hope they plan to support the project in the future.

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A special thanks to those who participated in the Caroling in Park, December 14th. A good time was enjoyed by all!

WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS

Ms. Jennifer Carpenter
Ms. Shelley Penuel
Ms. Kathryn Massie
Mr. Craig Dickerson
Ms. Ellene Walker
Mr. and Mrs. George McDaniel
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Hayes
Mr. Rick Smart
Mr. Diogenin Matos & Miss Sandra Hanad

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SNOWY REMINDER

Snow and/or ice shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after each snow and/or ice has ceased to fall, gather, or accumulate, as it is hereby declared to be a nuisance. The owner or occupant of any building or lot abutting a public sidewalk is responsible for the clearing of any accumulation of snow and/or ice.

The “SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE”: Residents having access to their yard from an alleyway, shall park their vehicle(s) accordingly. If a driveway does not exist, all residents with an odd number street address should move their vehicle(s) to the opposite side of the street when snow begins to fall; after snow and/or ice has been removed from the odd number side of the street, all vehicle(s) should be moved to the opposite side of the street. This will allow the town to plow the streets completely and provide space to park vehicles without residents having to shovel their respective parking space.

Snow and/or ice should be shoveled into the street. With everyone working together, the removal of snow and/or ice will be accomplished efficiently.

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE
DATES TO REMEMBER……..

DECEMBER
24/27—Town Offices Closed
For The Holidays

31—Town Offices Closed

JANUARY
1—New Year’s Day

10—Commission Meeting,
7:00 p.m., Town Hall,
Public Welcome!

19—Town Office Closed,
Martin Luther King’s
Birthday Observed

FEBRUARY
14—Commission Meeting,
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

21—Town Offices Closed,
President’s Day

MARCH
5—Commission Election,
Noon to 7:00 p.m.,
Town Hall

7—Annual Firemen’s
Beef and Dumpling
Dinner, 12-5:00 p.m.,
Carry-outs available.

14—Commission Meeting,
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Cheery Reindeer Word Find

OH, DEER! Look what this Christmastime word jumble is up to. Dashing gracefully through the galaxy of letters below
are 24 words (in a herd at bottom) hitched up to Santa’s high-flying reindeer.

Make like “Rudolph” and follow your nose to connect let-
ters together up, down, diagonally and backward.

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