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ELECTION CANCELLED

The Town of Bridgeville's Annual Municipal Election scheduled for March 5, 2005 was cancelled due to the filing of incumbents only.

One Year Term: Patricia Correll

Two Year Term: Joseph Conaway

Two Year Term: William Jefferson

The other Commissioners are Margaret Sipple and Earl Greason.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK....



History was made on March 22, 2005 when the Bridgeville Town Commissioners passed a Resolution that created the Heritage Shores Development in south Bridgeville as a Special Taxing District.

In January 2005, the General Assembly through the leadership of Senator Thurman Adams, Jr. and Representative Ben Ewing passed HB21. This legislation gave the town the authority to create municipal Special Development Tax Districts. In early February, Governor Ruth Ann Minner signed HB21 into law thus making Bridgeville one of only two governments in Delaware eligible to create these type of Districts. The adoption of the Resolution enables Bridgeville to become the first government in Delaware to establish such a District.

I will try to explain what this Resolution accomplished. The creation of a Special Tax District enables the town to create a designated area within

the town as a Special Tax District. The Resolution created the entire Heritage Shores Development as a Special Tax District.

Once the District has been created, the town will move to issue Special Development Bonds at the level requested by the applicant, in this case, Passwaters Farm, LLC, the developer we know as Allen and Rocks, Inc.

The applicant will use these funds to pay for the public infrastructure necessary to build this project. The applicant is responsible for repaying the Principal and Interest associated with this bond issue. These bonds are tax exempt bonds, because they are being issued by the town. All costs associated with the bonds are being paid for by the applicant.

Let me point out the benefits of this program: Part of the bond issue will be to provide the town with funds that would not be available to us. The \$1.1 million dollars that will be generated by the bond issue will be used to construct two new streets. One of those streets will be constructed between the Woodbridge Athletic Field and the existing Little League Complex. The second street will be constructed south of the Little League Fields to serve the site donated by the developer for a new library. That's right, Bridgeville will be getting money to build a new library.

The second portion of these District Bonds will be used to provide \$700,000 in matching funds to that so a new Bridgeville Library can be constructed on that new site.

The new library will be a state of the art facility of 10,000 square feet. This bond issue will be providing \$700,000 towards the cost of con-

struction. The State of Delaware has a matching grant program for library construction of up to 50%. The Library Trustees indicated through their chairman, Matt Davis, they supported the town's efforts to obtain these funds and would be delighted to build the new facility on this new site, will be responsible for filing this grant application to obtain these funds.

With the addition of the \$100 per settlement pledge for library construction by the developer, the total funds available for construction match will be \$900,000, a figure more than sufficient to meet construction for furniture and equipment. By the way, these figures are based on the Bridgeville Library's construction report.

Because the Special Development District Bonds are in the name of The Town of Bridgeville, Bridgeville will receive funds totaling \$500,000. These funds will enable the town to repay the General Fund for expenses related to growth already incurred and provide us revenue in Fiscal 2006 to pay for items that we believe are associated with growth. By way of example but not to limit what these funds will pay for, we plan to include a street sweeper, a new police vehicle, a wood chipper, and the paving of two additional parking lots that will be available for public use.

These Special Development District Bonds will generate a total of \$1.6 million dollars for the Town of Bridgeville.

The obvious question is, "Who pays for these bonds?"

NOT THE PRESENT PEOPLE OF BRIDGEVILLE

We are not pledging the full faith and credit of the town. The collateral for this bond issue is the development of Heritage Shores and its present and future owners who, through a special tax assessment over and above their normal property tax bill, will repay the entire bond issue. These bonds do not count against our Bond Indebtedness level as controlled by our Town Charter.

As with the Industrial Revenue Bond Program we developed when I was with County, there is no risk, financially or otherwise, for the people and the Town of Bridgeville.

Growth is coming but we are in control of that growth and are taking the necessary steps to be

financial independent from that growth. Bridgeville, what a great place to be!!!!

Joe Conaway



**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOME
DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS...**

- Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Driscoll
- Mr. and Mrs. Vic Williamson
- Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Knepper
- Mr. and Mrs. Rob Richey
- Mr. Keith Kirby
- Ms. Catherine Ross

Congratulations to all the winners! The community would like to express their appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville for sponsoring this annual event.

WELCOME NEW HOME HOMEOWNERS.....

- Mr. Christopher McMullen
- Mr. Martin Taylor
- Mr. Jay Cannon
- Mr. Charles Szczepanski
- Mr. Mark Yoder
- Mr. and Mrs. Steve McCarron



NEW BUSINESS: The Bowers Group
501 Market Street

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN....GRASS/WEEDS....

Town Code-Chapter 90-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 town.

No weeds, grass or other ground cover vegetation shall exceed a height of eight (8) inches at any time of the calendar year. No weeds, grass or other vegetation clippings, etc. shall be placed on any street, alleyway, passageway, sidewalk or walkway.



MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETINGS:**JANUARY 10, 2005:**

- Traffic arrests for the month of December were 440.
- A new 16" force main sewer for the new development was completed the first week of December, 2004.
- Clean Delaware Inc. cleaned part of the sewer main from the wastewater treatment plant following the Bridgeville Branch into the cemetery.
- Several properties with backyard accumulated solid waste have been addressed.
- Eight building permits were issued for a revenue of \$43,684.
- A public hearing held on January 6, 2005, the Commission approved a Conditional Use Application submitted by Ms. Margo Harris, 307 Edgewood Street, permitting the opening of a beauty salon at said address.
- Mr. Rick Tull of Lank, Johnson & Tull, presented the audit report for The Town of Bridgeville for the year ending June 30, 2004 as required by law. As of June 30, 2004, the town was in a good strong financial position.
- The Commission granted permission to the Little League Association to demolish three buildings on the property where little league games are held (South Cannon Street).
- Crime Watch signs were erected on the corner of Edgewood and Laws Streets.
- The Town received a donation of \$1,000 from the Bridgeville Lions Club to help defray expenses to repair cable, wires, etc. to the Christmas lights.
- Town Offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King day on January 17, 2005.
- President Conaway was honored on January 5, 2005 at the SCAT monthly meeting with the Sussex County Association of Town's Public Service Award. The award is given to a Sussex County elected or appointed federal, state, county or local official who resides in Sussex County for outstanding public service.

- President Conaway presented a list of 65 accomplishments this year in the State of The Town of Bridgeville (copies available at Town Hall).
- The Commission Election is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2005. There are three positions available: a one year term and two two year terms. The filing deadline for candidates is February 4th.
- President Conaway, Town Manager Walls, and Chief Parsons will be meeting with state agencies, municipal policemen, and representatives of the Delaware League of Local Government on January 11th to discuss police concerns and what is needed as communities continue to grow.
- The February monthly Commission meeting was rescheduled for February 7, 2005.

FEBRUARY 7, 2005:

- Mr. Justin Bickling, a senior at the Woodbridge High School, will be constructing and placing four park benches throughout town for his senior project titled, The Effects of Exercise on Blood Pressure. The idea for the project is to encourage people to exercise, and provide a place to rest or take a break.
- Mr. Chad Jenkins of East Cost Wireless, advised his company offers broad-band internet to local communities-Bridgeville being the first as the company is just beginning their business. Mr. Jenkins was requesting permission to use the water tower for his broadcasting equipment. No action was taken regarding the use of the water tower, Mr. Jenkins will provide the Commission with additional information pertaining to his company.
- President Conaway advised the deed pertaining to the 1.32 acres of land purchased by the town from Mr. Thurman W. Adams (North Main Street) has been received.
- A thank you note was received from Mr. Jeff Bowers regarding the quick response of three town employees-Alma Fleetwood, Doug Jones, and Rick Passwaters. On February 3rd his office located on West Market Street was taking in water due to blocked ice covered storm grates. Within minutes after speaking to the employees, the matter was under control.

MINUTES CONTINUED:

- The Commission expressed their gratitude to Rick Passwaters, Doug Jones and Phillip Mowbray for their prompt efforts in clearing the streets of ice/snow.. It was noted some residents followed the "odd/even" movement of vehicles as stated in Ordinance #A03-8. The movement worked to some degree allowing streets to be plowed more efficiently. Some residents moved their vehicles to the opposite of the street for plowing, but did not return them so the other side could be plowed.
- To date the town has received approximately \$43,000 in property transfer taxes.
- This is the 76th consecutive month without a NPDES violation at the wastewater treatment facility.
- Code Enforcement Constable Kimlel advised five unlicensed vehicles have reappeared and have been ordered to be removed. Eight building permits were issued in January for a total revenue of \$3,830.50.
- Town Manager Walls advised the town will be working with the Woodbridge High School in their new School Base Intervention Program.. Three or four students will report to the town daily for one hour under the supervision of two teacher. Students will perform any duties assigned to them. The program is for students that have to complete detention, etc.
- Town Manager Walls expressed her appreciation to the employees of M-T Trash, Inc. for their outstanding service regarding garbage collection during the inclement weather.
- A concern was discussed regarding our senior citizen who are unable to clear their sidewalks of snow/ice 24 hours after the snowfall ends as per the Town Code. The Town Office will try to obtain names of people interested in shoveling snow.
- The Commission discussed and agreed to adopt a policy that organizations, etc. be informed they need to submit a letter of request to consider donations during the town's budget cycle.
- President Conaway presented a Proclamation honoring Edward W. Redfield, renowned artist formerly from Bridgeville, proclaiming the week

of March 14, 2005 as Edward W. Redfield week. On March 15, 2005 a reception will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church showcasing some of Mr. Redfield's work.

- The town will participate in the mosquito control program for 2005. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNRC) will be spraying in and around the town in early spring with no cost to the town.
- Mr. Robert Rauch, engineer for Heritage Shores, advised Phase I will consist of 168 single family lots. There will be attached units (duplex and triplex) models that will become available in the second phase. Most of the attached units will not be located on the golf course. Plans have been delivered for additional 269 lots (half are attached units). The first attached units will be along Wilson Farm Road and a few will be near the center circle.
- The Commission designated Lank, Johnson and Tull as the town's certified public accountant.
- To be fair to all Bridgeville residents, the Commission decided to collect property tax on two rental properties owned by the fire company and one rental property owned by Union United Methodist Church.
- The Bridgeville Police Department has been awarded a \$1,500 grant through the Office of Highway Safety regarding National Child Safety Awareness Week, February 13 through 19. The grant will be used for child restraint patrol and/or check points during this time period.
- The Commission appointed Ms. Joan Ochs to the Board of Adjustment replacing Mr. Rob Perciful. Ms. Pam Slater and Mr. Charles Kelly were re-appointed. Board members serve a term of three years or until a replacement has been named after the term is over.

MARCH 22, 2005:

- The Oath of Office for Commissioners of The Town of Bridgeville was administered to Joseph Conaway and William Jefferson for a two year term each and Patricia Correll for a one year term.

MINUTES CONTINUED:

- There were 254 traffic arrests for the month of February.
- On February 16th, Clean Delaware, Inc. cleaned out three manholes on the main sewer line from the Bridgeville Cemetery.
- On February 17th the first residential sewer hook-up inspection was conducted at Heritage Shores.
- Fire hydrant and water service connections on South Main Street were transferred to new 12" water main by Teal Construction on March 11th.
- Ten building permits were issued in February bringing revenue of \$4,037.50.
- Notices were issued to residents regarding unlicensed vehicles and accumulation of debris.
- Mayor of Georgetown, Mr. Mike Wyatt, and Commissioner Angie Townsend were present to observe how Bridgeville conducts its board meeting.
- Mr. Nick Rocks, developer of Heritage Shores, introduced Mr. John Murray of Miles & Stockbridge and Project Engineer Tom Brown. They presented an application to create a Special Development District for Heritage Shores. A Special Development District would give the town authority to create a Special Development Tax District for the new development. After a general discussion, the Commission approved the adoption of the Resolution regarding the Special Development District.
- Town Manager Walls advised there is no money available at this time to conduct a Community Spring Clean Up.
- Town residents will receive a list of sex offenders residing in this community.
- The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville advised they will be responsible for maintenance and seasonal plantings at the Market and Main Street Park. The Woodbridge FFA will be assisting with the project.
- Commission presented 5 new ordinances for a first reading:
 - Ordinance #A05-1: Amend Chapter 84, Animals, prohibiting farm animals and wild animals within the town limits.
 - Ordinance #A05-2: Amend the zoning code by

adding a provision providing for the enforcement of handicapped sign requirements.

Ordinance #A05-3: To amend the zoning code by adding a provision restricting the parking of certain vehicles and trailers in residential districts.

Ordinance #A05-4: To amend the code to include above-ground swimming pools in the swimming pool ordinance requirements.

Ordinance #A05-5: To amend Chapter 190 by reducing the permissible discharges of grease and oils into the sewer system and by requiring food service facilities to provide for the removal of such grease and oil into the sewer system. The second reading and possible adoption will take place at the regular Commission meeting scheduled for April 11th.

- The Annual Court of Appeals will be held Saturday, March 26, 2005 from noon until 1:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. Residents with questions concerning their property assessments are welcome.
- The Commission proclaimed March as Red Cross Month.
- President Conaway presented a proclamation to Capital District Kiwanis International Governor Warren W. King, during the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville 66th Anniversary Celebration on March 21st.
- President Conaway advised cameras have been placed at the intersection of Rts. 13 and 40 (Sussex Highway and Redden Road).
- Chief Parsons advised SALLE grant funding will help defray the purchase of medical bags and EIDE funding will be used for drug over time.

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REMINDER

ALL RESIDENTS: If you see stray dogs in your neighborhood, please contact the Sussex County SPCA at 302-856-6361.



TOWN'S MANAGER'S REPORT...



SPRING is here! I am hopeful that Mother Nature will bless us with a spring this year. For the past couple of years, we have had no spring—cold one day, hot the next. Maybe spring weather will occur this year.

We need to ask residents to make a note concerning snow removal. The past winter, the snow removal ordinance worked well. We do need to remember for the future, to please move vehicles from one side of the street for snow plowing and when that side of the street is plowed, move the vehicles to the opposite side of the street so that plowing can be completed. Cooperation makes the situation easy for all involved.

We are looking for persons who would be interested in shoveling snow from sidewalks for some of our residents. If you are that person, please call the Town Office, 337-7135, and leave your name and phone number for future reference. As a reminder, residents who have corner properties need to remove snow from all sides of the sidewalk.

A reminder to all residents that no weeds, grass or other vegetation clippings, etc. can be placed on any street, alleyway, passageway, sidewalk or walkway. Clippings can cause storm drains to be clogged, which can become an expense to all. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are in the planning stages of a Memorial Day ceremony to honor past and present war heroes. The ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 30th at 9:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held at the Town Park located at the corner of Main and Market Streets.

Mrs. Alma Fleetwood who has been with the town since September of 1996, has advised her last day of employment with the town will be April 8th. On behalf of the Commissioners and town employees, we wish her the best in all her future endeavors. Also, healthy thoughts and prayers to her husband, Ronnie.



Bonnie Walls

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY NEWS

National Library Week is April 10-16, 2005.
We have something for EVERYONE!

Wednesday, April 13th—1:00 p.m. the library will host "Buried Treasurer", a program based on the classic pirate stories of author Howard Pyle and performed by Michael Baoudwynds. Pyle is considered "The Father of American Illustration" due to his outstanding work as an illustrator; he is also known for his retelling of well-know stories such as "The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood", "The Story of King Arthur and His Knights, and "The Book of Pirates". Please join us at St. Mary's Hall for the program and light refreshments.

Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.-A genealogy meeting with Ralph Riggan, author of "Godlen Lyon" and "Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland" will present a program on local family genealogy. The meeting will be at St. Mary's Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. at the Union United Methodist Church. A production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town". This program is part of a statewide tour for the First State Children's Theater. The program is free and open to the public. Hope to see you there.

Tuesdays - 10:30 a.m.-STORYTIME is a story and craft hour for children between the ages of 3-5, held in the library. Join us in the month of April for ducks, bugs, wildlife, Earth Day and Mother's Day.

All programs are free and open to the public.
For questions or special needs contact Carol Gasior or Karen Johnson at 337-7401.

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IMPORTANT: The following list represents sex offenders residing in or working around Bridgeville. A complete list will be posted monthly in the Town Hall, library, and post office. If you have any questions, call the Bridgeville Police Department at 337-8302.

Sex Offender Registry

Risk Level	Last Name	First Name	Home City	Employer City	School City
Moderate	<u>DEAN, JR.</u>	WILLIAM J	BRIDGEVILLE	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A
High	<u>DOUGHERTY, II</u>	JON	BRIDGEVILLE	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A
Moderate	<u>WRIGHT</u>	RONALD	BRIDGEVILLE	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A
Moderate	<u>WRIGHT</u>	RONALD J	BRIDGEVILLE	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A
Moderate	<u>BAILEY, JR.</u>	HOWARD T	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>BARTHOLOMEW</u>	ANDRE H	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>BENTON, JR.</u>	DANNY C	HARRINGTON	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A
Moderate	<u>CANNON</u>	ALONZO I	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>CANNON</u>	RICHARD T	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>CASTERLINE</u>	CHARLES D	LINCOLN	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A
High	<u>CHICOSKY</u>	MICHAEL J	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>CHILOSKY</u>	MICHAEL J	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>CUNNINGHAM</u>	ROBERT Q	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>CUSTIS</u>	JEREL D	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>DASHIELL</u>	DWAYNE E	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>DASHIELLS</u>	DWAYNE	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>DESHIELDS</u>	DWAYNE	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>EVANS</u>	BRETT E	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>GEORGE</u>	JEREMY L	BRIDGEVILLE	SELBYVILLE	N/A
Moderate	<u>GIBBS</u>	DOUGLAS L	BRIDGEVILLE	MILTON	N/A
Moderate	<u>HAINES</u>	ROBERT	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>HARRISON</u>	JAMES	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>HAYES</u>	CORDON D	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>HERMAN</u>	PAUL E	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>HICKS</u>	BARTHOLOMEW A	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>HUNTER</u>	BRIAN K	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>ISENHOWER</u>	KEITH E	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	GEORGETOWN
Moderate	<u>MANN</u>	RICHARD T	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>MANN, JR.</u>	GREGORY L	LEWISBURG	N/A	BRIDGEVILLE
Moderate	<u>MARTIN</u>	MICHAEL P	BRIDGEVILLE	MILTON	N/A
Moderate	<u>MASSEY, JR.</u>	ENOS D	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>MATTHEWS</u>	RICHARD L	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>MESSICK</u>	CHARLES F	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>MURRAY</u>	FREDERICK J	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>ONEILL</u>	DAVID M	ELLEDALE	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A
Moderate	<u>ORTMAN</u>	CRAIG A	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>PERKINS</u>	HASAN	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>PERKINS</u>	HASINI B	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>PERKINS</u>	PEANUT	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>PERKINS</u>	SANI	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>PURNELL</u>	TYRENCE L	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>RISPER</u>	MCARTHUR M	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>ROBINSON</u>	RUSSELL A	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>SANDERS</u>	TROY	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>SAYLER</u>	KEITH E	BRIDGEVILLE	DOVER	N/A
Moderate	<u>SIMMONS</u>	ROBERT R	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>SMITH</u>	CHARLES E	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	MILFORD
High	<u>SPADY</u>	DERRICK M	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>SPADY</u>	LAWRENCE J	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
High	<u>SPADY</u>	MARVIN D	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>TEAGLE</u>	TERRENCE	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>TEAGLE</u>	TERRENCE J	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>VANN</u>	LARRY J	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>WATKINS</u>	MICHAEL W	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A	N/A
Moderate	<u>WHITTEN</u>	CHARLES D	LINCOLN	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A
High	<u>WRIGHT</u>	CHRISTOPHER M	SALISBURY	BRIDGEVILLE	N/A



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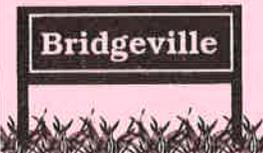
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