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From the President's Desk

**Concerts in the
Park
Series**

**Milford
Community Band**

**Wednesday, August 3
6:30 PM**

(In case of rain, concert will be moved
to Woodbridge High School Auditorium.)

Sponsored by
Bridgeville Historical Society
Bridgeville Lions Club

The Town of Bridgeville's Fiscal 2006 Budget was adopted by the Commission on June 6. I am pleased to report that this budget contains no increase in taxes or fees. The Fiscal 2006 Budget is the largest in our history but, as will be the case, our budget will increase every year as growth continues. This balanced budget contains reserve funds of at least \$105,000. One of the purchases that we will make this year is our very own street sweeper. No longer will we have to borrow this piece of equipment from neighboring towns. Highlights of the FY - 2006 budget are in the newsletter.

The Bridgeville Police Department, under the direction of Police Chief Allen Parsons, is planning our first "National Night Out" program for Tuesday, August 2. The National Night Out program is held in an effort to increase awareness of child safety. The event will be held at the Sanctuary For Kids Playground located next to the Police Station and will run from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM.

The first settlement of a home in Heritage Shores has already occurred, only 1999 more to go!

Our first ever Memorial Day Celebration took place on Monday, May 30, and was very successful. Attendance was good and Jack Hallman, a World War II Air Force veteran, gave an inspiring speech. We are already planning next year's celebration, which will be scheduled at the Veterans' Memorial in the Bridgeville Cemetery. We are also looking for ideas for a 4th of July Celebration, nothing elaborate, but something to remember the importance of this date in our history.

Two new police officers have been hired and are presently in training. With the completion of their training later this year, our force will once again be at full staff.

The updated Bridgeville Zoning Ordinance, developed through a partial grant from the Office of State Planning Coordination, has been reviewed by the Preliminary Land Use Service of the State. We expect comments from the state agencies this month. Any revisions will first be made by the Commission, and then the entire document will be presented to the people of Bridgeville for their input. Once the public hearing process has been completed, the ordinance should be adopted and Bridgeville will have an up-to-date land use and development code.

This new code is one of the recommendations contained within the Bridgeville Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted by Bridgeville in 2002. With the adoption Bridgeville became the first municipality in Delaware to have a fully certified Land Use Plan. With the new code in place, we will begin work on the revision of our certified land use plan, which is required to be updated in 2006. Annexation requests are being held until both of these events are completed.

The Commission would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the people of Bridgeville who have improved or continued to improve their properties. Pride in our community can only come from within...now if we can only get a few more people to join us in these efforts!!!

Joe Conaway

Mark your Calendar:

2005 Apple Scrupple Festival

October 7 & 8

**Volunteers are needed
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Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

April 11, 2005

Traffic arrests for March were 170.

The Bridgeville Police Department participated in the Office of Highway Safety "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

Eleven building permits were issued in March bringing revenue of \$4,781.50.

Fire damaged property on N. First St. will be demolished by the County.

Notices were issued for unlicensed vehicles, accumulation of trash/debris and code violations.

This is the 78th consecutive month without a NPDES violation at the wastewater treatment facility.

A new flag pole was installed at Town Hall.

On April 16, Commission President Joe Conaway presented a proclamation to Mr. Ronald Sipple for his service to the community on behalf of the Commissioners and residents of Bridgeville. Fire companies from both Georgetown and Bridgeville attended the event at Life Care at Lofland Park.

DNREC reminds dog owners to license their dogs; they also encourage spaying and neutering of dogs and cats.

Commission presented for a second reading and adopted the following ordinance amendments:

Ordinance A05-1: prohibiting farm and wild animals within the town limits.

Ordinance A05-2: providing for the enforcement of handicapped sign requirements.

Ordinance A05-3: restricting the parking of certain large vehicles and trailers in residential districts.

Ordinance A05-4: allowing above-ground pools to be subject to the same requirements as in-ground pools.

Ordinance A05-5: reducing the permissible discharges of grease and oils into the sewer system and requiring food service facilities to provide for the removal of such grease and oil into the sewer system.

Work is progressing at Heritage Shores. All utilities are underground, using fiber optics. Plans are complete and ready for bid on a water tower and the pumping station is complete. Final inspection of manholes installed in the first phase is complete.

May 9, 2005

Traffic arrests for April were 247.

Fourteen building permits were issued in April bringing revenue of \$8,555.50.

Patrolman Adam Hitchens was promoted to Patrolman First Class effective July 1.

Abandoned and dilapidated trailers were removed from N. Cannon St.

Sussex County Community Development & Housing Division has contracted to demolish structures on First and Church Sts.

Demolition of the house at 104 N. Main St. is currently in the hands of the Town Solicitor. We trust that all our residents will take pride in our town and make a positive impression for those who live here and for all our visitors.

Notices were issued to residents concerning cuttings being left in streets and alleys.

Dead trees were removed from the park across from Town Hall and on the corner of Delaware Ave. and Mechanic St.

DNREC is asking the public for help in efforts with the West Nile Virus by reporting sick or dead birds. The five birds that will be tested are: crow, blue jay, hawk, eagle and owl. For more information, please contact Rorie Hastings at 422-1512, ext. 152.

An issue involving two possible sex offenders was brought to the Commissioners. President Conaway assured the citizen that sex offenders will not be tolerated in Bridgeville; Police Chief Parsons was asked to schedule a watch in the area as a follow-up.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church parking lot has been paved.

Inmates from Sussex Correctional Institution were in town on May 6. Town Manager Bonnie Walls expresses her appreciation for a job well done in the cleaning of Walnut St.

The town budget was presented for consideration in the amount of \$2,333,337.00

An Ordinance creating the Heritage Shores Special Development District was adopted after its second reading.

Heritage Shores received authorization from the Commissioners for Phase II of the project, bringing the total number of lots currently approved to 494. All sewer and water service connection inspections are complete on homes being built at this time.

It was also reported that the golf course is on schedule and should open next spring.

The Town Meeting for June was changed to Monday, June 6, to follow the charter for adoption of the FY-06 budget.

Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

June 6, 2005

Traffic arrests for May were 467.

Thirteen building permits were issued in May bringing revenue of \$4,764.50.

Our Code Enforcement Constable continues to remind residents about grass clippings, overgrowth, street/sidewalk obstructions and trash in yards.

Sussex County Community Development & Housing Division has removed a building from N. Church St. The house on First St. remains but will soon be demolished.

Stop sign and post were replaced on the corner of William and John Sts.

On Friday, May 20, the Town lost electricity due to a downed tree on N. Main St.. A second tree split and was

removed as well. This damage was caused by heavy rain and high winds. Thanks to Rick Passwaters, Doug Jones and the fire department for their assistance.

The Town has been awarded a grant through DEMA, as part of State Homeland Security funding, to install a security system in Town Hall.

This is the 80th consecutive month without a NPDES violation at the wastewater treatment facility. Commission President Conaway complimented the department by saying, "Bridgeville has the best run sewer plant in the country."

A public hearing was held and Commissioners adopted the FY-06 budget of \$2,333,337.00. Per Town Charter, the budget must be adopted by the first Tuesday in June.

Highlights of the Town of Bridgeville Fiscal 2006 Budget

The budget for fiscal year 2006 continues to reflect the growth of the Town of Bridgeville. This will be the trend as the development of Heritage Shores continues.

There have not been any recommendations to increase taxes or fees paid by the residents of Bridgeville in this budget.

Special funds for both the Bridgeville Library and the Emergency Services Fund are reflected in the budget, due to the effect of Heritage Shores.

The budget continues the grant program set forth for community based organizations, including donations to the Western Sussex Boys and Girls Club, the Bridgeville Historical Society, the Apple-Scrapple Festival, the Woodbridge High School and the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company.

For the second year in a row the budget shows a carry-over from the previous fiscal year of \$100,000.

The budget allows for the following capital expenditures:

- Street Sweeper
- New Building and Office Space for the Water and Street Departments

- RBC Gear Box for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- New Copier and Computer for the Police Department
- New Police Car and payoff of the 2005 Vehicles
- New Phone System for the Police Department
- Paving the Police Department Parking Lot
- Carpet in the Police Department

The fiscal year 2006 budget allows for the employment of two new police officers as well as additional training for our current officers.

The budget continues the ten year maintenance program for the water tower. We are beginning our sixth year of the program.

Monies have been budgeted to allow for the code book to be updated once again to ensure that it remains current. The Town has also budgeted funds to make the code available to the residents of Bridgeville via the Web.

There will be continued efforts to repave/repair the Town streets and sidewalks as a result of the grants provided by Senator Thurman Adams and Representative J. Benjamin Ewing.

New Faces on the Block

Please make these new homeowners and tenants feel welcome in our town.

Dinah Carey - Sussex Ave.
Jon Bailey - Delaware Ave.
Steve McCarron - Laws St.

The David Pinder Family - Delaware Ave.
William & Michele Poole - N. Cannon St.

Town Manager's Report

My sincere thanks to all who helped make our first Memorial Day celebration a success. We look forward to having next year's celebration at the Veteran's Memorial located in the Bridgeville cemetery.

The FY-06 Budget was adopted on June 6. Our residents should be encouraged that this year's budget does not include any property tax, water, sewer or trash increases.

The Town of Bridgeville is changing one aspect of its billing procedures. In an effort to protect both the town and property owner, all bills will now be addressed to the property owner. This takes effect immediately and should increase our efficiency and cost effectiveness.

A reminder to all residents: keep your pets—dogs and cats—on a leash and/or secure on your property. The SPCA continues to make unannounced patrols in an effort to keep animals and our community safe. There have been reports of an increasing number of cats through town. We all know how quickly this situation can escalate. Please have your cat or

dog spayed or neutered.

Please remember that no weed, grass or other vegetation clippings may be placed on any street, alleyway, passageway, sidewalk or walkway. Thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations are extended to Officer Adam Hitchens upon his promotion to Patrolman First Class. This is a well deserved promotion, as Officer Hitchens is a hard working individual.

Mrs. Peggy Smith, resident of Bridgeville, began employment as a secretary with the Town on June 20. You can meet Peggy on your next visit to the Town office. Please introduce yourself and become acquainted.

Bridgeville is on the web! Visit www.townofbridgeville.net. You will find helpful information there about our town. We can be proud of such an attractive website.

Enjoy the Summer!

Bonnie Walls

Community News

Kiwanis Club Continues Sponsorship of Community Prayer Breakfast

Kiwanis Clubs worldwide annually observe National Prayer Week during the first week of May to promote Kiwanis International's first two objectives: 1) To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life, and 2) To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

Locally, Kiwanis members have sponsored the Community Prayer Breakfast since 1991. On Saturday, May 7, approximately 150 people representing 20 area churches met at Union United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Everett Warrington led special music and Reverend Raymond Taylor gave a challenging and inspiring message. The breakfast concluded with Reverend Harold Daniels leading a prayer time among the participants.

Kiwanis members trust that this event not only encourages spiritual growth, but also becomes a practical means to form enduring friendships and to build a better community.

Become an Adopt-a-Family Supporter

Kent/Sussex Adopt-a-Family is looking for donations of household and baby items for their program. All donations are tax deductible and will be used to help families living in poverty who have experienced unforeseen financial crises. Donations of used, YES USED, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, baby room and general household items are needed everyday, all year long. New items are always appreciated, but your gently used items are needed as well.

Donations are being received at the Kent/Sussex Adopt-a-Family office at:

Milford State Service Center Annex
13 S.W. Front St., Suite 103
(corner of Walnut & S.W. Front Sts.)

If you would like more information or if you have a large donation of household or baby items, please call 424-2780. Donation checks may be made payable to Kent/Sussex Human Services Council, Inc. and sent to the above address.

Sex Offender List Update

The Town of Bridgeville will continue to inform residents of sex offenders residing in or working around Bridgeville. The complete Sex Offender List was printed in the Jan/Feb/Mar issue of The Journal and copies are available at the Town Hall, library and post office. If you have any questions, call the Bridgeville Police Department at 337-8302.

Risk Level	Last Name	First Name	Home City
Moderate	Starr	Martin	Bridgeville
Moderate	Starr	Martin A.	Bridgeville

Community Events

Hot Dogs
& Drinks

Photo I.D.'s
For Children

Fire Trucks

National Night Out

6:00 - 7:30 PM
Tuesday, August 2
Sanctuary for Kids Playground

The National Night Out Campaign strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. It heightens crime and drug prevention awareness and sends a message that our town is organized and fighting back against crime. The Bridgeville Police Department is seeking donations of food, paper products, etc. Please call 337-8302 if you can help. Join us for a family-friendly evening

Don't Miss the Bridgeville Library Summer Reading Program

Adults and children are welcome to attend all programs! (Prizes for reading are not related to attendance.) Join us for all the fun!

These programs are made possible by grants from the Institute of Museums and Library Services (LSTA), the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Delaware Division of the Arts. In addition, local sponsors of the Summer Reading Program include: Layton's Hardware, Food Lion, Scott's Furniture, Mercantile Peninsula Bank, Applebee's of Seaford, Domino's Pizza, McDonald's of Bridgeville, Happy Harry's Pharmacy and Walmart of Seaford. A special Thank You to the Storytime Moms for their fundraising efforts.

Lions Club Food Trailer Opens

Friday, July 8, was Opening Day for the Lions Club food trailer on the south side of town. The concession will be open every Friday and Saturday through August 27. Stop by for oyster sandwiches, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, fries, crab cake sandwiches, hot dogs and drinks.

Proceeds go to help those less fortunate in our community as well as other community projects. Come and enjoy the best oyster and crab cake sandwiches around.

Hours: Friday 11 AM - 7 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM

Summer Reading Program Schedule St. Mary's Parish Hall

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 11:00 AM

- July**
- 19 (Tuesday) Rick Waterhouse "The Dragon and the Chef"
 - 21 (Thursday) Wizard & Princess Hat Craft
 - 26 (Tuesday) Medieval Fair with Pouch Craft
 - 28 (Thursday) Scavenger Hunt
- August**
- 2 (Tuesday) Bracelet & Keychain Craft
 - 4 (Thursday) Sankofa African Dance & Drum Company
 - 9 (Tuesday) Rehoboth Summer Children's Theater "The Legend of Finn McCool"
 - 11 (Thursday) End of the Program Party

Kiwanis Club Chicken Barbecue

The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville has expanded its chicken barbecue season this year. Located 4 miles west of town on Routes 404 and 36, the facility opened the middle of April and will remain open for business each weekend through October.

Operating about one-third of the weekends to support club service projects, the remaining weekends are donated to local organizations, such as churches and groups that assist children and youth of our area. Last year the club assisted 16 groups in raising \$25,000.

This is the primary fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club. The success of the barbecue last year allowed Kiwanians to refurbish the Community Christmas Street Lights (\$8,000), install American Flags along community streets (\$1,100), grant scholarships (\$2,000), emergency needs for various individuals (\$1,800), and many smaller projects for youth, community services and human and spiritual values (\$5,000+).

The Community Needy Fund will operate the barbecue all Fridays in August and the first Friday in September. The library will operate the barbecue on August 6 and 7.

Thank you for your continued support of Kiwanis and of the community groups who benefit from the Kiwanis Chicken Barbecue. We appreciate your patronage.

Library Closings
August 6 September 3 & 5



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