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**PROPERTY TAXES ARE
DUE SEPTEMBER 30,
1998. PAY PROMPTLY
TO AVOID PENALTIES!**



CHANGE...CHANGE....CHANGE

The General Assembly passed Bill #507 to amend the Town Code Section 5, Chapter 237.

This amendment establishes the general election for the Town of Bridgeville to be on the second Saturday of January (Jan. 9, 1999) rather than the first Monday which sometimes is a legal holiday.

And, this amendment requires candidates to file for office at least **four weeks** prior to the general election rather than one week. Filing deadline this year is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1998 BY 12:00 NOON.**

The seats open for the 1999 election are as follows:

- 1 - 1 Year Term
- 2 - 2 Year Term
- * 1 - 1 Year Term Left on 2 Year Term

Commissioners Terms That Are Up:

Robert Bennett--President
Jack Dalton--Water
Glenn Miles--Police

- * Charles Royal--Wastewater
*(Appointed to carry remainder of 1998)

Anyone who would like to file for the Commission must file at the Town Hall in writing by Dec. 11, 1998.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Every citizen of the Town of the age of eighteen years or upward shall have one vote

provided he/she has registered on the "Books of Registered Voters". A person may register at the Town Hall during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. Deadline for voter registration is **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1998.** No one will be allowed to register after the close of business on December 30, 1998.



"ON TAP"

COMMISSIONER JACK DALTON

The Water Department has seen a relatively smooth summer with no major challenges. I want to commend our operations personnel for a job well done in the face of all the other duties they are responsible for in Town. Sometimes it is hard to believe that five people do all the work in the water, waste water and maintenance departments, to all of you, Thank You!

Thanks also to those who took advantage of the swimming pool meters this year, we went without problems in getting everyone a meter who requested it.

The main focus of our activity currently is planning for maintenance to the water system. When the water tank developed a leak two years ago we were told that it was in need of maintenance and painting within the next five years. In an effort to lessen the financial impact of suchwork we have earmarked a portion of funds from the water system to go into a major maintenance fund to keep from having to borrow money for projects of this size.

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION.....**JULY:**

- Total traffic arrests for the month of June was 389; 1-DUI, 1-vehicle towed; 1 parking violation.
- There were four septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,466.00 (64,150 gals dumped).
- The W.W.T.P. received a lightning strike on June 26 damaging several pieces of equipment. Everything back on line now.
- Cedar Street had to be jetted due to a blockage. The total clean up cost of \$1,300.00.
- The state legislators passed a law requiring all towns to fluoridate their drinking water. The state will pick up the cost for the first three years.
- President Bennett will be meeting with a grant writer to see if one would be of benefit to Bridgeville.
- The Kellam Property (south of Elm Street) has been sold. The new owner is interested in building a new laundromat and car wash on Rt. 13.
- The Commission decided to have the Town Solicitor draw up bid plans for the community wide trash collection. The poll as of June was 35 for and 9 against.
- The second reading of Ord. 98-2 was held: an ordinance to levy a 1½% real estate transfer tax. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Councilman Finley Jones explained the county revenue sharing program. Sussex County is the only county who adopted this program.
- President Bennett announced that the "Bridgeville Pins" are on sale at the Town Office.
- A resident living on Market Street requested that "no truck parking" signs be erected on Market Street. Because Market is maintained by the state, DELDOT would be responsible for such signs. A study by DELDOT would have to take place before any signs can be erected.

AUGUST:

- Total traffic arrests for July was 282; total complaints were 50.
- Commissioner Royal reported the W.W.T.P. currently has nine on going projects that need to be addressed.
- Commissioner Sipple reported the repaving of Church Street was awarded to A.P. Croll & Co. and is scheduled for completion by the time school starts.
- DELDOT is suppose to post signs for truck traffic when the by-pass opens.
- Three septic haulers dumped 42,550 gallons for a revenue of \$1,702.00.
- Discussion was held concerning the fire lines for Curtice Burns Foods.
- Discussion was held on the four town property improvements suggested by our insurance company.
- A franchise tax on Comcast Cable TV was tabled.
- Commission voted to set aside \$3,000.00 a month for the water department for repairs that might arise in the future.
- A committee of four was appointed to put in place the TMDL regulations.
- One resident still has concern about trucks parking in front of her house on Market Street.
- Discussion was held on the amount of traffic and the speed of such traffic using South Cannon and Jacobs Avenue. The police are to patrol that area more to see if that will correct the problem.

SEPTEMBER:

- There were three septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,428.00
- It was voted to participate in the County Block Grant Program.
- The sludge de-watering is still a problem. The sludge hauling has increased the W.W.T.P. expenses by \$3,500.00 in the first six months of the budget year.

MINUTES CONT.-SEPT.

- On September 12, 1998 we incurred an ammonia leak at the W.W.T.P. Traced to Cannon Cold Storage-problem since been resolved.
- Annie Williams of DBF reported on the new TMDL regulations and projects.
- Dennis Schrader, Town Attorney, stated that all property owners are responsible for water and sewer bills if left unpaid by their tenants.
- The Davis Building at 103 S Main purchased by the Town is available for office space rental. Contact the Town Office for further details.
- Traffic arrests for August totaled 262. Complaints totaled 59.
- The new signs limiting trucks in Town will soon be installed by DELDOT.
- The Boot Camp Workers will be Town weeks of Sept. 14 and 21. The men are working on cleaning up the streets of Walnut and Delaware.
- Mr. Rick Tull, Lank, Johnson & Tull, presented the audit for 1997.

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ORDINANCE #585 "SECOND REMINDER"

TOWN CODE #222-82-except as otherwise provided, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to & within twelve (12) inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the shoulder.

REMINDER: Laws Street has recently been marked for parking areas and walk-space. Please take notice of these areas.

The police department will be checking for vehicles parked improperly.



"STREET NEWS"



COMMISSIONER MARGARET SIPPLE

In order to keep our Town neat and clean we need everybody's help.... In the past homeowners have helped greatly by not only mowing their lawns but going all the way to the street removing weeds from the cracks along the curbs and edges of the street (Reminder: do not cut your grass so it blows out into the street). With the Apple-Scrapple Festival coming up lets take a good look and everyone help with this job. Would be greatly appreciated.

Have you noticed the branch running thru Town has been dug out? As I reported previously, this was paid for with your ditch taxes. Really does look good!

Four Commissioners attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new by-pass. Ms. Ann Caby promised us that day that all truck traffic would use the new road except local delivery. As soon as the signs are installed to that effect, we should see a big improvement on our main streets.

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THANK YOU NOTES.....

The community would like to extend a big thank you to the Kiwanis Club for replacing the flags along Market and Main Streets. It's great to have them flying once again.

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The Lions and Lioness Clubs wish to thank the weekend transit and all the "locals" for their generous support during our "cancer patient benefit" held on September 11, 12 & 13. A special thank you is extended to Mr. Jim Tennefoss of Jimmy's Grille for his wonderful donation. The benefit was a huge success. THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE!



THANKS!!!!

A thank you is extended to the Bridgeville Lions and Lioness for their donation to purchase flowers for the barrels located along Market Street. A special thanks to Kay Sue and Howard Hardesty for taking the time to plant the flowers and keeping them watered all through the summer season. We would like to also thank the residents who live on Market Street who helped maintain the flowering barrels. In the next few weeks the barrels will be filled with beautiful fall mums.

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APPLE-SCRAPPLE NEWS OCTOBER 9 & 10, 1998

T.S. SMITH & SONS 1998 APPLE BAKING CONTEST OCTOBER 10, 1998

Once again the apple baking contest will take place in the B'ville Fire Hall.

DIVISIONS:

- Traditional Apple Pie
- Apple Dessert
- Youth Apple Dessert
- Children's Apple Dessert



All registration must be received on or before FRIDAY, OCT. 2, 1998. Registration forms may be picked up at T.S. Smith & Son, Town Hall, or the Library. For more information call 337-8318.

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SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR:

HOME DECORATING CONTEST!

The festival committee will be sponsoring a home decorating contest on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th**-judging will take place from **4-7 PM**. The decorations must follow the "Apple Scrapple" theme. Your yard or home may be decorated. Prizes will be awarded on the main stage on Sat. October 10th. There will be a 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prize. **JOIN IN ON THE FUN.** For more info call 337-7070.



FESTIVAL DAYS.....

The festival committee would like to thank the residents in advance for their patience and understanding during the two day event. While everyone seems to enjoy the festival, many residents who live on Delaware Avenue, Walnut Street, Laws Street, Williams Street and Cannon Street are somewhat inconvenienced during this time.

Alley permits will again be given (2 per family) for residents where streets will be blocked off. If an extra one should be needed, stop up to the Town Hall (3 max). The reason for the permit is to keep non-residents from using the alleys. With so many people in Town, we need to keep vehicles from using the alley unless necessary. The traffic controllers are from out of Town and do not know who lives where. **ALLEYS CANNOT BE BLOCKED.** Because the festival is growing, the 400 block of Walnut Street will be blocked for crafters this year.

Once again we thank all residents for their understanding during this special event.

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WORD FIND-ALL WORDS RELATE TO A SCARECROW!

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HALLOWEEN PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 114

#114-1: HALLOWEEN CURFEW: Three days before and three days after Halloween, it shall be unlawful for any children under the age of 18 years to be on the streets or alleys in the Town of Bridgeville after 9:00 p.m., unless accompanied by one or both parents. Any children out after the curfew hour will be in violation of this article.

#114-2 PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY: The parents will be responsible to see that their child or children are off the streets before the hour established in this article.

#114-3 DESIGNATED TRICK-OR-TREAT DAY:

It shall be unlawful for any child to be trick-or-treating other than the night designated as Halloween. This year will be Saturday, October 31, for children twelve and under only. Trick-or-Treat is until 8:00 P.M.

#114-5 VANDALISM PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful for anyone to deface or destroy personal or public property.

#114-6 THROWING OBJECTS PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful to throw water balloons, apples, pumpkins or any other objects at any moving or parked vehicles or at any window, doors or people.

#114-7 ENTERING CEMETERIES PROHIBITED:

It shall be unlawful for anyone to be in the cemeteries after the hour of darkness.

#114-8 IMPORTING TRICK-OR-TREATING PROHIBITED:

It shall be unlawful for any parent or friend whose residence is not that of Bridgeville to bring their child or children to the Town of Bridgeville so that the child or children can go trick-or-treating.

#114-9 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES: Whoever violates any section of this article of the Town of Bridgeville shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00. If the second

offense shall occur within 72 hours, he or she shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00, and the parents shall be responsible for their child's behavior and all fines.

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REMINDER:...It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within the Town any animal which shall, by barking, whining, howling or otherwise, disturb the peace and quiet of any person, or which becomes a nuisance or destructive to property, or which has bitten or attempted to bite any person, or which threatens to become a public nuisance or destructive to property, or is in the any other manner dangerous to the health, safety or general welfare of person in the Town.

Persons not following the above code are subject to a fine not less than \$25.00 and not to exceed \$100.00

Residents who have an animal complaint should call the police department: 337-8302.

THINK OF OTHERS:



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" with you when out for your walk. You might just see a returned mess on your door step!

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SMALL DEEDS DONE ARE GREATER THAN GREAT DEEDS PLANNED.

DEVELOP A GRATITUDE ATTITUDE!

DON'T PULL TOMORROW'S CLOUDS OVER TODAY'S SUNSHINE!

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

On May 27, 1998 community leaders were treated to a unique luncheon celebrating the grand opening of Utility/Eastern Shore Trailer Sales, a full semi-trailer dealership, selling models of class 8 trailers. The meal was held inside a Utility Tautliner Trailer at the dealership, located off Hwy. 13 & Rt 40. Utilizing the Tautliner curtain, one side of the trailer was fully open, enabling the guests to personally experience the versatility of the trailer. After a satisfying lunch, everyone attending witnessed the ribbon cutting ceremony and then enjoyed a tour of the facility to learn more about the company.

On May 29, 1998 Utility/Eastern Shore Trailer Sales hosted a Customer Open House, complete with an equipment show. Anyone attending could purchase a ticket for \$1.00 to vote their choice of trailer for "Best of Show". Proceeds from this were matched by Utility/Eastern Shore Trailer Sales and donated to the Bridgeville Fire Department, a check for \$1,000.00 was presented to the Fire Department at their July meeting.

The company invites everyone to stop by to meet the staff and get a tour of the facility.

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**CHRISTMAS IN B'VILLE**

The Historical Society will once again sponsor their annual craft show on Saturday, December 5, 1998 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Woodbridge Jr./Sr. High School. Admission is free.

As of this date, seventy-five vendors have signed up to display their special talents.

Lunch will be catered by Jimmy's Grille.

Mark your calendars!! A craft show you don't want to miss!!

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DATES TO REMEMBER....

- OCT. 9/10 - Apple-Scrapple Festival
 12 - Commission Meeting 7PM
 25 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
 31 - Halloween, Trick or Treat Time, 6-8 PM
- NOV. 1 - Annual Firemen's Dinner
 12-5 PM.- Fire Hall
 3 - General Election Day
 9 - Commission Meeting 7PM
 11 - Veteran's Day
 26 - Thanksgiving Day
 (Office Closed 26 & 27)
- DEC. 5 - Christmas in Bridgeville
 11 - Filing Deadline for
 Commission Office
 14 - Commission Meeting 7 PM
 24 - Christmas Eve
 25 - Christmas Day
 (Office closed 24 & 25)
 30 - Voter Registration Deadline
 31 - New Year's Eve

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**SCHOOLS ARE BACK IN SESSION..****PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!!!**

Watch out for children walking to and from school, especially at crosswalks, intersections and around parked cars.

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PRACTICAL HINTS FOR PRACTICAL PEOPLE...

Your African violets will bloom longer, prettier and more abundantly if you stick a few rusty nails in the soil alongside them.

To revive a vase of wilted flowers, add a teaspoon of mild detergent.

Place unripened tomatoes with other fruit, especially pears, to speed up ripening.

Fill a string mesh bag with suet and scraps of leftover food and hang from a tree limb for those cheery winter birds.

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