



TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE

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## From the President's Desk



Bridgeville is positively aglitter this time of year. No question that the Christmas Season has arrived. In the name of the Town Commissioners and our Town Employees, I would like to extend to all the residents of Bridgeville a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and Holiday Season...as well as a very Happy New Year! On a personal note, Joann and I would like to extend best wishes to all in this time of joy.

The new Zoning Ordinance was adopted by the Town Commission at our November meeting. One of the requirements of our Certified Land Use Plan was for us to review and update our existing Zoning Ordinance. With the adoption of that Ordinance, we will reconvene the Planning Commission to review our existing Land Use Plan. After that review has been completed, the Planning Commission will recommend adoption of the updated Land Use Plan to the Town Commission. We will hold a public hearing on the Plan as we did in 2002. After input from our residents, the Commission will amend, reject, or adopt the Plan. Once the Plan has been adopted, it will be submitted to the Office of State Planning for review and comment. After that process has been completed, the requests that we have already received for annexation will be scheduled for public hearing and vote. We believe this will be completed by April of 2006.

The Commission is currently reviewing a proposed Ordinance dealing with adult registered sexual offenders. A number of communities across this nation are restricting the movement of these individuals within their communities. Our proposed Ordinance would restrict the convicted felons from living within 2,500 feet of any school, park, or child care facility located within the Town of Bridgeville. The Ordinance requires the Town to notify any person who is in violation of this Ordinance. Those individuals shall have 60 days to comply with this requirement or face imprisonment of up to 90 days and a \$1,000 dollar fine.

We will continue to publish in this newsletter and display at the Town Hall the names and faces of those sexual offenders who live in the 19933 zip code area. The Commission is bound and determined that the most vulnerable and innocent among us will be secure and protected within our Town. The policy, simply stated, is one strike and you're out. We are moving at this time to have these necessary protections in place because of the possible donation to the Town of a 142 acre parcel that would be developed as a park for our Town. Our young people will be secured, period.

Finally, we are preparing legislation that hopefully will be introduced in the General Assembly in January of 2006 dealing with Election Districts. This legislation will create five election districts in our Town. This legislation would become effective when there are sufficient residents in Heritage Shores to warrant the use of election districts. Preliminary lines for those districts would create three districts in original Bridgeville and two districts in Heritage Shores.

Finances continue to be positive and we begin the new year in great shape. One new police officer will join our force in December, with two additional officers scheduled to be available in February 2006.

Again, have a great Holiday Season and please pray for our young men and women in Iraq and other hostile areas in this world today.

Joe Conaway



## Commission Meeting Minutes



October 3, 2005

Traffic arrests for September were 105.

Twelve building permits were issued in September bringing revenue of \$3,673.00.

Our Code Enforcement Constable continues to make progress on the removal of abandoned vehicles in Town.

The House at 42 Church St. has been demolished and removed.

A hearing was held in Chancery Court regarding the demolition of the house at 38 Church St. The owners of the property were given two months to obtain a building permit or demolish and six months to bring the dwelling up to code.

The Heritage Shores pump station was placed on line September 19th. It will be monitored by wastewater treatment plant Superintendent Mowbray.

Sink holes were repaired on Mechanic St., various signs were replaced and a "no loitering or trespassing, dusk to dawn" sign was installed at the Children's Sanctuary Park.

A total of 81 water meters have been installed at Heritage Shores; 72 water/sewer inspections have been completed.

Water Superintendent Jones attended classes at the Delaware Rural Water Association regarding testing requirements from the Office of Drinking Water effective in 2006.

Commissioners adopted Ordinance A05-8 granting a conditional use to Rafail Properties, LLC for building additional storage units on Market St.

Town Manager Walls advised DeIDOT of state-maintained curbs on Main and Market Sts. that are crumbling.

The Bridgeville Public Library Board of Trustees agreed to work with the Town on construction of a new library. The Library Fund will receive approximately \$900,000.00 from the sale of Heritage Shores bonds and house settlements. The Library Board is pursuing a state grant for additional funds. Property has been donated by Heritage Shores developer, Allen & Rocks, Inc.

November 7, 2005

Traffic arrests for October were 139.

Thirteen building permits were issued in October bringing revenue of \$8,528.00.

As of the end of October, 102 building permits have been issued for Heritage Shores.

Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club assisted Street Superintendent Passwaters in painting curbing prior to the Apple Scrapple Festival.

Woodbridge High School senior Mr. Machel Williams began an internship with the Public Works Department.

The annual EPA Quality Assurance laboratory test study placed our wastewater treatment plant in the "acceptable" range of test standards.

37 new water meters were installed at Heritage Shores in October with 4 water/sewer inspections completed.

Commissioners considered a request from the Heritage Shores developer to re-locate the new proposed water tower to a location on Wilson Farm Road. Preliminary approval was given by the Commission.

Commissioners discussed recommendations to expedite the renovation or demolition of dangerous buildings in Town with the Town Solicitor.

Solicitor Robinson reported the property at 102 N. Main St. has been filed in the courts pursuant to the Dangerous Building Ordinance. 104 N. Main St. has been filed as a munition (tax) sale.

The Sussex County Association of Towns (SCAT) has raised \$53,500.00, including \$5,000.00 from Bridgeville, for its Hurricane Katrina "Adopt a Town" relief effort. Waveland, Mississippi, population 7,120, has been chosen as recipient of the money.

A Public Hearing and second reading of Ordinance A05-9, Land Use and Development Code took place resulting in the adoption of the Code.

A Public Hearing and second reading of Ordinance A05-6, Adoption of the International Building Code took place; Commissioners adopted the Ordinance.

The Commission considered an Ordinance to restrict the residence of adult sexual offenders in Town.

Police academy cadet John Truluck will graduate in December and join the Town police force.

The Woodbridge High School AFF class assisted the Town in planting trees on Walnut and Laws Sts. funded by a \$1,500.00 U.S. Forestry grant.



## Commission Meeting Minutes



December 12, 2005

Traffic arrests for November were 175.

Six building permits were issued bringing revenue of \$837.00.

The owners of 38 Church St. have been issued a building permit to bring the property up to code. A Notice of Court Hearing has been posted on 102 N. Main St. scheduled for January 27th. The property at 104 N. Main St. has been posted for judgment of non-payment of taxes.

This is the 86th consecutive month without an NPDES violation at the wastewater treatment facility. A renewal application for the NPDES discharge permit has been submitted to DNREC. The current discharge permit expires in May 2006.

19 new water meters were installed at Heritage Shores in November with 7 water/sewer inspections completed.

A water service line leak was repaired on Jacobs Ave.

Delaware Rural Water Association assisted the Town Public Works Department in locating a sewer lateral on Cedar St. A video camera and monitor found the lateral which was not identified above ground.

Commissioners voted to deed the alley behind 108 Elliott Dr. to the owners at their expense.

A Public Hearing was held concerning the Town's application to the State of Delaware Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. William Lecates explained the program. The Town expressed interest in using the monies for home rehabilitation projects and two demolitions.

Commissioners signed a Resolution to approve development, subdivision and infrastructure plans for the second phase of the Bridgeville South RPC District, Heritage Shores.

A Public Hearing was held to allow owners of a structure at 23A Gum St. and the house at 24 Church St. the opportunity to show just cause why these buildings should not be demolished. The owners were not in attendance.

Commissioners adopted a Budget Amendment to the FY-06 budget. Some categories of the budget were reduced, others were increased.

Commissioners gave approval to Police Chief Parsons to apply for Federal, SALLE and EIDE Grants for equipment and police overtime.

The Street Department has advertised for bids for an air-type street sweeper for the Town. Sealed bids are being accepted until 2:00 p.m. on December 29th.



## Town Manager's Report



Caroling in the Park was held Friday, December 2nd, the coldest night of the year. There were approximately thirty citizens in attendance, and despite the wind and freezing temperatures, we all had a good time. As Christmas carols were sung, we were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. Our thanks to Mr. Everett Warrington for leading the singing portion of the program. We want to thank Santa for taking time to visit with us and the Bridgeville Fire Company for seeing that Santa arrived on time. We also thank the Fire Company for their assistance with lights for the event. We sincerely appreciate the donation of canned goods, which will be distributed to two Bridgeville families.

In the near future residents will see the faces of three new police officers. One officer will join the current staff in a week or so, with the other two officers beginning in February 2006. With the outstanding officers already on board and these new

officers, I sincerely feel Bridgeville will have one of the finest police departments in Sussex County.

State Representative Ewing has once again committed \$100,000.00 to assist the Town with needed street repairs. We deeply appreciate his continued support. We are hopeful to be able to accomplish some street work in the early spring.

At the Commission Meeting of December 12th, Commissioners Correll, Greason and Sipple announced they will be seeking re-election. The final date to file as a Commissioner candidate is February 3, 2006.

I extend to the residents and Town employees a very Merry and Wondrous Christmas and a healthy New Year. May there soon be peace worldwide.

Bonnie Walls





## Important News



### Commission Election

Saturday, March 4, 2006

The Town Election for Commissioners will be held Saturday, March 4th from noon until 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 101 N. Main Street. Registered voters will choose three Commissioners, two of whom will serve a two-year term and one will serve a one-year term. The deadline for candidates to file is four weeks before the election. The positions which will be filled by this election are currently held by the following individuals:

- One-year Term: Patricia Correll
- Two-year Term: Earl Greason
- Two-year Term: Margaret Sipple

Commissioners Joseph Conaway and William Jefferson will continue serving their terms.

#### Important

Every citizen of the Town age eighteen or older has one vote, provided he/she has registered on the "Books of Registered Voters" of the Town. Citizens of the Town may register at Town Hall, Monday through Friday from 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; please call Town Hall at 337-7135 for details.

**Last day to File as a Candidate - February 3rd**

**Last Day to Register to Vote - February 22nd**

### 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.

### Snow Reminders

#### Shoveling



Snow and/or ice must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after snow/ice has ceased to fall, gather or accumulate, according to Town Ordinance. The owner or occupant of any building or lot abutting a public sidewalk is responsible for the clearing of accumulated snow/ice.

#### Plowing /Salting of Roads

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 must move all vehicle(s) to the even-numbered side of the street as soon as snow/ice begins to fall. When the even-numbered side has been cleared of snow/ice, residents must move all vehicles to the odd-numbered side of the street. This will allow the Town to clear the streets completely and provide space to park vehicles without the need for residents to shovel their respective parking space.

Snow/ice should not be shoveled into the street. With everyone's cooperation, the snow/ice removal will be accomplished efficiently.



COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE

### 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 2005 issue of The Journal and copies are available at Town Hall. If you have any questions, call the Bridgeville Police Department at 337-8302.

<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Home City</u>
Moderate	Masten	Robert A.	Greenwood
Moderate	Benton	Danny C.	Bridgeville



# Highlights of the Land Use and Development Code



Ordinance A05-9 was adopted by the Commission at the November 7th meeting. Below is a summary of the revised Code and Zoning Ordinance.

- Includes a new zoning map.
- Incorporates explicit and up-to-date definitions.
- Limits unrelated persons in a single house to three (3).
- Creates subdivision regulations.
- Creates a Planning and Zoning Commission to make recommendations to the Town Commission.
- Expands the Board of Adjustments to five (5) members.
- Details administrative procedures for Development Plan Review.
- Includes all current Town Ordinances.
- Includes a section on Sensitive Areas.
- Adds a section on wetlands, including best management practices.
- Includes a comprehensive section on signs.
- Includes a section on recreation, open space, screening and shade.
- Creates a section on violations and penalties.
- Defines Kennels.

## Attention All Dog Owners

Based on the adoption of the new Land Use Code, Town policies have changed with regard to dog ownership. The Town Ordinance limits the number of dogs per household to four, for the purpose of avoiding nuisance incidents. Those residents who currently have more than four dogs will not be affected by the new Ordinance, but are encouraged to notify the Town Office of current pets to avoid future problems. The new Ordinance went into effect November 7, 2005. Under the new Ordinance, residents with more than four dogs would be designated a kennel, a business which is not allowed within Town limits.



## New Faces on the Block



### Businesses

E & E Technology - 104 Market St.  
 Dynamic Ceramic - moved from 17032 N. Main St. to 115 Market St.

### Homeowners

Amanda's Teal Drive:  
 The Thomas Woolcocks  
 The John Barrs  
 Mildred Saari  
 The Alland Percivals  
 The James Derouins  
 The James Grohowskis  
 The Parker Porters  
 Hunt/Rauner/Hudco  
 Steve Yu Ha  
 The Herbert Grays

Will's Island Drive:  
 Grace Angelier  
 The Richard Kellaghers  
 Joseph Ewald  
 The John Schmidts  
 The Gary Trojaks  
 The John Williams  
 The Mackay Kirkleys  
 Blue Heron Court:  
 The Surrindar Hansras

Emily's Pintail Drive:  
 The Lawrence Tassones  
 Lawrence Kaplan  
 The C. Douglas Faisons  
 The Rafael Castros  
 The Mark Fortmans  
 The Stanley Kozichouskys  
 White Pelican Court:  
 The Rory Dickens  
 Metro Place Holdings LLC  
 Walnut Street:  
 Samuel Magri



## Community News



### Christmas Tree Lights

The community Christmas Street Lights were recently put up by the Woodbridge Key Club and Bridgeville Kiwanis members. The Kiwanians arranged for the complete refurbishing of the 6 foot Christmas pole decorations last year. These lights have served the Town well for 20 years, and we hope they will last for several more years.



The decorations light the way along Market, Main and Church Streets. They add quite a festive appearance as we celebrate the Christmas Season.



**Merry Christmas to All**

### Christmas Home Decorating Contest

The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville will continue sponsorship of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest. This event began at the end of World War II in 1945 when the "black out" restrictions were removed. The Kiwanis Club encouraged residents to resume decorating their doorways and homes for the holidays.

The Kiwanis Home Decorating Committee will be judging homes within Town limits the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, with winners chosen for best doorway, best home and best overall. Each winner will receive a free turkey. For more information, please call 337-8308.



### Kiwanis Apple Scapple Festival Home Decorating Contest Results

Many Bridgeville residents entered into the spirit of the Apple Scapple Festival and decorated their homes around the festival's theme. We consider everyone who showed community spirit to be a winner; however, we do want to acknowledge the following homeowners.

1st Place Winner: The Kenneth McDowells  
(\$75.00) 408 Laws St.

2nd Place Winner: The John Tomeskis  
(\$50.00) 413 Laws St.

3rd Place Winner: The Richard Bensons  
(\$25.00) 313 Delaware Ave.

#### Honorable Mention:

Diana Chaney, 401 Cedar St.

Anna Hand, 404 Walnut St.

The Driscolls, 409 Walnut St.

The Eagles, 416 Walnut St.

The Imbragulios, 108 Jacobs St.

The Williamsons, 111 Sussex Ave.

Catherine Ross, 609 N. Cannon St.

Superior Title, 103 S. Main St.

### Bridgeville Library News

- Custom designed and hand-painted Bridgeville Library ornaments are available for purchase at the library for \$20.00. Proceeds will go to the new library.
- The Bridgeville Genealogical Discussion Group will be holding a 2-part series on "Beginning Genealogy and Family History Preservation." The series is open to the public and will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Wednesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 22 at 7 pm. Handouts will be supplied.

### Bridgeville Library Closings

Friday, December 23

Monday, December 26

Saturday, December 31

Saturday, December 24

Friday, December 30

Monday, January 2

Closing at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 27 - Thursday, December 29





## More Community News



### Lions / Lioness Club News

- The Lions Club would like to welcome their newest member, Brian Swain, to the Club.
- If anyone is interested in joining the Lions Club, please contact Walt Smith (337-8501), Ron Hatfield (875-0609), or any Lions member. For those interested in the Lioness Club, please contact Hilda Donnelly (629-4114), or Connie Hartzell (337-8380).
- A group of Lions and Lioness recently participated in the Lower Delaware Lions Christmas Party for the Blind, held in Millsboro. A number of fruit baskets and gift certificates were provided for those who attended.
- The Lions donated \$750.00 to the United Methodist Church to help with the church's Christmas Basket Program for the needy this year.
- This Christmas the Lioness Club is serving 26 needy families, including 82 children. Groceries, clothing and toys will be provided for each family. In addition, gifts are being provided to 15 people in Life Care and the Seaford Rehabilitation Center who have no family members.
- The Lions' "Trick or Treat" Party in the park on Halloween night was a huge success. Thanks go to all who helped.
- Please remember the 2006 Lions Club Variety Show on March 24 and 25. This year's theme is "A Night of Reruns." Proceeds from this show allow us to help those less fortunate. Hope to see you there.



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## Important Dates to Remember



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| <b>Dec. 23, 26</b> | <b>Christmas Holiday</b><br>Town Offices Closed                    | <b>Feb. 20</b> | <b>President's Day</b><br>Town Offices Closed   |
| <b>Jan. 2</b>      | <b>New Year's Holiday</b><br>Town Offices Closed                   | <b>Feb. 22</b> | <b>Deadline to Register to Vote in<br/>Commission Election</b>  |
| <b>Jan. 9</b>      | <b>Monthly Commission Meeting</b>                                  | <b>Mar. 4</b>  | <b>Town Commission Election</b><br>Noon - 7:00 p.m., Town Hall  |
| <b>Jan. 16</b>     | <b>Martin Luther King Day</b><br>Town Offices Closed               | <b>Mar. 13</b> | <b>Monthly Commission Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Feb. 13</b>     | <b>Monthly Commission Meeting</b>                                  | <b>Mar. 5</b>  | <b>Firemen's Beef &amp; Dumpling Dinner</b><br>Noon - 5 p.m., Bridgeville Fire Hall<br>Carry-outs Available |
| <b>Feb. 3</b>      | <b>Deadline for Candidates to file for<br/>Commission Election</b> |                |   |

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