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## From the President's Desk



I would like to take this opportunity, in the name of the Town Commission, to wish all of the people of Bridgeville a Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. On a personal note, Joann and I would like to extend the blessings of the season to each of you.

The Apple Scrapple Festival was an outstanding success this year. The weather more than cooperated and record-setting crowds flowed into Bridgeville. I'm told that all the organizations that took part in this year's festival made out quite well. Once again, I want to thank the people and businesses of Bridgeville for their cooperation. It is only through this cooperation that the Festival is as successful as it is. And finally, what would we ever do without the efforts of the Apple Scrapple Festival Committee? Their year-long labor makes this festival the envy of the state. Thank you, committee members, for all you do.

The October 21, 2006 referendum to allow the Town to purchase a bioreactor unit for our existing wastewater treatment plant passed by a vote of thirty-three in favor and one opposed. The unit has been ordered and will be installed as we begin the overall improvements to our wastewater system. We hope that these improvements and the construction and operation of our new spray site will be completed by September 2007.

Once again, Bridgeville leads the way in planning for continued growth. We had the first certified land use plan by a municipal government in Delaware and now while other Towns continue to wrestle with developing their first plan, we have been certified by the State Planning Office for an update to our present land use plan that will take us through 2012. This constant planning for growth is necessary because of the number of annexation requests the Town has received.

Because we have our updated and certified land use plan in place and because we have an updated water and wastewater facility plan, paid for entirely by those who seek annexation, we are prepared to bring forward a number of requests that have been received to annex into Bridgeville. Towards that end, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2007 to discuss the first series of requests. This will be followed by a public vote by the residents of Bridgeville on Saturday, January 13, 2007. We have discussed these requests over a number of months and now it is time to decide.

This first vote will include two groupings of requests. Parcel A includes a request for 1,800 additional homes to be located south of the present Heritage Shores subdivision. The developer is required to sign a Developer's Agreement with the Town that spells out what we expect from them. In this request, the developer is required to set up at least 900 homes for Open Market sale, not age restricted. 10% of the 1,800 homes must be a part of our moderately priced home program and twenty acres are to be given to the Town for use by the school district for a new elementary school, if needed. One hundred thirty-five acres are to be given to the Town for a park. Impact fees of \$5,000 per home will be required for wastewater and \$1,500 for water, as well as payment for all of these improvements. If the agreement is not signed, they will not be scheduled for annexation.

Parcel B is a number of acres located along Route 13. These parcels begin with the Bridgeville Diner and end with Antique Alley. In addition, a five acre parcel at the southeast intersection of Route 13 and Redden Road will also be part of these commercial use requests. Impact fees and construction costs are all paid by the developer and again, without a developer's agreement, the individual parcels will not be scheduled for a vote.

I will not be participating in any of the discussions involving the pros and cons of these annexations because of possible conflicts of interest. This has been my policy since we began the entire annexation process in 2002 and I will continue to honor it throughout the annexation process.

As many of you know, our son, Joe, has returned safely from Iraq. Joann and I again want to thank you all for your prayers and support throughout this very long year. Now we need to get the rest of our people home.

Joe Conaway



# Commission Meeting Minutes



October 2, 2006

Traffic arrests for September were 187 and criminal arrests were 54.

Twelve building permits were issued in September bringing revenue of \$11,716.50.

Ten new water meters were installed and eighteen sewer/water inspections were completed at Heritage Shores.

Water Superintendent Jones and Wastewater Superintendent Mowbray attended classes at the Delaware Rural Water Association regarding National Incident Management Systems and Incident Command Systems.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control conducted an annual inspection of our wastewater treatment plant and found no deficiencies.

The State Highway Department is purchasing the right-of-way so work can begin on the Route 13 / 404 intersection improvements.

Town Manager Walls introduced new Director of Public Safety, Mr. Aaron Chaffinch, who is available to assist residents.

A Rotating Biological Contactor (RBC) gear-box was replaced at the wastewater treatment plant after running continuously since 1998.

Street Superintendent Passwaters reported completion of the 2006 curbing and paving projects.

Certified Public Accountants Lank, Johnson and Tull are completing a yearly financial audit.

Bridgeville is now receiving assistance from the Kent County SPCA concerning dog control issues.

The Town successfully trapped and re-located 25 squirrels from the community to Redden Forest.

Bridgeville held a successful Community Yard Sale on September 23rd and a Clean Up Day on the 30th.

A Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance A06-6, related to the parking of commercial vehicles in residential zones took place resulting in adoption of the Ordinance.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on September 28th for Goodwill Industries with the Commissioners and Town Manager participating.

November 20, 2006

Traffic arrests for October were 172 and criminal arrests were 26.

Eleven building permits were issued in October bringing revenue of \$1,392.50. Fourteen certificates of occupancy were issued.

Thirty-nine new water meters were installed and five water/sewer inspections were completed at Heritage Shores.

A generator block heater was replaced at the wastewater treatment plant.

Storm drains were cleaned and repaired and potholes were repaired throughout Town.

Additional safety handrails were installed at Town Hall.

A letter was received from the Apple Scrapple Festival Committee thanking the Commissioners for their support and thanking the Town Public Works Department for their assistance during and after the festival.

The Town Board of Adjustment met on October 26th and granted a variance to Mr. Robert Richey of 203 S. Main St. concerning the placement of his new garage.

Public Safety Director Chaffinch and Police Chief Parsons advised the Town Halloween celebration went smoothly with no problems reported.

The Town is reviewing an agreement with Chesapeake Utilities, which is renewable every twenty-five years.

The Town will participate in a Wastewater Asset Management pilot program with assistance from Delaware Technical and Community College and their Environmental Training Center in Georgetown.

Town employees will participate in a 100-level Incident Command System training course to prepare for emergencies which include extreme weather and terrorism.

Repairs have been made to the exterior of the Town Hall including fascia and soffit repairs and replacement of rain gutters and down spouts. A contract for a new roof has also been awarded.

The Referendum concerning the borrowing of \$750,000 for upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant passed by a vote of 33 to 1. The Town has been approved for a government loan.

The Commission approved Police Department grant applications for SALLE, EIDE and Office of Highway Safety programs.

The State Office of Management and Budget has informed the Town its Comprehensive Plan has been re-certified.



## Commission Meeting Minutes



December 11, 2006

Traffic arrests for November were 166 and criminal arrests were 29.

Ten building permits were issued bringing revenue of \$3,569.50. Thirty certificates of occupancy were issued.

This is the 97th consecutive month without an NPDES violation at the wastewater treatment facility.

Forty-five new water meters were installed and four water/sewer inspections were completed at Heritage Shores. Meters installed now total 395.

Water meters were installed at two new homes: 402 Cedar St. and 104 Jacobs Ave.

The Town received a positive evaluation on its annual wastewater treatment plant Proficiency Testing Study.

Street and Water Superintendents Passwaters and Jones met with the Department of Transportation inspector concerning road restoration on W. Market St.

Mr. Rick Tull of the C.P.A. firm of Johnson, Lank & Tull presented an audit report on Town finances. Bridgeville is in sound financial condition.

The Commission approved a county grant application by the Police Department for a new police cruiser, up to \$25,000.

The Commission passed a Resolution authorizing an Annexation Referendum on Saturday, January 13, 2007.

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

The Commission approved participation in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Mosquito Control Spraying Program starting in early April and continuing through November of 2007.

The Dangerous Building Committee received a request to investigate a structure at 31 Church St.

The Bridgeville Fire Company has requested that Union Alley be closed to vehicular traffic for safety. The Fire Company also advised they intend to build an addition to the rear of the Fire Hall and demolish the Fire Company-owned houses at 310 and 312 Delaware Ave. for additional parking and a new storage facility.

The Commission rejected a request from Ms. Kathleen Wright to change the zoning of 418 Walnut St. from R-1 to C-1.



## Town Manager's Report



This fall we were fortunate to accomplish street and curbing projects. These repairs were made possible by Senator Adams and Representative Ewing. Some sidewalks were replaced; this work was contracted between the property owner and the contractor working on Town repairs, as sidewalk repairs/replacement, etc. are the responsibility of the property owner, not the Town.

Caroling in the Park was held on Friday, December 1st. We thank Santa for sharing time with our young people and we thank the Bridgeville Fire Company for bringing Santa to our event. We appreciate all those who participated and donated canned goods for the needy. With this food collection and the addition of canned goods donated by the Commissioners and Town employees, we have in the past been able to provide two or three food baskets for needy families. This year, through the generosity of the residents at Heritage Shores who collected canned goods during a recent special dinner, we will be able to distribute double or triple that number. We certainly appreciate their efforts and participation in this very worthwhile project.

I participated in the Woodbridge School District Advisory Committee meeting in October. An overview of district activities and programs was reviewed - such topics as instructional programs and progress, facilities update, school climate and safety, enrollment, housing for staff and partnerships with Town, county and state as they pertain to growth. In this area, I shared with the group the Town's adoption of a moderately priced housing program and our intentions to do what we can in helping young people, teachers, emergency personnel, etc. to be able to purchase a home in Bridgeville. Upon completion of the program and reflecting on the information provided by all involved, Bridgeville should be very proud of the many on-going accomplishments made by the School District. Also, recognition should be given to all personnel affiliated with the School District. We are very fortunate to have dedicated, caring and concerned personnel. They all do an outstanding job.

My sincere wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Bonnie Walls



## Town News



### ANNEXATION REFERENDUM

**Saturday, January 13, 2007**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall**

The voters of Bridgeville have the final say as to whether or not properties are annexed into the Town. Two groups of properties (Parcels A and B) are being considered in this Referendum vote. The parcels are explained further on page 1 of The Journal. These property owners have requested and made application to be annexed into the Town.

**Public Hearing**  
**Thursday, January 11, 2007**  
**Bridgeville Fire Hall**  
**7:00 p.m.**

This event will give the property owners an opportunity to present their property and development intentions to the voters. Questions will be entertained from the audience.

#### 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.

### Bridgeville Police Department Traffic Stop

On Friday, December 1, 2006 at 4:10 a.m., Patrolman First Class Chad Spicer made a traffic stop southbound on U.S. Route 13 within the limits of Bridgeville for a speeding violation. Upon approaching the vehicle and making contact with the operator, Pfc. Spicer smelled a strong odor of marijuana emanating from both the operator and his vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed approximately 7 pounds of marijuana. The operator had been to Wilmington, Delaware and was enroute to his residence in Salisbury, Maryland at the time of the traffic stop.

The operator, Michael Q. Clark, age 42 of Salisbury, was arrested on several criminal charges, including trafficking in marijuana and maintaining a vehicle for keeping and distributing controlled dangerous substances and the original traffic charge of exceeding the posted speed limit. Mr. Clark appeared before the Justice of the Peace and was committed to Sussex Correctional Institution in default of \$36,600 secured bond.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PFC. SPICER!

### Sex Offender List Update

The Town of Bridgeville will continue to inform residents of sex offenders residing within Town limits. This is a current, complete list. If you have any questions, please call the Bridgeville Police Department at 337-8302.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>
John R.	Brumskin	Moderate
Christopher L.	Corkell	Moderate
Jerel D.	Custis	High
Terrence	Teagle	Moderate

### Town Municipal Election

**Saturday, March 3, 2007**

The Town Election for Commissioners will be held Saturday, March 3rd 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: Joseph Conaway

Two-year Term: William Jefferson

Commissioners Margaret Sipple and Earl Greason will continue serving their terms.

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Absentee voting is available; please call Town Hall at 337-7135 for details.

**Last Day to File as a Candidate - February 2nd**

**Last Day to Register to Vote - February 21st**



## Special Information For Owners of Rental Properties



### PLEASE NOTE:

In the month of January all Bridgeville Landlords will be receiving a Rental Property Identification Form. This will allow the Commissioners to compile necessary information about rental properties within Town limits. If you do not receive this form in the mail, please contact Town Hall at 337-7135 and request a copy.

### Un-Related Persons in Single-Family Rental Units

The Bridgeville Town Commission passed its new land use plan on November 7, 2005, after a number of public hearings. In this new Ordinance a "Family" is defined as any of the following:

- An individual or more than 2 persons, who are related by blood or marriage, living together as a single housekeeping unit with single culinary facilities.
- A group of not more than 3 persons living together by joint agreement as a single housekeeping unit with single culinary facilities on a nonprofit, cost-sharing basis.

If you maintain a rental unit with more than 3 unrelated persons, you are in violation of this Ordinance and will be prosecuted.

Penalty for the first violation shall be a fine of not more than \$500. Subsequent violations shall be fined \$500 each day, without the necessity of a separate citation or summons issued by the Town Commission.



## New Faces on the Block



**Bridgeville is growing! We welcome all our new neighbors!**

### Emily's Pintail Drive:

The Gary Allisons  
The Robert Beachley, Jr.  
The Raymond Coakleys  
The John Collins  
The Robert Gays  
The Rakesh Guptas  
The Edwin Henningsons  
The Frederick Indoes  
The William Jervises  
The George Marshalls  
The Henry Morris  
The Charles Swartouts  
The Miroslav Zichs

### Walnut Street:

The Richard Johnsons

### Amanda's Teal Drive:

The Daniel Fuscus  
Elizabeth Stewart

### Canvasback Circle:

The William Longs  
The James Poinsetts

### Whistling Duck Drive:

Mary Signa Bachelder  
The Thomas Coopers  
Barbara Devine  
T. Ebelein/S. Hentschnel  
The Joseph Effingers  
The Tod Emeighs  
Walter Gaffney  
The Esteban Grof-Tizas  
The Douglas Hamiltons  
The William Holleys  
The James Jarkovskys  
Eileen Johnson  
The Richard Konegans  
The Frederick Mathews  
The John McKinleys  
The Gene McVeys  
The William Monteiths  
Joan Morton  
Barbara Petersen  
J. William Reardon  
Thomas Shepherd

### Whistling Duck Drive:

Muriel Waite  
George Neil Weeks, III  
The Sterling Wardell, Jr.  
The Patrick Waters

### Gadwall Circle:

The Michael Clows  
The John Cobbs  
The Francis Lyons  
Judith Martin  
The James McFauls  
Glenda McKenzie  
The James Mills  
The John Pludes  
Irene Turnage

### Widgeon Way:

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The Robert Hartzells  
The Edward Kicas  
The Eugene Millers  
The Alan Siegels  
The Robert Vogles



## Community News



### Bridgeville Library News

- For Sale:
  - \*Bridgeville Library custom designed and hand painted Ornament - \$20.00
  - \*Bridgeville Library Lighted House - \$5.00
  - \*Historical Society reprint of "Bridgeville: A Community History of the Nineteenth Century" - \$35.00
- Winter Reading Program "Snowflakes" will begin on Monday, December 18th and run for 5 weeks, with weekly "Take it n' Make it" craft projects. Certificates, treasure chest prizes and major prizes will be offered.
- Open House, Tuesday, December 19th - Beginning with story time in the morning and continuing into the evening, we will enjoy crafts, refreshments and music. At 6 p.m. children of all ages can join Ms. Kathy for a snowflake craft.
- The "Hometown Delaware" project of the Delaware Public Archives is identifying all Delawareans in its collection of more than 500,000 photographs. The Bridgeville Library and Archives are enlisting your help to identify people in these pictures so their names are not lost forever. The library has 9 framed photographs on display. Please stop in and help us identify those in the photographs.

### Library Closings

Saturday, December 23	Monday, December 25
Tuesday, December 26	Saturday, December 30
Monday, January 1	Monday, January 15
Monday, February 19	

### Apple Scapple Festival Committee Thank You

The Festival Committee and the residents of Bridgeville extend their appreciation to the Developers and Building Partners of Heritage Shores, Lennar Homes and Providence of Brookfield Homes, for their sponsorship of the awesome fireworks display on Saturday evening, October 14, 2006 during the 15th Annual Apple Scapple Festival.

### 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.

#### **Winners:**

The Richard Bensons  
313 Delaware Ave.

Mrs. Diana Chaney  
401 Cedar St.

The John Tomeskis  
413 Laws St.

#### **Honorable Mention:**

The Kenneth McDowells, 408 Laws St.

Mrs. Hannah Pusey, 405 Delaware Ave.

The Bruce Williamsons, 111 Sussex St.

### Lions / Lioness Club News

The Lions Club's "Halloween in the Park" was a huge success again this year. The Club thanks all those who helped and donated toward the event.

The Christmas Season is upon us and is quite a busy time for the Lioness Club. This year they will serve 26 families and 67 children. The Lioness will provide clothing, toys and gifts for these less fortunate families and the Lions will assist by providing food and delivery of all the gifts.

Additionally, the Lioness Club will visit patients at the Genesis and Lifecare Nursing Homes who have no family or friends. They hope to bring some Christmas cheer to these individuals with a visit and Christmas gifts.

Looking ahead, the Lions Club will host their annual Variety Show on March 23 and 24, 2007.

**The Lions and Lioness wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



## More Community News



### Kiwanis News

#### Christmas Tree Lights

The Community Christmas Street Lights were recently installed by the Woodbridge Key Club and Bridgeville Kiwanis members. This is the longest continuous service project of the Kiwanis Club. The first lights were lit in December 1939, the same year the Club was organized. With each passing year more lights were added with contributions from business persons, residents and Kiwanians. The current lights were put into operation in 1994 and they add quite a festive appearance as we celebrate the Christmas Season.



#### Christmas Home Decorating Contest

The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville will continue sponsorship of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest, which began at the end of World War II in 1945. The Kiwanis Home Decorating Committee will be judging homes within Town limits the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. No registration is necessary for eligibility. For more information call 337-7070.

#### Upcoming Projects

December: Contribute canned hams to Christmas Baskets for needy families, prepared by Union United Methodist Church; Participate in "Adopt-a-Family" program; Purchase coats for elementary children.

January: Host programs to recognize Public Safety Officers and Volunteers and honor Veterans.

February: Host program to recognize agribusiness persons.

March: Host Charter Night Program in celebration of 68 years of community service to Bridgeville and surrounding area.

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## Important Dates to Remember



### December

22, 25 **Christmas Holiday**  
Town Offices Closed

30 **Saturday Trash Pick-up**  
January

1 **New Year's Holiday**  
Town Offices Closed

6 **Saturday Trash Pick-up**

8 **Monthly Commission Meeting**

9-11 **Monthly Street Cleaning**

11 **Public Hearing on  
Annexation Referendum**  
Fire Hall, 7:00 p.m.

13 **Annexation Referendum**  
Town Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

15 **Martin Luther King Day**  
Town Offices Closed

### February

2 **Candidate Filing Deadline**  
Town Municipal Election

12 **Monthly Commission Meeting**

13-15 **Monthly Street Cleaning**

19 **President's Day**  
Town Offices Closed

21 **Registration Deadline**  
Town Municipal Election

### March

3 **Town Municipal Election**  
Noon - 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

4 **Firemen's Beef & Dumpling Dinner**  
Noon - 5 p.m., Fire Hall  
Carry-outs Available

12 **Monthly Commission Meeting**

13-15 **Monthly Street Cleaning**

23-24 **Lions Club Variety Show**

31 **Court of Appeals**  
Noon - 1:00 p.m., Town Hall

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