



TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE

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## From the President's Desk



**Apple Scrapple  
Festival  
Oct. 9-10**



**Punkin Chunkin  
Nov. 6-8**



**Christmas  
In Bridgeville  
Dec. 5**

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. The Commission, Town Manager and I are proud of the way the yards have been maintained this summer. We still have some problem areas in Town; however, I still say that Bridgeville is one of the best-kept Towns in the State of Delaware.

The Apple Scrapple Festival is quickly coming upon us and I would ask all of our residents to help us showcase our Town to the thousands of people who will be visiting Bridgeville on October 9th and 10th. Despite the inconvenience it brings to our residents, this festival has given our Town a wonderful reputation - people love to come to Bridgeville! For those of you who live in the festival area, be sure the streets are clear so that vendors and Car Show participants can set up early on Saturday the 10th. More Apple Scrapple information is located on page 5 of this newsletter.

Construction is on the rise in Town. The Commissioners were pleased to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Walgreen's Drug Store last month. Construction is moving quickly and we anticipate the facility will be ready to open in Spring 2010. The Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company has also begun construction on Fire House #2 on Delaware Ave. The project is progressing well. This new building will give the Fire Company much-needed storage space for equipment and vehicles. Additionally, at the September 14th Commission meeting, a preliminary development plan was approved for the Bridgeville Commons commercial development site owned by the Bariglio Corporation. This property was annexed into Town in May, 2009 and is located on the east side of Route 13 along Route 404 and the east service road behind Royal Farms. They hope to begin construction in Spring 2010.

On behalf of the Commissioners, I would like to extend condolences to the Spicer family and Police Officer Chad Spicer's daughter, Aubrey. Many of our residents know that Chad was killed in the line of duty several weeks ago in Georgetown. He began his police career in Bridgeville, as we hired him and sent him to the Police Academy. Chad was a very good police officer and was well liked in Bridgeville. May God bless the Spicer family.

Be sure to enjoy the Fall days that are ahead of us! Bike rides and walks around the neighborhood are great ideas as the cooler weather comes. My dog Molly and I will be taking our walks, as usual. Please stop us and say hello.

Bill Jefferson

# Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

## August 10, 2009

July Traffic Arrests: 303 Criminal Arrests: 23

Eight building permits were issued in July bringing revenue of \$2,890.50.

Two untagged or inoperable vehicles were turned over to the Bridgeville Police Department for investigation.

The Town continues to cite property owners for grass, bush and tree issues; 38 violations were issued in July alone.

The spray irrigation farm is fully operational and wastewater discharge was switched from stream to spray in July.

A new pump was installed to take the place of Raw Pump B at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A water meter and meter pit were installed for two inch water service to the Bridgeville Public Library irrigation system.

Several pieces of equipment were replaced or rebuilt at the Town's Well 2/2D site.

New stop signs and street signs were installed on S. Cannon St. and Jacobs Ave. for added safety around the library.

The Town was advised it will not receive a grant to plant new trees from the Delaware Forest Service this year.

The state has notified all municipalities that Municipal Street Aid Funds have been eliminated from the fiscal 2010 budget. This affects Bridgeville's street budget by approximately \$54,000.

Mr. Joe Burden of 603 N. Cannon St. requested that he be given the opportunity to bring the house up to Town codes; the house had been placed before the Dangerous Building Committee for possible demolition. The Commission requires that he present to them a specific building plan and timetable for the work. The Dangerous Building Committee has also been asked to inspect the property at 13 Gum Street.

The Commission instituted various changes and updates to the Town's Personnel Policy.

The Commission gave permission for the Bridgeville Library to host their annual "Hometown Carnival Night" on Thursday, October 8th, the evening before the Apple Scapple Festival.

Police Chief Parsons reported the Bridgeville Police Department will receive a Click It or Ticket Grant of \$8,800 and a DUI Campaign Grant of \$1,200.

## September 14, 2009

August Traffic Arrests: 422 Criminal Arrests: 35

Nine building permits were issued in August bringing revenue of \$1,314.00. One certificate of occupancy for a new home was issued; two condemned building inspections were conducted.

A water meter was installed on First Street and one water/sewer inspection took place at Heritage Shores. Meters installed at Heritage Shores now total 547.

The new Walgreens at the corner of Route 13 and 404 continues construction activity, with the installation of water meters and a hydrostatic test on the fire line.

Repairs have been scheduled for the warning strobe lights on the Heritage Shores water storage tank.

The Water Department responded to street flooding at S. Cannon St., Jacobs Ave. and Canvasback Circle on August 22nd, due to nearly six inches of rainfall in the Bridgeville area.

The Town continues to work with the Parkson Corporation toward resolution of problems with the new geo reactors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners and Town Manager Walls attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Library on August 17th and the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Walgreen's on August 24th.

The Police Department has purchased needed office equipment with an \$18,948 grant from the Justice Assistance Grant Program.

The Police Department was directed to increase their patrols concerning unnecessary truck traffic through Town.

Ms. Dottie Harper of Brookfield Homes reported increased activity and sales at Heritage Shores as Ryan Homes joins them as new builders at the development. She also reported several groups will be joining together to host a Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Aubrey Spicer Trust Fund, set up to help the daughter of Police Officer Chad Spicer.

Newly-elected State Senator Joseph Booth attended the meeting. Town Manager Walls thanked him for allocating \$50,000 to Bridgeville street repairs and improvements.

Mr. Brian Phillips, who recently performed restorative work on another local Jack Lewis mural, has been engaged by the Commission to restore the Jack Lewis mural on the side of the Dollar General Store building.

The Commission approved a recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission to allow the Bridgeville Public Library to install an LED sign at their new location. They also approved Bridgeville Commons commercial development's preliminary development plan.

Mr. Robert Richey was appointed to the Town's Board of Animal Control.

## Town Manager's Report

The celebration of National Night Out this year was, again, a big success. The First State Force Band performed and were excellent. The band is comprised of police officers who are musically talented. Our sincere thanks to those businesses who donated food to the event. We also thank Nanticoke Memorial Hospital for their informational booth and the Sheriff's Department for their service of child finger printing.

Halloween will be celebrated on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, with children twelve years of age or younger participating.

The Bridgeville Charity Open Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 9th. Three important service groups benefit from the monies raised at this event - the Bridgeville Lions Club, the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville and the Bridgeville Senior Center. If you have not registered to play in the tournament, please consider doing so. Later that same day, the 18th Annual Apple Scrapple Festival will begin and continue through Saturday the 10th. We wish the Apple Scrapple Committee the best with the Festival and thank them for their hard work and many efforts to make the Festival such a huge success. Please support the Festival, as many charitable groups - school/service organizations, churches, etc. will be raising funds for

special events in the upcoming year.

Our deepest sympathies go to the family of Police officer Chad Spicer who tragically passed away on September 1, 2009. Chad was a police officer with the Town of Bridgeville from March 1, 2004 until his resignation on June 17, 2008, when he left to take a position with the Town of Laurel, and later, with the Town of Georgetown. Chad had quite a talent when it came to drug investigations and he was very successful! He was chosen for the second quarter of 2007 as "Officer of the Quarter". Chad represented the Bridgeville Police Department in the April 2007 Community Health Walk. He and I walked the track together and he shared stories with me about his devotion to working out to stay fit, attempting to eat healthy, his family, his desire to be a good officer for Bridgeville, etc. A great quality that I saw in Chad was always taking the time to speak with children. He would allow the children in his vehicle and let them turn on the siren and just have a great time. He would share with them the importance of behaving themselves and he would tell them to call on a police officer with any problem, because police officers would always be available to help them. Chad was an outstanding officer and well-respected by the community. We will miss him.

Bonnie Walls

## Town News

### From the Bridgeville Police Department

School is back in session and residents are encouraged to be mindful of the increased foot traffic in Town. Remember: Just because you see school students doesn't always mean that they see you. School buses are also back on the roads. Please be aware of stopping or stopped school buses. It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its lights on.

The Bridgeville Police Department would like to honor the memory of Police Officer Chad Spicer, who protected the people of Bridgeville on this police force and who gave his life to protect the people of Georgetown. The Bridgeville Police Department encourages anyone who is able to donate to the Aubrey Spicer Trust Fund, which has been set up to benefit the three-year-old daughter of fallen officer Spicer.

Donations may be made to: Aubrey Spicer Trust  
c/o Mr. Norman Spicer  
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Donations are also being received at any Wilmington Trust Branch.

If you see anything that you believe to be suspicious or notice criminal acts in progress, please call the Bridgeville Police Department immediately at 337-8302 or dial 911. If you have a concern about a police-related matter, please stop by the Police Department on Market St. or call us to discuss the matter.



### Ways to Conserve In the Shower



*If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model. They are inexpensive, easy to install and can save you up to 150 gallons a month.*

*Shorten your shower by a minute or two and save up to 150 gallons a month.*

*Turn off the water while washing your hair to save up to 150 gallons a month.*

*Turn off the water while shaving and save up to 300 gallons a month.*

*Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.*

# Town News

## New Faces on the Block

Bridgeville is growing! We welcome our new property/homeowners!

Harlequin Loop:

The Jefferson Adams

Emily's Pintail Drive:

The Robert Richards

The James Clarks

White Pelican Court:

The Vladislav Guerassevs

Bernice Carson

Whistling Duck Drive:

The James Mullers

### Disaster Preparedness

The Town has a limited supply of Town of Bridgeville Disaster Preparedness booklets for those who do not already have one.

This booklet was compiled at the Town office and sent to all Bridgeville homeowners several years ago. It assists residents in preparing a family disaster plan and an emergency kit. The booklet includes emergency telephone numbers, evacuation routes and a wealth of additional associated materials.

If you are in need of this information, please stop by the Bridgeville Town Hall for a copy of the booklet.

## Reminder: All Homes and Businesses Must Display 911 Addresses Immediately

The Town of Bridgeville is cooperating with Sussex County in requiring all buildings to display their 911 address. If you have not already complied with the regulations, please follow the requirements below. You may direct questions to Town Manager Bonnie Walls at (302) 337-7135 or the Sussex County Addressing Office at (302) 855-1176.

Sussex County has reported that beginning October 1st, they will begin fining property owners who have failed to post the 911 addresses outside their homes and businesses. Violators will first receive warning letters; after 45 days, fines will begin at \$50 and eventually increase to as much as \$100 a day until the address is properly posted.

The 911 addressing project began more than a decade ago to give homes and businesses easier-to-find addresses that firefighters, medics and police could locate when minutes count. Since then, Sussex County has issued more than 120,000 new addresses countywide.

### Residence / Small Business

- Light Reflective Numbers/Letters must be used
- On a Mailbox: Not less than 3 Inch Numbers (Clearly visible from both sides)
- On a Structure: Not less than 4 Inch Numbers (On the side most clearly visible from the street)

**Deadline for Compliance was October 1, 2009**

# 18th Annual Apple Scrapple Festival October 9 - 10

## Festival Committee News

The Festival Committee would like to thank Bridgeville residents in advance for their cooperation during this two-day Festival.

### Street Closings during the Festival:

- Delaware Avenue
- Walnut Street (400 block)
- Mechanic Street
- Sussex Avenue Extended
- South Cannon Street (Market to Walnut Street)
- Laws Street (Market to Edgewood Street)
- William Street (Market to Walnut Street),
- Railroad Avenue (Market to Walnut Street)
- Market Street will be closed to all traffic on Saturday, October 10th from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Two Alley Permits per household will be distributed to residents who live on the above streets approximately one week prior to the festival. The permit will allow residents entrance into their property during the festival. If an additional permit is needed, it can be obtained at the Town Hall. Also note, there will be several food vendors setting up on Thursday evening, October 8th in front of non-residential properties.

## Home Decorating Contest

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club will again sponsor the Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest. Those that participate in the contest need not register, but their home must be within the Town limits of Bridgeville. To be eligible, the decorations must be in keeping with the festival theme using apples and scrapple, or a facsimile of each. Contest winners will be announced Friday evening, October 9th from the main stage. Judging will be completed by Thursday, October 8th; therefore,

**It is very important that contest participants have their decorations in place by Wednesday, October 7th.**

Put those creative talents to work and join in the fun; help create community spirit!

## Bridgeville Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum, at the corner of William Street and Delaware Avenue, will be open from 10 AM - 3 PM on Saturday during the festival. Stop by and visit Bridgeville's past.

## Library Carnival

### Home Town Carnival Night

Thursday, October 8th

**4 PM - 9 PM**

A \$15.00 wristband buys you a whole evening of fun! Enjoy the carnival atmosphere, miss the crowds and support your local library.

## Carnival Hours During the Festival

### Friday, October 9th

**4 PM - 8 PM**

\$18.00 Wristband good from 4 PM - 8 PM ONLY

**8 PM - 10 PM**

\$1.00 per Ticket

### Saturday, October 10th

**9:30 AM - 11 PM**

Prices:

25 Tickets for \$20

Or \$1.00 per Ticket

## Little Miss & Miss Apple Scrapple Pageant

The Fourth Annual Little Miss and Miss Apple Scrapple Pageant will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 PM in the Woodbridge High School Auditorium, located on Laws Street. The cost is \$2.00 per person. For more information please contact Rita Hovermale at 337-8318, or see the website.

[www.applescrapple.com](http://www.applescrapple.com)

## Community Activities

### Bridgeville Public Library News

- **Family Nights**      Pumpkin Decorating & Refreshments      Pajama Party, Movie & Snack  
Thursday, October 15th      Thursday, November 19th
- **Consumer Health Librarian** will be available at the Bridgeville Library on Thursdays, September 24th and October 29th from 11 AM until 1 PM.
- **Premier Carving and Wildlife Show** See more information in the FBL column. On Saturday, October 10th the library will be closed to regular patrons; however, the foyer area will be open to accommodate the Carving and Wildlife Show.
- **Story Time**      Tuesdays: 11 AM: 2-4 year-olds      Thursdays: 11 AM: 4-6 year-olds
- **Library Closings**      October 12 - Columbus Day  
October 22 - Staff Development Day  
November 25-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday

### Bridgeville Historical Society News

- **Historical Society Museum Open to the Public** Sunday, October 4th will be the final Sunday the museum will be open for the summer months. The museum is located at 102 William St.
- **Christmas in Bridgeville** Don't miss this annual Craft Show on Saturday, December 5th. Crafters from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are being invited to participate. Contact Co-chairpersons Mike and Joanne Collison if you are a crafts person interested in participating. The event takes place at Woodbridge High School from 9 AM to 3 PM.
- **Items of Local Historic Interest** The Historical Society is always pleased to receive photos, maps, journals, etc. that provide a taste of Bridgeville's past. Please contact 337-8595 if you have any items of historic interest for donation.

### Lions / Lioness Club News

- **Food Trailer** The Lion and Lioness members wish to thank all those who patronized the Lions Food Trailer this summer. It was a very successful season.
- **Apple Scrapple Festival** The festival is right around the corner. Don't forget to stop by the Lions Club Crab Cake Tent. Proceeds will be put to good use right here in our community.
- **Halloween Party** The Lions and Lioness will host an annual Halloween Party in the Historical Society Park on the corner of Delaware Ave. and William St. again this year. The party begins at 8 PM on October 31st, immediately following "Trick or Treat" hours.

### Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville News

- **Kiwanis Chicken Barbecue** The last day for the Kiwanis Chicken Barbecue this season will be Sunday, October 4th. The Kiwanians wish to thank all who assisted in any manner to help make the barbecue very successful again this year.
- **Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest** See page 5 for more information.
- **Christmas Street Lights** The Kiwanians and Woodbridge High School Key Clubbers plan to install the community Christmas Street Lights along 5 community streets on Saturday, November 21st, weather permitting. These holiday lights will brighten the Town until the first of the new year. The Kiwanians began this service project during the 1939 Christmas season and it remains the longest continuous service project by the club.
- **Christmas Home Decorating Contest** The Christmas Home Decorating Contest will continue. It is the hope of the Kiwanis Club that many residents will participate by decorating their homes, which must be within the Town limits. This will enhance the Christmas spirit during this special time of the year. Decorations should be in place prior to Christmas Day and judging will take place between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Winners will be informed by the judging committee and will be awarded a prize. The Kiwanis Home Decorating Contest was started during Christmas 1945 as a way to bring the community back to normalcy after World War II. During the last years of the war, all community and rural residents had to observe strict "black out" rules. This meant all lights had to be extinguished and windows in all homes had to have "black out" curtains. This was in effect for all coastal areas in an effort to avoid giving the enemy any visible landmark if they attacked at night.

# Community Activities

## Friends of the Bridgeville Library News

- **Welcome to the New Library!** Drive by the new Bridgeville Library anytime during business hours and you will notice a significant number of cars in the spacious new parking lot. Please come in and you'll discover people enjoying every area of the new library. Children are reclining on bean bag cushions while reading books, or learning reading skills as they use the early learning center computer; volunteers are organizing the local history room; patrons are familiarizing themselves with the book shelves and utilizing the new computer facilities, while others are enjoying the comfortable chairs and sofas as they browse the periodicals and newspapers. There is a real sense of community as people appreciate the fruits of all the hard labor that went into this beautiful new facility. This great addition to our community was accomplished by people like you, who supported and encouraged this project in so many ways. Bridgeville can be proud of its accomplishments and of the community that made it happen!
- **Friends Café** Library patrons will be able to enjoy a cup of coffee in the Friends Café sitting area, as they browse through books or magazines. The café will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM - 1 PM. Coffee costs \$1.25 per cup and there will be a member of the FBL to assist you, or enjoy a cup of coffee with you.
- **Library Cards on the Rise** Library Director, Ms. Karen Johnson, reports there are numerous new requests for library cards, indicating that people previously without library check out cards are now taking advantage of the new facility. This is great news!
- **Premier Carving & Wildlife Show** Don't miss this exciting show on Apple Scrapple weekend - Friday, October 9th from 3 PM - 7 PM and Saturday, October 10th from 9 AM - 5 PM. (Library facilities will not be accessible on Saturday, October 10th.)

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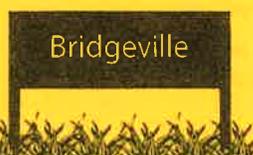
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## Important Dates to Remember

### October

- 4 Historical Society Museum Open 1-4 PM  
Last Day for Kiwanis Chicken BBQ
- 6 Friends of the Library Meeting 6:30 PM
- 8 Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest  
Judging takes place  
Hometown Carnival Night
- 9 Bridgeville Charity Open Golf Tournament  
Woodbridge - No School for Students
- 9-10 Apple Scrapple Festival
- 10 Bridgeville Library Closed  
Carving & Wildlife Show 9 AM - 5 PM
- 12 Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM  
Bridgeville Library Closed - Columbus Day
- 13-15 Mthly Street Cleaning
- 22 Bridgeville Library Closed - Staff Development
- 31 Bridgeville Trick or Treating 6-8 PM  
Lions Club Halloween Party  
8 PM Historical Society Park

### November

- 1 Bridgeville Fire Company Dinner  
Noon-5 PM, Fire Hall
- 3 Friends of the Library Meeting 6:30 PM
- 6-8 Punkin Chunkin
- 9 Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM
- 10-12 Mthly Street Cleaning
- 11 Veteran's Day Town Offices/Woodbridge  
Schools Closed
- 25 Library & Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 26 Thanksgiving Day Town Offices/Library &  
Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 27 Town Offices/Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 28 Saturday Trash Pick-up

### December

- 1 Friends of the Library Meeting 6:30 PM
- 4 Caroling in the Park  
Historical Society Park, 6:30 PM
- 5 Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Show  
Woodbridge High School, 9 AM - 3 PM
- 14 Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM