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From the President's Desk



**Apple Scrapple
Festival
Oct. 8-9**



**Punkin Chunkin
Nov. 5-7**



**Christmas
In Bridgeville
Dec. 4**

Fall has officially arrived and I'm sure everyone is enjoying the cooler weather after our hot summer.

On behalf of the Commissioners of Bridgeville and residents, I would like to welcome Bridgeville's new Town Manager, Mr. Merritt Burke. The Commissioners believe Mr. Burke's wide range of experience will be very beneficial to Bridgeville in this season of growth and development; he will be a great asset to the Town. Please stop by Town Hall and welcome him.

Our new Chief of Police, Mr. Robert Longo, has been certified by the State of Delaware and is in the office fulltime as of September 21st. He is currently becoming more familiar with the Town, introducing himself to our businesses and pursuing initiatives to help the Police Department become more responsive to the community.

We extend our thanks to the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) for their prompt response in repairing the bridge on North Main St. Storms and heavy rains over the years have scoured the earth under the footing on one side of the bridge. DelDOT placed sand bags filled with concrete around the footing and also pumped concrete underneath to repair the damage and make the bridge safe. Many individuals helped to expedite the permitting process and the repair work on this bridge, including Secretary of Transportation, Ms. Carolann Wickes. We thank everyone for their assistance.

On Thursday, September 17th, the Town held an Annexation Referendum and successfully annexed .8 acres of property owned by Tony and Rosa Carannante and located on South Main St. The Carannantes are planning to build a new Italian restaurant on the property sometime in the future. Please welcome them to Bridgeville.

We also thank the Hunsbergers for bringing a new business to our downtown area. A bakery will be opening shortly at 115 Market St. We appreciate everyone for supporting our downtown businesses.

The Apple Scrapple Festival is only days away. Be sure to clear the streets so that all of the activities can set up early on Saturday the 9th. The Commissioners and Apple Scrapple Festival Committee are very appreciative of all our residents' cooperation for this special event. Please help us showcase our Town to all of our visitors on October 8th and 9th.

Bill Jefferson

Monthly Statistics

| Reflects Totals from Month of: | JUNE | JULY | AUGUST |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Traffic / Criminal Arrests | 428 / 188 | 235 / 85 | 252 / 48 |
| Building Permits / Revenue | 10 / \$1,395.00 | 4 / \$1,279.50 | 10 / \$2,092.95 |
| Certificates of Occupancy | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Untagged / Inoperable Vehicles | 5 | 5 | 3 |

Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

July, August, September 2010

Bridgeville has received \$40,000 through the Sussex County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for demolitions. The Town anticipates completing four demolitions of dangerous structures with the monies.

Bridgeville was the recipient of \$60,000 in grants related to increasing energy efficiency. Monies were used to conduct an energy audit on Town buildings and additional funds will be used for energy upgrades.

The Town was the recipient of a Delaware Forest Service, Urban Forestry Grant in the amount of \$655 for tree planting.

The Town has awarded the contract for a feasibility study regarding a potential Civic Center in Bridgeville to BBP & Associates, LLC from Annapolis, Maryland. A \$30,000 grant to conduct the study has been received from USDA Rural Development.

Legislation was passed in the state's FY-11 budget to fund \$4 million for Municipal Street Aid; last year funds were completely eliminated from the budget. These monies help all municipalities with street-related expenses. The Town appreciates the efforts of Senator Booth and Representative Wilson regarding this important issue.

Mr. Bryan Hall from the Office of State Planning Coordination presented an update to the state's strategies for policies and spending. This map gives state agencies and programs guidelines concerning how to invest monies for infrastructure improvements, open space preservation, housing, education, etc. It takes into account the growth and development plans from all Towns. Town Manager Walls has submitted new data concerning Bridgeville's current growth and future expectations for inclusion.

The Town received a \$25 donation to the Police Department from residents who were grateful for Police assistance with a faulty alarm system. The Department was very appreciative of the donation and used it to help defray National Night Out expenses.

We are pleased to report there were no pollution violations at the wastewater treatment plant or the spray irrigation site for the months of June, July and August.

Retiring Town Manager, Bonnie Walls, was presented a plaque honoring her eight years of service to the Town of Bridgeville by Commission President Jefferson. Representative Dave Wilson read a Certificate of Recognition from the Delaware House of Representatives honoring Mrs. Walls and a tribute from the Delaware State Senate, on behalf of Senator Booth.

The Commissioners denied an Ordinance requiring the registration and licensing of businesses in Bridgeville.

The Commission held an Annexation Referendum Public Hearing concerning .8 acres of property on South Main St. adjacent to Tony's Pizza & Pasta. Mr. and Mrs. Antonio (Tony) Carannante requested annexation into the Town to receive water and sewer services. They would eventually like to build a new, larger Italian restaurant on the property. The Referendum was held September 16th and the vote was unanimous to annex the property.

A water leak on West Market St. was repaired.

The stormwater plan for the wastewater treatment facility was put into effect.

Eight water meters for new homes were installed at Heritage Shores.

Town Manager's Report

On behalf of the Commissioners, I would like to introduce myself as the new Town Manager of Bridgeville. My name is Merritt Burke and I began work on September 13, 2010. As you can probably imagine, I am very excited about the opportunity to serve the residents and businesses within the Town.

To share a little about my professional experiences, I have worked in several career fields such as public education, real estate development, retail management, land use consulting, traffic safety and municipal governance. I have attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Washington College and a Master in Public Administration degree from the University of Delaware.

From the community calendar, I want to thank the Bridgeville Police Department for organizing a successful National Night Out in August. The event was well attended and full of family-friendly activities. Additionally, I would like to thank all of our residents who participated and helped make the Community Yard Sale on September 18th a success. Community events and activities foster fellowship and camaraderie between all residents. Looking towards

the future, I am anxious to attend and participate in the 19th Annual Apple Scrapple Festival during the second weekend in October and Punkin Chunkin during the first weekend in November. Not only will there be plenty of local food, but there will also be plenty of activities for the family! Come on out and support local events!

As far as Town management is concerned, we are working diligently on a number of municipal issues including replacement of two biological reactors at the wastewater treatment plant and repairing a sewer main leak on Redden Road. Our Street Department is working with DeIDOT to replace handicap ramps and catch basins, and is partnering with the Delaware Forestry Service to plant several plum and dogwood trees on South Cannon Street.

Finally, I would like to thank the Commissioners for allowing me to serve you. I am humbled by the prospect of preserving the high quality of life in Bridgeville. In two weeks, I have been not only impressed with the dedication of the employees, but also the passion of the residents. Bridgeville should be the place that everyone calls home.

Merritt Burke

Town News

From the Bridgeville Police Department

The Town is pleased to introduce new Police Chief, Mr. Robert Longo. This month's article is a letter from Chief Longo to our residents.

The Town of Bridgeville is more than a group of people who live within the same area, it is a community of families who share many of the same goals and interests. We all share the desire to provide quality of life and a safe environment for our families.

Crime is a problem and burden for all of our communities, but we can successfully challenge it by building and maintaining strong working partnerships. These partnerships include residents watching out for their neighbors and working cooperatively with the Police Department.

Our Bridgeville Police Officers, with crime prevention training, are dedicated to working as partners with families, houses of worship, educators, civic organizations, businesses and neighboring law enforcement agencies to provide safety for our youth, families and senior citizens.

On behalf of the professional officers of the Bridgeville Police Department, I thank you for affording us the opportunity to serve you. Please contact us at 302-337-8302 if we can provide you with additional information or if you would like an officer to speak to your civic organization.

Robert J. Longo, Chief of Police

"Working Together to Keep our Families Safe"

Town News



Bridgeville



Halloween Celebration

Saturday, October 30

"Trick or Treat"
6 - 8 PM
Ages 12 and Under

Lions Club
Halloween Party
8 PM
Historical Society Park

Bridgeville Police Department Community Outreach Program Halloween Safety Tips

Adult Supervision Young children require adult supervision!

Safety in Numbers Older children should stay in a group.

Plan Ahead Designate a route and stick to it; visit homes with outdoor lights on.

Stay Outside Never enter a home to receive your candy.

Say "No" to Strangers Never accept a ride from a stranger.

Visibility Counts Dress in a bright costume to be seen. Wear reflective strips or carry a glow stick or flashlight. Masks block full vision; wear make-up instead.

Quality Check Treats Save your candy; bring it home for a parental check. Throw away any candy that is not in its original wrapper or looks like it has been tampered with.

Obey the Law Rehearse traffic safety rules with children prior to Halloween. Look both ways before crossing streets and always cross as a group.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

Code Enforcement Reminders

Grass Per Town Code, grass clippings may not be blown or swept onto the street. The Town street sweeper is not able to accommodate them.

Tree & Foliage Trimming Now that school is back in session, residents must make certain that school buses have un-obscured vision at all intersections. Please trim trees and all foliage to allow our school buses and the Town street sweeper to safely navigate our streets..

New Faces on the Block

Bridgeville is Growing!

We Welcome our New Property/Home Owners

| | |
|--|---|
| N. Cannon Street: Daniella Knoll Annie Hoskins | Canvasback Circle: The Joseph Rufs L. Golden & R. Whaley |
| Emily's Pintail Drive: Kenneth Hafner | Gum Street: George Dreszer |
| Market Street: The Tom Ferretis | Walnut Street: The William Bocks |
| Ruddy Duck Lane: Louella DeGumbia Lawrence Gordon | |

Rental Properties Owners:

Please Take Note

Bridgeville has recently adopted an Ordinance requiring the registration and licensing of all residential rental units within the Town. This includes rental of single family homes, duplexes, apartments, etc.

Prior to January 1, 2011, all residential rental property owners must obtain a rental unit license from the Town. An annual fee of \$25.00 per bedroom will be charged and a Code Enforcement inspection of each rental unit must be conducted before a license may be issued.

The inspection includes, but is not limited to the working condition of the following:

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Electric/Heating | Plumbing | Smoke Detector |
| Windows | Water Heater | Appliances |
| Lead Paint Disclosure | | General Conditions |

The fine for non-compliance of this Ordinance is \$50.00 for each offense plus an administrative fee of \$250.00.

The intention of the licensing procedure is to protect both the owners and renters in the Town of Bridgeville

Friends of the Bridgeville Library

Honor Someone Special with the gift of a book for the Bridgeville Library. For a contribution of \$25 or more, a bookplate will be placed in a new book and imprinted as you indicate. You and the honoree will each receive a card acknowledging the gift. Honor Suggestions: Birthday, Anniversary, Retirement, Graduation, Birth of a Child, In Memoriam.

Upcoming Events

- October 11 Texas Roadhouse Friends' Night, 4-10 PM
10% of food purchases donated to the library
- November 17 Literary Readings by Bridgeville's own
Norman Reynolds, 7 PM
- December 8 Holiday Musical Event w/ Refreshments
Joy Slavens, Harpist (and protégés), 7 PM



19th Annual Apple Scrapple Festival

October 8 & 9



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 Ave. • Mechanic St.
- Walnut St. (400 block)
- South Cannon St. (Market to Walnut St.)
- Laws St. (Market to Edgewood St.)
- William St. (Market to Walnut St.)
- Railroad Ave. (Market to Walnut St.)
- Market Street will be closed to all traffic on Saturday, October 9th 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 7th 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.

It is very important that contest participants have their decorations in place by Wednesday, October 6th.

Contest winners will be announced Friday evening, October 8th, from the main stage. Put those creative talents to work and join in the fun; help create community spirit!

Bridgeville Historical Society

The Historical Society Museum, located at 102 Delaware Ave., will be open from 10 AM - 3 PM on Saturday during the festival. Stop by and visit Bridgeville's past. They will also host a

Confederate Encampment & Demonstration

Library Carnival

Home Town Carnival Night

Thursday, October 7th

4 PM - 9 PM

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

Carnival Hours During the Festival

Friday, October 8th

4 PM - 10 PM

\$18.00 Wristband

or

\$1.00 per Ticket

(Family Pack of 25 Tickets for \$20)

Saturday, October 9th

9:30 AM - 11 PM

\$1.00 per Ticket

(Family Pack of 25 Tickets for \$20)

Little Miss & Miss Apple Scrapple Pageant

The annual Little Miss and Miss Apple Scrapple Pageant will be held on Thursday, October 7th 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 refer to the website.

www.applescrapple.com

Community Activities

Bridgeville Historical Society News

- **BHS Program** November 16; 6:30 PM Covered Dish Dinner with public invited. (RSVP 337-8595) Ms. Madeline Dunn from DE Historical & Cultural Affairs will make a presentation.
- **Christmas in Bridgeville** Don't miss this annual Craft Show on Saturday, December 4th from 9 AM to 3 PM at Woodbridge High School. Call Joanne & Mike Collison for vendor information. (337-7784) Free admission; chances on an antique item.
- **BHS welcomes new members** interested in preserving and displaying the history of Bridgeville and the Northwest Fork Hundred communities. Applications for membership are available at the Bridgeville Public Library and Town Hall.
- **Donations** of items related to the history of our area are welcomed. If you have photographs/documents to share, please contact us. Items can be scanned if you wish to keep the original.

Bridgeville Public Library News

- **Story Time** 2-4 Year Olds - Tuesdays, 11 AM
4-6 Year Olds - Thursdays, 11 AM
Lap Sit 3 Month Olds-2 Year Olds - Wednesdays, 10 AM
 - **Family Nights** 6:30 - 8 PM
September 21 / October 19 / November 16 / December 21
 - **Winter Reading Program** This program will run from December 2 - January 13. Join us for reading, crafts and certificates.
 - **Movies at the Library** Contact the Library for a wide variety of movie opportunities for different tastes and ages.
 - **Genealogy Program: German & Dutch Research**
Mr. Tom Peters from Summerville, New Jersey will share tips on German/Dutch genealogy research through a PowerPoint presentation on October 23 at 10 AM. Coffee and a light luncheon will be served.
 - **Genealogy Discussion Group** Mthly, third Wed., 10:30 AM
 - **Library Closings**
October: 9, 11, 14 November 24, 25
December 24, 25, 31 January 1
- For more Information, Call the Library at 337-7401

Lions / Lioness Club News

- **Food Trailer** Both the Lions & Lioness Clubs wish to thank everyone in the community for helping make the food trailer sales a success again this summer. The proceeds from this project help those who are less fortunate.
- **Apple Scrapple Festival** The Lions invite you to visit their crab sandwich stand at the festival. The Lioness will assist with the information and sales booths.
- **Halloween Party** This year Bridgeville's "Trick or Treat" will take place on Saturday, October 30th from 6-8 PM. The Lions and Lioness Clubs' annual Halloween Party will be held at 8 PM in the Historical Society Park on the corner of Delaware Ave. and William St.
- **Fall / Winter Season** The next few months will be busy for the Lions/Lioness, as they assist in a special party for the blind with other Sussex County Lions Clubs and donate food, clothes and toys to needy families at Christmas. Look for the Lioness Club as they serve lunch at "Christmas in Bridgeville" Craft Show.
- **Looking Ahead** The Lions Club Annual Show will take place on March 11-12, 2011.

Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville News

- **Kiwanis Chicken Barbecue** On October 5th, the Kiwanis Chicken BBQ ended another very successful season of fundraising. The Kiwanians and 22 local organizations that worked at the BBQ extend their most sincere thanks and appreciation to those in the community that helped make this a great BBQ season.
- **Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest** See page 5.
- **Christmas Street Lights / Christmas Home Decorating Contest** The Kiwanians will install the Christmas street light decorations on November 20th, ushering in the holiday season. We hope that many residents will participate in the Christmas Home Decorating Contest this year. Decorations must be in place prior to Christmas Day and judging will take place between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Prize winners will be notified by the judging committee.



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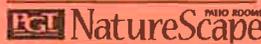
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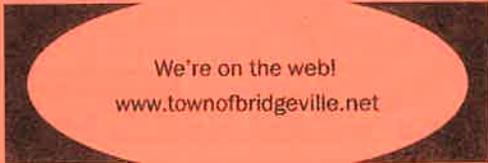
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Important Dates to Remember

- Oct.** 6 Apple Scapple Home Decorating Contest
Decorations must be completed today
- 7 Hometown Carnival Night
- 8 Bridgeville Charity Open Golf Tournament
Woodbridge - No School for Students
- 8-9 Apple Scapple Festival
- 9 Bridgeville Library Closed
- 11 Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM
- 11 & 14 Bridgeville Library Closed
- 11-15 Mthly Street Cleaning
- 30 **Saturday!** Bridgeville Trick or Treating 6-8 PM
Lions Club Halloween Party
8 PM Historical Society Park
- Nov.** 2 Friends of the Library Meeting 6:30 PM
Election Day - Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 4 Return's Day - Town Office Closed, Woodbridge
Schools - 1/2 Day
- 5-7 Punkin Chunkin
- 7 Bridgeville Fire Company Dinner
Noon-5 PM, Fire Hall
- 8 Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM
- 8-12 Mthly Street Cleaning
- 11 Veteran's Day Town Office/Woodbridge
Schools Closed

- Nov.** 16 Bridgeville Historical Society Program
St. Mary's Church 6:30 PM
- 24 Library Closed/Woodbridge - No School for
Students
- 25 Thanksgiving Day Town Office/Library &
Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 26 Town Office/Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 27 Saturday Trash Pick-up
- Dec.** 2 Hanukkah (begins at sunset 12/1)
- 4 Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Show
Woodbridge High School, 9 AM - 3 PM
- 7 Friends of the Library Meeting 6:30 PM
- 13 Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM
- 13-17 Mthly Street Cleaning
- 22-31 Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 24 Christmas Eve - Town Office & Library Closed
- 25 Christmas Day - Library Closed
Christmas Decorating Contest Judging by 31st
- 27 Town Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
- 31 New Year's Eve - Town Office & Library Closed
- Jan.** 1 New Year's Day - Library Closed