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**ATTENTION
ALL
RESIDENTS!**

LAST REMINDER.....beginning April 1, 1999 **ALL** residents who have unpaid water and sewer bills over 60 days old will have water services disconnected without further advance warning notices (no more red tags) being issued. For each disconnect there will be a charge of \$25.00 to have service reconnected.

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BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY RECEIVES NEW ROOF

A new roof was put on the library by Culver's and there is no remaining debt, thanks to a few very generous donations and many smaller ones from the community.

The major donor was the American Legion Post 24 of Bridgeville, whose members voted to donate \$10,000 to the library. Thanks to this donation we were able to avoid borrowing money for the project.

Other major donors were RAPA, Inc., donating \$1500; C.E. Williams of Hawaii donating \$1000; and the Newton Foundation and the Hardesty Family donating \$500 each. There were many other smaller donations including eight \$100 ones that made it possible to pay the roof without cutting the book budget. Thanks to all!

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**HOW TRASH
WILL TRAVEL!!!**



On May 22, 1999 the Town held its second annual bulk pick-up day. I must say it was a HUGE success....In one day the trash haulers picked up 28 tons of trash.....do you realize that is 56,000 pounds of trash that left this Town of 1,350 people.

Just think what 56,000 pounds would look like piled up!!!!

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: The June, 1999 water and sewer bills will be enclosed with the Town property tax bills.

To avoid a penalty on your tax bill, please pay before September 30, 1999.

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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!!!!**

The Apple-Scrapple Festival Committee has started working on the festival for 1999. As the festival grows, more and more volunteers are needed to help make it a success. If you can give a little time to this event it would be appreciated. Please contact Bonnie, 349-4637 or Alma, 337-7135. The date for the festival is October 8th and 9th.

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MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION.....APRIL 12, 1999

- There were 165 traffic arrests, 23 criminal arrests and 40 complaints for March.
- There were four septic haulers for a revenue of \$2,076.00.
- Roof repaired on the main building at the WWTP for a cost of \$2,324.00.
- A water leak was repaired on 29 Gum Street on April 12, 1999.
- Commission voted to enforce the "no parking" on Church Street. Signs have been up well over six weeks. Exception being when a funeral or other activities held at church.
- Commission agreed to hold a Spring Clean-Up Day in May. More info to follow next month.
- Commission tabled an ordinance governing motor vehicle sound limits.
- The health benefits for Town employees will be changed to Principal Health Care.
- Commission voted to give employees a 2.5% cost of living increase.
- Commission granted a resident a handicap parking space next to his home.
- A resident addressed the Commission concerning a conflict of interest between an employee and a Commissioner. Also about a Commissioner and his business.
- A donation of \$500.00 was received from Ralph & Paul Adams, Inc., to the police department.
- It was decided that letters received from citizens unsigned will not be addressed by the Commission.

MAY 10, 1999

- Traffic arrests were 235, 18 criminal arrests, and 68 complaints.
- Three septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,650.00.
- Price on a large sludge de-watering system is \$98,040.00, plus additional cost for enclosing a building to house the system. No decision made.
- A water leak repaired on April 30 at 109 Jacobs Avenue.

Minutes Cont'd

- Need to purchase 12" dry cut diamond tipped saw blades for a cost of \$250.00.
- Repaving of several alleys and a couple of streets will begin the first week in June. Contract awarded to Delmarva Paving Company.
- Approved to purchase a new truck for the WWTP plant (grant money).
- Budget meeting set for May 24, 1999.
- Spring Clean-Up set for Saturday, May 22, 1999. Contract awarded to M-T Trash, Inc.
- Discussion held on the new business (Waste Management) that wants to relocate on North Church Street from Georgetown, De.
- Discussion held on property owners having tree branches extending over sidewalks.
- Discussed the "no burning" code for the Town.
- The background checks are now being completed on the eleven candidates who applied for the police chief position.
- Town Solicitor to prepare ordinance adopting a Planning Commission for Bridgeville.

JUNE 14, 1999

- There were 275 traffic arrests for month of May. Total hours worked 647 with 235 hours on patrol.
- There were four septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,584.00.
- Voted to allow mosquito control by state with low-flying aircraft.
- A new 8" water main to Rt. 13 that supplies the new laundromat and car wash has been tested and in use.
- The chemical feed pump at well site 2-2D was rebuilt on June 1.
- Boot Camp workers have been clearing brush from several alleyways.
- Clean-Up day cost was \$4,588.00 (28 tons of trash).
- Approved budget for 1999-2000.



TOWN BOARD MEETINGS-SECOND MONDAY
OF EVERY MONTH-TOWN HALL-EVERYONE
WELCOME!

Minutes Cont'd

- Mr. Joe Conaway discussed the economic views of the proposed Waste Management Project.
- Noise ordinance tabled until later date.
- Resident granted permission to tie in her sewer and water line to existing building in back of her house.
- Approved renewal membership to the Delaware League of Government for \$650.00.
- Through grant money, a new police car should be arriving any day.

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FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S DESK..
Jack Dalton



July marks the start of our Town being on the same fiscal year as the state, and the submission of our 1999 budget. It gives me great pleasure to present a budget with a positive balance. Although it is a small amount (a surplus of just over \$3,000), it is a step in the right direction for our finances. If we had not had to build a shed for our salt/sand storage the surplus would have been over \$25,000.00.

Three things have had a positive effect on our finances. First, the police department has done a fantastic job of controlling costs. Their conservative spending projections combined with increased grant approvals greatly improves the fiscal situation in that department. Second, the one percent share of the real estate tax that we chose to receive from the state as well as the contribution from the county has proven to be substantial, nearly \$25,000.00 this year. Third, our Town employees have worked with us to develop a health insurance program that will maintain their level of coverage while offering sizeable savings over our previous program.

We are still faced with the loan we took two years ago to cover a shortfall in the budget, and it is

the intention of the Commission to retire that debt as soon as possible to save interest charges.

The second most important item to report is the selection of Allen B. Parsons as the Chief of Police. We had many good applicants for the position, and Allen's fourteen years experience with the Town combined with a vote of confidence from the department as well as numerous letters from citizens and business leaders put him at the top of the list. We congratulate Allen for reaching the pinnacle of his profession and we expect exemplary performance from him in his new post. His wife and son were present when the announcement was made and you could see the pride they felt in this accomplishment.

Also having to do with the police department, we welcome Michael Deitz as our new department clerk. Michael is a retired Contract Administrator for the Federal Government and brings invaluable experience to the department. In addition to the clerking duties, we plan to use the recently installed internet connection with the state to allow Michael to research and apply for grants that are available to us. For years the Commission has hoped to be able to afford a Town Manager who could procure those grants but the salary involved was prohibitive. With most of the clerking duties falling in the morning hours Michael will be available to insure that we obtain all the grants possible while saving the cost of another manager. Welcome, Michael, we expect your best!

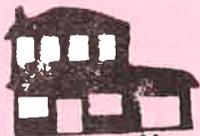
In a short time you will see a new police car and a new truck for the Town. Thanks to Commissioner Sipple and Chief Parsons those vehicles will be paid completely from state grant monies. In addition, work will begin shortly on paving of the remaining streets in Town. We have completed this up-grade of our streets with the help of Rep.

President's Desk...

Ben Ewing and Senator Thurman Adams. By the time this Journal is finished we will probably have heard the decision of the County Council in regards to Waste Management's application to rezone a forty acre parcel on North Church Street for a trash truck facility. It is worth noting that no one at either the Planning and Zoning meeting on June 10th or at the Town meeting stood up in favor of this project. It is true that it would have some positive financial effect on the Town but that would be offset in the long run by eliminating the kind of development we envision for the north side of Town. In the event that this project is approved, we will work as hard as we can to minimize the negative impact on the community.

Finally, an up-date on the waste water situation. The Western Sussex Wastewater Coalition is preparing a petition from the towns of Greenwood, Bridgeville, Seaford, Laurel and Delmar to begin the process of developing a regional solution to the high level of nutrients discharged into the watershed. This problem is not going to be solved on the backs of the taxpayers in the towns. It will take a combined effort of the towns, county, state and federal funds to reach a point of environmental excellence.

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WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS.....

- Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll
- Mr. and Mrs. Reardon
- Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Jones
- Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Smack
- Ms. Nancy Pascone

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WATER LOSS (IN GALLONS)		
Leak this Size	Loss per Day	Loss per Month
•	120	3,600
•	360	10,800
•	693	20,790
•	1,200	36,000
•	1,920	37,600
•	3,096	92,880
•	4,296	128,980
•	6,640	199,200
•	6,984	200,520
•	8,424	252,720

RIDDLE ME THIS

The clerk and a customer in a hardware store were discussing the price of an item:
 CLERK: "The price is a quarter each".
 CUSTOMER: "That means 75¢ for 100!"
 CLERK: "That's right."
 CUSTOMER: "Well, I'll take 57."
 CLERK: "That will be 50¢".
WHAT WAS THE ITEM?

ANSWER: House numbers.

**ATTENTION
POOL OWNERS!**



For those who will be filling swimming pools this summer, there are metered hoses available at the Town Office. The metered hose will allow you to fill your pool with water charging only for water used not the sewer charge. The meter may remain out only five days at a time. Call the office, 337-7135 to reserve a meter.

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**BEWARE! THE WEED CONTROLLER ON DUTY
AT ALL TIMES!!!!**



The Town Code does have regulations for unregulated grass and weeds.

CHAPTER 90: no owner of land shall permit the unregulated growth of vegetation, including but not limited to weeds, grass, bushes, and shrubs, to be maintained on any property within the corporate limits of Bridgeville.

No weeds, grass or other ground cover vegetation shall **exceed a height of eight (8) inches** at any time of the calendar year.

Upon failure of the property owner to comply, the Town shall issue a written notice to said owner ordering compliance. If property owner does not remedy the violation within 10 days of notice, the Town shall cause the violation to be corrected, and the cost incurred shall be billed to the property owner. Failure to pay said bill could be followed by a court hearing.

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**1999 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY**

Programs start at 11:00 A.M.

- July 1 - Sea Monsters/craft
- 6 - "Deep Blue Sea" with Two of a Kind
- 8 - Fish Kite/craft
- 13 - Traffic Safety with Diaz Bonville
- 15 - Beach Party--fun/games

Program starts at 2:00 P.M.-July 20

July 20 only-"Jack and the Beanstalk" with Rehoboth Summer Children's Theater.

- July 22 - Sand Castles/craft
 - 27 - Aquarium Dioramas/craft
 - 29 - Make your own beachbag/craft
 - Aug. 5 - Special Awards and Prizes
- CALL 337-7401 For MORE INFORMATION.

SHORTCUTS FOR PRACTICAL PEOPLE.....

*If you're stung by a bee, apply a slice of onion to the spot and hold it there for a minute or two. It does the trick!

*To reduce cat hair around your house, gently run a damp paper towel over your cat. It collects both hair and dirt.

*This cleanup trick works while you sleep! Lay a barbecue grill rack on the lawn overnight..the dew will combine with the enzymes in the grass to loosen any burned-on grease. Try it with messy oven racks, too!

*Newspaper repels moths, which is quite helpful when storing woolen rugs.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club celebrated its 60th year of community service with a banquet on March 15, 1999. A presentation of the George F. Hixson Fellow Award was made to Legion of Honor member Harry C. Banning for his 53 years of outstanding service. Plaques were also presented to family members of Medford Cannon, George Steinmetz and Ralph Davis in memory of their service to the club.

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GOOD FOOD IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

* The Kiwanis Chicken BBQ is open Sat. and Sundays through June, and Friday, Saturday and Sundays during July and August. The Key Club will also be selling hand-dipped ice cream every weekend starting June 19th. The BBQ is located approximately five miles west of Bridgeville on Rt.404.

* The Lions and Lioness Oyster Shack will open the weekend of July 4th and be open every weekend through August. Items on the menu are oyster sandwiches, crab cakes, f.f., hamburgs, hot dogs and cold sodas. The shack is located just south of the Shore Stop on Rt. 13A.

Monies earned from these two organizations are returned to the community during the year.

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*Best Wishes
To The Graduates
Of The
Class of 1999!*

IMPORTANT DATES:

- JULY 4 - Independence Day
- 5 - Town Office Closed
- 12 - Town Board Meeting, 7PM
- Aug. 9 - Town Board Meeting, 7PM
- Sept. 1 - School Opens
- 6 - Labor Day, Town Office Closed
- 13 - Town Board Meeting, 7PM

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Gone-to-Seed Word Find

CAN YOU hardly wait to dig into springtime? If so, this word find likely will grow on you in a snap.

We've sown the 24 words that are listed at bottom—all the names of common seed catalog products—into the scattering of letters below. To unearth them, connect letters up, down, diagonally and backward until they bloom into the hidden words.

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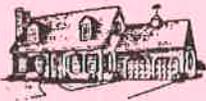
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