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From the President's Desk

Our Town family suffered a great loss last week with the passing of Bridgeville employee, Mr. Doug Jones. Doug was a hometown boy; he grew up on Delaware Ave. in Bridgeville and went on to faithfully serve the Town for 25+ years as Water Superintendent and volunteer firefighter with the Bridgeville Fire Company. During his many years with the Town he only missed one day of work.

Doug was well-known and well-liked, but he also knew the Town well. He possessed a wealth of valuable knowledge about the history of Bridgeville and we relied on his information and experience many times in conducting Town business. We depended on Doug a great deal and he was always faithful to the Town.

Our entire community is going to miss Doug. On behalf of the Commissioners of Bridgeville and the Town employees, I want to extend our love and condolences to the Jones family.

The fall season is always busy in Bridgeville. We are anticipating our 20th Annual Apple Scrapple Festival on October 14th & 15th. Bonnie Workman and her dedicated committee, several of whom have been with her all or almost all 20 years, work tirelessly to present an award-winning event in Bridgeville. The Apple Scrapple Festival won the Southern Delaware Tourism award in 2008 and it was well-deserved. Please make our out-of-Town guests feel welcome and enjoy the Festival.

Our second fall event is the World Championship Punkin Chunkin Contest, following close on the heels of the Apple Scrapple Festival. We are pleased to have this world famous event in Bridgeville; we've got some great farm fields for throwing gourds!

After you've eaten apples and scrapple and "chunked punkins", its time to prepare for the holidays and Christmas in Bridgeville is the perfect event to start your Christmas shopping. I'll see you there.

Pat Correll



**20th Annual
Apple Scrapple
Festival
October 14 - 15**

**26th Annual
World Championship
Punkin Chunkin
November 4 - 6**



**Christmas
In Bridgeville
Craft Show
December 3**

Monthly Statistics

Reflects Totals from Month of:	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Traffic / Criminal Arrests	276 / 54	561 / 48	341 / 50
Building Permits / Revenue	5 / \$2,248.95	12 / \$8,024.31	10 / \$7,280.04
Certificates of Occupancy	4	3	1
Untagged / Inoperable Vehicles	2	1	4

Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

July, August, September 2011

The Code Enforcement Department reminded all property owners of a new ordinance that has been passed requiring grass cutting violations to be corrected within 72 hours or fines will be assessed. Some fines include an administrative fee regarding staff hours spent on enforcement.

Bridgeville residents collected the second highest amount of unused/unwanted prescription drugs (80 lbs.) in Sussex County during the Police Department/Fire Company's "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" in April. See page 3 for the upcoming October 29th event.

Mr. Mark Chura from Delaware Greenways introduced the "Bay to Bay Scenic Byway" Program. They desire to promote Delaware's agriculture and tourism through a byway system through the state. One source of funding for the proposed program would be Community Transportation Funds (CTF) through our state Senator and Representative.

The Commissioners approved a Resolution to adopt the current Sussex County All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Charles Kelly was re-appointed to the Bridgeville Board of Adjustment for a three-year term.

The Commission appointed Mr. Carlos Alvarez to the Board of Adjustment, due to a request by Ms. Joan Ochs to be replaced. Mr. Alvarez has many years of experience in land use and civil engineering in the U.S. and abroad.

The Town has received a USDA grant for two new police vehicles.

The Bridgeville Public Library received approval for a "Hometown Carnival" on Thursday, October 13th before the Apple Scrapple Festival. This is an opportunity for local residents to bring their families to the carnival without the festival crowds. The event will only be advertised locally.

Commissioner Kovack and Woodbridge High School Senior, Ms. Amanda Reed, have coordinated the installation of several no smoking and no alcohol signs in the Sanctuary for Kids Park next to the Police station. Ms. Reed's senior project involves research into the effects of land and air pollution on the human body and, as a result, she expressed concern to the Commissioners about the number of cigarette butts left on the ground at the children's park. Ms. Reed's efforts were an encouragement to the Historical Society, which has since placed similar signs at Cahall Park.

The Commission adopted an Ordinance to change the lands of Baldwin Family Farms, LLC and Hayground D, Inc. from RPC/R-1 to R-1/AIOZ. This land was to be developed as the residential planned community Lindenmere. The land will continue to be farmed.

Dr. Jim Glancy of the University of Delaware presented a study proposing the use of the Town's treated wastewater on area farm fields.

The Commissioners approved a request by the Bridgeville Mustangs 4-H Club to revive the "Caroling in the Park" event in December. Please see page 4 for more information.

Town Manager Burke congratulated Ms. Dottie Harper and Brookfield Homes for receiving an award as a "Top 50 Master-Planned Community" for their success at Heritage Shores.

Hurricane Irene hit Delaware, dropping 7+ inches of rain on the Bridgeville area and causing influent flows to the treatment plant to rise dramatically. Flow for Saturday, August 27 was 1,853,000 gallons. Flow for Sunday, August 28 was 1,006,000 gallons. (Average daily flow to the treatment plant is approximately 250,000 gallons.)

Town Manager's Report

As Town Manager, I am always appreciative of the opportunity to inform the community of what's happening around Town Hall.

Town management, including the Public Works and Bridgeville Police Departments, has been working hard to deliver high quality public services while maintaining a safe community.

The Public Works Department completed the coordination of two Delaware Office of Energy grant projects. Lighting fixture retrofits and wastewater treatment plant window and door replacements were finalized in September. The lighting project should save the Town approximately \$5,000 per year in energy expenses, while the window and door replacement project should reduce utility bills at the wastewater treatment plant. I would like to thank Jeff Collins, Phillip Mowbray and Rick Passwaters for their extra time and effort ensuring the success of these federally-funded projects.

In addition, the Bridgeville Police Department should be commended for organizing one of the best National Night Out events in Sussex County. Patrolman First Class Bonniwell, with the assistance of the other officers, coordinated a successful and well-attended community program on crime prevention. If you did not attend, you missed great food, music and the opportunity to interact with dozens of safety organizations from throughout the State of Delaware.

Many Town residents have noticed the construction on Antique Alley. Builder/developer Gillis Gilkerson should complete the new Bridgeville Professional Center by January 2012. Town management would like to welcome them to Bridgeville. We hope the new 18,000 square foot building will inspire other local developers to invest in this community.

Your Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Jerry Butler, has been diligent in keeping the Town clean of debris, specifically tree limbs and rubbish. Not only did the Commission approve a 30-yard dumpster for residents to dispose of their hurricane debris after the storm, but they also directed me to work with residents in a timely manner to dispose of their yard waste. Speaking of yard waste and rubbish, the Town recently received three bids for the Town's new Solid Waste Contract. The Commission will select a new solid waste provider at the October 10th Commission meeting. The new contract will include bi-weekly recycling, as required by Delaware State law.

I am proud to announce that the FY-2012 budget, which was passed in June, was balanced with no new tax or fee increases. If you have a question or would just like to talk about Bridgeville, please call me at Town Hall.

It has been a pleasure working with the community. See you at Apple Scrapple or Punkin Chunkin!

Merritt Burke

From the Bridgeville Police Department

OHV - Off-Highway Vehicles

Lawn Mowers	Golf Carts
All Terrain Vehicles	Dirt Bikes
Untagged Vehicles	Go Carts

Operating the above-mentioned vehicles on public streets is a violation of State Motor Vehicle Law. Any person operating these vehicles will be stopped and issued a ticket. This will be strictly enforced and may result in both fines and the towing of the vehicle.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 29
10 AM - 2 PM

Behind the
Bridgeville Fire Company

Bring your outdated & unused
medications for proper disposal

On behalf of the 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
Monday, October 31**

<p style="text-align: center;">"Trick or Treat" 6 - 8 PM Ages 12 and Under</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lions Club Halloween Party 8 PM Historical Society Park</p>
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Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

**Tour de Force
9/11 Memorial Bicycle Riders**

The Bridgeville Police and Fire Company had the privilege of serving a meal to 380 Tour de Force bike riders and staff. The riders' dual mission is to honor the victims of 9/11 by keeping their memory alive through cycling events and raising funds to benefit the families of police officers who are killed in the line of duty each year nationwide, making the ultimate sacrifice. Assisting in the event were the Woodbridge JROTC and Culinary Arts students from the Caroline County Career and Technology Center. Bridgeville was proud to support this worthy cause.

**Code Enforcement Reminder
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.

Holiday Trash/Recycle Pick-Up Schedule

Thanksgiving: **Trash/Recycle Pick-Up
Delayed One Day**
** Saturday, November 26

Christmas: **Regular Trash/Recycle Pick-Up**
** Friday, December 23

New Year's: **Regular Trash Pick-Up**
** Friday, December 30

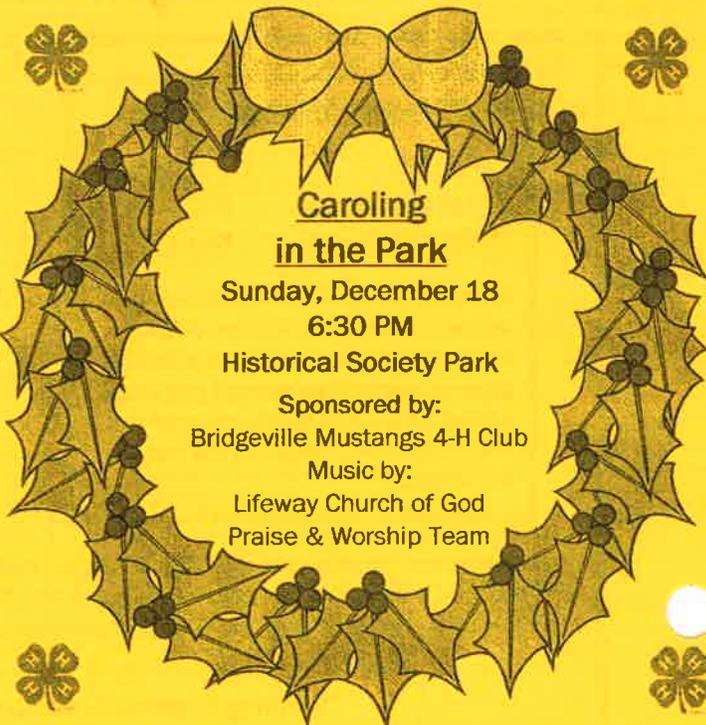
The Bridgeville Public Works Department requests that residents trim the extra growth of  grass and weeds around their water meters in order to properly read meters each month.

New Faces on the Block

<p><u>Ruddy Duck Lane:</u> B. Baumler & L. Lawrence J. Esterson & L. Siegel The Ronald Holloways The Warren Lebows The Ronald Lupinskis The Harry Schwartzers</p>	<p><u>Canvasback Circle:</u> The Richard Orwigs The William Merritts</p> <p><u>Widgeon Way:</u> Joe Shearer</p> <p><u>White Pelican Court:</u> J. Wright & R. Hawkins</p>
<p><u>Railroad Avenue:</u> Ms. Cynthia Lach</p>	<p><u>Church Street:</u> Ms. Debra Washington</p>

Welcome New Businesses

Pizza King Restaurant East Coast Restorations
Seagull Fence & Concrete



**Caroling
in the Park**

**Sunday, December 18
6:30 PM**

Historical Society Park

Sponsored by:
Bridgeville Mustangs 4-H Club

Music by:
Lifeway Church of God
Praise & Worship Team



20th Annual Apple Scrapple Festival

October 14 & 15



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 St. will be closed to all traffic on Saturday, October 15th 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, October 13th in front of non-residential properties.

Home Decorating Contest

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club will again sponsor the Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest. No registration is necessary and all residents are eligible. 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 12th.

Judging will be completed by Thursday, October 13th and contest winners will be announced Friday evening, October 14th, from the main stage. Put those creative talents to work and join in the fun; help create community spirit!

Bridgeville Historical Society

The "Old Firehouse" Museum, located on the corner of Delaware Ave. and William St., will be open from 10 AM - 3 PM on Saturday during the festival. Stop by and visit Bridgeville's past. The Historical Society will also host a

**Civil War Encampment
at the Historical Society Park**

Library Carnival

Home Town Carnival Night

Thursday, October 13th

4 PM - 9 PM

A \$18.00 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 14th

4 PM - 10 PM

\$20.00 Wristband

or

\$1.00 per Ticket

(Family Pack of 25 Tickets for \$20)

Saturday, October 15h

9:30 AM - 11 PM

\$1.00 per Ticket

(Family Pack of 25 Tickets for \$20)

Little Miss Apple Scrapple Pageant

The annual Little Miss Apple Scrapple Pageant will be held on Friday, October 14th at 6:30 PM on the main stage behind the Fire Hall. For more information please contact Rita Hovermale at 337-8318.

www.applescrapple.com

Community Activities

Bridgeville Historical Society News

- **BHS Programs** Covered Dish Meetings at St. Mary' Parish House, 6:30 PM. Visitors and prospective members are welcomed. Call Howard Hardesty (337-8595) if you would like to join us for these meetings.
 - November 9
 - January 11, 2012
- **Christmas in Bridgeville** Don't miss this annual Craft Show on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 AM to 3 PM at Woodbridge High School. Call Mike Collison for vendor information. (337-7784) Free admission; breakfast/lunch are available. All sale items must be hand-crafted.
- **BHS welcomes new members** interested in learning more about the history of Bridgeville and the northwest quadrant of Sussex County. Call Howard Hardesty for membership information.
- **Donations** of photographs, documents, artifacts, journals, etc. that pertain to this area are always appreciated. Stop by and visit the museum or call Howard Hardesty or Mike Ballenger (337-7077).

Bridgeville Public Library News

- **Story Time** 2-4 Year Olds - Tuesdays, 11 AM
4-6 Year Olds - Thursdays, 11 AM
- **Lap Sit** 3 Month-2 Year Olds - Wed., 10 AM
- **Family Nights** Mthly, third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 PM
- **Holiday Celebration** December 13, 6:30 - 8 PM
Fun for the whole family
- **"Recent Reads" Discussion** Sept. 17/Oct. 22/Nov. 19
Check the library for more details
- **Genealogy Program: "Finding Female Ancestors"**
Saturday, October 29, 10 AM Light refreshments
- **Genealogy Discussion** Mthly, third Wed., 10:30 AM
- **USED BOOK SALE** October 11-19 - Sold by the Bag
Call the Library for exact dates and times
- **Library Closings**
October: 10, 15, 20 November 23, 24
December 24, 26, 31 January 2

For more Information, Call the Library at 337-7401.

Friends of the Bridgeville Library

Upcoming Events

October	Exhibit: Artist Marion Hertzog
11-19	First Annual used Book Sale
22	NRAC artists will discuss their craft with art for purchase
November	Exhibit: Heritage Shores Photo Club Wood Carver Robert Culver
3	James Diehl - "World War II Heroes of Southern Delaware" Video - 7 PM
December	Exhibit: Artists Kathy Boyle/Ernie Muehlmatt
6	First State Harmonizers Holiday Music - 7 PM
March 31, 2012	4th Annual Fundraiser" Swing into Spring" with Big Band Sound of the 30's and 40's

New "Friends" are always welcomed. Please consider joining the Friends of the Bridgeville Library

Lions / Lioness Club News

- **Food Trailer** Both the Lions & Lioness Clubs wish to thank everyone in the community for their past patronage. As everyone knows, the food trailer is no longer in existence. As much as the Lions/Lioness hated to close it down, there was little choice for several valid reasons. It served our organizations well for a number of years as an excellent fundraiser. The revenue and pleasure of working together will be missed; the heat and grease will not. We thank everyone who was our customer over the years.
- **Apple Scrapple Festival!** The Lions invite you to visit their crab cake sandwich stand. Don't miss the best crab cakes around!
- **Halloween Party** This year Bridgeville's "Trick or Treat" will take place on Monday, October 31st 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.
- **Winter Season** Look for the Lioness Club as they serve lunch at "Christmas in Bridgeville" Craft Show on December 3rd. They will also join with the Lions Club to provide food baskets, toys and clothes for needy families at Christmas.

Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville News

- **Kiwanis Chicken Barbecue** The Kiwanis Club wrapped up another successful barbecue season with over 20 community organizations directly receiving monies from their efforts.
- **Club Officers** The Fall began with the induction of club officers, led by the new President, Reverend Dale Brown. The leadership team includes Secretary "Sonny" Hardesty and Treasurer Dan Vanderwende, who represent over 50 years of service in their positions.
- **Apple Scrapple Festival Home Decorating Contest** See page 5.
- **Bridgeville Kiwanis Foundation** The Foundation is very pleased to be the beneficiary of funds raised by the 5th Annual Bridgeville Charity Open Golf Tournament that will take place at Heritage Shores Golf Course on Friday, October 14th.
- **Christmas Street Lights / Christmas Home Decorating Contest** The Kiwanians will install the Christmas street light decorations on November 26th, 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.
- **Information** If you would like to find out more about our club, please be our guest for dinner on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of the month at Union United Methodist Church fellowship hall, or call "Sonny" Hardesty at 337-7070.

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Important Dates to Remember

October

- 10 Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM
Bridgeville Library Closed - Columbus Day
- 12 Apple Scrapple Home Decorating Contest
Decorations must be completed today
- 13 Hometown Carnival Night 4-9 PM
- 14 Bridgeville Charity Open Golf Tournament
Woodbridge - No School for Students
- 14-15 Apple Scrapple Festival
- 15 Bridgeville Library Closed
- 20 Bridgeville Library Closed
- 31 Bridgeville Trick or Treating 6-8 PM
Lions Club Halloween Party
8 PM Historical Society Park

November

- 4-6 Punkin Chunkin
- 6 Bridgeville Fire Company Dinner
Noon-5 PM, Fire Hall
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 9 Bridgeville Historical Society Covered-Dish
Meeting St. Mary's Church 6:30 PM
- 11 Veterans Day Town Office/Woodbridge
Schools Closed

November

- 14 Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM
Woodbridge - No School for Students
- 23 Library Closed/Woodbridge - No School for
Students
- 24 Thanksgiving Day Town Office/Library &
Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 25 Town Office/Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 26 Saturday Trash/Recycle Pick-up

December

- 3 Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Show
Woodbridge High School, 9 AM - 3 PM
- 12 Mthly Commission Meeting Town Hall, 7 PM
- 20 Hanukkah (begins at sundown)
- 22-30 Woodbridge Schools Closed
- 24 Christmas Eve - Library Closed
- 25 Christmas Day
Christmas Decorating Contest Judging by 31st
- 26 Town Office/Library Closed
- 31 New Year's Eve - Library Closed

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Town Office/Library/Woodbridge Schools Closed