



TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE

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## From the President's Desk

March is the time of year for the "changing of the guard" in Bridgeville, as our Municipal Election is scheduled for the first Saturday of the month. No election was held this year, as there were no contests for Commission seats in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Voting Districts. Current Commissioners Jay Mervine, Lawrence Tassone ("Tazz") and Pat Correll were returned to the Commission and each will fulfill a two-year term for their voting district. Voting Districts #4 & #5 (Commissioners Paul Kovack and Steve McCarron) will hold an election in March 2013.

The Commission chooses its officers for the year at the March meeting. Pat Correll was appointed Commission President, Jay Mervine — President Pro Tempore, Lawrence Tassone — Commission Secretary and Jesse Savage — Acting Town Manager and Finance Director.

Spring is in full swing in Bridgeville right now. Not only are we enjoying the beautiful flowering trees and bushes, but many Bridgeville organizations have special early spring events, such as the very well-attended and profitable Fire Company Beef and Dumpling Dinner, the Kiwanis Club's special Charter Night Program and the Lion's Club's Show, which was a huge success this year. We congratulate these service organizations and thank them for the assistance they provide to the Town and its residents.

The next big event on Bridgeville's calendar is the 6th Annual Sussex Spring into Health Community Walk. Bridgeville has participated in the Community Walk since its inception and has won the trophy for most participants several years. This year's event is called "Take a Walk on the Wild Side" and is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at the Woodbridge Sports Complex. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the Walk takes place from 9-10 AM. There will be children's physical activities and prizes, Community Health Screenings and a Barnyard Scavenger Hunt! The first 100 kids to register will receive a free t-shirt and there will be a grand prize drawing for 1 Adult Bicycle and 1 Youth Bicycle. It is a wonderful family event that encourages people of all ages to stay healthy and "keep moving". More information is available at [www.sussexkids.org](http://www.sussexkids.org). I hope to see many of you at the Health Walk.

*Pat Correll*

## UPCOMING BRIDGEVILLE EVENTS

**Community Health Walk**

**Saturday, April 21**

**Woodbridge Athletic Complex**

**Registration 8:30 AM**

**Community-Wide**

**Yard Sale**

**Saturday, May 5**

**7 AM-Throughout Town**

**20th Anniversary**

**NALC Food Drive**

**Saturday, May 12**

**(Food Donations received at Post Office  
or placed by your Mailbox.)**

## Monthly Statistics

Reflects Totals from Month of:	DECEMBER 2011	JANUARY 2012	FEBRUARY 2012
Traffic / Criminal Arrests	238 / 128	137 / 85	152 / 70
Building Permits / Revenue	3 / \$2,849.47	5 / \$1,759.60	8 / \$7,454.52
Certificates of Occupancy	6	5	3
Untagged / Inoperable Vehicles	0	1	1

## Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

January / February / March 2012

The Commissioners voted to continue participation in the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program. The Town has received over \$1 million in funds to facilitate housing rehabilitations and demolitions over the past 10-15 years.

President Correll congratulated the Bridgeville Mustangs 4-H Club for organizing a very successful Caroling in the Park event on December 18th. The Town is pleased to have the 4-H Club rejuvenate this Bridgeville holiday tradition.

Woodbridge Board of Education President, Mr. Paul (Mike) Breeding, thanked the Commission for the assistance of the Bridgeville Police Department in a first ever drug search at the Woodbridge Middle and High Schools. The search was initiated by Police Chief Longo and no drugs were found. Mr. Breeding thanked all who participated, including police officers and police dogs from Lewes, Milford and other Towns.

The Commission honored the Woodbridge High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) by introducing a Proclamation celebrating FFA Week February 18-25.

The Commission approved a Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to allow the Bridgeville Fire Company to replace their current sign on Market St. with an LED sign. In addition to local information, this sign will be used for emergency notification.

The Commission honored Woodbridge wrestler Patrick Davis, who was recently chosen the News Journal/Delaware Online Varsity High School Athlete of the Week. Patrick was also honored by WBOC-TV as the January Scholar Athlete of the month, winning a \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations Patrick!

The Town will continue to receive mosquito control services from the state.

The Town has purchased the O'Leary property at 103 S. Main St. and is actively pursuing the leasing of this property.

The Town has initiated a new website through the state of Delaware at [www.bridgeville.delaware.gov](http://www.bridgeville.delaware.gov) New information is being added regularly, including upcoming meeting agendas and minutes from various past meetings, such as Town Commission, Planning and Zoning and Budget Workshops. Property Tax Assessments are now available online, as well as the new Bridgeville Election District Map. Check out the new website.

The Commission adopted Ordinance A11-7 to extend developers' Preliminary Development Plan Approvals for one additional year and lengthen the subsequent extension from one 6-month to one 1-year extension.

Ordinance A11-5 was adopted requiring Town licenses for contractors and subcontractors doing business in Bridgeville. The licensure is for new work only and does not include the repair of existing work (i.e. service work or reparations of an existing system is not covered by this licensure). See page 4 for more information.

Ordinance A11-6 was adopted, establishing updated election voting districts, based on 2010 census figures. Heritage Shores remains intact as a voting district and small changes were made in the other 4 districts to equalize their populations. This followed a 2-month redistricting process by a committee (composed of five residents representing each of the Town's election voting districts) and the Commissioners of Bridgeville.

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative

Saturday, April 28  
10AM - 2 PM

Behind Bridgeville  
Fire Hall

More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs and each day approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs come from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

The Drug Enforcement Agency wishes to address this vital public safety and health issue by conducting another Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Americans that participated in the DEA's third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in October 2011, turned in more than 188.5 tons of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal. Adding that total to prior Take-Back Days, law-enforcement and community partners have removed 498.5 tons of medication from circulation in the past 13 months and have dramatically reduced the risk of prescription drug diversion and abuse. Locally, Bridgeville residents have contributed 99 pounds of prescription drugs to those totals.

The Bridgeville Fire Company is partnering with the Bridgeville Police Department for another local "Take-Back Day". Please check your home for unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs and bring them to the Fire Hall on Saturday April 28th.

**Outdoor  
Burning  
is not  
Allowed in  
Bridgeville  
Town Limits**

### From the Bridgeville Police Department

Recent Grant Monies received by the Bridgeville Police Department:

- \$35,000 matching grant from USDA for 2 new police vehicles.
- \$18,800 Office of Highway Safety (OHS) grants.
- \$19,907 in Delaware State Law Enforcement grants.
- \$25,000 Sussex County Law Enforcement grant.
- \$75,000 worth of Military Surplus Equipment.

Property Check Service

The Bridgeville Police Department has initiated a "Property Check Service" for property owners who will be out of Town for business/vacation. Officers on duty will keep an eye on residential properties while owners are away. The Property Check Service is not a substitute for an alarm system, nor is it a guarantee that the property is safe or that it will not be burglarized. Contact the Police Department for more information.

Travel Tips for Safeguarding your Residence

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stop all deliveries or have a trusted person pick them up.</li> <li>2. Do not discuss your absence casually.</li> <li>3. Keep a list of all valuables (make/model/serial number/etc.).</li> <li>4. Do not close all drapes/blinds in your house.</li> <li>5. Move valuables away from view of windows.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Put outdoor property away (bicycles/lawn furniture, etc.).</li> <li>7. Leave a key with a trusted individual who can contact you in case of an emergency and can respond to your home if the Police Department requests them to.</li> </ol> |
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## Town News

### Medicare Recipients

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### Pool Owners

Pool meters will again be available from the Town Hall. This metered hose will allow you to fill your pool with water **ONE TIME ONLY DURING THE SUMMER**, charging only for water, not for sewer. Pool meters must be returned within one week to avoid penalty.

### Contractor / Sub-Contractor Licensing

The Commission passed an Ordinance requiring licenses for contractors/subcontractors at their January meeting. This is to insure that the people working on your home are not fraudulent or illegal contractors, but are legitimate businesses with a state business license and liability insurance. Please note that this Ordinance does not include contractors performing work or providing materials for the repair, restoration or maintenance of previously existing contracting work; it is for new work only. Bridgeville follows the Sussex County Building Code, which subscribes to the 2003 edition of the International Residential Code concerning acceptable building practices.

Please send any contractors working on your home to the Code Enforcement Officer at Town Hall to apply for a license or for questions concerning the type of work that requires licensing.

### Grass Cutting Policy 1 Warning Only

Please be advised the Town will only give **one warning** concerning grass that is 8 inches or taller. Grass clippings are **not allowed** in the street, as they clog the street sweeper.

If the first grass cutting warning is not heeded, the Town will automatically cut the grass and the property owner will be charged.

If you will be away for an extended period of time, please make arrangements for your grass to be cut in your absence.

**There Will Be No Exceptions**

### Bridgeville Memorial Day Celebration



Join us in honoring  
our Veterans

May 28, 2012

9:30 AM

Veterans Memorial  
Bridgeville Cemetery

### Community-Wide



Saturday, May 5

7:00 AM

At Homes  
Throughout Town

### Tree & Foliage Trimming

In order to clean the streets at the curb line, the Town's street sweeper requires a height clearance of at least twelve (12) feet. There are many properties in Town with tree limbs that are below the clearance height and bushes that extend over the curb line. We would appreciate everyone's cooperation in trimming and maintaining these trees and bushes so the street sweeper can do an effective job. The Town streets are generally swept during the second full week of each month.

## Town News

### Woodbridge School Board 2012 Election

1 School Board Member - 5-Year Term

**Meet the Candidates Night**

May 1, 2012      7 PM  
Elementary School Auditorium

**Candidates**

Mike Breeding    Jordan Warfel  
Greenwood      Greenwood

**Child Care Provided**

**Refreshments**

**School Board Election**

May 8, 2012      10 AM-8 PM  
Elementary & High Schools

**You May Vote if You:**

- Are a U.S. & Delaware citizen;
- Are 18 years old; and
- Live in the Woodbridge School District

### Garbage/Recycling Services

There will be no interruption of garbage/recycling services due to Memorial Day or July 4th.

Recycling services are provided bi-weekly and collection will be as follows:

April 13/27	May 11/25
June 8/22	July 6/20

### Reminders for Dog Owners

- Only 2 dogs are allowed over the age of 6 months per household.
- Outdoors, dogs must be in a fenced yard or in a kennel. No dog may be tethered or chained on an owner's property.
- For persons who walk their dogs, please do not allow them to defecate in other people's yards. Either take a plastic bag or "pooper-scooper" for clean-up. Thank you for your cooperation.

## New Faces on the Block

Welcome to our new Homeowners!

Harlequin Loop:

The Dennis McGeadys

Gadwall Circle:

The Stephen Dells

Canvasback Circle:

The Charles Lowlichts

Amanda's Teal Drive:

The Gerald Tortoras

The Michael Pastuzyms

Ruddy Duck Lane:

The Mark Wolfes

The Paul Goins

P. Walsh & K. Barber

White Pelican Court:

The David Griffiths

Emily's Pintail Drive:

Ronald Pullen

## Community Activities

### Bridgeville Historical Society

**Old Firehouse Museum** The Museum at 102 Williams St. is the headquarters of the Bridgeville Historical Society. A museum exhibiting displays relating to Bridgeville and the surrounding area are on the first floor; the second floor is the meeting/work room with additional stored displays. Some residents have been under the impression that the building only houses items related to the fire company. The Society encourages visitors to come in and learn more about our Town and the area in the northwest quadrant of Sussex County. Please call President Howard E. Hardesty at 337-9595 to arrange a special group or club tour. Admission is free.

**Museum Openings** The museum will be open to the public on the following Sundays from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

**May 6    June 3    July 1    August 5    September 2    October 7    November 4**

The museum will also be open on Saturday, October 13 for the Apple Scapple Festival

**Upcoming Events** \*May 9 - Covered-Dish/Program \*July 11 - Picnic Social/Program - 6:30 PM at St. Mary's Parish House

**New Members** are always welcome. Applications are available at the Bridgeville Public Library and the Town Hall.

**Ownership Histories** The Society is interested in recording the **ownership histories of Bridgeville houses**. If you have information or old photographs to share, please contact Mr. Hardesty (phone number above) or Michael Ballenger (337-7077).

**Looking Ahead**      **Annual Auction/Social at Heritage Shores Clubhouse - September 14**

## Community Activities

### Bridgeville Public Library Events

**Story Time** \*2-4 Year Olds - Tuesdays, 11 AM \*May 24 last mtg.

\*4-6 Year Olds - Thursdays, 11 AM until September

**Lap Sit** 3 Month Olds-2 Year Olds - Wednesdays, 10 AM

**Recent Reads** 3rd Saturday monthly, 11 AM

**Genealogy Meeting** 3rd Wednesday monthly, 10:30 AM

**Family Fun Nights** 6:30 - 8 PM April 17/May 15/June 19

**Princess Party** Ages 2-10, April 28, 2-4 PM (Registration required)

**Summer Reading Program** Kick-Off June 12th "Dream Big"

Most programs take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM

**Rehoboth Summer Children's Theatre** Don't miss "Puss in Boots" on July 10th!

Please Contact The Library Directly  
For Information About Specific Programs

**Library Closings** May 28 / July 4

**\*\* NOTICE LIBRARY HOUR CHANGES\*\***

Monday - Friday 10 AM - 7 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM

### Lions / Lioness Club News

**Lions Club Show** The annual Lions Club Show was a success again this year. By "all accounts" it was one of our best shows. We wish to thank everyone who attended and helped make the show a success. We also wish to thank those performers who are not Lions, without whom we could not put on the show.

**Community Service** The Lions are preparing to repair the roof on the T-Ball Dugout at the Little League Park. The Lions are also funding a wheelchair ramp for a local handicapped person.

### Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville News

**Annual Prayer Breakfast** The Kiwanis Club will host its annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 5th, beginning at 8 AM at Union United Methodist Church. The buffet breakfast will be followed by special music and an inspirational message. The cost is \$10.00; however, area business persons are sponsoring tables and making their tickets available to others. Contact George Hardesty at 337-7070 for additional information.

**Charter Night** The Kiwanis Club recently celebrated 73 years of community service during their Charter Night Program. Club members and spouses throughout Delmarva were in attendance, along with special guests. A highlight of the program was the presentation of the George F. Hixson Fellow Award from the Kiwanis International Foundation to Bridgeville Kiwanian Roger Hovermale. This is the highest award that is given in recognition of unselfish, outstanding service and devotion to club and community. Thank you Roger, and congratulations!

**Kiwanis Chicken Barbecue** Mark your calendar for another summer of famous Kiwanis barbecue chicken beginning Saturday, April 28th. The stand, located 4 miles west of Bridgeville on Seashore Highway (Route 404), will be open Saturday & Sunday from April 28th through June; Friday-Sunday in July and August and Saturday & Sunday through October 7th. The sale of this traditional delicious summertime favorite goes to benefit children and youth, community needs and the less fortunate.

**Barbecue History** This will be the 51st year of the BBQ, first started by the Greenwood Kiwanis Club at a site near the fire tower at the Delaware/Maryland state line. By 1963 the BBQ moved to its present location. In 1965 it became so successful the Greenwood Kiwanians couldn't handle the demand of man hours and invited the Bridgeville Kiwanians to split the summer between the two groups. This continued through the 1991 season, after which the Greenwood Club dissolved its membership. The Bridgeville Club has continued the operation of the BBQ, which helps support 24 local organizations' fundraising efforts.

The Kiwanians wish to thank all persons who have assisted to make the BBQ successful each year.

**Friends of the Bridgeville Library (FBL)**  
**Upcoming Programs**

**The Reminders** Delaware's premier original Americana band with roots in gospel, blues and country music will perform on April 18th at 7 PM. Their instrumental and vocal performance is a highlight in the Friends schedule of events.

**Vietnam Mailbag** Letters will be read from Bridgeville-area troops along with a powerful slide show on May 23rd at 7 PM. This program will honor our service people as we celebrate Memorial Day.

**Publishing and Beyond** Six authors will present a panel discussion with their insights on publishing and their books on June 16th at 1 PM. Authors include James Diehl, Colleen Faulkner, Judith E. French, Karen Kalinevitch, Terry McAnally and Mary-Margaret Pauer. A great event for avid readers and aspiring authors.

The above meetings will take place at the Library Meeting Room

**Art Displays** April - Phillis Wheatley Middle School Students May - Woodbridge High School Students  
June - Marilyn Williams

Anyone interested in becoming a Friend and/or participating in the leadership of the organization, please contact Ruth Skala at 302-858-1534.

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# Important Dates to Remember

**April**

- 6-13 **Woodbridge Schools Closed**
- 18 **Friends of the Library "The Reminders"**  
Gospel Music - Library Meeting Room 7 PM
- 21 **Community Health Walk** Woodbridge Sports Complex 8:30 AM Register, 9 AM Walk
- 28 **National Prescription Drug Take-Back**  
Behind the Fire Hall 10 AM - 2 PM  
**Kiwanis BBQ Opens for the Season**

**May**

- \*\* **Kiwanis Chicken BBQ**  
\*\* Open Sat. & Sun. in May
- 1 **Woodbridge School District** Meet the School Bd. Candidates Night 7 PM, Elementary Sch.
- 4 **Woodbridge Schools** No School for Students
- 5 **Town-Wide Yard Sale** Begins at 7 AM  
**Kiwanis Community Prayer Breakfast**  
United Methodist Church, 8 AM
- 6 **Historical Society Museum** Open 11:30-3 PM
- 8 **School Board Election Voting**  
Elementary/High School 10 AM to 8 PM
- 9 **Historical Society Covered Dish/Program**  
6:30 PM St. Mary's Parish House

**May**

- 12 **NALC Food Drive**
- 14 **Monthly Commission Mtg** Town Hall 7 PM
- 23 **Friends of the Library "Vietnam Mailbag" Program** Library Meeting Room 7 PM
- 28 **Town Memorial Day Celebration** 9:30 AM Town Offices, Library & Woodbridge Schools Closed

**June**

- \*\* **Kiwanis Chicken BBQ**  
\*\* Open Sat. & Sun. in June
- 3 **Historical Society Museum** Open 11:30-3 PM  
**Woodbridge Senior Graduation**
- 7 **Woodbridge Students' Last Half-Day**
- 11 **Monthly Commission Mtg** Town Hall 7 PM
- 12 **Summer Reading Program Kick-Off** 11 AM
- 16 **Friends of the Library "Publishing and Beyond" Panel Discussion** Library Meeting Room 1 PM

**July**

- \*\* **Kiwanis Chicken BBQ**  
Open Friday - Sunday in July
- 1 **Historical Society Museum** Open 11:30-3 PM
- 4 **4th of July** Town Office and Library Closed