AUTUMN'S BOUNTY

When summer packs her bag and goes
South to other lands;
Autumn moves in swiftly,
Bearing gifts in both her hands,
Baskets full of pumpkins,
Crisp red apples, too....
Everything that's needed
For a fresh-baked pie or two
To warm you after dinner
On a crisp clear autumn night....
Or set a festive table
For a holiday delight.

I always welcome Autumn,
Decked out in leaves of gold....
She brings the season's treasures,
Her bounty to behold!
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ELECTION OF
NEW COMMISSIONERS!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2000 is not far off!!! For those seeking a seat on the Commission the filing deadline is Friday, December 10, 1999 by noon.

The positions open for the 2000 election are as follows:
1 - 1 year term
2 - 2 year terms
Commissioner terms that are up are:
Glenn Miles
Willie Pierce
Margaret Sipple
Carry-over Commissioners are:
Jack Dalton
Charles Singman
Anyone who would like to file for the Commission position must file at the Town Hall in writing.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Every citizen in the Town of Bridgeville who is eighteen years of age or upward shall have one vote provided he/she has registered on the "Book of Registered Voters." A person may register at the Town Hall during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Deadline for voter registration is Thursday, December 30, 1999. No one will be allowed to register after the close of business on that day.

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WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS....

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reardon
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Driscoll
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knotts
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williamson
Mr. Kevin Carson
Mr. and Mrs. Juan Quezada
Mr. Mike Zidanic & Miss Jeanine Lemieux
Miss Nancy Pascone
Ms. Mary Bisson

NEW BUSINESS OWNER

Mr. Rob Parnell-Laundromat/Car Wash

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SCHOOLS ARE BACK IN SESSION....

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!
MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION

JULY 12, 1999:

- Complaint received from residents concerning run down piece of property on Oak Street.
- Bridgerville to receive $30,000 for housing rehabilitation from the Community Development Block Grant Fund.
- Letter of complaint from residents on Elm Street regarding the tall grass and weeds on property behind their homes. The Town Office did notify the owner of said property.
- Total traffic arrests for month of June was 240. New gray colored police car arrived about three weeks ago (purchased through grant money).
- WWTP received four septic haulers for a revenue of $1,776.
- The three on-going projects at the WWTP are: the up-grade study for the TMDL situation; the proposal to repair the pothole on Walnut & Railroad Avenue; and the proposal to repair the sewer pipe line near the plant entrance.
- Street Commissioner Sipple reported the repaving project by Delmarva Paving was to start June 1st (????). Also there is a storm drain that needs attention as soon as possible. The new dump truck arrived the first week of July.
- Commission voted to accept the bid from Hopkins Construction to repair the pipe line. Cost being $13,087 which will be taken from the Sewer Sinking Fund.
- Discussion was held on the Housing and Building Code Enforcement and who will be the enforcement code officer. Tabled until August meeting.
- Commission voted to have Code Publisher Co. update the Code Book. Cost between $700 and $900.0
- The noise ordinance tabled until all Commissioners had time to review the proposed ordinance.
- Commission voted to amend the Town Code to include a Planning Commission. First reading to take place at the August meeting.
- Several residents discussed their concern over trucks still going through Town, and our police dept. not stopping them for the violation.
- Several residents registered complaint over the many abandoned homes in Town. Commissioners told them they are working on an ordinance that would eliminate such problems.
- Officer Kevin Wix was hired as a full-time employee of the Town.
- Four employees received merit raises as of July 1st.

AUGUST 9, 1999:

- There were 391 traffic arrests for the month of July.
- We had three septic haulers for a revenue of $1,776.
- WWTP plant took a lightning hit and several pieces of equipment were damaged. Some will be replaced under warranty.
- Received complaints from residents concerning the odor that comes from Cannon Cold Storage—residents told to call DRAEC because the Commission cannot file the complaint.
- Repaving of several alleys and streets to start August 18.
- Several residents complained about people driving straight through Elm Street—owner of land next to the end of Elm Street gave permission to post "no trespassing" signs. The residents asked the Commissioners to place stakes out at the end of the street.
- The first reading of Ordinance #99-2; Vehicle Noise Ordinance. Second reading and vote will take place at the September meeting.
- Commissioners voted to hire a part-time Code Enforcement Officer as soon as possible. The new officer will be responsible for getting vacant homes/building either repaired or taken down.
- Discussion was held concerning 103 S. Main Street. The Sussex County Federal Credit Union would like to remain in the building....
Cont.–Aug. minutes:

- President Dalton will negotiate with the new credit union.
- President Dalton said calls were made from the office recently to check on the elderly in Town during the recent "heat" wave.
- First reading was held on Ordinance 99-1; An ordinance to amend Chapter 214 of the Code of Bridgeville relating to zoning (establishing a Planning Commission).
- Mr. Tim Banks presented his vision of opening a drug and alcohol treatment home at 105 S Main Street. His non-profit organization is called Restoration Outreach. After much discussion, Mr. Banks was asked to prepare a business plan and a financial statement and present it at an open meeting.
- Commissioner Sipple reported the hole on Jacobs Avenue would be repaired next week.
- Several residents complained about rats being seen on N. Main Street. They requested the Commissioners to get the problem resolved as soon as possible.
- Mr. Bill Flynn suggested that all of John Street be made a one-way street.
- President Dalton reported that the materials needed to repair the pipes at Walnut & Railroad Avenue have been ordered.
- Mr. Phillip Davis thanked the members of the Commission for taking a stand on the Waste Management Project.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1999:

- There were 309 traffic arrests for the month of August.
- We had three septic haulers for a revenue of $1,856.60. Hopkins Const. turned in the lowest bid ($13,087) for the repair of the stream-crossing sewer line project at N. Main St.
- The Town’s Municipal Street Aid Fund this year will be $56,843.21.
- Several letters have been sent to homeowners who are not keeping their yards mowed. Per Town Code it not cut within 10 days after receiving notice, the Town will have it mowed and billed, plus administrative costs, to said homeowner.
- Mr. Rick Tull presented the audit for the sixteen month period.
- The first reading of the Vehicle Noise Ordinance, Ord. 99-2 was held. Second reading & vote will take place at the Oct. meeting.
- The second reading and adoption of Ordinance 99-1, Planning Commission. Tabled until October was the selection of the five member Commission to serve.
- It was decided to hold Trick or Treat Night on Sat., Oct. 30, 1999 from 6-8 PM only.
- Commission approved to allow Chief Parsons to apply for a $9,000.00 Criminal Justice Block Grant to use towards police vehicles.
- The old dump truck has been sold for $4,000.00.
- Commission received several complaints from citizens about dogs over running the Town. Commission promised to look into the problem.
- Mrs. Joanne Conaway commended the Commissioners on the recently repaved alleys and streets.
- DELDOT has approved the closing of Market Street on Sat., Oct. 9th, from 8-5 PM. For safety reasons the Town Commission and the Apple-Scrapple Committee decided to take this measure.

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PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 1999. PAY PROMPTLY TO AVOID PENALTIES!!!!

TIME'S A'WASTING
"STREET NEWS"

COMMISSIONER SIPPLE

REMINDER TO ALL CITIZENS:

1. Please do not throw your grass cuttings in to the streets (will clog the storm drains).

2. Citizens are responsible for the mowing of their yards including the grass strip between the sidewalk and the street. Also per Town Code, trash must not be allowed to accumulate in your yard.

As you have probably noticed we received some more legislative funds and the following streets have recently been paved: Elm, Emory, John, part of Mill Street, Maple and Pine Alleys. Thanks to Sen. Adams and Rep. Ewing our Town is looking great!

The Sussex County Boot Camp workers have helped alot with the cleaning along our street edges, storm drains, etc. If we had them ore often we would be in great shape! Being we don’t, lets all do our part to keep Bridgeville clean and make us really proud of our Town.

TAKE NOTE: the Boot Camper workers will be back the week of Oct. 4-7 to work on our streets again. The Town will also be using the street sweeper during those days. The Commissioners are requesting that residents on Delaware, William, Walnut, S. Cannon and Laws Streets try not to park their cars on those streets during the day so the sweeper can clean the roads. We would appreciate your help in our clean-up project.

Any problems or concerns, call the Town Office....

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A TAXING BURDEN!!!

A TAXPAYER wrote to his state controller that he’d cheated on his income tax 10 years ago and hadn’t been able to get a good night’s sleep since. He enclosed $25 and this note:

"If I still can't sleep, I'll send the balance."

JUST A REMINDER!

The Town Commission had the first of two required readings of a change to the Town Code which will restrict the noise levels emanating from motor vehicles. A final reading and vote for adoption will be held at the October 11th Commission meeting. If adopted, the enforcement of this revision will be immediate, there will be no "grace" period. Please advise anyone you know who may have sound equipment in their vehicles of this proposed change.

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"That 'A' is me... The 'F' is heredity."
FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S DESK.

Now we know what a "Hundred Year Flood" is like in Bridgeville, and we came through it very well. I want to say a special thanks to our town employees for their outstanding service through this emergency. Phil Mowbray and Rick Passwaters worked all day and into the night maintaining the operation of the wastewater plant.

Alma Fleetwood kept everyone calm who called town hall to report the water rising, and she was an indispensable help to this office as we tracked the storm and tried to stay ahead of the needs of the community.

Devotion to duty was exemplified in Chief Allen Parsons, not only did he man the phones at the station until Michael and Office Wix arrived to relieve him, but he then took up a shovel and rake to go out and clean storm drain grates to keep the water flowing.

To all we say "Job Well Done, Thank You."

Overall we fared rather well from the nearly eleven inches of rain with only minor damage at the plant and North Cannon Street (Frog Harbor area) weakened to the point it will have to be rebuilt. We are told the Delaware and Federal Emergency Management Agencies will assist financially in restoring these services.

On the development front we have two items of importance. First we were successful in getting DELDOT to change their designation of Rt. 13 to an investment area so that we will get support from them for development of the area from the diner all the way to the Redden Road. This means that we will have the service roads necessary to insure that the area does not develop improperly. We are forming a working group to work with DELDOT to ensure the Town's needs are considered in all the decisions they make for the roads and highways around Town.

Secondly, the Commissioners have named the members of the Bridgeville Planning Commission. Named to serve are Jack Dalton and Willie Pierce representing the Commissioners, and Charles Hawk, Howard Hardesty, John Shockley, Kevin Carson and Jeff Scott residents. The Commission is charged with the responsibility of developing a land use plan for the Town. The recommendations of this Commission will go before the Board of Adjustments before being approved by the Commissioners. This will be of major importance to the Town in the face of the pending development we are being asked to approve and facilitate in the near future.

Finally, we look forward to a fabulous Apple-Scrapple Festival this year as I have seen how hard they are working and all the new and exciting attractions they have planned. In advance, thanks to all who serve on the committee for your hard work and devotion to our community.

Jack L. Dalton

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to October 31st falling on a Sunday this year, TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT will be celebrated on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1999 from 6-8 PM for children twelve and under only.
HALLOWEEN PROVISIONS
CHAPTER 114

#114-1 Halloween Curfew: three days before and three days after Halloween it shall be unlawful for any child under the age of 18 years to be on the street or alleys in the Town of Bridgeville after 9:00 PM, unless accompanied by one or both parents. Any children out after the curfew hour will be in violation of this article.

#114-2 Parental Responsibility: the parents will be responsible to see that their child or children are off the streets before the hour established in this article.

#114-3 Designated Trick or Treat Nite. It shall be unlawful for any child to be trick or treating other than the night selected as Halloween. Because of Halloween falling on Sunday, trick or treat night will be SAT. OCTOBER 30th, for children twelve and under only, 6-8 PM.

#114-5 Vandalism Prohibited: it shall be unlawful for anyone to deface or destroy personal or public property.

#114-6 Throwing Objects Prohibited: it shall be unlawful to throw water balloons, apples, pumpkins or any other objects at any moving or parked vehicles or at any window, doors or people.

#114-7 Entering Cemetery Prohibited: it shall be unlawful for anyone to be in the cemetery after the hour of darkness.

#114-8 Importing Trick or Treat Prohibited: it shall be unlawful for any parent or friend whose residence is not that of Bridgeville to bring their child/children to the Town of Bridgeville so that the child/children can go trick or treating.

#114-9 Violation and Penalties: Whoever violates any section of this article of the Town of Bridgeville shall be fined not less than $5.00 nor more than $25.00. If the second offense shall occur within 72 hours he/she shall be fined not less than $25.00 nor more than $50.00, and the parents shall be responsible for their child's behavior and all fines.

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THINK OF OTHERS!
For persons who walk their dogs, please do not allow them to defecate in other people's yards. Either take a plastic bag or a "pooper-scooper" with you when you walk.

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Root Cellar Word Find
TO STOCK UP on a bounty of autumn enjoyment, just look at what this issue's word find has in store.
Sealed into the harvest of letters below are the names of 24 foods (listed at bottom) often preserved in a rural root cellar. Bring them to light by connecting letters up, down, diagonally and backward.

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RADISHES
RUTABAGAS
SPUDS
SQUASH
SWEET POTATO
TOMATOES
APPLE-SCRAPPLE UPDATE

OCT. 8/9, 1999

HOME DECORATING CONTEST: The Kiwanis club will be sponsoring the second annual home decorating contest. The judging will take place on Thursday, October 7th from 4-7 P.M. The decorations must follow the "Apple-Scrapple" theme. Yard or home may be decorated. Anyone living in the town limits may participate. Prizes will be awarded on Friday evening, October 8th at the stage area. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize. Plaques will be placed in all winners yard. JOIN IN ON THE FUN!!! For more info call 337-7070.

T.S. SMITH & SONS 1999 APPLE BAKING CONTEST...OCTOBER 9, 1999

The apple baking contest will take place at the Bridgeville Fire Hall.
Divisions:
- Traditional Apple Pie - $500 Bond
- Apple Dessert - $500 Bond
- Children's Dessert - $100 Bond
All registrations must be received on or before Oct. 4, 1999. Forms may be picked up at T.S. Smith & Sons, Town Hall, Visitors Center or the Library. For more info call 337-8318.

SOMETHING NEW!!!

DECORATING WITH APPLES: enter this new contest at the festival. Use fresh apples as the focal point to create any type of home decorating accent. A $100 bond will be awarded to the winning entry. Take entries to firehall Fri. evening or 8-10 on Sat.
All registrations must be received on or before Oct. 4th. Forms may be picked up at T.S. Smith & Sons, Town Hall, Visitors Center or Library. For more info call 337-8318.

COOKING WITH SCRAPPLE CONTEST: put your culinary skills to the test—develop an exciting new recipe using Scrapple!!! A $100 bond will be awarded to the winning entry. Bring entries to the firehall Oct. 9th between 8-10 AM. Forms may be picked up at the Town Hall, Library, T.S. Smith & Son or Visitors Center. For more info call 337-8318.

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FESTIVAL DAYS: Once again the festival committee would like to thank the residents in advance for their patience and understanding during this two-day event. The festival is awesome to most of us but many residents who live on Delaware Ave, Walnut Street, Laws Street, Cannon Street and Williams Street are somewhat inconvenienced during this time.

TAKE NOTE: Because of the increased attendance and traffic during the festival and for safety reasons, Market Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th only. Alley permits will again be given (2 per family) for residents where streets will be blocked off. If an extra one should be needed, stop by the Town Hall (3 max). The reason for the permit is to keep non-residents from using the alleyways. With so many people in Town, we need to keep safety first. ALLEYS CANNOT BE BLOCKED-VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY. Again the 400 block of Walnut Street will be closed on Saturday.
Once again we thank all residents for their understanding and we hope you enjoy the '99 festival.

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Scrubble cont'd...
COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Lancaster, Pa. on Saturday, October 2nd. The bus will leave the center, stop at the Bird-In-Hand Mkt., tour the Lancaster area, dine at the Good & Plenty Restaurant, and then stop at Kitchen Kettle before returning to Bridgeville. The cost is $87.00 per person. Contact Karen, 837-8771, for reservations.

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The annual Firemen's Chicken & Dumpling Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, 1999 from 12:00-5:00 PM at the firehall. Carry-outs will be available. DON'T FORGET!!!!

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The Historical Society will sponsor their 24th annual craft show, "Christmas in Bridgeville" on Sat., December 4th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Woodbridge Jr/Sr. High School. The society members are selling $1.00 chances on an antique jelly cabinet to be given away that day. As of this date, over seventy-five vendors have signed up to display their special talents. Lunch will be catered by Jimmy's Stille. Mark your calendars.....a craft event you don't want to miss!!!

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MTG.

At the November 8th meeting of the town Commission, a representative from the Community Development Block Grant will outline the plan and scheduling for the 2000 funding. This is grant money, and is to be used for housing repairs and makeovers. Plan to attend and find out the program's specifics. Many have benefited from this yearly assistance, but don't delay. Applications should be filed as soon as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!

OCT. - 8/9 - Apple-Scrapple Festival
11 - Town Board Mtg., 7PM
30 - Trick or Treat Night, 6-8 P.M. -children twelve and under

NOV. - 6 - Firemen's Annual Chicken/Dumpling Dinner, 12-5 PM, Fire Hall
8 - Town Board Mtg., 7PM
11 - Veteran's Day
25 - Thanksgiving Day
25-26 - Town Office closed for holiday

DEC. - 4 - Christmas in B'ville Craft Show, Woodbridge Jr/Sr. High School, 9-3PM
10 - Deadline to file for Commission position. Must file by noon.
13 - Town Board Mtg., 7PM
24 - Christmas Eve-Town Office Closed
25 - Christmas Day
30 - Deadline to register to vote in Commission Ele

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SHORTCUTS FOR PRACTICAL PEOPLE....

* Prepare your snow shovel for winter with a coat of floor wax. The wax helps prevent the scoop from rusting, and also makes the snow slide off without sticking.

* It's easy to read a rain gauge if you put a few drops of food coloring in the tube. Even if the colored water dries up, there is enough residue to help read the next rainfall.

* To keep shower doors shiny and clear, use a soft cloth moistened with baby oil. It prevents scum buildup from dirt and soap. And hard water spots won't appear for several months.

* If you find the tops are sticking to your tubes of glue, try rubbing a little petroleum jelly around the rim. Works on paint can lids, too.

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