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2000

NEW TITLES.....A NEW FACE!

During the recent reorganizational meeting, the Commissioners voted on the following:

President	Jack Dalton
Sec/Streets	Margaret Sipple
Waste Water	Earl Greason
Water	Glenn Miles
Police	Charles Singman
Treasurer	Watha Hostetler
Solicitor	Walter Speakman

Town Hall	337-7135
WWTP	337-7843
Police Dept.	337-8302

The Town Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

The Commissioners meet the second Monday of every month at 7 pm. All residents are invited to attend.

COMMISSIONER EARL GREASON
206 S.MAIN STREET



Commissioner Greason moved to our community a little over a year ago. He is convenient to his work in the Maryland area. Commissioner Greason and wife, Margaret, have three children at home and a grown daughter who lives in Warrenton, Virginia.

Commissioner Greason will oversee the waste water treatment plant this year.

We welcome the Greason family to Bridgeville.!

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SPRING FLING

Spring is such a happy time
For every living thing;
Flowers poke their heads up,
And birds begin to sing.



Tiny buds burst open
On the tip of every tree;
Fields of grass start greening
As far as one can see.

Baby bunnies bounce about,
And fawns in woods tiptoe;
Children frolic in the parks,
Their faces all aglow.

Hope rekindles in our hearts
On warming springtime days....
Our thanks to Mother Nature
For her magic wondrous ways!

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WELCOME TO BRIDGEVILLE

NEW HOMEOWNERS

Mary Bisson	
Byron Lewis	
Joan Ochs	
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Simpson	
Mr. and Mrs. Gilberto Villalobos	

NEW BUSINESS

Superior Title Corporation/
O'Leary Law Office
103 S. Main Street

MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION MEETINGS..JANUARY 10, 2000:

- Regorganizational meeting with Jack Dalton being elected President.
- Thanks to our local legislators new curbing has been installed on North and South Cannon Street and a new handicap ramp is to be installed at Town Hall.
- There were 241 traffic arrests for the month of December.
- The string of robberies that occurred this fall have been solved. Some of the equipment has been recovered and an arrest made.
- There were no reported Y2K problems at the WWTP on January 1st.
- There were two septic haulers for a revenue of \$1,716.
- Odor complaints received from residents living on Church and First Streets. Working to get problem corrected as soon as possible.
- Commissioner Greason agreed to serve on the Planning Commission replacing Mr. Willie Pierce.
- Commissioners working to get Pet Poultry (Cannon Cold Storage) in compliance regarding their wastewater discharge.
- It was voted to again publish the newsletter "The Journal".
- Dr. Kevin Carson presented the program concerning the school referendum.
- Commissioner Singman requested a new computer be purchased for the police chief. It was decided to check further to see what is available.
- The police department has one disabled vehicle due to a blown engine.
- The police cars will be receiving new laptop computers in the near future purchased through grant money.
- No voted or motions made during executive session.

FEBRUARY 14, 2000:

- There were 156 traffic arrests and 13 criminal arrests.
- New laptop computers have been ordered for the police vehicles and will be paid for through grant money.
- A new RBC gear-box is needed at the WWTP for a cost of \$13,000.

February mtgs. cont'd.

- The revised consent agreement with Cannon Cold Storage was signed on February 12th.
- Commissioners agreed to reimburse Mr. Joe Conaway for bills he incurred in trying to repair his sewer line. Seems his line was never hooked to the Town system when the new system was installed.
- Inspection of the water tower will soon take place.
- Commission and residents thanked Doug, Rick and Phillip for their dedicated work in clearing the streets after the snow.
- The new steps and handicap walk has been installed at the front of Town Hall.
- Miss Annie Williams of DBF presented the BNR (Biological Nutrient Removal Study).
- To this date no application has been received pertaining to a drug abuse treatment center at 105 S. Main Street.
- Commissioners agreed to proceed with legal guidance pertaining to a past due tax bill of Cannon Cold Storage.
- A renewal waste hauler application was approved for Roto-Rooter.
- The Town received a dividend check on the Workers Compensation Ins. of \$1,801.
- A resolution was tabled concerning snow removal from sidewalks.
- Owners of Code Books will now be responsible for the cost of any upgrades. Commissioners will be placing a Code Book in the library.
- Police department will be purchasing a new computer with grant money. They will be pricing color printers.
- Through grant money the police dept. will be purchasing a new vehicle. Presently we have two vehicle which are not in service (92 models). The 1996 model has a blown engine.
- Commissioners to look into annexing Earlee Avenue per some residents request.
- Commissioners adopted a new bad weather policy for all employees.

RCH 13, 2000:

- There were 158 traffic arrests for the month with 33 criminal arrests.
- Average daily wastewater flow was .190 million gallons.
- A new RBC gearbox was replaced. The stream bank erosion at the WWTP was repaired for a cost of \$2,075.
- Jimmy's Grille will be billed for the additional 40 seats in his new addition.
- Commissioner Greason is seeking to find grant money for the WWTP.
- The average daily flow of drinking water was 125,000 gallons. One fire hydrant was repaired at Canterbury Apts. Another hydrant was damaged on West Market Street. Cost of the repair will be \$1,200.
- A sink hole was reported on the newly repaved John Street. A new storm grate was installed on Cherry Alley.
- Salt and sand will be removed from the street starting April 29th.
- Town will be reimbursed for a failed sewer hookup from three years ago by DBF.
- Commissioners approved to allow the state mosquito control spraying from April through October.
- It was approved that residents must remove snow from their sidewalks 24 hours after the last snow fall.
- McMullen's Septic Service was approved to use our wastewater facility from January to December, 2000.
- Commissioners approved the BNR report.
- Assessment Appeal Day is set for Saturday, March 25th, 1-4PM, Town Hall.
- Jason Deibel requested permission to build a playground at the little league park. Jason is working on his Eagle Badge. Discussion was held on insurance.
- Commission voted to take a half page ad in patron book sponsored by ladies of Williams Chapel.
- A resident discussed safety concerns with cars and kids using the field from the car wash to the Shore Stop.

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LIBRARY NEWS



The Summer Reading Program begins June 20, 2000 and ends with the annual party August 15, 2000.

Crafts, stories, and programs are Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 A.M.

Special events this summer are a model rocket launch by the Tripoli Rocket Club, an art contest and a moon rock guess.

One does not have to join the reading program to participate in crafts or programs. However, prizes are awarded to readers only.

Students from pre-K to sixth grade are welcome.

For further information, call the library at 337-7401.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED..

The Apple-Scrapple Committee has started working on the festival for 2000. As the festival grows, more and more volunteers are needed to make it a success. If you can give a little of your time to this event, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bonnie at 349-4637 or Alma at 629-9582. The date this year October 13/14.

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SHOW TIME IN B'VILLE

The 47th Annual Lions Club Variety Show will be presented on **Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1** at the Woodbridge Jr/Sr. High School Auditorium. 8:00 P.M. Tickets are \$5.00 from any member or at the door. Please support your local home-grown talent. IT'S A FUN EVENING.

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FIREMAN OF THE YEAR-Congratulations to Trey Hardesty for recently being named Fireman of the Year.

**FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S DESK**



Welcome to "Bridgeville 2000", I am excited about what we were able to accomplish last year and also the challenges and opportunities we have ahead of us.

This past year we completed most of the street repairs and were able to install some new sidewalks. You will notice that Town Hall is under construction for a new handicap access ramp, which will make Town Hall accessible to all. I hope that soon we will be able to move the meeting room to the first floor so no one will be prevented from attending town meetings.

As we leave 1999 and approach our first fiscal year on the same schedule as the state which begins July 1st, I want to report to you that the Town is in better shape financially. As a matter of fact, our auditor says it is in the best shape he has seen in years. This is due to the hard work of our Town employees in cutting operating costs, an increase in state grant funds, as well as the funds we receive from the transfer tax.

I'm happy to report that due to the sale of the Davis property (103 S Main) next door to Town Hall, we have reduced the bank loan to under \$65,000. We will continue to apply funds toward retiring that debt.

I made a comment in February's meeting that I wanted to repeal the Capitation Tax. I know this is money we need, but I feel it is unfair tax because it cannot be levied fairly. We have no way of knowing how many people are renters, and we have no way of compelling them to pay. This leaves the honest resident with the burden of paying the tax while some choose to ignore it. Of the \$12,000 we bill annually, only \$8,400 is paid voluntarily, and we spend additional funds trying to collect the rest. So I challenge the Commission to repeal this tax as soon as possible.

You are probably aware that we have formed the Planning Commission to prepare for Bridgeville's future. The Commission has met the last two months and is progressing on a strategic plan for land use and development. We are partnering with the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration, which has assisted other towns in preparing their plans. We are in the process of inventorying the homes and properties in Town and developing geographic data to assist the residents of Bridgeville in making informed decisions about our future.

The next step will be moving to is to get public comment on growth and development issues. This is a time for residents to take a good look at our community. Start now in deciding what you like most about Bridgeville, what you like least, and what you want our Town to look like in the future. As Sussex County continues to attract businesses and new residents, it is important for us to plan our development to insure our community grows the way we want. There will be announcements made for public hearings for the purpose of compiling the ideas developed by the residents of Bridgeville on how we want development to proceed.

Two things that I think should be on our list of considerations are a new library and senior center. The library is important in the proper development and education of our young people, and the senior center is important to the service of our senior population. Sussex County is becoming a retirement destination for many, and if we want to attract this segment, we must have the infrastructure and support they seek. As developers look at options in Bridgeville we have the opportunity to include these projects in their plans. So, let's work together to determine what the Bridgeville of tomorrow will be.

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SNOW...SNOW...SNOW!

As per the Town Charter sidewalks are the responsibility of the home owner. During the March 23, 2000 Commisisoner's Meeting, the following was approved. Residents have 24 hours after the last

snowfall to remove snow from their sidewalks.

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HOMEOWNERS PLEASE CHECK YOUR PIPES FREQUENTLY, ESPECIALLY AFTER A COLD SNAP.....

Unrepaired Leaks Can Be Costly !!!

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

**CHAPTER 106
OUTDOOR BURNING**

No person, partnership or corporation shall burn or cause to be burned or permit to have burned leaves, brush, or other combustible matter within the corporate limits of the Town of Bridgeville.

Nothing contained in this ordinance shall prohibit the use of outdoor fireplace or other devices for the preparation of food.

The Burning Question?

Facts About Open Burning



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I heard about a woman who married four times. First to a millionaire, second to an actor, third to a hairstylist, and fourth to a mortician. She said it was:

ONE FOR THE MONEY,
TWO FOR THE SHOW,
THREE TO GET READY....
AND FOR TO GO!

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SLING SOME HASH!

"HALLOWEEN IN A SNOWSTORM"(pumpkin pie with whipped cream)

"BURGER WITH BREATH"(hamburger with onions)

"LEAVES IN THE HAIL" (iced tea)

"KITCHEN MYSTERY" (hash)

"PIG BETWEEN THE SHEETS (ham sandwich)

"BLINDFOLD THOSE BIDDIES" (eggs over easy)

"TWO BIDDIES ON A RAFT AND WRECK'EM (two scrambled eggs on toast)

"SCORCH A DOG AND DRAG IT THROUGH THE GARDEN" (grilled hot dog with relish)

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KIWANIS NEWS.....

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST: Winners from the decorating contest during the holiday season were:

BEST OVER ALL: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Keel
BEST HOME: Charles Singman & Michael Dietz

BEST HOME BY KIWANIAN:
 Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miles

CONGRATULATIONS-JOB WELL DONE.

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KIWANIS HONOR: Mr. Walter N. Rudy was a recent recipient of the prestigious George F. Hixson Award. Walt was presented this award at the 61st Charter Night Program on March 20, 2000 by the Capital District Kiwanis International Governor Angus S. Lamond, Jr. on behalf of the Bridgeville Kiwanians.

The Hixson Fellowship was established by the Kiwanis International Foundation in 1983 to honor George F. Hixson, first president of Kiwanis International, and to build the endowment fund of the International Foundation to benefit various worldwide service projects. Each contribution of \$1000 will touch the lives of thousands of children.

Walt joined Kiwanis in July, 1989, and has served as the club president 1992-93; was Division II Lt. Governor 1995-86. He was the Capital District Kiwanis International Key Club Administrator 1996-1999. In October, 1999, Walt became the Division II representative to the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. Board.

Previous recipients: George F. Hardesty, Jr.-1995; Daniel Vandewend-1997; Richard A. Beauchamp-1998; and Harry C. Banning-1999.

Congratulations, Walt!

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KIWANIS COOKBOOKS are sale \$10.00. May be purchased at the library, Town Hall or any Kiwanis member.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 31- Lions Club Annual Variety Show; 8 PM, High School Auditorium
 & 4/1

APRIL 10- Commission Mtg, 7 PM
 21- Good Friday, TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
 23- Easter Sunday

MAY 1- Woodbridge Little League Opening Night and Parade, 6PM, Greenwood
 8- Commission Mtg., 7PM
 14- Mother's Day
 29- Memorial Day Observed, TOWN OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE 12- Commission Mtg., 7 PM

Spicy Spring Word Find

SEASONED with good-natured fun, this word jumble presents a challenge that's sure to grow on you.

Picking each from the list at bottom, we've transplanted 24 words—all naming types of herbs, spices and accents into the potpourri of letters below. Sniff them out by connecting letters up, down, diagonally and backward.

B Z E F B S A G E E Y R Y A W A R A C
 A Z N G K A C I W K M R E U S Y J H I
 S W B U K H Y J R P U Z L B R N I O L
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| BALM | DILL | MARJORAM | SAGE |
| BASIL | FENNEL | MINT | SAVORY |
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