

Economic Development Committee Update

January, 2019

1. DelDOT has finally approved the new town entrance signs. Jesse and Rick will be overseeing the installation which hopefully will be complete by the end of the month. We want to thank both of them for seeing through the project to this point.
2. An exploratory meeting has been setup with Dave Tiberi and Kevin Wilson. Both are Delaware business owners who have actively helped other towns in developing and implementing focused vision plans. We will determine if their approach can be used in Bridgeville and if so, determine if it might fit Bridgeville's needs. They do not charge for their time.
3. Fancy Cutz provided a design for the Memorial/Flagpole area next to Town Hall with the intent to tie in the design to a long term plan for park/parklet areas around the Town Hall/New Police Station/Waste Plan areas. The town will obtain three bids for a design and cost.
4. Letters for the ongoing grant program are to be sent out and some will be hand distributing them to the businesses in order to help provide a face to the EDC for businesses.
5. Rocking chairs have been purchased and delivered to the Middle School and High School. The initial designs have been created and some of the paint provided to the school. Expected completion is Spring of 2019. We will be looking to some of our local businesses to sponsor each of the art chairs.
6. We are still working with DelDot on moving forward with one traffic box art project.
7. The Christmas Parade was a huge success. Thanks to Bob Lewis of the committee for organizing the event.
8. A meeting was held to discuss this year's Fabulous Fourth Fridays and how to improve on it. New ideas emerged and will be flushed out over the coming months. The time for the event was changed to 5-8 p.m. to allow greater participation.
9. Two members of the EDC attended a planning session with Tourism, Arts, Downtown Development group (a network of communities on Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore.)

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