



March 2021 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

The Town issued fifteen (15) building permits totaling \$29,133.55 during the month of March. There were nine (9) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$\$44,491.93 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during February 2021.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$\$72,324.27 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during March 2021.

We have a current set aside balance of \$870,024.41 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

The following property went to monitions' sale in March, and amounts are included (property taxes, utilities, and code violations) that the Town expects to redeem as a result of those sales:

- 32 Church Street - \$788.68

There is currently one property within town limits scheduled for sale in April.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – No new updates - waiting for next plan submission.
- Heritage Shores Phase 4E – Final Approval pending tonight's meeting
- Heritage Shores Phase 5 – Second concept submission to P&Z 4/21/2021

Open Board of Adjustment Seats

We STILL have openings on the Board of Adjustment. As development picks up, this could be an excellent opportunity to start getting involved in local government! Please submit a letter of intent to Town Hall if you would like to be considered for the position.

Western Sussex Unified Sewer District

The pump station located behind Town Hall is scheduled to start up April 13, 2021, officially. If all goes well, generator testing will follow within the next day or two, and crews will resume upgrades and repairs on existing sewer lines located around the pump station. We will then focus on shutting down and cleaning out the wastewater plant before demolition.

Reopening Town Hall

We have been keeping an eye on statistics and information surrounding COVID-19. Some Town Halls are starting to reopen with limited access, and some have meetings returning to in-person capabilities with some restrictions. As staff continues to obtain vaccinations, we will

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announce a phased reopening schedule for Town Hall, with the newsletter going out in the next water and sewer billings.

Operation Rabbit Run 5K & Bunny Hop Community Event

This event was held with great success on April 10, 2021, at the Bridgeville Public Library and Community Walking Trail. The event was presented by the Woodbridge High School MCJROTC Booster Club. I participated in the walking portion of the 5K – and was able to capture this moment as 25% of the event proceeds were presented to Officers McQuown and Bowen for the Bridgeville Police Department's K-9 Unit.



Apple Scrapple

An exciting update from the Apple-Scrapple Committee: The Apple-Scrapple Committee met on March 30 and voted to plan the 2021 Apple-Scrapple Festival. While the Festival will look a bit differently than it has in the past, we are committed to doing all that we can to have a fun and safe Festival for all. We will be working with the State of Delaware to develop a plan of operation to receive approval/permit to have the Festival. With that being said, vendor applications will be made available on April 15. Please be patient as we move forward—Mark your calendar for Friday, October 8, and Saturday, October 9.

Town-Wide Yard Sale – May 1

We are continuing our traditional spring yard sale in Bridgeville – Saturday, May 1, 2021, beginning at 7 AM throughout the Town. We strongly encourage the use of masks and maintaining proper social distancing during this event.

DelDOT Paving and Construction

DelDOT will continue to construct curb ramps, milling, overlay, and striping on Market Street and Church Street. This work is part of a 70-day contract on areas in and around Bridgeville. Construction may cause intermittent lane closures on both streets throughout the contract period. Anticipated work hours will be from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Thursday.

Job Posting – Financial Manager

Due to limited applications received – we will be reposting this employment opportunity. Please spread the word and help us to find a new member to welcome to our team! The complete job description and application can be found on our website – bridgeville.delaware.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

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