



July 2021 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

The Town issued eight (8) building permits totaling \$12,697.00 during the month of July. There were three (3) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$61,362.83 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during June 2021.

We have a current set aside balance of \$1,145,457.07 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

There were no scheduled Sheriff's Sales for July, and there are currently no properties within town limits scheduled for sale in August.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Next stage in Plan submission is expected within the month.
- Heritage Shores Phase 5 – Preliminary to P&Z in August
- Heritage Shores Phase 4D – Preliminary returns to P&Z in August
- Annexation Request – Fioravaniti – Approx. 1.62 Acres on the South end of Town at the intersection of 13 and Cannon Road – Pending Public Works Agreement
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Upcoming Major Events

The Town and several other Committees are optimistically moving forward with a full schedule of holiday events. Some of those currently in planning are below. If there are any community events occurring throughout the holiday, we encourage residents and businesses to contact Town Hall so we can help get the word out through our website and social media pages.

- Town-Wide Yard Sale – September 18, 2021
- Clean up Day – October 1, 2021
- 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament – October 9, 2021
- Apple Scapple – October 9-10, 2021
- Bridgeville Trunk or Treat – Halloween
- Christmas in Bridgeville – Craft Show December 4, 2021
- Christmas Parade – December 11, 2021

Open Board of Adjustment Seats

We STILL have one opening 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.

Wastewater Plant Site

Now that the plant is no longer in operation, our team has been cleaning out the buildings in preparation for demolition. Sussex county anticipates demolition to occur in the fall and has been making some site improvements both for restoration as well as ease of access for construction vehicles.

Utility Bills

The first water-only utility bills were mailed out the first week of August for July's usage. The wastewater lines have disappeared. Sussex County's first quarterly flat rate bill has been arriving this week to residents also. As a reminder, any questions related to the wastewater bill should now be directed to Sussex County's billing Department at (302) 855-7871. Questions about the annual assessment charge should be directed to the Utility Permits Department at (302) 855-7719.

Sussex County Small Grant

Sussex County has graciously awarded us a small grant of \$4,000 – this was a fiscal year-end contribution and is intended to help restore the historic architecture (woodwork) around the town hall entrances that has started to rot with age. Thank you, Sussex County Council!

Delmarva Power Tree Trimming

Delmarva Power has sent out notices regarding their annual tree-trimming efforts around power lines. Crews may be seen throughout Town during August and September trimming back branches that could cause power outages or damage to overhead power lines. For questions or concerns about this process, residents may contact Delmarva Power directly at 1-800-375-7117 or visit their website:

<https://www.delmarva.com/SafetyCommunity/Safety/Pages/TreesandPowerlines.aspx>.

American Rescue Plan Funding

In June, Bridgeville received the first of two payments from the American Rescue Plan Funding Act. The Delaware State Treasurer's Office has a live Dashboard that shows the status of all towns and their funding allotments, which can be viewed at

<https://treasurer.delaware.gov/arpadb/>.

Over the next two months, we will work through the rules and regulations on permitted uses for funding and develop a plan for our community. This plan will last through December 31, 2024. Details and updates will be available on our website.

Financial Manager Position

We will (finally!) have a new hire joining us at the end of August – stay tuned for the formal announcement!

Delayed Reopening of Town Hall

As of May 10, 2021, we had partially reopened Town Hall to the public. Hours of operation until further notice is from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We had planned to try reopening to broader hours soon, but with the current increased spread of the COVID Delta variant, we have had to decide to keep traffic limited. Appointments may still be made if necessary between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. We ask that you remain home and continue using the dropbox and online/phone payment options if you or your close family show any signs of illness. Cash payments may be dropped off in the payment tray inside of Town Hall, but we are not handling change at this time. Any excess payments will be applied as a credit to future billings. We thank everyone for helping to keep our staff safe!

Respectfully Submitted,



Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager