



## **October 2021 Town Manager's Report**

### Economic Outlook

The Town issued eighteen (18) building permits totaling \$47,113.06 during October. There were twelve (12) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$69,727.29 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during September 2021.

We have a current set aside balance of \$1,389,081.47 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

There were no scheduled Sheriff's Sales for October, and there are currently no properties within town limits expected in November.

### Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- 7-11 – Has received all required permits and should be preparing to break ground!
- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Next stage is Plan (Preliminary) submission – expected back to P&Z December 2021
- Heritage Shores Phase 5 – Preliminary approved by P&Z in August – Next stage is Final Plan submission, expected Spring 2022
- 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
- PODS – GED S Main Dist, LLC- New Minor Development Plan – Concept/Sketch approved by P&Z in September – next stage is Preliminary/Final Submission. Currently going through PLUS.

### Upcoming Major Events

If other community events are occurring throughout the holiday, we encourage residents and businesses to contact Town Hall to help get the word out through our website and social media pages!

If you or your organization would like to participate in the parade, please give us a call!

- Christmas in Bridgeville – Craft Show December 4, 2021
- Christmas Parade – December 11, 2021 “Winter Nights and Magical Lights”
- Caroling in the Park – December 16, 2021

### Annual Audit

We are working on gathering all necessary documents for our annual audit. We now hope to complete this process in November and have the regular annual presentation for a future commission meeting after our auditors have finished.

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## Charity Open Golf Tournament and Apple Scrapple

The return of our annual Apple Scrapple Festival was a huge success! We kicked off the weekend with the Carnival on Thursday, our Charity Open Golf Tournament on Friday morning, followed by the Open Ceremony for Apple Scrapple Friday night. Saturday was a bustling day for Bridgeville, we weren't sure what attendance would be like on the tail end of the pandemic, but we had an excellent turnout. While we had to make some minor modifications to pull off the festival this year, the Apple Scrapple committee hopes to start planning for the biggest event we've ever had, as the festival officially hits its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. The wrap-up meeting was held in late October, and we are all eager to make next year's event memorable!

## Halloween – Trunk or Treat and 5K

We wrapped up October with the MCJROTC 5K and Community Event at the Bridgeville Public Library on October 30 – where funds were raised for the Greenwood Police Department as School Resource Officers for the Woodbridge School District. On Halloween night, Town Staff, including the Bridgeville Police Department, the Bridgeville Public Library, Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, and many residents and volunteers, came together for our second Trunk or Treat in the Fire company's parking lot. We had an excellent turnout, estimating around a thousand attendees, which was a massive jump from last year's event! We hope to continue growing as we gain more volunteers and can't thank everyone enough for coming out to participate!

Part of the Halloween festivities includes a House Decorating Contest. This year, we had a battle between neighbors at 104 and 105 Delaware Ave. Voting is encouraged online with posted photos, and after votes were tallied, 104 Delaware Avenue came out as the clear winner. (We hear the dragon living in the front yard roared with delight). We LOVE seeing all the decorations and look forward to next year's submissions!

## New Heritage Shores Webpage

Town staff has been working with Rauch, Inc. over the past year to compile the history of the Heritage Shores Development Project. As a community almost twenty years in the making, there is tons of data to absorb, and we felt it would be beneficial for all to have a place to research and learn. We plan to keep this page updated as the development continues to grow. We have also added a link to Muncipal's resource page, [emma.msrb.org](http://emma.msrb.org), where the entire history of the Heritage Shores Special Tax District Bond is posted. Anyone interested can get to this page by going to our website, [Bridgeville.delaware.gov](http://Bridgeville.delaware.gov), and looking for the "Heritage Shores" link across the header, right next to the "Pay Online" and "Links" menu options. The direct URL is: <https://bridgeville.delaware.gov/heritage-shores/>

## Wallace Montgomery

We warmly welcome Wallace Montgomery as the Town's new Land Use Planners. Since the Commission vote last month, a contract has been signed, and we are eager to work together on the many projects heading our way. We expect some new plan submissions to come to us in December, so expect to see them at our meetings soon!

### Continuing Education

Staff education and training are always a priority for us. This month, Rick and Brandon from Public Works attended a DFIT Safety meeting in Dover – DFIT is our Workers Compensation insurance carrier and holds monthly meetings to discuss and train on the importance of workplace safety and ways to reduce hazards. Bethany and Melissa attended training at Delaware Rural Water in Milford for Emergency Response Planning.

### Town Hall Operations

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 know the world is eager to return to normal, but we are still seeing COVID cases close to home, and among staff, so we ask that you remain home and continue using the dropbox and online/phone payment options if you or your immediate 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,



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Town Manager