



May 2022 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In May, the Town issued nine (9) building permits totaling \$26,164.80. There were seven (7) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$108,860.76 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during April 2022.

We have a balance of \$1,793,914.71 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

There are no Sheriff's sales to report for May, and there are none currently scheduled for the month of June.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- B2B (Old Jimmy's Grille Site) – Conditional Use Application, Mini Storage – **Ordinance introduced tonight, will be at July P&Z**
- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Next stage is Plan (Preliminary) submission – No update
- Ghulam Dastagir- New Minor Development Plan – Preliminary Approved in May
- Heritage Shores Landscaping Site - **Submitted for June P&Z**
- Heritage Shores Phase 3B Revisions – **Submitted for June P&Z**
- Heritage Shores Phase 4F – **Submitted for June P&Z**
- Heritage Shores Phase 5 - Preliminary approved by P&Z in August –Next stage is Final Plan submission, expected in Summer 2022
- Heritage Shores Phase 6 – Concept Plan reviewed by P&Z in December 2021.
- PODS – GED S Main Dist, LLC- New Major Development Plan – Concept/Sketch approved by P&Z in September – **Preliminary resubmitted for June P&Z**
- Rt 13 Self Storage of Bridgeville (13.41 Acre Parcel) – Dove Estates, LLC – No update
- 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
- Annexation Request – The Life Center – 12.65 Acres located at 8887 and 8889 Redden Road. – On hold per owner's request.

We have seen an exciting and steady increase in calls and meeting requests regarding potential applications on commercial properties throughout the Town. They will not appear in the report until either concept or preliminary applications are received.

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DRWA Apprenticeship Program

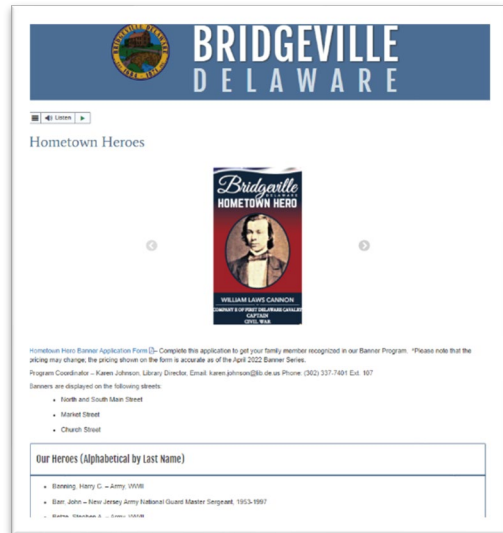
Jordan Chelton of our Public Works Department completed year one of DRWA's apprenticeship program in May. Jordan will go on to the second year of training and education in year two, which will set him on track to obtain his water operator's license.

Hometown Heroes Banners and Memorial Day Ceremony

Just before Memorial Day, the Hometown Heroes Banners were installed on our major avenues through Town. This project began in 2017 and doubled in size to almost 50 banners representing past and current residents of our community who have served – going back to the Civil War. A touching ceremony was held at the Bridgeville Public Library the week before Memorial Day, where families of the new banner honorees' were able to come out and celebrate.

Since the program is growing and gaining interest, we have built a dedicated web page on the Town's website with a complete listing, application form, and a gallery of all the banners on display. The page can be found at [Bridgeville.delaware.gov](https://bridgeville.delaware.gov) under the "info" tab, or the direct link at <https://bridgeville.delaware.gov/hometown-heroes/>

The program has been organized and coordinated by Karen Johnson – and the banner and flags are put up every year by our Public Works Department and the Kiwani's Club of Bridgeville.



Grant and Budget Season

As Grant and Budget season continues – here are some updates. We are introducing and adopting the FY23 Operating Budget at the June 13 meeting. Capital Improvement Budget will be discussed at the June workshop, with intentions for adoption in July.

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Below is the previously supplied list of grants we have applied for, with updates and additional information:

- **AWARDED**-Sussex County Realty Transfer Tax Grant - \$406,282
- DNREC Surface Water Planning Grant – Stormwater Master Plan - \$50,000 (with 1 to 1 match for a total of \$100,000) – **Will know in June**
- Drinking-Water State Revolving Fund – Water Facilities Plan Update- \$30,000 – **Will know in June**
- USDA Match to State Revolving Fund - Water Facilities Plan Update - \$30,000
- Drinking-Water State Revolving Fund – Notice of Intent – Water Line Upgrades - \$2,033,000 – **Will know in June**
- \$500,000 - DNREC Office of Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant – for the new Park (Ask for Equipment) – **Late Summer/Fall Announcement**
- \$30,000 - Healthy Communities Grant – Through Delaware Community Foundation – Community Outreach for Comp Plan update – **Will know June/July**
- \$2,730,000 - FY23 Bond Bill/Community Redevelopment Funds – Ask for Street Repairs, Sidewalk near the library, Municipal Park/Town Hall parking lot - **Will know June/July**

Wastewater Plant Demolition

Construction on the wastewater plant is moving along well. Most of the buildings are now demolished down to ground level – here; you can see an updated picture with a drastic difference from last month's report.

This is a reminder that this is still a 270-day contract, so while we are excited and eager to see progress, some portions of the contract may take a little longer than others to complete as they get into the larger concrete buildings with underground structures. Standard work hours will be from 7 AM to 5 PM – and there will be increased heavy equipment traffic in and out of Public Works Way for the foreseeable future. We expect to continue to hear some noise and dust out of the process.





Redistricting Committee Update

The Redistricting Committee completed its work at the May 10, 2022, meeting. At tonight's meeting, we introduce the ordinance for the new proposed districts and will follow up with a public hearing and possible adoption at the July 11, 2022 meeting.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Monday, June 20 – Juneteenth. Town Hall will be CLOSED

Town Hall Operations

As of March 14, 2022, Town Hall has returned to full operations. Town Hall hours are from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. As a courtesy, we continue to ask you to consider wearing a mask or continue using the dropbox and online payment options if you have a cold or flu symptoms, including COVID-19.

Over the last two months, we have had several reintroductions of COVID and the flu to our staff. Minimizing the risk of illness to our small staff enables us to keep Town Hall and the services we are here to provide available to all – we thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager