



September 2022 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In September, the Town issued seven (7) building permits totaling \$6,033.87. There was only one (1) building permit issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$49,552.90 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during August 2022.

We have a balance of \$2,093,808 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

There are no Sheriff's sales to report for September, and none are currently scheduled for September. However, they are starting to pick back up as some properties are currently scheduled for November sales. We will track the progress on these as they come closer to the sale date.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Next stage is Plan (Preliminary) submission – **Received Preliminary Approval in August – Will Come back for Final.**
- Ghulam Dastagir– New Minor Development Plan – Preliminary Approved in May.
- Heritage Shores Phase 5 – Expected at P&Z in November.
- 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 approved at June P&Z – Expected for final review in November.**
- Rt 13 Self Storage of Bridgeville (13.41 Acre Parcel) – Dove Estates, LLC – **Application Received in September for Conditional Use for a Mini Storage Facility.**
- Annexation Request – Fioravaniti – Approx. 1.62 Acres on the South end of Town at the intersection of 13 and Cannon Road – **Back on the agenda for November.**
- 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.



Upcoming Events

- 16th Annual Bridgeville Charity Golf Open: **October 14**
- 30th Apple-Scrapple Festival: **October 14 & 15**
- Downtown Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat: **October 31**
- Christmas in Bridgeville: **December 3**
- Christmas Parade: **December 10**

Apple Scrapple – Comprehensive Plan Surveys

Earlier this year, the Town partnered with Cornerstone Community Center on an amazing grant opportunity through Healthy Communities Delaware and the Delaware Community Foundation for community outreach for the next required update of our Comprehensive Plan in 2023. This grant allows us to work with existing events, plan additional events, perform survey work – even going door to door – and gather the communities perspective on needs, services, and other important items that the Town can consider in planning for our future.

During this year's Apple Scrapple event, the Town will have a booth on sponsorship row, gathering information through surveys. Stop by and visit us – and help be a positive influence on our Town's future!

Halloween – Trunk or Treat

Town staff will once again be holding a Trunk or Treat event in the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department parking lot during regular trick-or-treat hours (6-8 PM) on October 31, 2022. We know that there are many other trunk-or-treat events in the area this year, on and around Halloween. However, if anyone is willing to join us, set up a decorated trunk, and hand out candy for the kids,

we'd love to have you join us! Please contact Town Hall to sign up. The community has truly enjoyed this event the last two years – and we'd love to make it another Bridgeville tradition!

If you are unable to join, please consider donating candy for the event. (Even with all the preparation, we ran out last year and had to send out runners to find more candy so that we didn't have to end the event early) Candy donations must be in original, sealed bags and can be dropped off at Town Hall or the Bridgeville Public Library. We thank you for your consideration!



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Christmas Parade

After the Golf Tournament and Apple Scapple are over – we move right into full swing of planning the Annual Christmas Parade. This year's theme is “Toy Trains and Candy Canes” If you would like to join the event with a vehicle, float, or even walk with a group, please contact Town Hall or visit our website under “Bridgeville Events” and submit a registration form! The deadline for registration is December 2, 2022.

As always, trophies will be awarded for categories. Last year’s winners are below:

Best Walking Group – Woodbridge JROTC
Best Equestrian Entry – Saddle Up Stables
Best Fire Department – Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company
Best Commercial Entry – JBS Construction
Best Float (Overall) – Shore Tint in Laurel
Best Car Club – High Standards Car and Truck Club
Best Youth Group – Woodbridge Little League
Judge’s Choice/Honorable Mention – Woodbridge FFA



Water Rates

The water rates increase approved in August officially went into effect on October 1, 2022. The utility bills that went out last week reflect the new rates. If anyone has any questions about the new rates, please contact Town Hall.

Redistricting and Voter Registration

Keeping this on here as a reminder - With the adoption of the new District Map from the 2020 census – we have been receiving calls and visits from residents concerned about voter registration. If you are already registered with the Town for the elections – you do **NOT** have to re-register if your district changes. District boundary lines do not void your registration status.

Respectfully Submitted,

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