

2022 Christmas Parade Winners

Congratulations to our 2022 Annual Christmas Parade Trophy winners! There were so many amazing entries this year, and we wish we could honor them all! If you missed the parade, you can still watch it on our Facebook page, courtesy of the team at TV Delmarva. We can't thank everyone enough who came together to make this year's parade a huge hit – and we look forward to planning next year's event!

Best Marching Band - Sussex Tech "Raven Nation" Best Walking Group - Bridgeville Public Library's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

**Best Equestrian** - Grace Poe of Saddle Up Stables **Best Fire Department** - Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department

**Best Commercial Entry** - K&J Bus Company **Best Float** - JBS Construction

**Best Car Club** - Lowered Habits Car and Truck Club **Best Youth Group** – Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center Raider Childcare Center



We're wishing and hoping for all the best luck and good fortune in 2023 – What are your symbols of luck for the new year? We've hidden 3 fortune cookies, 3 horseshoes, and 3 lucky pennies here!

## 2023 Commission Election

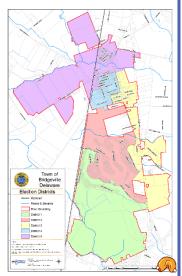
Bridgeville's next election will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023. This election will be for three (3) Commission

**District 4** – Currently, Tom Carey. **District 3** – Formerly Districts 3

and 5 – Currently held by John Tomeski and Bruce Smith – This seat will be for the one-year remainder of a two-year term.

**District 1** – New District within Heritage Shores - Currently empty.

We know the redistricting process and numbering is confusing - and they have also been renumbered, so we have large maps printed on display in Town Hall, and an electronic copy is available on our website under "Info" and "Elections."



Deadline for Candidate Filing: February 3, 2023 (Notice for solicitation of candidates will run in early January) Absentee Ballots: Available by February 17, 2023 Deadline for Voter Registration: February 22, 2023 Election Day: Saturday, March 4, 2023

## **Winter Weather Reminders**

We finally have our new Salt and Equipment Storage building behind Town Hall – so we are gearing up and getting ready for any winter storms heading our way. Here are some winter weather reminders:

**Snow:** Snow/ice must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of it ceasing to accumulate, according to Town Code. The owner or occupant of any building or lot abutting a public sidewalk is responsible for keeping it clear of snow/ice. Additionally, for your letter carrier to provide you with uninterrupted service, residents must clear the approach to their mailbox.

**Snow Plowing / Salting of Roads:** When the snow begins to fall, residents having access to their yard from an alleyway must park their vehicles there. If a driveway does not exist, all residents must move vehicles to the even-numbered (house numbers) side of the street. When the odd-numbered side of the street has been cleared of snow/ice, residents must move vehicles to the street's odd-numbered

Please use ice melt on sidewalks instead of salt. If you are out of town for an extended period during the winter months, you must make arrangements for your sidewalks to be shoveled in your absence.

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Commission Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. Commission Workshops are held on the last Monday of every month at 5:00 PM.

Virtual meeting links and supporting documentation can be found with each agenda posted on our website one week prior, at bridgeville.delaware.gov.



"If you lived here, you would be home now."

#### **Advertise your business!**

Our utility bills and newsletters are mailed out to 2,500+ local residents every month – and are posted on our social media pages and website. Take advantage of a great advertisement opportunity, and sponsor the next edition of The Journal!

Contact Town Hall today for more information!

## **Important dates**

January 9 - EDC Meeting 5 PM - Town Hall

**January 9 - Commission Meeting** 7 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

**January 16 - Town Hall Closed**Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

**January 17 - Planning and Zoning** 6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

January 25 - Water Bills Due January 30 - Commission Workshop

6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library All Meetings are also available via Zoom; Links can be found at Bridgeville.delaware.gov

### **Friends of the Bridgeville Library**

The Friends of the Bridgeville Library would like to recognize **Joanne Jones**, who has created beautiful displays monthly for the library for the past several years. Your creativity is appreciated by all who visit the library. The Friends of the Bridgeville Library is excited to announce the return of Soup for the Soul! The event is back after a two-year Covid break. Soup for the Soul is a free event where volunteers make soup to be shared with all Bridgeville residents. It is a wonderful night of fun and community. The event will take place on February 15, 2023 at the Bridgeville United Methodist Church. Be on the lookout for further details.

### **Bank Check Reminders**

We've noticed an increase in the use of bank check services and, unfortunately, some consistent problems associated with them so we've pulled some of that information together to help everyone with payment processing. Please make sure your check is scheduled to arrive by or before the due date. Bank checks often take well over a week to arrive. Scheduling payment earlier may help avoid late fees. You can pay for multiple accounts with one check, but PLEASE also note your account(s) numbers on the checks. Not all names match property records on file, and many have multiple accounts. This can help to avoid misapplied payments. Thank you!

## **Bridgeville Public Library**



bridgevillepubliclibrary.com

- **Story Book Corner** Story Time with Ms. Hilary is every Tuesday @ 10 am for ages 3-5 and Wednesday @ 10 am for birth-2. The theme for the month of January is winter and winter animals.
- Saturday Story Book Corner- Join Ms. Hilary with your birth-5 year old with songs, stories, and rhymes on Saturday, January 14 at 10 am.
- Family Fun Night will be on Thursday, January 19, from 6-8 pm. Join us for "Pancakes and Pajamas." There will be games, activities, short movies, and breakfast for dinner. Registration is required.
- Teens and tweens (ages 10-17) can join Ms. Hilary on Thursday, January 12, from 3:30-5:30 to make a Vision Board for our "Kick Back" program. We will provide the poster board, magazines to cut, glue sticks, and markers. Bring your goals, creativity, inspiration, and your own embellishments, if desired. Registration is required. Thursday, January 26 will be playing online games from 3:30-5:30 pm.
- **FREE Gaming**-Saturday, January 28, from 10 am-1:45 pm. Enjoy playing games with Small Town Gaming and meeting new friends.
- Our very popular Adult Craft Night will be held on Tuesday, January 10. Registration is required.
- La Esperanza will be at the Bridgeville Library every Tuesday at 3 pm to help fill out paperwork, interpret letters, register for school, renew documents, and provide support for English learners. You may call 302-854-9262 to make a reservation.
- **Meet Carol Griffith from Literacy Delaware** at the library on the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 11 am-1 pm. She will help adults learn and read English.
- Some of our programs require registration. To do so, either call the library at 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or go online: delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville
- The library will be closed on Monday, January 16.

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# **New Rental Property Licensing and Inspection Procedure**

Letters were sent out in December to existing rental properties about renewing licenses and the new inspection process. In 2022, the Commissioners voted to amend the existing Rental Property License Code with Ordinance 2022-05. This allows the Town to bring in an outside agency to perform rental inspections on rental properties – following the current building code. Since this is a new process, and we are all on a learning curve, we will be allowing inspections through February for rental properties this year. Once you submit your license application for your rental property, we will turn over the application lists to **First State Inspection Agency**, and inspections can then be coordinated.

To prepare for inspections – First State Inspection Agency has provided their checklist for property owners so that items can be corrected before the inspection is scheduled, saving reinspection time and costs. That checklist can be found here – <a href="https://bridgeville.delaware.gov/license/">https://bridgeville.delaware.gov/license/</a> – along with First State's fee schedule and the rental license application form.

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the Police Dept.

Police Department:(302) 337-8302 Non-Emergency:(302) 337-8305 Fax: (302) 337-8359 Bridgeville Fire Dept. (302) 337-7272 Fire, Ambulance, Police: 911 State Police, Troop 5 (302) 337-1090 Sussex County: (302) 855-7700 Bridgeville Public Library: (302) 337-7401