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Did you Know? February 14 wasn't associated with romantic love until the late 14th century, which is when Geoffrey Chaucer published his poem, "The Parliament of Fowls." In the poem, he calls St. Valentine's Day the day when birds choose their mates, and from then on, people started considering the holiday a romantic one!

2023 Commission Election

The Town of Bridgeville's Municipal Election, scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2023, has been canceled.

The following individuals have submitted the required documentation for their candidacy in their respective districts and were all unopposed as of the Friday, February 3, 2023, filing deadline.

District #1 – For a 2-Year Term, **Clifford Oliver**

District #3 – For a 1-Year Term, **John Tomeski**

District #4 – For a 2-Year Term, **Thomas Carey**

The Commissioners will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2023, which will be held at the Bridgeville Public Library, 600 S. Cannon Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM and will also be available via Zoom. A link to that meeting will be posted on the agenda one week in advance and can be found on our website, along with maps of the districts at bridgeville.delaware.gov.

Child Seat Safety Technician on Staff

We all want our children to travel safely in cars. Installing a car seat for younger children and babies can be a challenge. We now have a certified Child Safety Seat Technician on staff! Our very own Town Clerk, Shelley Lambden! Shelley can check to make sure your car seats are installed correctly and teach you how to use and install a car seat on your own. If you would like to have your child's safety seat checked, you can make an appointment at the Bridgeville Police Department. The seat checks are **free** and may require up to 20 minutes to perform.

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!

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

PHILLIS WHEATLEY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

1-4PM

AND

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

5-7PM

FORMER ALUMNI INTERVIEWS



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

BLACK HISTORY FAMILY FUN NIGHT
WITH CRAFTS AND REFRESHMENTS
6-8PM



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

GALA AND RECEPTION
PREMIERE OF ALUMNI DOCUMENTARY
2-6PM

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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.

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Important dates

February 13 - EDC Meeting

5 PM - Town Hall

February 13 - Commission Meeting

7 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

February 20 - Town Hall Closed

President's Day

February 21 - Planning and Zoning

6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

February 25 - Water Bills Due

February 27 - Commission Workshop

6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

All Meetings are also available via Zoom; Links can be found at Bridgeville.delaware.gov

Bridgeville Public Library

bridgevillepubliclibrary.com

- ♥ **Black History Month Events-** The Bridgeville Library and Cornerstone Community are celebrating Black History Month with special emphasis on Phillis Wheatley School alumni. On Saturday, February 4, from 1-4 pm, and again on Wednesday, February 8, from 5-7 pm, we will have former Phillis Wheatley School alumni here for interviews. Wednesday, February 15, from 6-8 pm, there will be a Black History Family Fun Night with crafts and refreshments. Saturday, February 25, from 2-6 pm, we will have a Gala and Reception. The premiere of the alumni documentary will be viewed, along with a reception to follow. All events are FREE and open to the public.
- ♥ **Warm Winter Soups for the Soul** -The Friends of the Bridgeville Library is sponsoring this event at the Union United Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 15, from 6-8 pm. The UUMC is located at 2 North Laws Street. This is a free and open event for the community. You can enjoy soups, bread, and desserts. You can also join or renew your membership for the Friends of the Bridgeville Library at this event.
- ♥ **"Your Bridge to the World" book discussion-** Join us for a culinary and literary adventure on Saturday, February 18, from 11 am-1 pm as we discuss our book selection "One by One" by Ruth Ware and enjoy a variety of French Cuisine. The book is available in a variety of formats through your local library. Use dlc.lib.de.us to place a hold or go through our media apps, Libby and Hoopla. Registration is required to attend the book discussion.
- ♥ **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 February is Love and Friendship.
- ♥ **Saturday Story Book Corner-** Join Ms. Hilary with your birth to 5-year-old with songs, stories, and rhymes on Saturday, February 18, at 10 am.
- ♥ **Family Fun Night** will be on Thursday, February 16, from 6-8 pm. Join us for BINGO for Books. Registration is required.
- ♥ **Teens and tweens** (ages 10-17) can join Ms. Hilary on Thursday, February 9, from 3:30-5:30 at our "Kick Back" program and decorate a cup or a tile with paint or sharpies. Registration is required. Thursday, February 23, we will be playing online games from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.
- ♥ **FREE Gaming-Saturday**, February 11, from 10 am-1:45 pm. Enjoy playing games with Small Town Gaming and meeting new friends.
- ♥ **LaEsperanza** 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, February 20, 2023.**

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Groundhog Day

February 2 marks the annual tradition of Groundhog Day – when we all tune in to watch Punxsutawney Phil emerge – and this year **he saw that shadow!**

What does that mean for us? Approximately *six more* weeks of winter!

We've had a mild winter so far, but we are due for a ten-year AND a hundred-year storm, could this still be the year?



Contact Information

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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