



January 2023 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In December, the Town issued eight (8) building permits totaling \$5,309.38. There was only one (1) building permit issued for new construction. This decrease is expected after the large quantity (154) obtained in December.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$117,735.63 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during December 2022.

We have a balance of \$2,475,562.23 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Next stage is Final Development Plan Approval. Preliminary Approved in August 2022.
- Ghulam Dastgir– New Minor Development Plan – Preliminary Approved in May 2022.
- Heritage Shores Phase 6 – Expected April 2023.
- PODS – GED S Main Dist, LLC – Final Development Plan at tonight's meeting.
- 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. Ordinance pending tonight's meeting.
- Annexation Request – Fioravaniti/ Reaniti, LLC– Approx. 1.62 Acres on the South end of Town at the intersection of 13 and Cannon Road – Pending Plan of Services.
- 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.

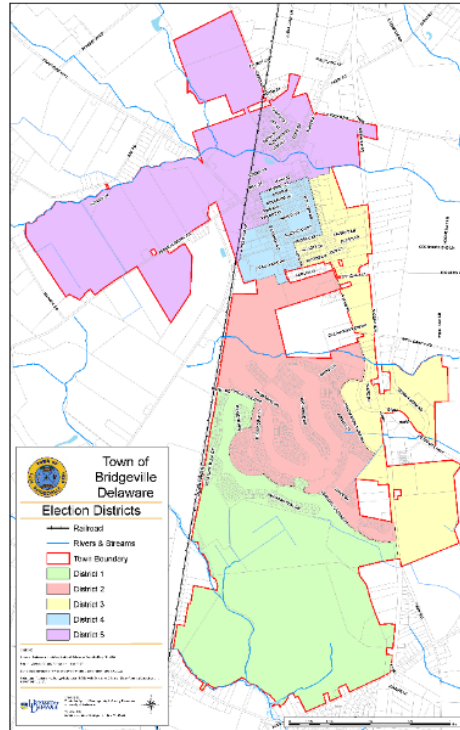
2023 Commission Election Canceled

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.



Workiversaries

Congratulations to our Street Superintendent – Rick Passwaters. He just had his 28th Anniversary of Employment with the Town of Bridgeville!

Our Water Department Superintendent, Brandon Slater, has his third anniversary this month.

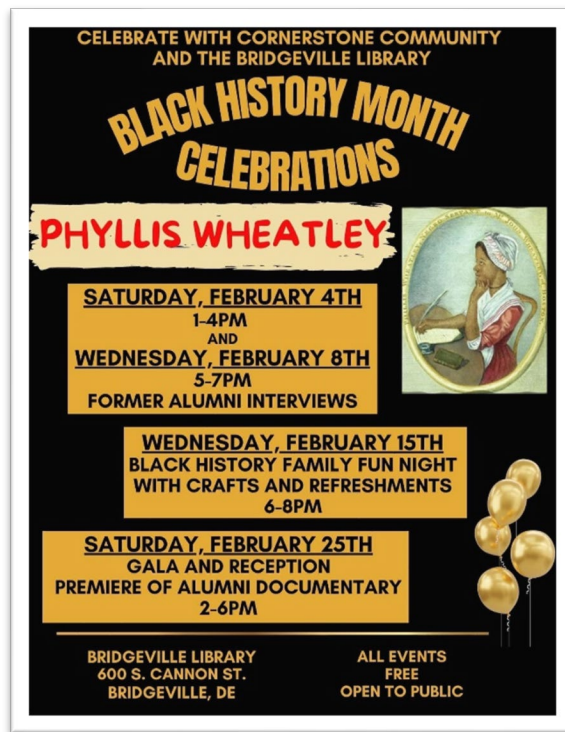
Planning and Zoning – Open Position

Due to a recent vacancy, we have an open seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest to the Town Manager for consideration by the Commission at their next available meeting. Letters can be mailed or emailed in. This seat will fill the remainder of a term, with an expiration date of December 31, 2025.



Black History Month Celebrated at the Bridgeville Public Library

February is internationally recognized as Black History Month, and several events are happening in Bridgeville to pay tribute to local individuals and history. Follow the Bridgeville Public Library on social media and their website to see more details. Below are two flyers covering several events throughout the month. The library also worked with the Town recently to pull and honor individuals from the Hometown Heroes Banner Program – which are currently on display inside the library and will be throughout the month.



EM Fund – Bridgeville Fire Department

At the 65th Annual Appreciation Dinner held on January 21, 2023, we presented the “big check” to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department for their portion of the Emergency Services Fund. This year was the second largest ever – totaling \$67,398.75, which will be put towards the purchase of a new ambulance, a 2022 Ford F-550 Super Duty 4x4 built by Horton Emergency Vehicles, for around \$320,000. This ambulance will replace the older 1994 vehicle. Since the program’s inception in the early 2000s, the EM fund has contributed \$588,423.03 to the Fire Department for expansion and upgrades to emergency services.

Kiwanis Annual Dinner

At the February 6, 2023, Bridgeville Kiwanis Dinner, both Bridgeville and Greenwood were present to provide state of the Town updates. Representatives from each Town provided



progress reports from the past year, answered questions, and discussed plans for the near future. This is now my third year having the privilege to attend, and we always appreciate the invitation and delicious dinner!

Certified Child Safety Seat Technician now on Staff

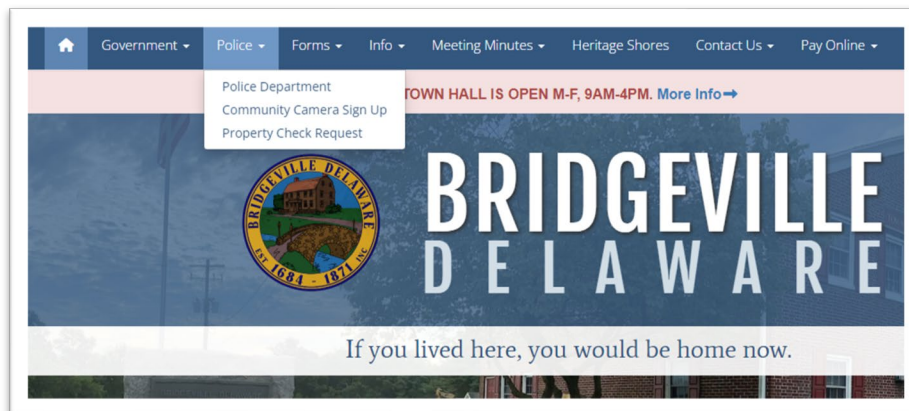
We all want our children to travel safely in cars. Installing a car seat for younger children and babies can be a challenge. We now have a certified Child Safety Seat Technician on staff! Our very own Town Clerk, Shelley Lambden! Shelley can check to make sure your car seats are installed correctly and 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.

Police Forms added to Website Menu

We have added convenient forms to our website – The Community Camera Sign-Up form and the Property Check Request form.

For the Community Camera Signup Form - If you have a security camera at your residence or business and want to help officers with investigations, please sign up for our Community Camera log! We will contact you if anything happens in your area and video footage is needed. The information collected will NOT be shared with the public.

For Property Check Request Forms – the form can be completed online, or there is a link to a printable pdf for a paper copy. If submitting a property check request for travel, please be sure to notify the Police Department upon your return. Any paper copies complete should be delivered directly to the Bridgeville Police Department.





New Page on our Website – Greenwood and Bridgeville Transportation Plan



Under “Important Information and Maps,” – where we keep essential planning documents, a new page has been built for the [Greenwood and Bridgeville Transportation Plan](#).

DelDOT Planning is working with the towns of Greenwood and Bridgeville to develop a future-looking, long-range transportation plan for Greenwood, Bridgeville, and the areas surrounding the towns, which will help integrate transportation improvements with community goals and visions. The planning process will focus on safety, mobility, economic development, quality of life, and other emerging topics. As meetings are held – meeting minutes, presentations, and youtube recordings will be posted to this web page.

This effort is an outgrowth of the Coastal Corridors Study, which focused on the east-west roads from the Maryland State Line to SR 1, between SR 16 and SR 404. The study collected traffic data across the area—including vehicle volumes, movement patterns, and crash data—and held listening tours with residents, business owners, and elected officials during late 2020 and early 2021. Findings pointed to more immediate attention needed in the eastern portion of the study area (east of US 113), while the western portion (west of US 113) presented the opportunity to proceed with a longer-range transportation and community planning approach.

We have been collaborating with DelDOT since November – and are currently working towards the **first open public workshop on February 23, 2023, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Woodbridge High School Cafeteria**. (14712 Woodbridge Road, Greenwood, DE 19950). The public is invited to come and participate in this open-format workshop, where we will have a Review of existing conditions and community vision, and it will be an opportunity to provide feedback via surveys and stakeholder engagement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager