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What is April without an Easter Egg Hunt? Search for all 12 Easter Eggs hidden through this newsletter!



BRIDGEVILLE LIONS CLUB Welcome Back Variety Show

FRIDAY APRIL 28TH & SATURDAY APRIL 29TH AT 7:00 PM
WOODBIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL | BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE OR AT DOOR: \$8

Sussex County Sewer System Work

This month, Sussex County will perform extensive repairs and maintenance on several sewer lines in Town. The work is currently planned for the western end of Federalsburg Road, (In front of Shark's Service Center), Market Street from the railroad tracks to the Bridgeville Town Hall, Walnut Street from the S. Cannon intersection to Main Street, Edgewood Street from the S. Cannon intersection to Main Street, Sussex Avenue from 100 Block West to the end (not Sussex Extended), Church Street near Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School (no service impacts to residents in this area, construction notice only).

The repairs and maintenance involve lining the sewer mains with a plastic resin and will create service disruptions for those in the immediate area of construction. We have posted the notice along with a map on our social media and website. For those directly impacted, the County and their contractors will make direct contact prior to the start of work.

For any questions about this work, please contact Sussex County at 302-855-7700 (main line) or Edward Leonhartt, Sussex County Engineer, at (302) 855-7852.

Grass and Yard Maintenance Code

Now that Spring has officially sprung - Reminder of Chapter 90 of the Town Code - No landowner shall permit the unregulated growth of vegetation, including but not limited to weeds, grass, hedges, bushes, or shrubs, to be maintained on any property within the corporate limits of the Town of Bridgeville. No weeds, grass, or other ground cover vegetation shall exceed a height of eight inches at any time of the calendar year. No hedges, bushes, shrubs, trees, or other vegetation shall be permitted to grow in such a manner as to inhibit the free passage of or present a danger to pedestrians on any street, alleyway, sidewalk, or walkway. No weeds, grass, or other vegetation clippings, etc., shall be placed on any street, alleyway, passageway, sidewalk, or walkway.



April 1, 2023, EF-3 Tornado and Disaster Relief

Saturday's tornado in Sussex County, now rated by the National Weather Service as an EF-3, is believed to be the strongest tornado ever recorded in southern Delaware since records began in the 1950s. The tragic loss of life is also the first recorded in Sussex County in the same time period. The tornado with winds of 140mph, left a path of devastation and destruction 14.3 miles long, from just northwest of Town, continuing northeast to Ellendale. Outside of Ellendale, all the damage occurred in unincorporated areas of Bridgeville and Greenwood, which means the Towns can't use their funded resources to assist residents. **Since this is still our community** – our neighbors and friends, we are using the resources we can pull to help those in need. Outside of volunteering, we are coordinating and collaborating with several local nonprofit organizations that are working directly with families – collecting supplies and gathering funding. **In the next two weeks, we will be announcing and holding some larger scale fundraising events** to help these families. Please follow our social media and website as we share information and ways to get involved and help. The outpouring of volunteers since Sunday morning has been amazing, and we hope to see those efforts continue, as there is a long way to go for recovery and reconstruction.

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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.

Summer Camp Program at Union Church

(2 N. Laws St.)

Week-long camps are offered throughout the summer!

Call 302-337-7409 for more information or go to www.unioninbridgeville.com



Important Dates

April 10 - EDC Meeting

5 PM - Town Hall

April 10 - Commission Meeting

7 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

April 18 - Planning and Zoning

6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

April 22 - Earth Day

April 25 - Water Bills Due

April 24 - Commission Workshop

5 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

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

Spotted Lanternfly

We've been made aware that the spotted lanternfly has been identified near our Town. Some residents have even received letters from the Department of Agriculture regarding accessing properties to perform inspections.

Please help to keep an eye out - report or destroy any found egg masses - spotted lanternfly infestations are an extreme nuisance and can devastate orchards, ornamental trees, and interstate commerce.

If you haven't witnessed these infestations firsthand - trust us, you don't want to! 🦋🍷

For more information about spotted lanternflies -

<https://agriculture.delaware.gov/plan.../spotted-lanternfly/>



BRIDGEVILLE'S TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023

STARTS AT 7 AM

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

Advertise Your Business Here!

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. Sponsor the next edition of The Journal, and Contact Town Hall today for more information!

Bridgeville Public Library

bridgevillepubliclibrary.com

- **We will be closed** for the Easter Holiday on Friday, **April 7**, and Saturday, **April 8**.
- **We will also be closed** on Monday, **April 24**, for an IT upgrade and maintenance.
- **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 April is Spring and Easter.
- **Saturday Story Book Brunch**- Join Ms. Hilary with your birth-5 year old with songs, stories, and rhymes on Saturday, April 15 at 10 am with brunch to follow.
- **Let's Get Moving**- Join us on our "Let's Get Moving - Happy Healthy Lifestyle," provided by a partnership with Sussex County Health Coalitions Let's Get Healthy Initiative. For the months of April, May, and June, we will be providing exercise training and health and wellness coaching. All programs are free to families or individuals, and all are welcome. Details will be on our website and Facebook.
- **Family Fun Night**-Thursday, April 20, from 6-8 pm. Join us for crafts and refreshments at our spring-themed family night. Registration is required.
- **Teens and tweens (ages 10-17) can join Ms. Hilary** on Thursday, April 13, from 3:30-5:30 at our "Kick Back" program to make a cute bunny craft. Registration is required. Thursday, April 27 will be playing popular board games from 3:30-5:30 pm.
- **FREE Gaming**-Saturday, April 22, from 10 am-1:45 pm. Enjoy playing games with Small Town Gaming and meeting new friends.
- **"Your Bridge to the World" book discussion**- Join us for a culinary and literary adventure on Saturday, April 29, from 11 am-1 pm as we discuss our book selection, "A Death in the Small Hours" by Charles Finch and enjoy a variety of British 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 app, Libby. Registration is required to attend the book discussion.
- **CPR Class**-We are offering a CPR class on Saturday, May 6, from 10 am-1 pm with a certified CPR American Heart Association Instructor. These classes are FREE if you don't require certification. If you require or prefer CPR certification and a card, the cost is \$45 per participant. Registration is required, and class size is limited to 12 participants. Please visit the library or call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 to sign up. There are no online registrations.
- **Community Health Fair**- Join us on Wednesday, April 26, from 5-7 pm for a Community Health Fair with the Delaware Readiness Team for activities and sponsors that will promote health and wellness for the children of the community. Details will be on our website and Facebook page.
- **LaEsperanza** will be at the Bridgeville Library every other Tuesday (April 11 and 25) 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, call the library at 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or go online: delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/Bridgeville.

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Contact Information

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OPEN M-F 9 AM – 4PM

For After Hour Emergencies please call
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