

September 2023 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In September, the Town issued eleven (11) building permits totaling \$13,236.88. There were two (2) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$32,965.77 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during August 2023.

We have a balance of \$2,875,773.50 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.
 - Now expected Early Fall 2023 – Received partial submission, pending DeIDOT
- Ghulam Dastgir– New Minor Development Plan – Preliminary Approved in May 2022.
 - Received partial submission, pending DeIDOT
- Heritage Shores Phase 6 – Expected October
- Heritage Shores Phase 7A – Submitted for October P&Z
- Annexation Request – Fioravaniti/ Reaniti, LLC– Approx. 1.62 Acres on the South end of Town at the intersection of 13 and Cannon Road – Should be completed November.

First Farm-to-Table Event

Our first-ever Farm to Table Dinner Event was held in partnership with the Woodbridge FFA and Heritage Shores on September 16, 2023, at the Sugar Beet Market– and what an amazing night it was. THANK YOU to everyone who came out to celebrate.

With the wonderful feedback received, we hope this can become another Bridgeville tradition! The food was terrific, and the support from the community made it a successful fundraiser for the FFA and Economic Development Committee. We hope everyone enjoyed their evening with us - and, most importantly, took away from this event the importance of our local farmers and agri-businesses that help our community thrive. We look forward to organizing the event again for next year.





Apple Scrapple Festival Updates and Information – From the Apple Scrapple Festival Committee

Parking As many of you know, the large lot on the south side of town near Heritage Shores is now being developed, so we have had to make some changes. We want first to thank the Heritage Shores developer Allen & Rocks/Brookfield, Murtaza family business, and Kenny Brothers Produce for their many years of support for allowing us to park in their fields. This year, we have north and west parking lots. The north lot is located on Adams Road, off Newton Road (Thank you, Newton Farms and future Bosch Berries!), and the handicapped lot is the same: Woodbridge Phillis Wheatley Elementary School. The west lot is located at 8100 Seashore Highway (thank you, AMP Electric), and the west handicapped lot is located at 7046 Seashore Highway (thank you, Lifeway Church of God)! The website and the map at the bottom of the web page have been updated. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself, and please remember that we want to park you as quickly and safely as possible. Please be considerate and know we are working hard to make this an enjoyable festival experience.

Street Lights Added Some other recent changes that you may have noticed: we did a walkthrough of Downtown with Delmarva Power and had some street lights added to help the darker areas around the festival and other events near the fire hall (like Halloween!). Two new lights were added on Delaware Ave, some improvements on S. Cannon near Delaware Ave., and lighting was added near the old Police Station on Market Street, where the port-a-potties are usually located. The lights are also LED, which will be the kickoff to a percentage of lights converted to LED each year. We will focus on the S. Cannon and Delaware intersection and radiate outwards from there.

Yard Sale Info During the Town Wide Yard Sale on October 7, 2023, the Apple Scrapple Committee held a test run for the upcoming Apple Scrapple Festival in the Bridgeville Public Library Parking Lot. This year, the committee will have its own food booth and sell unique Apple and Scrapple-specific items – including Scrapple Fries, Scrapple and Gouda Egg Rolls, an Apple Walking Cake, and an Apple Bread Pudding. We tested the Scrapple fries and egg rolls on Saturday –they were a hit! So don't miss an opportunity to stop by their booth at the food court this weekend!





Tax Ditch Program

In September, the annual meeting for the Bridgeville area tax ditch program was held at the Bridgeville Public Library. Staff from the Town attended, and we learned from the original 1960's documentation for the tax ditches that a representative from the Town is required to participate in the Board for the program. The Town has not had a representative on the Board for approximately 10-15 years. Brandon Slater, Water Department Superintendent, was nominated and appointed to the Board for a one-year term. We have been attending meetings, and plan to work with the rest of the group to perform inspections of the tax ditches and identify immediate needs for maintenance in the coming year. We want to thank DNREC for helping us to get back on board with this program. COVID took a big hit on the program, and there is much work to be done!

Street Acceptance Request

We have received a formal request from the developer at Heritage Shores for final inspection for Street Acceptance for Phases 3A and part of 3B – to include Champions Drive, Legends Way, and Greenfair Way. Town Engineers, staff, and Developers will comb through the infrastructure in this area to identify any lingering issues and move towards official street acceptance, which will come to a future meeting when ready.

Comprehensive Plan Surveys

Please help with our Comprehensive Plan update! We strongly encourage you to participate – the more data, the better, as your voice helps direct the future of our community. **Surveys are now ready and available on our website** – bridgeville.delaware.gov. Look for a news post on the main page or the dedicated page that can be found under “Info,” then “Important Information and Maps,” and 2023 “Comprehensive Plan Update.”

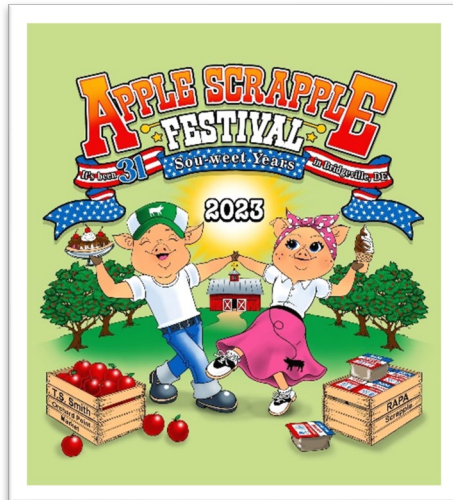
Paper surveys will be mailed out this month for anyone uncomfortable with online formats. They will be sent to all properties – including rentals. You do NOT need to complete the survey twice if you have already done so at an event or online; we just want to ensure everyone has fair access and opportunity to share thoughts and ideas.

Community Events

Save these dates for our upcoming Fall and Winter Events!

- Fall Cleanup Day – Thursday, October 12, 2023
- Apple Scrapple Festival – Friday, October 13, and Saturday, October 14, 2023
 - Stay tuned for announcements regarding additional Apple Scrapple events this year!
- Annual Charity Golf Tournament – Friday, October 13, 2023

- Halloween Trick or Treat and Downtown Trunk or Treat – “Monster Mash” – Tuesday, October 31, 2023
- Tree Lighting Ceremony – Tuesday, November 28, 2023
- Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Show – December 2, 2023
- Christmas Parade – “...And a Partridge in a Pear Tree!” – Saturday, December 9, 2023



Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany DeBussy
 Town Manager