



October 2023 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In October, the Town issued seven (7) building permits totaling \$9,037.65. There were two (2) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$34,030.96 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during September 2023.

We have a balance of \$2,909,804.46 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 around October
- Heritage Shores Phase 7A – Final Development Plan at November's Meeting.

Warmest Welcome to TWO new employees!

In October, we welcomed two employees. - Officer Frank Bradley to the Police Department, and Kelly Ortiz-Sanchez to the Administrative Department.

Officer Bradley has transferred from Seaford's Department and fills a vacant left earlier this year, bringing our force back to eight officers. (Nine, including K9 Django). Kelly comes to us from the private sector and has taken the payment and billing clerk role. She is bilingual in English and Spanish and has already greatly assisted our community. You can see her during the week at the front desk in Town Hall, so be sure to stop by and say hello!

Traffic Signal Cabinet Wraps

Thanks to Mimesis Graphics for installing the traffic signal cabinet wraps downtown. We have been excited about this project for some time, and we were able to get the installation completed right before the Apple Scrapple Festival. Make sure to visit the boxes near the Dollar General store – “Home to History,” the old Baltimore Trust/Police Building at 302 Market Street – “Home of the Woodbridge Raiders,” and at the Federalsburg



Road/Market Street intersection with the “Home to Agriculture” box. Next stop – crosswalks!

Fall Events Wrap-Up

October was heavy as usual with events for the Town. We held our 17th Annual Charity Golf Tournament – with 19 teams and around 40 local business sponsors, we have \$4,438.14 to disperse to local nonprofit organizations.

Our 31st Anniversary of the Apple Scapple Festival was an interesting experience – with heavy rains hitting the area around 2:30 PM, the ground became so saturated by 5 PM that we had to end the festival early. This rarely happens – but many stuck it out as long as they could, including the bands who played through and visitors who were seen happily dancing in the rain! Knowing the weather, we encouraged many to attend the festival Friday night and Saturday morning before the weather turned, and we understand that the vendors still had decent sales despite the conditions. We are certainly hoping for better weather next year!

The winners are listed below for our mayoral Scapple Sling, which was held inside due to the rain. Congratulations to Mayor Thomas Bauer of Delmar, who is new to the position this year!

County/State Officials:

1st Place: Golden Hog Award: Dist. 39 Rep. Danny Short

2nd Place: Silver Sow Award: State Treasurer Colleen Davis

Mayors:

1st Place- Golden Hog Award: Thomas Bauer-Delmar

2nd Place- Silver Sow Award: David Genshaw -Seaford

President's Choice- Prize Pig Award: Robert Atkinson-Blades

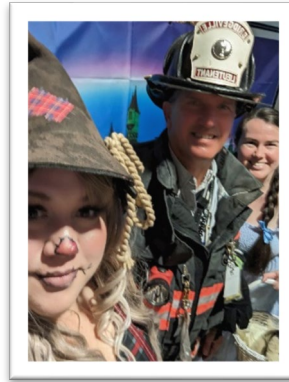
For Halloween, we were invited to participate in the Phillis Wheatley Elementary School Haunted Hallways this year. We set up a “There’s No Place Like Home” Wizard of Oz-themed station and handed out crime prevention and safety goody bags for the kids. Special thanks to Commissioner Tomeski for joining us!



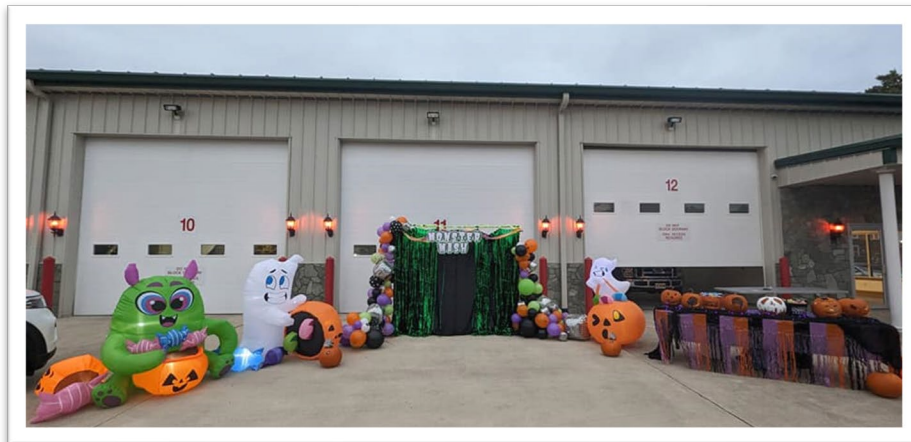
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Closing out October was the Town's fourth downtown Trunk or Treat. This event also grows each year. This year, we handed out well over 10,000 pieces of candy in the Fire Department Parking Lot and had around 20 stations set up. Town Staff, friends, and family created a Monster Mash-themed station with a photo op section, and the Bridgeville Police Department had a Scooby Doo theme trunk in honor of K9 Django - and we had a blast as usual! We love seeing everyone's costumes and hope this continues to be a growing Bridgeville tradition!





Bridgeville Tote Bags and License Plates

Just in time for holiday gifts – these limited-edition tote bags will be available for \$20 each, starting November 11 at the Bridgeville Public Library! Looking for another gift? We are also now selling these vanity Bridgeville tags, available for \$20 each at Town Hall!



Bridgeville Police Department – Angel Tree

Would you like to help a family in your community this holiday season? This year, the Bridgeville Police Department will be hosting an Angel Tree! You might notice the officers wearing longer beards than normal; that's because they are participating in "No Shave Winter!" They will be donating money towards our Angel Tree fund to have longer facial hair while in uniform this winter. The funds will be used to buy gifts for this year's adopted family.



How can you help? Starting November 20th, you can pick a tag from our Christmas Tree in the Police Department lobby for donation suggestions. New, unwrapped gifts can be returned to the PD by December 18th with the angel tag attached. If you do not wish to buy a gift but would still like to participate, we will accept monetary donations for wrapping paper and extra gifts for the family.

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.

Sussex County Reassessment Update

In October, ‘data-mailers’ began going out to property owners in Sussex County and will continue to cover different areas through Spring 2024. The forthcoming ‘data mailers,’ in a standard business envelope marked with a ‘Sussex County Tax Assessment’ header and return address, will feature preliminary assessment information about each residential parcel. Only property owners with a dwelling on their parcel will receive a mailer; vacant properties and commercial sites will not receive such notices.

The ‘data mailers’ offer property owners a chance to review and confirm or correct any information that could affect their property’s future assessed value. The forms offer detailed instructions for completing the form and making corrections, as well as a glossary of terms. Property owners who receive a ‘data mailer’ and have questions or concerns can contact the County’s contracted vendor for the reassessment project, Tyler Technologies, at (302) 854-5274 or email SussexCountyDE@tylertech.com.

For more information on the Sussex County reassessment project, visit <https://empower.tylertech.com/Sussex-County-Delaware.html>.

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!

- 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



**TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE'S
 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023, AT 6 PM

LOCATED BETWEEN THE TOWN HALL AND THE
 POLICE DEPARTMENT ON MAIN STREET



**TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE'S
 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE**
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023, AT 6 PM

AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE!
 2023

RAIN/SNOW DATE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 AT 5 PM
 CONTACT TOWN HALL FOR REGISTRATION!
 TOWNOFBRIDGEVILLE@GMAIL.COM (302) 337-7135 BRIDGEVILLE.DELAWARE.GOV



Bridgeville
 Historical Society



47th Annual
**Christmas
 In Bridgeville
 Craft Show**

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
 9:00 - 3:00
 Woodbridge Middle School
 307 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE

Free Admission
 Over 70 Vendors

Chances to Win a
 \$500 VISA Gift Card!

Proceeds to benefit the
 Bridgeville Historical Society

