



January 2024 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In January, the Town issued (4) building permits totaling \$1947.30. There was one (1) building permit issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$43,509.45 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during December 2023.

We have a balance of \$ 3,044,522.81 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

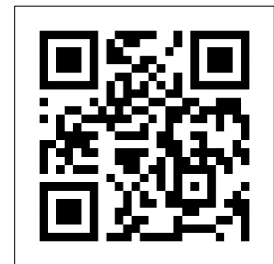
Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- Dollar General, Rt. 13 – Preliminary Approved September 2023.
- Bridgeville Self Storage – Modifications to Minor Development plan, initially approved in 2019, withdrew from January P&Z for future submission.
- Bridgeville Town Center – Between 13 and 404, Behind Food Lion – Next stage is Final Development Plan Approval. Preliminary Approved in August 2022.
 - Now expected Spring 2024 – Received partial submission, pending DeIDOT
- Ghulam Dastgir– New Minor Development Plan – Preliminary Approved in May 2022.
 - Received partial submission, pending DeIDOT – Expected early 2024
- Heritage Shores Phase 6 – Next submission date unknown, but expected soon.

Comprehensive Plan Surveys – Last Chance!

We have made several announcements over the last two years and have covered many events seeking community input for our Comprehensive Plan update. Our online surveys have been available since last summer. With funding provided by our grant with Healthy Communities Delaware, our last attempt to gather data has been mailed out to everyone within the 19933-zip code. If you have not already received it, you will any day! We are requesting responses by **February 23, 2024**. If you have already completed a survey for us – you do not need to do so again. But, if you have not, please take a few moments of time to contribute. The data collected is key to creating a thriving, sustainable community. Surveys can be mailed back to us, dropped off at Town Hall in person or with our drop box, or completed online at bridgeville.delaware.gov. You can also follow this QR code. We thank you for your participation!





2024 Election Update

The Town of Bridgeville's Municipal Election, scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2024, 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 filing deadline on Friday, February 2, 2024.

District 2 –Tom Moran

District 3 –John Tomeski

District 5 –Darrynn Harris

The Commissioners will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 11, 2024, 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.

Fire Department Annual Dinner

Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the annual appreciation night for the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., the Town presented a very large check from the 2023 Emergency Services Funds, totaling \$110,863.62. This program was established in 2003, starting with only \$1,000. In the last 20 years, it has contributed a little over \$699,000 to the Fire Company. The Fund is built from a portion of building permits processed by the Town and is designed to help support emergency services as our community grows.

Pictured here, from left to right, are Fire Company Treasurer Pete Stephens, Fire Company President Matt Smith, and Commissioner John Tomeski.





We are Hiring!

The Town of Bridgeville is accepting applications for a full-time Financial Manager position within the Administrative Department. The ideal applicant must be able to multi-task, carry out oral and written instructions, be self-motivated, and be a strong team player.

Applicants should also have strong customer service skills. Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, or related field, with a minimum of three to five years related experience or a combination of related experience and education/training. QuickBooks Desktop and payroll experience preferred. Employment is contingent upon the ability to pass drug screening and background check. Salary is dependent upon experience. The Town of Bridgeville offers a competitive package of benefits – including health, dental, life, and disability insurance packages, pension plan, and sick and vacation time. The Town of Bridgeville is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

An application and complete job description with the required skills and abilities are posted online at bridgeville.delaware.gov and can be obtained at Town Hall. Submissions should be sent to the attention of Town Manager Bethany DeBussy, 101 N. Main St., Bridgeville, DE 19933, or emailed to townofbridgeville@gmail.com. The position will remain open until filled.

WE ARE HIRING

Financial Manager

Requirements :

- Bachelor's degree in accounting/finance (or 3-5 years related experience)
- Comfortable with payroll and QuickBooks.
- Excellent organizational skills and multitasking ability

See Full Job Details At
bridgeville.delaware.gov

Hometown Heroes Banners Expansion

We are excited to announce that the next round of Hometown Hero Banners has been approved, and applications are available. The deadline is March 14, 2024, for receipt of the completed application, photo selection, and payment. Applications can be found at the Bridgeville Public Library or on the Town of Bridgeville website:

<https://bridgeville.delaware.gov/hometown-heroes/>

BRIDGEVILLE

HOMETOWN HERO BANNER PROJECT

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

THE BRIDGEVILLE TOWN COMMISSIONERS HAVE APPROVED THE NEXT ROUND OF HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT THE BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://BRIDGEVILLE.DELAWARE.GOV/HOMETOWN-HEROES/](https://bridgeville.delaware.gov/hometown-heroes/)

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, PHOTO, AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 14 2024. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WWW.HOMETOWNHEROESBANNERS.COM

BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY 600 S. CANNON STREET BRIDGEVILLE, DE 19933



Volunteers Needed!!

We are nine months away from the 2024 Apple Scrapple Festival on October 11 and 12, 2024, but it is never too early to begin planning and fundraising for the largest "fun"-draiser in Western Sussex County. We are looking for enthusiastic, hard-working, and excited volunteers to help us coordinate all the great events during our festival and fundraisers throughout the year. If you would like to make a difference, please join us at our first planning meeting on Tuesday, February 27, at 6 pm at the Bridgeville Public Library.

If you are interested in volunteering for any other events held by the Town or would like to join the Economic Development Committee – please contact Town Hall.

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 have combed 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. As of January 2024, there are still several unresolved issues from the checklist. However, the developer is steadily working on the needed repairs.

We have received notification that they are also requesting inspections for the turnover of Phases 4A, 4B, and 4C, but this has not yet been scheduled.

Small Water Leak and Repair – Canvasback Circle

A small water leak was discovered on Canvasback Circle in January. This was a minor leak and was quickly repaired with the assistance of Elvin Schrock and Sons this month. As these lines are considered new in the life span of water lines, there was concern about the cause of the leak. Based on the voids around the pipe found during excavation, we believe that the area was not backfilled appropriately when installed, which allowed the pipe to shift and crack. We thank all those involved in the discovery and repair of the line. Be assured there is no danger to the water supply or health risks with this type of small leak.

Workiversary

Happy Workiversary to:

Jordan Chelton, Water Operator – 3 Years

Shelley Lambden, Town Clerk/ Administrative Assistant – 2 Years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager