



February 2024 Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In February, the Town issued nine (9) building permits totaling \$9,006.21. There were two (2) building permits issued for new construction.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$36,404.10 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf during January 2024.

We have a balance of \$3,080,926.91 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects.

Land Use and Development – No new Updates for February

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.

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.

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



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.

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/>

Volunteers Needed!!

We are SEVEN 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 next planning meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 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.

Upcoming Event – Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, March 24, 2024. The Town of Bridgeville, in collaboration with the Bridgeville Public Library and the Woodbridge Little League will be hosting an egg hunt on the ball fields behind the library. There will be multiple age groups available. Also, we will have inflatables from All About Inflatables, face painting, and





Vanderwende's ice cream truck! In case of rain, the hunt will be held inside the Bridgeville Public Library.



Ad Posted – Invitation to Bidders

The ad has been posted for Alley repaving and stormwater system improvements with funding from the State of Delaware Bond Bill – Community Reinvestment Funds. The full ad is available on our website. Details may be obtained from Town Engineer, Davis Bowen and Friedel. Bids are due April 1, 2024.

Collaboration with the University of Delaware

The Town has taken an opportunity to work with Students from the University of Delaware to assist with some of our ongoing projects and planning. We proposed a project to the senior grad students with the Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy and Administration for their spring capstone courses. Our project snagged the interest of three students. Two are on the Public Policy side - and are focusing on the redevelopment of the old Baltimore Trust/Police Station on Market Street. This is a really exciting project for us, and these students will be able to research and problem-solve to help us move forward with a plan to repurpose the site for our community. The third student is on the Public Administration side - and she is going to focus on a broader downtown redevelopment plan - much like the state's Downtown Development District program, but also incorporating the redevelopment of the Market Street property. Working with these grad students gives them some real-life public policy and administration experience before finding their careers, and we are incredibly lucky



to be working with such bright and energetic young minds, especially when it provides invaluable assistance to our small staff and limited resources!

Continuation of Comprehensive Planning Survey – Outreach

We have spent two years now performing outreach in many ways—covering events, conducting door-to-door surveys, mailing surveys to the entire 19933 zip code, and providing links and QR codes to online surveys. These efforts are all designed to guarantee input for each demographic that makes up Bridgeville. One of the groups missing from our last Comprehensive Plan update was youth input, which is an incredibly valuable set of views, considering these are the individuals who will be entering the workforce and choosing to live in or leave this area. So we coordinated with Harry Brake, director at the Woodbridge High School library. He was able to gather a group of students interested in having a conversation with us about the future of Bridgeville. I, along with Latoya Harris from Cornerstone Community Center (our nonprofit partner on the Healthy Communities Delaware Grant for this outreach effort), spent over an hour having an open forum-style discussion with this group of 16-18-year-old students who reside in the Bridgeville/Greenwood area. We discussed their career paths, ambitions, preferences for entertainment, likes and dislikes about the region, and even ways to improve communication and attract interest from their age group, which will all be integrated into the development of our plan update.

Notice – Nearby Controlled Burning in March and April

The Nature Conservancy is planning prescribed burns at the Middleford North Preserve (a few miles north of Seaford) and Pemberton Forest Preserve (east of Ellendale) this spring, with a proposed window of March 5- April 30, 2024. The smoke from these burns may be visible from Bridgeville, and we want people to be aware that these are planned and controlled burns for habitat and grassland management.

Please read the notices provided by the Nature Conservancy. They have been posted to the “News” section of our website, bridgeville.delaware.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager