



October Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In October, the Town issued twelve (12) building permits totaling \$14,513.27. Three (3) building permits were issued for new construction, and two (2) Certificates of Occupancy were issued for new homes.

The Town received a check from the Recorder of Deeds in the amount of \$47,698.05 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf in September 2025.

We have a total fund balance of \$4,415,883 that may be earmarked for future debt payments or capital projects. **Please note that some of the total balance may already be earmarked for capital improvements or budget supplements.

Land Use and Development

Pending Applications include:

- AutoZone – Minor Development Plan – November P&Z
- Horizon Farm Credit – Minor Development Plan, Passwaters Farm Road
- Heritage Shores Phase 6 – Now Expected in December
- Annexation – 3.15 Acres at Tax Map 131-10.07-1.00
- Vaibhav, LLC – Liquor Store Expansion

Workiversaries

In October, we recognized the following anniversaries for Town Employees –

- Shelley Lambden, 3 Years of service
- Officer Bradley, 2 Years of service
- Officer Matos, 1 Year of service

Continuing Education

During the month of October and continuing into November, I have been participating in the Planning Certificate series through the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration. This five-week series covers Land Use Law, Planning, and Administration training, and ends with a certification. I look forward to utilizing the knowledge and information obtained from this training in our upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update work and in our general land use-related administration practices and procedures. The materials from these trainings will also be distributed to our Planning and Zoning Board.



2026 Commission Election

Bridgeville's next election will be held on **Saturday, March 7, 2026**. This election will be for two (2) Commission seats:

- District 2 - Currently, Thomas Moran
- District 3 - Currently, John Tomeski
- District 4 - Currently, Robert Dutton
- District 5 - Currently, Darrynn Harris

More information and important dates will be released in December.

Bridgeville's last election was in 2018 – all elections since have been canceled due to a lack of multiple candidates running for open seats.

Municipal Park Project

Construction on Phase 1 of the Municipal Park Project is scheduled to be completed in November (Finally!) Phase 1 included the restructuring of the entrances off S. Main Street – from 3 to one shared entrance further from the intersection of Market and S. Main Streets. This work will also include the restructuring and paving of the parking lot. Last but not least, this work will include a dedicated space for the Memorial Brick project, which began in 2019-2020 and has been on hold since the pandemic.

In the screenshot of the Concept Plan here, – the bricks are the darker brown horizontal pathway from the left of the photo to the tree line.



While work on this Phase is underway, we lost access to Town Hall for about three weeks, but we expect to reopen it after Veterans' Day. Once this Phase is complete, we will work towards the second phase, which includes the playground area, and a new digital sign near the entrance.



October Events

Thursday, October 30, 2020 – Haunted Hallways at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School

- For Halloween, we were once again invited to participate in the Phillis Wheatley Elementary School Haunted Hallways this year. We set up a “Monopoly/Bridgeville-opoly” themed station and handed out candy for the kids.





Friday, October 31, 2025 – Bridgevilleween – Downtown Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat – Classic Board Games - “Clue”

- It was a chilly and windy night, but our Downtown Trunk or Treat still drew a large crowd for two hours of classic mystery and mayhem themed fun with our “Clue” setup. We included multiple rooms and larger than life game pieces from the classic board game, along with town staff dressed up as various characters. We were joined by organizations, including the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company, Bridgeville Public Library, Dublin Hill 4-H, Delaware Rural Water Association, and several other residents and businesses. This event grows each year, and we have such a fun time putting it together for the community!





Wednesday, October 22, 2025 – Mobile Food Pantry with the Food Bank of Delaware – 473 Ballpark Drive

- **THANK YOU** to the Food Bank of Delaware for coordinating us to host the mobile food pantry event - and thank you to our staff and all of the volunteers who showed up to assist with distribution. We helped just under 300 families with fresh food and emptied the truck! This turnout was impressive, but it also clearly shows a need for these services in our area, and we will work with the Food Bank to schedule additional events for our community. Keep an eye out for future events on our page! And be sure to check the Food Bank of Delaware's website for additional events nearby at www.fbd.org.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 – Tree Lighting Ceremony

Wednesdays in December 9, 16, 23 – Santa House

Saturday, December 13, 2025 – Annual Holiday Parade – “Parade of Lights”

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR OUR PARADE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US, PLEASE CONTACT TOWN HALL!!

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany DeBussy
Town Manager

