

November Town Manager's Report

Economic Outlook

In November, the Town issued nine (9) building permits totaling \$18,580.57. Five (5) 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 \$59,773.33 for realty transfer taxes (RTT) collected on our behalf in October 2025.

We have a total fund balance of \$4,483,258 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
- 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
- Vaibhay, LLC Liquor Store Expansion

Workiversaries

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

- Officer McQuown, 17 Years of service
- Officer Matos, 2 Years of service

2026 Commission Election

Bridgeville's next election will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026. The election will be for four (4) Commission seats:

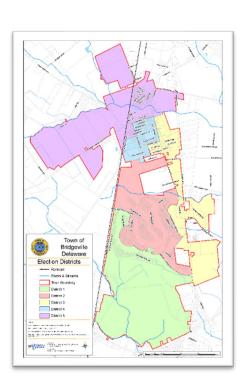
District 2 - Currently, Thomas Moran

District 3 - Currently, John Tomeski

District 4 - Currently, Robert Dutton

District 5 - Currently, Darrynn Harris

Deadline for Candidate Filing: February 6, 2026 (Notice for solicitation of candidates will run in early January)





Absentee Ballots: Available by February 17, 2026 Deadline for Voter Registration: February 25, 2026

**Larger District maps are available at Town Hall and on our website at bridgeville.delaware.gov.

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

<u>Items for Sale – Bridgeville Themed Gifts</u>

While you are holiday shopping, don't forget that Town Hall has unique Bridgeville merchandise to offer friends and family! All items are available at Town Hall during regular business hours.

Bridgeville Vanity Plates: \$20 Bridgeville Mugs: \$10 Bridgeville Tote Bags: \$20







Winter Weather Reminders

<u>Snow:</u> Snow/ice must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of it ceasing to accumulate, according to Town Code. The owner or occupant of any building or lot abutting a public sidewalk is responsible for keeping it clear of snow/ice. Additionally, for your letter carrier to provide you with uninterrupted service, residents must clear the approach to their mailbox. Please use ice melt on sidewalks instead of salt. If you are out of town for an extended period during the winter months, you must make arrangements for your sidewalks to be shoveled in your absence.

<u>Snow Plowing /Salting of Roads:</u> When the snow begins to fall, residents having access to their yards from an alleyway must park their vehicles there. If a driveway does not exist, all residents must move vehicles to the even-numbered (house numbers) side of the street. When the odd-numbered side of the street has been cleared of snow/ice, residents must move vehicles to the street's odd-numbered side.



Business and Rental Licenses

All Business and Rental Property Licenses expire at the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2025). Applications are available online and at Town Hall. Renewals also require new/updated forms to be submitted.

For Rental Property Licenses, rental inspections may only be scheduled with First State Inspection Agency once the application forms and payment are received at Town Hall. All rental property inspections should be scheduled with First State Inspection Agency no later than

February 28, 2026.

We strongly encourage you to use our new platform, GovPilot, to register for business and rental licenses. The links to this platform can be found on our website, under "Forms" and "Licenses".

Open Positions - Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment

With the end of the calendar year, we have open positions available on our Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Board of Adjustment.

Both boards serve three-year terms. Planning and Zoning meets on the third Tuesday

of every month at 6:00 PM, unless there are no applications to review.

The Board of Adjustment only meets as needed when applications are received; there is no set schedule. These meetings are usually during the day. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved with the Town. Letters of interest may be dropped off at Town Hall or submitted to townofbridgeville@gmail.com.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The weather was not our friend, but it couldn't stop us from officially opening the season with our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.





Thank you to those who still came out to join us – we had so much more planned for this event, but we made it work with the rain ending just moments before 6:00 PM.

Also, thank you to Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center and Director Propes for providing adorable caroling – and to the Bridgeville Kiwanis for getting the lights up on the poles throughout Town!

We are also continually grateful for the funding that made this space possible, through Senator Dave Wilson, Representative Jesse Vanderwende, and the Community Redevelopment Funds. While this site is undergoing multiple phases of construction, we are now starting to see how the new space can be used by our community.

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays 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