



The very first St. Patrick's Day was held in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1601, not in Ireland. The day was also originally associated with blue three-leafed clovers as a religious symbol, as green was considered unlucky!



## 2026 Municipal Election - Canceled

The Town of Bridgeville's Municipal Election, scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2026, has been canceled.

District 2 candidate Jacqueline Parker has withdrawn from the election, leaving Sandra Richards unopposed. The following candidates have submitted the required documentation for their candidacy in their respective districts and are now unopposed as of the filing deadline.

- District 2** – Sandra Richards, for a 2-year term
- District 3** – John Tomeski, for a 2-year term
- District 4** – Robert Dutton, for a 1-year term
- District 5** – Darrynn Harris, for a 2-year term

New Commissioners will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 16, 2026.

All required flyers, forms, and additional information can also be found at [Bridgeville.delaware.gov](http://Bridgeville.delaware.gov) under "Info" and "Elections."

## Employee Recognition - DRWA Awards

Town Commissioners and several employees were in attendance at the Annual Delaware Rural Water Association Conference awards dinner, where one of our very own was recognized.

Jordan Chelton has worked with the Town of Bridgeville since January of 2021, entering a new public works career during a time of chaos and uncertainty, while the world was still reeling from the pandemic. He spent the next several years acquiring skills and education and elevating himself within our ranks; he successfully completed the DRWA apprenticeship program and earned his water operator's license. He has been working with our public works crew, taking the lead in everything from water system operations and snow removal to streets and fleet maintenance, and even in more creative and impressive efforts for our many events (remember that Lite Brite from our parade? Or our giant tree lighting switch?)



Public works crews tackle so many roles, and through all the challenges, his patience, personality, and perseverance shine brightly. He has become a valued, core member of our team, and so his recognition last night came as no surprise to us - We are proud to see him selected as Water Operator of the Year. One Water and one Wastewater Operator from the state are chosen each year by the Delaware Rural Water Association, and we may be biased, but we can't think of a better choice! Congratulations, Jordan! We are all incredibly proud!

## Important Dates

**March 16 - Commission Meeting**  
**6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library**

**March 17 - Planning and Zoning Meeting**  
**6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library**

**March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**  
**March 20 - First Day of Spring**

**March 25 - Water Bills Due - Disconnects for Non-Payment on March 30 (90 Days)**

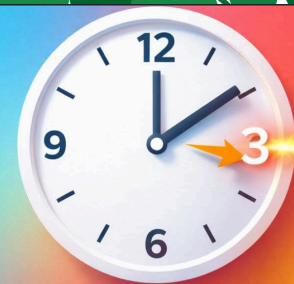
**March 30 - Commission Workshop**  
**5 PM - Bridgeville Public Library**

**April 3 - Town Hall Closed - Good Friday**

Virtual Meeting Links and supporting documentation are always posted with each meeting agenda.

## Save the Date - June 13

We are planning out a Town event for June 13, 2026, so save the date! More information will come soon, but we are planning to incorporate our Memorial Bricks ceremony, with a little nod to history in the spirit of 250 events, and ending with a patriotic concert in the park! Food and other fun will, of course, be involved. We can't wait to share more details, coming soon!



Daylight Saving Time 2026

## SPRING FORWARD

Sunday, March 8, 2026

2:00 AM → 3:00 AM

Clocks move forward 1 hour

Don't forget to change your smoke detector batteries!

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## Open Seats Available! Board of Adjustment



We currently have open seats on our Board of Adjustment. Board of Adjustment meetings are held only as needed and are usually scheduled during the day. The position serves a three-year term. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the workings of our community! If you are interested or have any questions regarding this position, please contact Town Hall. Applicants may submit their letter of interest to the Town Manager.



## Bridgeville Public Library

- **Story Book Corner (all ages) – Tuesdays @ 10 am with songs, stories, and rhymes about St. Patrick’s Day and colors with Ms. Hilary. March 3 will be held at Seaford Chick-fil-A.**
- **Little Acorns Story Book Corner – Wednesdays @ 9 am with Ms. Hilary and songs, rhymes, finger plays, and bounces for you to use at home with your young one.**
- **Read to the L.E.A.P. Dog, Oliver. – Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 24 @ 11 am.**
- **FORTNITE Party– Hosting with Small Town Gaming on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am–2 pm. We will have FORTNITE-themed games, crafts, snacks, and video games for all ages. Registration is preferred.**
- **Family Fun Night – Thursday, March 19 @ 6 pm with leprechaun-themed games, crafts, and snacks. Registration is required.**
- **Saturday Story Book Brunch– Saturday, March 28 @ 10 am for stories, songs, and rhymes about eggs and bunnies, followed by a fun brunch. Registration is preferred.**
- **Drums Alive! With PACE Your Life on Monday, March 2 and Monday, March 9 @ 2 pm for a fun cardio drumming class suitable for all abilities and free to attend.**
- **Mahjong– held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 3–5 pm. Registration requested.**
- **Health 2GO Mobile Unit will be in the parking lot on Tuesday, March 10, from 10 am until 3 pm.**
- **BINGO with PACE Your Life on Tuesday, March 10 @ 3 pm. Play at least 6 games of BINGO. Free to attend.**
- **Brush Club– Wednesday, March 18 @ 3:30 pm (NEW time). Registration is preferred.**
- **Tweens Book Club– Join Ms. Miranda for this fun, interactive book club for ages 8–14 on Wednesday, March 25 @ 3:30 pm. Registration is preferred.**
- **The library will be closed on Thursday, March 26 for Sussex County Staff Development Day.**

## Local History – 250 Celebrations

2026 is the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States of America. As celebrations and events are being planned nationwide, we will be exploring our own history in that time frame, looking to our roots to discover what has made Bridgeville our home. This year also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bridgeville Historical Society, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RAPA, established downtown in 1926.

We will be planning our own events throughout the year – so stay tuned. And if you have ideas, we’d love to hear them!

In the meantime, we will be sharing tidbits of local history we find in our research!



## Bridgeville’s Incorporation Date

March 29 is Bridgeville’s “birthday”! Bridgeville, whose settlement dates to the early eighteenth century, is the oldest community in western Sussex County. In 1730, a settlement formed here when a bridge was built over a branch of the Nanticoke called Bridge Branch, a name which the settlement also was known by. In 1810, its name was changed to Bridgeville by an act of the General Assembly. Continued growth in the town was spurred by the arrival of the railroad when a station was established there in 1856. The first incorporation of Bridgeville as a Town took place on March 29, 1871 under the corporate name of “Commissioners of Bridgeville.” The limits of the Town were defined as one-half mile in all directions from the intersection of Market and Front (renamed Laws) Streets.



## Water Tower Incident Update

On February 9, 2026, we had an incident at the Heritage Shores Water Tower. Due to prolonged deep-freezing temperatures, a valve at the bottom of the sphere that holds the water failed, requiring the tower to be emptied. This tank holds around 400,000 gallons of water, and that was emptied into the field south of the tower. Fortunately, repairs were coordinated with our tank maintenance contractors, Southern Corrosion, and the tower was repaired, tested, and brought back online by the end of the same week.

More work will be scheduled to prevent this type of event from occurring in the future, and we will announce in advance when the tower will be taken temporarily out of service again. Our goal is to plan this with other planned maintenance work to have minimal disruption in the water system and service.

The incident created no concerns for water quality, as the tower was isolated as soon as the leak was detected. When the tower was refilled, it was tested per state requirements, and only brought back into service once that test was successful. Residents may have experienced a slight drop in pressure while the tower was out of service.



## Street Light Reporting

Ever notice a street light out? Or maybe it’s cycling on and off? Residents can report an issue at any time to Delmarva Power at [Delmarva.streetlightoutages.com](http://Delmarva.streetlightoutages.com). Doing so will provide you with a ticket with tracking information, including an update when the repair is completed. **We can also assist you with reporting these issues at Town Hall.** Call or email us, and provide the nearest property address or pole number. The pole number is usually two sets of five-digit numbers clearly marked with stickers, similar to address stickers, located on each pole.

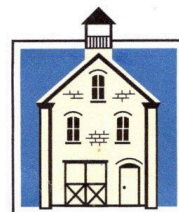
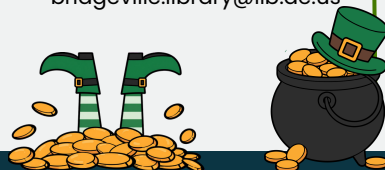
## Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the ball fields on March 29, 2026. This event is annually sponsored by the Woodbridge Little League, the Town of Bridgeville, and the Bridgeville Public Library. The event is free to attend. Flyers will be posted soon!



## Contact Information

- **Town Hall:** P (302) 337-7135, F (302) 337-7817  
Open M-F 9AM – 4PM – For After Hours  
Emergencies Please Call the Police  
Department, (302) 337-8302  
Email: [townofbridgeville@gmail.com](mailto:townofbridgeville@gmail.com)  
Website: [bridgeville.delaware.gov](http://bridgeville.delaware.gov)
- **Bridgeville Public Library:**  
P (302) 337-7401 ext. 101  
Email: [bridgeville.library@lib.de.us](mailto:bridgeville.library@lib.de.us)
- **Fire, Ambulance, Police:** 911  
State Police, Troop 5: P (302) 337-1090
- **Sussex County:** P (302) 855-7700



**Bridgeville Historical Society  
MUSEUM**  
102 William Street  
Bridgeville, DE 19933  
Open First Sunday May – November 12-3PM  
Memberships: Annual \$20; 6-Year \$100; Life \$500