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# THE JOURNAL

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was established in 1868 to honor Civil War soldiers by decorating graves with flowers and flags. Officially declared in Waterloo, New York, it became a federal holiday in 1971, moving to the last Monday in May to create a 3-day weekend. Gen. John A. Logan designated May 30, 1868, for decorating graves, choosing this date because flowers would be in bloom nationwide.

## 2026 StampOut Hunger Food Drive

Mark your calendars for the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual StampOut Hunger postal food drive! Simply place a bag of nonperishable foods (**no glass jars, please**) next to your mail box prior to mail delivery on Saturday, May 9, and your letter carrier will ensure that your donation gets to our neighbors in need! Be on the lookout in the mail for a special 100-percent recyclable bag! If you don't receive a bag, you can use any bag! **Useful items include peanut butter, cereal, canned meats, rice/pasta, canned fruits, and canned vegetables.**

Volunteers are also needed to help unload postal trucks at post offices throughout the state! To sign up to lend a helping hand, go to <https://fbd.volunteerhub.com/>



## Concert in the Park, Memorial Brick Ceremony and Time Capsule

**Join us on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 4:00-8:00 PM** - We are hosting a patriotic Concert in the Park featuring the Star Spangled Sweethearts!

The event will start with a brief Memorial Brick Ceremony - where we acknowledge and honor those who have contributed to the Memorial Brick program, which had been put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone who purchased bricks or benches during that time will also receive a direct invitation by mail. Once this batch is installed, we will reopen the program to the public. Our plans for the continued growth and construction of the park space next to Town Hall include an expanding walkway to allow for many more bricks, so there will be plenty of room to participate!

Also, this is your chance to be a part of Bridgeville history - come sign our guest book for our official time capsule! Our 50-year time capsule will be on display. Businesses and organizations throughout town will also receive a direct invitation to contribute to the time capsule - so look out for an invitation with additional information by mail soon!

We will have a food truck on site, and this event will be the debut of our own custom, locally made mini-golf course!



## Important Dates

**May 10 - Mother's Day**

**May 11 - Commission Meeting  
7 PM - Bridgeville Public Library**

**May 19- Planning and Zoning Meeting  
6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library**

**May 25 - Memorial Day - Town Hall Closed**

**May 26- Water Bills Due - Disconnects for Non-Payment on May 28 (90 Days)**

**May 14, 21, 27 - Commission Workshops (FY27 Budget) 4 PM - Bridgeville Town Hall**

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



**337-8228 \* WELLERS.com**

## Grass and Yard Maintenance

Now that Spring has officially sprung - Reminder of Chapter 90 of the Town Code - No landowner shall permit the unregulated growth of vegetation, including but not limited to weeds, grass, hedges, bushes, or shrubs, to be maintained on any property within the corporate limits of the Town of Bridgeville. No weeds, grass, or other ground cover vegetation shall exceed a height of eight inches at any time of the calendar year. No hedges, bushes, shrubs, trees, or other vegetation shall be permitted to grow in such a manner as to inhibit the free passage of or present a danger to pedestrians on any street, alleyway, sidewalk, or walkway. No weeds, grass, or other vegetation clippings, etc., shall be placed on any street, alleyway, passageway, sidewalk, or walkway. Violations of this Code will result in fines.



## 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.

## Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

The Town of Bridgeville will hold a public hearing at the June 8, 2026, Commission meeting to provide information related to the Community Development Block Grant Program. Funding is available to homeowners for owner-occupied home repairs. The Town must have at least four properties to qualify for this housing rehabilitation program. Residents may attend the June hearing with questions or contact the Sussex County Community Development & Housing Division office directly at 302-855-7777. Applicants must certify they are the owner-occupant of the property, be unable to make the necessary improvements or secure the necessary credit, meet income guidelines, be current with taxes and utilities, have an insured or insurable home, and sign a non-interest-bearing lien.

## Memorial Day Ceremony

The Heritage Shores Military Club is leading a Memorial Day Ceremony at Union Methodist Church on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Union Methodist Church  
2 N Laws Street

All are welcome!



## Delaware Burn Ban in Effect



From May 1 to September 30, Delaware enforces a statewide burn ban. During this period, most outdoor burning activities are prohibited to ensure public safety and protect our environment.

Permitted Activities: Cooking fires, Recreational campfires, Ceremonial bonfires.

These activities are allowed year-round, provided they use firewood, charcoal, propane, or natural gas.

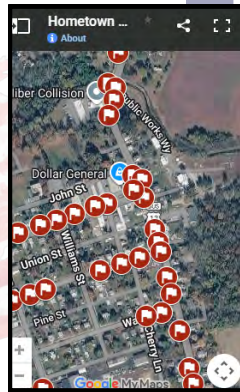
Prohibited Activities: Burning leaves, Burning trash, Burning construction debris, Burning residential yard waste (including limbs, branches, and shrubbery).

If you witness illegal burning, please report it to the DNREC Environmental Hotline at 800-662-8802

For further details, visit: [de.gov/openburning](https://de.gov/openburning).

## Hometown Heroes Banners

Our Hometown Heroes Banners will be reinstalled for the season before the end of May. A small new batch of honorees will be added this year as well! Those profiles and information will be added to the website soon - always remember that no matter the time of year, you can view all of our Heroes on our website under "Info" and "Hometown Heroes". The page includes an interactive map with the placement for all banners, a gallery with a preview of all banners, and an alphabetical list of names.



## 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](https://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.



## Google Maps and Addressing Issues

Have you ever noticed an incorrect address using Google Maps? We can help with that! Sometimes Google is behind on new streets or has mislabelled property addresses. This can lead to incorrect deliveries and a variety of other inconveniences. Google has a reporting feature built into its mapping system that allows anyone to report this information - but if you are uncertain, let us know at Town Hall. We can submit the request and track the changes!

## 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](https://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



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