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2027 Property Tax Bills

Property Tax bills will be mailed out to all property owners around the middle of July. Please remember that property tax statements are for the fiscal year beginning 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2027, which will be the date shown on your statement, and payment is due NO LATER than September 30, 2026. Interest will automatically accrue on October 1, 2026, and at the beginning of each month thereafter if left unpaid.

The 2025 Sussex County reassessments will be used for the first time this year to determine Town of Bridgeville property taxes. As such, your assessed value and tax rate will likely look different from prior-year tax bills. The reassessment process had a range of impacts on all properties, since the last assessment was completed in 1974. Some properties will see increases, while some will see decreases compared to the prior assessment used. More information on the Town's FY27 budget process and a recap of the effects of reassessment can be viewed on our June meeting page here:

<https://bridgeville.delaware.gov/events/commission-meeting-153/>.

More details on the County reassessment project can be found at <https://sussexcountye.gov/reassessment>.

If you live in Heritage Shores and have not prepaid your Special Tax District taxes, your property tax bill will have a separate line item for those taxes. The Town will process the payment and pass it directly on to the bond management agency, Municap. Should you have any questions regarding your Special Tax District assessment, you may contact Municap directly at (443) 539-4101 or visit www.municap.com.

For all taxes, you can view or pay your tax bill through our OpenGov tax payment portal – by going to our website, under the “Pay Online” tab, and clicking “Tax Payments.” The direct link is <https://bridgevillede.taxandrevenue.opengov.com/>. You can choose to create an account or simply use the search tab, which takes you to our public record portal, where you can view or pay directly.

Annual Water Quality Report – CCR

The 2025 Water Consumer Quality Report is available on our website - bridgeville.delaware.gov. Go to the Government heading, then Public Works, and then find the link for the 2025 CCR Report on the page. You can also type in this “tiny URL” in your browser to be taken directly to the report -

<https://tinyurl.com/m9etd7e5>.

This report is designed to provide details about the source of your drinking water and what it contains compared to standards set by regulatory agencies. We have reports readily available, dated as far back as 2011, on our website.

The 2026 Delaware State Fair
will be from July 23 to August 1
in Harrington.

www.delawarestatefair.com



Important Dates

July 3 – Town Hall Closed – Fourth of July

July 4 – Independence Day

**July 13 – Commission Meeting
7 PM – Bridgeville Public Library**

**July 21 – Planning and Zoning Meeting
6 PM – Bridgeville Public Library**

**July 27 – Water Bills Due – Disconnects for
Non-Payment on July 29 (90 Days)**

**July 27 – Commission Workshop
5 PM – Bridgeville Public Library**

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



Open Seats Available! Board of Adjustment

We currently have **TWO** 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.

Grass and Yard Maintenance

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.



Bridgeville Public Library



Summer Reading Program

- The summer reading program has begun, so let's "Unearth a Story" together. We have story times, crafts, teen activities, and special performances. Stop in the library to view our flyers, receive your reading log, and update your Beanstack account. Prizes for age groups: 0-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-17, 18+. Log your hours on Beanstack for a chance to earn extra county-wide prizes.
- Little Acorns Music & Movement - Wednesdays @ 9 am.
- Kids Craft Days- Wednesdays @ 10 am -July 1- Popsicle Flags; July 8 - shark craft; July 15 - Pterodactyl flying puppets; July 22-dino excavation; July 29 -dino eyes. All ages are welcome!
- Tween/Teen Tuesdays- from 12-3 pm- crafts, snacks, and fun activities for ages 10-17. Bring some friends and enjoy your time with friends and Ms. Hilary.
- Rehoboth Children's Summer Theatre- Wednesday, July 15 @ 1 pm, "The Jungle Book" performance.
- Family Fun Night- Thursday, July 16 @ 6 pm. Patriotic Picnic and Cookout. Registration is required.
- Chesapeake Mermaid Show- Saturday, July 25 @ 11 am.



Other Library Programs

- Read to the L.E.A.P. Dog, Oliver. -Tuesday, July 14, and Tuesday, July 28 @ 11 am.
- Library Learners League Homeschool Group-Thursday, July 9 @ 11 am. Learn basic American Sign Language through interactive activities and hands-on practice. Registration is required.
- Drums Alive! With PACE Your Life on Monday, July 6, and Monday, July 13 @ 2 pm.
- BINGO with PACE Your Life on Tuesday, July 14 @ 3 pm. Play at least 6 free games of BINGO.
- The Department of Labor will present a Job Fair at the library on Thursday, July 16, from 10 am to 1 pm.
- A "Patriotic Paint Night Under the Stars" will be held on Wednesday, July 22, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please see our FB page and website for more information.
- The Friends of the Bridgeville Library will have their Annual Meeting on Monday, July 20 @ 6 pm in the library. Please consider inviting friends, family, and neighbors to hear what this wonderful group does for our library. You can renew or join as a new member. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP to: friendsofbridgevillelibrary@gmail.com by July 17.

The library will be closed to the public on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. We will also be closed on Saturday, July 11. Support the library at the Kiwanis BBQ Fundraiser held at the Kiwanis BBQ stand (4533 Seashore Highway, Bridgeville, DE) on Saturday, July 11, and Sunday, July 12, from 9 am until sold out. A chicken platter is \$12, and half a chicken is \$10. There will also be a bake sale for purchase with delicious treats prepared by the Friends of the Bridgeville Library.

For all programming info, please visit our website or Facebook page for details.

To register for our events: Call 337-7401 ext. 101 or online: delawarelibraries.libcal.com.

600 South Cannon Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933

Phone: 302-337-7401 ext. 101

Fax: 302-337-3270

Email: bridgeville.library@lib.de.us

Website: <https://bridgevillepubliclibrary.com>



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
Website: bridgeville.delaware.gov

- **Fire, Ambulance, Police:** 911
State Police, Troop 5: P (302) 337-1090

- **Sussex County:** P (302) 855-7700

- **Bridgeville Public Library:**
P (302) 337-7401 ext. 101
Email:
bridgeville.library@lib.de.us



Swimming Pools



Please remember that per Chapter 205-5 of the Town Code, all swimming pools must be enclosed by a fence at least four feet in height, and constructed of a material difficult for a person or child to pass through, such as wood stockade or chain link.

Also, per Chapter 205-6, water from the swimming pools shall not be drained into the ground. If the owner of a swimming pool wishes to drain the pool into the Town's storm sewer, he or she must first advise the Public Works Department of the Town. The Public Works Department may set certain conditions on the time and method of draining. A chemical analysis to determine whether the water to be drained would be harmful to the treatment facility or aquatic life must be performed by a certified laboratory at the owner's expense.

And finally, the owner of such land where a swimming pool will be used and maintained shall apply for a building permit from the Town of Bridgeville, prior to commencement of construction. Approval of such permit does not imply any liability on the part of the Town of Bridgeville, in the case of any future liability, criminal, or any other form of legal dispute that may arise.

Inflatable pools do not require a building permit but must meet all requirements set forth in this chapter.

Our section of code on swimming pools can be found at <https://ecode360.com/8859714>



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. 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.

