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THE JOURNAL

Trick or Treat! The earliest known reference to "Trick or Treating" in print is in a newspaper from Alberta, Canada in 1927. By the middle of the century, the current form of going door to door in costume to ask neighbors for candy had begun to appear in popular culture. The first actual use of the phrase occurs in a 1951 Peanuts strip, with Disney following the next year with a Huey, Dewey and Louie short titled "Trick Or Treat".

Apple Scrapple Festival Updates

This year's festival will be very similar to the changes that were introduced last year, which will affect residents during the festival on October 9 and October 10, 2026.

The list of completely closed streets includes Delaware Ave, Walnut Street, South Cannon Street, Laws Street, William Street, Railroad Ave, Mill Street, John Street, Mechanic Street, Cedar Street, and Cherry Lane. These are all streets directly in the festival footprint with no traffic permitted during the festival hours.

Outside of these streets, outside traffic is restricted from 8:30 to 4:30 in the broader "bubble" of the outer points of downtown during the festival. **If you reside on these streets, you can be allowed through with a pass (recommended!) or an ID with your local address.** Passes are recommended to keep traffic moving. The outer traffic control points are at S. Main and Antique Alley, Railroad Ave and Wilson Farm Road, Seashore Hwy. and Federalsburg Road, Church Street near North Street, and Church Street and N. Main Street. (See Graphic)

Resident and Business passes will be handled as follows, as the expected quantity increases each year - **Each resident/business owner must pick up their pass at Town Hall or the library before October 8!** Town Hall is assisting with the passes as we are able. Each pass will be resident/vehicle specific; please bring proof of residency when picking up your pass. For businesses, please bring a list of employees who will need passes. The pass must be placed on the dash of your vehicle to allow you access. Resident passes are for residents and employees working at an open business only; copies are not permitted.

For more information - including full notices, links to mapping and the festival pages, parking locations, and more please visit the festival's website at applescrapple.com.



Important Dates

October 12 - Commission Meeting
7 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

October 20 - Planning and Zoning Meeting
6 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

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

October 26 - Commission Workshop
5 PM - Bridgeville Public Library

October 31 - Town Wide Yard Sale 7 AM

October 31 - Downtown Trunk or Treat and Traditional Trick or Treat 6-8 PM

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



Brush up on your Bridgeville history while exploring the Apple Scrapple festival. The Bridgeville Historical Society museum will be open on Saturday, October 10, 10 am-3 pm!



Upcoming Community Events

CALL FOR TRUNKS

We need volunteers to join us for our Sixth Annual Downtown Trunk or Treat on Halloween. Do you work with a business or organization? Or would you like to decorate a trunk or table as a resident? We welcome you! Contact Town Hall or visit our website to sign up. Family-friendly themes only.



Rescheduled due to the Nor'easter in September - If you plan to participate, contact Town Hall with your address so that we can add you to a map!



Bridgeville Public Library

The Apple Scapple Festival

- The Library Carnival- Enjoy the rides, thrills, and excitement of the Library Carnival, located on Railroad Avenue. Thursday, October 8 @ 4- 9 pm (\$25 for a pay-one-price bracelet). Friday, October 9 @ 4-10 pm (\$25 pay-one-price bracelet). Saturday, October 10 @ 10:30 am-9 pm. (\$2 each ticket or Family Pack- 20 for \$30 and 40 for \$45). Please support our library!
- Library Lane -Join Ms. Hilary at Library Lane (located next to the Bridgeville Historical Society Museum at 102 William St.) on Saturday, October 10 from 9 am-4 pm for games, crafts, special characters, and a photo booth.

Community Bridge to Wellness

- Our Community Bridge to Wellness Health Initiative continues with grants from the Delaware Behavioral Health Consortium and the Sussex County Health Coalition. Upcoming programs:
- Grief Sessions-Saturdays @ 10 am through November 7 (excluding October 10) with Community Health Workers Latoya Harris and Kaytra MacDonald. Registration is preferred.
- Wellness Wednesdays-every Wednesday until November 4 @ 8:30 am with self-led exercise in the meeting room and @ 10 am-6 pm unplugged relaxation zone in the library.
- Boost Your Confidence Hypnosis - Wednesday, October 14 @ 6 pm and "Calm within the Chaos" Hypnosis- Saturday, November 7 @ 2 pm. Registration is required. Both sessions with Dolly Palmer. Registration is required.
- Stress Management Classes with Duaa Khan (TidalHealth Crisis Center Clinician) on Wednesday, Oct. 7, Thursday, Oct. 15, Wednesday, Oct. 21, and Thursday, Oct. 29. All classes will be at 6 pm. Registration is required.

Children/Tween/Teen Programs

- Story Book Corner- Tuesdays @ 10 am with stories, songs, and a themed craft about Fall.
- Little Acorns Music & Movement- Wednesday @ 9 am with songs, rhymes, finger plays, and bounces for your young one.
- Read to the L.E.A.P. Dogs, Oliver and Penny -Tuesdays, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, and Nov. 10 @ 11 am.
- Library Learners League Homeschool Group- TBD. Presentation on the water cycle. Registration is required.
- Tween Book Club (for ages 8-14) with Ms. Miranda on Thursday, November 5 @ 4 pm. This month's book is "Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow" by Jessica Townsend. Registration is preferred.
- Family Fun Night- Thursday, October 22 @ 6 pm. Perfect Pumpkin Party! Registration is required.
- FREE Gaming with Small Town Gaming-Saturday, October 17 from 10 am-2 pm.

Adult Programs

- BINGO with PACE Your Life on Tuesday, October 13 @ 3 pm. Players must be 18 yrs. or older.
- Mahjong will be held on Tuesdays @ 4 pm through November 10.
- "Blind Date with a Book" Wrapping Party- Friday, October 16 @ 1 pm. Registration is required.
- TidalHealth Mobile Mammogram Unit -Monday, October 19 from 10 am-2:30 pm.
- Lunch & Learn BINGO hosted by Cornerstone Community Center and the library, sponsored by Highmark on Thursday, October 22 @ 11 am. Information regarding your health benefits.
- Friends of the Bridgeville Library Monthly Meeting-Monday, October 19 @ 10:30 am.
- "Fall in Love with your Library" Quarter Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, October 24 from 11 am-1 pm. Doors open at 10 am. Auction begins at 11:30 am. Advance ticket sales only! ALL IN PADDLES: \$35. REGULAR PADDLES: \$10. To purchase a paddle, visit the library.
- "Reflections of the Vietnam War" with Journalist Nancy E. Lynch, Local Author Kenneth Jack, and Chef Scott Kemp will prepare Vietnamese-inspired cuisine. Wednesday, November 4 @ 11 am. Registration is required.
- "Scapple Unwrapped" Pan Fried and Proud with the Greenwood Library-Saturday, November 7 @ 11 am-1 pm. Special scapple food and presentations with RAPA Scapple.
- Save the Date-Harvest Moon Vendor Event-Saturday, November 14.
- The library will be closed Saturday, October 10, Monday, October 12, and Wednesday, Nov. 11.

UPCOMING HVAC CLOSURE- The Bridgeville Library will be CLOSED Monday, November 16 through Saturday, December 12 for HVAC improvements. All in-house services will be unavailable, e-services will remain available during this time, and the book drop will be closed. Please use neighboring libraries (Greenwood, Seaford, or Georgetown). Sorry for the inconvenience.

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



Board of Adjustments Vacancy

We still 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 or early evening.

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 Camera Sign Up

If you have a security camera at your residence or business and are willing to help our Bridgeville Police Department officers with investigations, please sign up for our Community Camera log! We will reach out to you if anything happens in your area and video footage is needed. The information collected will NOT be shared with the public.

There is a simple sign-up form on our website - visit bridgeville.delaware.gov, and look under "Police" for "Community Camera Sign Up."



Annual Holiday Parade

It's not too early to start planning to join our holiday parade! Calling all local businesses, organizations, clubs, and individuals! Join this cherished holiday event in our community! Sign up at Town Hall or using the form on our website!



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.



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