

BRIDGETON JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT



2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- HIGHEST TOTAL FILINGS IN VICINAGE 15 - 5TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR
- ADDED 1 NEW CLERK 1 TO COURT STAFF
- STENGTHENED COURT STAFF - MULTI TRAINED
- SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONED TO VIRTUAL COURT SESSIONS

2021 GOALS

- CONTINUE STAFF PRINCIPLES OF MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINSTRATION TRAINING
- CONTINUE DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS
- CONTINUE ORGANIZATION OF BASEMENT STORAGE

BRIDGETON JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT

2021

FUNDS FOR COURT STAFF SALARIES

- MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE – JASON WITCHER
- CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINSTRATOR – MARIE L. KEITH
- DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR – ASHLEY GRANT
- DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR – YACANT
- KEYBOARDING CLERK III – CHRISTINE MILETTA
- KEYBOARDING CLERK II – BARBARA GLEISSNER
- KEYBOARDING CLERK I - NELLY LEON-HERNANDEZ
- KEYBOARDING CLERK I – AMY ANDERSON
- KEYBOARDING CLERK I – ERL ROSAL

FUNDS FOR OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETER – LINDA DEDRICK
- OTHER INTERPRETERS – INTERGRITY INTERPRETING, LLC
- CONFLICT/SUBSTITUTE JUDGES
- PROSECUTOR
- CONFLICT/ SUBSTITUTE PROSECUTOR
- PUBLIC DEFENDER
- CONFLICT/SUBSTITUTE PUBLIC DEFENDER

FUNDS FOR PRINTING & BINDING

- CARBONLESS MAILERS (DAILY NOTICES)
- UNIFORM TRAFIC TICKETS
- SPECIAL FORMS OF COMPLAINTS
- ENVELOPES

FUNDS FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES

- W.B. MASON

FUNDS FOR OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- SOUND RECORDING ANNUAL CONTRACT
- ZOOM ANNUAL CONTRACT

FUNDS FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

- DE LAGE LANDEN – COPIER/FAX LEASE



2021 Water and Sewer

Employee Development

With the retirement of the two most senior employees in the Water/Sewer Department, it will be challenging to replace that experience while also creating an opportunity to train within the department to better position the utility for years to come

Infrastructure Upgrades

Continue upgrades of older fire hydrants, isolation valves and well redevelopment. Repair sewer manholes that have settled or deteriorated and maintain many miles of sewer mains, including upgrades of sewer stations

Educate Residents

Provide residents with information on what should NOT be flushed down toilets and drains. Help residents be conscious of water conservation and costs associated with leaking toilets and faucets. Continue "FOG" campaign (Fats, Oils, Grease)



Construction & Zoning

In 2020 Construction Office Revenue was \$193,373.00

- Revenue is based on permits issued for: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fire (State fee is also collected based on total cost of project)
- 1,235,757 cubic feet of new construction occurred in Bridgeton with a value of \$43,305,017.00 in construction costs in 2020 compared to \$14,752,079 cubic feet of new construction in 2019 (3rd straight year of increase)
- Construction Office issued: 165 permits for building, 147 permits for plumbing, 340 permits for electrical work, 189 permits for mechanical, and 113 permits for fire
- Permits ensure a reasonable degree of protection for the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and visitors
- Zoning Issued 246 zoning permits (20 Dumpster Permits): \$11,250 in fees

Construction & Zoning Goals for 2021

Construction Office goal is to help residents maintain compliance with Building, Electric, Plumbing and Fire codes to ensure the safety and welfare of the community and its residents.

To educate residents on the importance of obtaining the necessary permits to ensure projects are completed in a workmanlike manner

To complete the necessary inspections in an efficient manner while educating residents on the proper construction techniques for their safety

To assist developers with permitting and compliance for new construction projects including Food Commercialization Center, Wawa Gas & Convenience Store, River Grove, downtown Complete Care offices, and upcoming projects such as Shoreline Freezer Expansion, and Cumberland Dairy/DFA expansions.

Code Enforcement

Accomplishments

- **Code Updates:**
 - Adopted the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code
 - Adopted and implementing payable summonses for grass and trash under 265-7
 - Adopted and enforcing stronger code addressing overflowing dumpsters and clothing donation bins
- **Inspections:**
 - In 2019, 2705 Target Area inspections were conducted, resulting in 1387 violations and 303 prosecutions in Municipal Court (summonses)
 - In 2020 , 3871 Target Area inspections were conducted, resulting in 2,120 violations and 728 Prosecutions in Municipal Court (summonses).
- Recent updates to the code by City Council have given Code Enforcement the tools to better serve the community and to ensure the safety and welfare of the residents

Goals

- Continue to enforce the code in such a way that occupants and responsible parties are held accountable for keeping their area free of debris, grass overgrowth and vehicles. This is being done via payable summonses.
- Further utilize technology that has been provided to decrease time it takes to document (photographs) and record inspection results.
- Continue with training for each inspector to insure maximum consistency in enforcement within the department.
- Implement “property maintenance” position to ensure remediation when City intervention is necessary due to non-compliance (placement of liens when necessary)

Community Development Block Grant- CDBG

2020 Housing Rehab Program Owner-Occupied

Projects Completed	13	\$145,701
Lead Remediation's Completed	2	\$10,300

2020 Demolitions/Clearance

Demolitions	2	\$69,590.28
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449-151 N. Pearl St.
429 E. Commerce St.

2020 1st Time LMI Homebuyer Assistance Program

CHDO Down Payment Assistance	1	\$5,882.31
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2020 Sub-Recipient Grants

CDBG Sub-recipients	9	\$50,384.10
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Community Development Block Grant Sub-Recipient

Range of Activities

Sub Recipients

City of Bridgeton Recreation Department

CHABA

Youth 2 Youth

Teen Library

Cumberland Family Shelter

CATA

PAL (Police Athletic Association)

Revive South Jersey

LAEDA (Latin American Economic Development Assoc.

Range of Activities

Recreation for LMI youth, Seniors and the disabled throughout the year within the park, riverfront and recreational fields.

Education programs for LMI homeowners providing technical assistance and educational resources with respect to historic preservation and historically appropriate rehabilitation.

Provides mentoring and educational services for youth from a large number of LMI income families as well as seasonal employment opportunities for the youth.

Provide increased services to youth via art, culture, career counseling and entertainment programs. Also provide Cultural and social activities for children, tween-teen.

Provides homelessness assistance including but not limited to shelter, food, clothing and linen supplies.

Empowers and educates farmworkers and other low-wage immigrant workers through leadership development, and improves community health and well being by developing and implementing strategies to access healthy and affordable food through gardening.

Mentoring program for LMI youth -strengthening the bond between Police and the community while offering safe and friendly activities for the youth.

Program to assist LMI families achieve housing permanency in the City. Provide support and coaching for families to help them achieve credit worthiness and become loan/application ready to purchase a home within the City.

Entrepreneurship development training programs for the LMI Latino entrepreneurs within the City.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMNT

Wawa (Block 121 Lot 8) \$6 million- Site Preparation completed, store construction to begin summer 2021 – 3 acres available for further development

Amity Heights Renovation- 196 Units to be upgraded

River Grove Affordable Housing Project Completed

Cumberland Dairy/DFA Expansion - Completed Phase I, Phase II to begin 2021

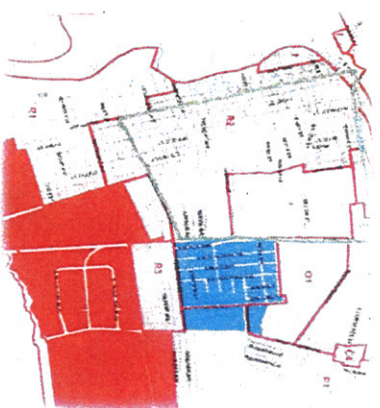
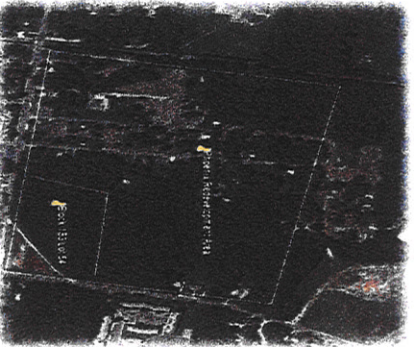
Phoenix Redevelopment Area Block 183 Lot 54 (Phase I)
Developer Tom Kelly to construct 77 townhouse units on 9.56 acre parcel-partnership with Ryan Homes

Shoreline Freezer Expansion- Acquisition of 2-3 parcels to accommodate expansion of cold storage and dry storage- Burlington Rd Industrial Park-2021

Cannabis Industry Development- Wide interest from national companies related to cannabis- Regulating ordinance & tax ordinance drafts underway-2021

Scattered Sites Redevelopment Plan CT 205- residential city-owned dwellings returned to private ownership 2021

Redevelopment - SEG plan (Southeast Gateway Redevelopment) adopted & Port District Redevelopment Plan updated 2021



RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2021 GOALS

Splash Park Attraction



Market Park as a day trip destination, along with the picnic area, golf and zoo

Resurfacing of the splash park- its first major overhaul funded through the Park Bond.

Sunset Lake



Stoney Point Beach at Sunset Lake

Submit application for Local Recreation Improvement Grant (DCA) –Create Futsal / Resurface Tennis Courts

Fully staff for Public Swimming at Stoney Point Beach

Promote Water vessels (i.e. canoe and kayak rentals).

Promote & Scheduled activities for residents, including swim lessons and other entertainment.

Partner with HOF for improvements/renovate houses

RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2021 GOALS

July 4th Fireworks



July 4th Horse shoe Tournament

Recreation Hill Improvements



Fourth of July fire works celebration, including Horseshoe Tournament and related holiday activities in City Park (within limits of public health guidance)

Installation of new tennis nets/posts/ resurfacing/fencing

Create new “pop-up” picnic grove with new tables to accommodate families/events behind “Rec Hill” playground.

Demolish former dilapidated Babe Ruth Building

Agreements for Youth Baseball, Softball, Basketball & Kickball

Agreements for Adult Baseball, Softball & Basketball

Tax Collector Budget 2021

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Tax Collector

Accomplishments 2020

- Obtained Final Judgment on 2 foreclosure lists for 26 properties, which can be sold.
- Maintained 97.40 collection rate.



Goals 2021

- Education - Tax Collection courses for 2 clerks, currently attending remotely.
- Offer direct debit/withdrawal for tax and utility payments.
- Complete current foreclosure list with 40 properties.