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## Ask the Mayor

A monthly impromptu column

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**BRIDGETON** — As we move into the fall this year, I have good news about two extremely important projects that I started four years ago, fund raising and working on with volunteers who worked with me side by side to make them happen.

**Nail House Museum:** For the past three years, the Nail House Museum has gone through an extreme makeover, from stripping and painting the exterior, rewiring the electric inside, dry walling what needed to be redone, refinishing the floors and finally painting the interior, which is the phase we are entering into now.

The City of Bridgeton Recreation, Public Works and several groups of volunteers have been restoring this building. This project will be complete and open for the Bridgeton Christmas House Tour this year.

If you are interested in helping us decorate the Nail House Museum for the holidays, please contact Melissa in our Recreation Department at (856) 455-3230, ext. 280.

**Alden Field:** This site is home to the Bridgeton High School baseball team and home to the Bridgeton Invitational Tournament. As the teams finished this year's tournament, the City of Bridgeton was poised to start renovating the entire field of dreams.

Through a joint effort with the City of Bridgeton, Bridgeton school board and Bridgeton Invitational Tournament Committee, the entire field has been modernized. From the backstop to the outfield fences, the field has been re-graded, re-seeded and re-designed to improve the player's experience.

Other work includes a new irrigation system, new outfield warning track and lots more. Please take a few minutes each month over the next six months to watch the field come alive, and be ready to cheer this spring for the Bridgeton High School baseball team, as they will be the first to play on this newly improved baseball diamond.

I want to express my thanks to all the volunteers and financial sponsors who have helped restore these two landmarks in our city. These projects are only the beginning of what can be accomplished by working together as a community. Please contact me with your ideas on what needs to be done

next to keep improving Bridgeton in the years to come.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Oct. 24, Boo at the Cohanzick Zoo, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., followed by Movie Night at the City Park at dusk.
- Oct. 31, Halloween Hours: Trick or Treating will be on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. Please make sure to put on your porch lights and watch out for the monsters and princesses moving about.

*Bridgeton Mayor James Begley's column appears each month in the News. E-mail questions for the mayor to [mayor@cityofbridgeton.com](mailto:mayor@cityofbridgeton.com), or mail to 181 E. Commerce St., City Hall Annex, Bridgeton, NJ 08302.*

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