



City of Bridgeton
City Hall Annex, 181 E. Commerce St, Bridgeton NJ 08302

Ask the Mayor

a monthly impromptu column

J Announcement:

Vision Meeting Monday, May 11, 2009 at 6 PM Hall of Fame Community Room Burt Street at Babe Ruth Drive (behind High School Football stadium and across from Alden Field) public input on its Recreation and Natural Resources.

Hanging Baskets Downtown Saturday May 16th - Starting at 9:00 am, I'm looking for volunteers to pot plants in our downtown flower baskets for the summer season. If you are interested, please bring a potting shovel, gloves, hat and a will to make it happen. We will supply the plants, baskets and water.

Over the past ten days, the city has had several huge announcements of change in the Bridgeton.

1. Monday April 27th the Bridgeton Police moved into the new "Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Building" on Fayette Street.
2. Tuesday April 28th Bridgeton Municipal Court resumed its business in it new court facility.
3. Wednesday April 29th Bridgeton High School Foundation, Bridgeton High School and the City of Bridgeton announced securing \$4.5 million dollars of

- funding for the restoration of the Jim Hursey Memorial Stadium.
4. Friday May 1st Rutgers University and City of Bridgeton commemorated the opening of the Cousteau Center at the historic Sheppard House on Commerce Street at the entrance to the Bridgeton Park System.

WWWWWOW! That's impressive in New York City let along our little town. Being involved with each of these projects has made me realize how much time and cooperation it takes to put together grant applications, land acquisitions, engineering, design, negotiation with contractors, SHIPO, DEP, EPA, DOT, Green Acres, and philanthropist.

What does this mean in the end for Bridgeton? Well it means we are moving forward. Bridgeton has partnered with like minded people that want to succeed. Bridgeton will benefit from these projects and these partners will bring more like-minded people to Bridgeton. As long as Bridgeton is able to work with quality partners, the city will move forward.

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