



WELCOME TO CHESWOLD



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OUR TOWN

This booklet has been prepared to provide you with a snapshot of some current historical and hopefully useful information to facilitate your transition to your new hometown.

The Town of Cheswold was incorporated in 1856 and at the time, the majority of the population were Lenni Lenape Indians, blacks and whites, who were mostly Dutch and collectively they became known as the Moors. A railroad stop was established in the Town that was known as Leipsic Station, due to its close proximity to the Town of Leipsic. It was an important shipping point of entry for the large quantities of grain and other fruit being grown in the surrounding countryside. By 1860, the Town contained 35 dwellings, three general stores, a wheelwright, a brickyard and a grain warehouse. *(Information in this paragraph was taken from Page 6 of the Cheswold Comprehensive Plan.)*

Over the course of time, the Town was known as Moorton and Leipsic Station, which was in connection with the railroad station in the center of Town.

In 1888 a contest was initiated to rename the Town. The winning selection was Cheswold, created by a combination of “chess”, which came from a large group of Chestnut trees, (now a part of the Town symbol), and “wold”, which means forest of trees.

The Town is one of the smaller municipalities in Delaware and a part of Kent County. It operates as a municipality subject to the laws of Delaware, but chartered to adopt and enforce its' own laws within its corporate boundaries.

Cheswold is also the birth place of former Governor J. (James) Caleb Boggs, who resided on the property on which the current Town Hall sits. He was born on May 15, 1909, and passed away in 1993. In addition, he additionally served three terms as a U.S. Representative and two terms as a U.S. Senator.

Also notable for their connection to Cheswold is the 1950 -1960 minor league baseball team known as the Cheswold Tigers. They became well known across the area for their winning record.

Financial woes have plagued the Town over the past few years, however, an improvement in the economy has reached Cheswold and it is well on its way to achieving a goal to maintain the friendly community atmosphere of the 1800's, while enjoying the benefits of the 21st century.

And we are happy to have you here to assist us in the changes and improvements anticipated for our future.

WELCOME



The Government of the Town of Cheswold is administered by a six, (6), person Town Council, elected by the residents. Candidates for Council per the Town Charter, must be at least twenty-one, (21) years of age, can prove their own residency is equivalent to at least one year immediately prior to the election and otherwise qualified to vote in the annual Town election..

Voters in the election must also be Town residents, for at least three, (3), months prior to the election and can provide proof of such. They must be eighteen, (18), years of age and registered to vote in the Town of Cheswold, by registering at Town Hall. This registration is separate and apart from the registration for County, State and Federal elections. Proof of identity and residence is required to register.

Elections are held once a year, at which time, three seats on the Council are available to be filled for a two, (2), year period. Once the election is complete, the six member Council selects a Mayor from among their ranks and the new Mayor may select a Vice-Mayor and Secretary/Treasurer with the agreement of the Council. The Mayor may make appointments to Committees, Commissions, and positions with the approval of the Council.

If positions on the Council are vacant, residents of the Town may apply to the Town Council to fill the position by submitting an application obtained from the Town Clerk at Town Hall.

Town Council meetings are held once a month, typically on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm, in the Town Hall. The Town website and/or bulletin board should be consulted for changes. All Council meetings are open to the public and you are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The current members of the Town of Cheswold government are:

Mr. Robert W. Sine – Mayor
Mr. Larence Kirby – Vice Mayor
Mrs. Theon (Sam) Callender – Secretary/Treasurer
Mrs. Judith Johnson – Councilperson
Mr. Santo Faronea – Councilperson
Mr. Mark Moxley – Councilperson

They may all be reached at **302-734-6991**



GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION



There are several *moving* parts to the administration of the Town of Cheswold. And although currently there are only a few persons engaged in the administration, like most towns and cities they consist of Departments, documents, processes, procedures and most importantly personnel.

The most important of Town documents are the:

- **TOWN CHARTER** – defines the approval by the State of Delaware to operate as a municipality and sets the rules and standards by which the Town can and may operate. It is the “bible” of the Town Council.
- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** – is designed to guide the future actions of a community. It presents a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the local government. It is administered and managed by the Planning Commission. The Office of State Planning Coordination requires that the Plan be updated every 10 years and strongly suggests input from the community.
- **LAND USE ORDINANCE** – is authorized by the Town Charter to:
 - guide the future growth and development of the Town of Cheswold in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan
 - promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community
 - secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers
 - provide adequate light and air
 - facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements
 - conserve the value of lands and buildings
 - encourage the most appropriate uses of land
- **ORDINANCES** – are local laws that regulate persons and/or property and relates to a matter of general and permanent nature. It is and relates to a matter of general and permanent nature. They are authoritative and have the force of the Court. Prior to passage, they are reviewed and open to public opinion at a Public Hearing and legal review by the Town Attorney. The Town Council has the final vote on their passage and typically includes processes, procedures, and fines, both monetary and imprisonment for violation. As they can personally affect you, you should review them periodically on the Town website.



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- **RESOLUTIONS** – generally states a position or a policy of the Town and do not have the force of law.

All Town documents are on the Town of Cheswold website:
cheswold.delaware.gov

The immediate Town personnel involved with administering the policies, procedures, processes and rules and regulations associated with the above documents are the:

- **Town Administrator** – responsible for the overall daily activities of the Town and its employees **(Ms. Sam Callender)**
- **Town Clerk** – responsible for Human Resources; Taxes; Revenue and Expenses; Notary Public **(Ms. Shadina Jones)**
- **Administrative Clerk** – responsible for assisting the Town Administrator and Town Clerk; revenue and expenses; taxes **(Ms. Lizett Ayala)**
- **Building Inspector** – responsible for ensuring that buildings meet ICC building code requirements **(Mr. Dave Naples)**
- **Code Enforcement Officer** – responsible for the prevention, detection, investigation and enforcement of violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public health, safety, and welfare, public works, business activities and consumer protection, building standards, land-use, or municipal affairs **(Mr. Mike Callender)**
- **Maintenance Technician** – responsible for Town Hall; Town Park and town owned street maintenance, including grass cutting and snow removal **(Mr. Matt Maugle)**

TOWN LIMITS & COMMUNITIES



The Town of Cheswold currently consists of several communities, of varying types of construction:

- Immediately to the north of Routes 13 and 42, traveling west, is the one family residential development of **PARKERS RUN**
- Continuing west on Route 42 and to the south of the road is the mobile home community of **STRIMMELS MOBILE HOME PARK**
- The single family homes constructed along Route 42 to the West and prior to the railroad tracks are simply known as: **MAIN STREET**
- Just prior to the railroad tracks and the intersection of Route 42, on the north side lies almost the oldest community in Cheswold. It was previously known as Blanton and is still called that by the “old timers”. However, it is actually a mobile home park that has been purchased by a new owner and is now known as: **LEYLAND VILLAGE**
- On the west side of the railroad tracks is Commerce Street. And the intersection of Commerce Street and Main Street, (Route 42), provides the location of the oldest area in the Town. It encompasses Commerce and Main Streets, running west to the entrance of the Fox Pointe development. And it includes the area, of New Street, located south of Commerce and Main; East Street, which is just an alley off of New Street; West Street, located at the intersection of New Street and runs north to Main Street; and School Lane which runs west off Commerce St., to the Fox Pointe Development and houses the Town Park and finally Fulton Street, which runs south off School Lane and just past Kent Street. This entire area is known as: **OLD TOWN**

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- If you continue south on Commerce, almost at the intersection of Commerce and Rose Bowl Lane, on the west side is the newest community added to the Town of Cheswold family, a single family age-defined community, *(a minority of properties are not in Cheswold)*, known as: **NOBLES POND**
- Returning to the intersection of Commerce and Main Street, and making a left turn and going west, just pass the Old Town community, you will view a single family manufactured home community that wraps around Old Town and stretches south to the Nobles Pond area. This community is known as: **FOX POINTE**
- And in the near future, on the east side of Route 13, adjacent and to the rear of the Wal-Mart, a new townhouse community will be developed known as: **CHESWOLD VILLAGE**



CHRISTOPHER WORKMAN
Chief of Police



The Cheswold Police Department is a law enforcement agency tasked with upholding local, State and Federal laws within the jurisdiction of the Town of Cheswold. The Town Charter of Cheswold, Section 16 gives the Town Council the power to create a police department to carry out these duties.

Currently the Town of Cheswold Police Department consists of five full time police officers, including the Chief of Police. The Department is full time, with officers on duty seven days a week.

Chief Christopher Workman has been a law enforcement officer in the State of Delaware since September 2002 and was hired by the Mayor and Council to lead the Cheswold Police Department in February of 2013.

With recent expansion of the Town limits and as responsibilities grow so will our police department, but in the mean time we continue to work hard and train in areas that are vital to providing the best possible law enforcement service to our community.

Our police department is dedicated to working with the community, our business owners, residents and being a positive role model for its youth. We have made it our mission to continue to reach out to the Towns young people and foster positive relationships.

We welcome you to the Town of Cheswold and to our family. If there is anything that we can ever do to assist you and your family or business in any way do not hesitate to contact us.



No matter where you live – some things never change – and property taxes are one of those things.

Even here in the Town of Cheswold, you are required to pay property taxes. They are assessed as \$.60 per \$100.00 value of your home and property. Assessments are conducted by Kent County, but there hasn't been an assessment in a number of years.

In Cheswold, your tax bill will be mailed to you by June 30 of every year and payment, in full, is required by September 1 of that year. Failure to pay by September 1, results in the assignment of a monthly cumulative interest fee at the rate of 1.5% and a cumulative penalty at the rate of 1.0% per month. Arrangements to make installment payments can be made by contacting the Town Clerk at 302-734-6991.

If your taxes are paid by your mortgage company, it is your responsibility to forward your tax bill to them.

Also, please remember Town of Cheswold property taxes are in addition to Kent County property taxes.

The Town is always in need of volunteers and especially volunteers with ideas to improve the quality of life for our residents.

If you have some time and energy and a desire to serve, we can find a place for you.



**Thank you and
looking forward to
your help.**

We are almost continually in need of Council and Planning Commission members.

Please help us to build a Town in which you would want your children and future generations to live.



Utilities

Water Service

Middlesex Water Company (Tidewater)

(877) 720 – 9272

<http://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/payment-options>

Sewer Service

Kent County Sewer

(302) 744 – 2391

<https://www.co.kent.de.us>

Electric Service

Delmarva Power

(800) 375 – 7117

http://www2.conectiv.com/dp/your_home/ocss/ctoto/index.cfm?_Action=Apply

Gas Service

Chesapeake Utilities

(302) 734 – 6700

<http://www.chpkgas.com/for-the-home/customer-service/>

Trash & Recycle Service

Republic Services

(302) 658 – 4097

<http://www.republicservices.com/site/delaware/en/pages/home.aspx>

Waste Industries USA, Inc.

(877) 642 – 5400

<http://www.wasteindustries.com/residential/waste-services.aspx>

Waste Management

(800) 773 – 7145

<https://www.wm.com/store/catalog/residential/curbside-pickup/waste-pickup>

Cable & Internet Service

DIRECTV

(877) 605 – 0610

<http://www.directiv.com>

Comcast (Xfinity) of New Castle County

(302) 613 – 1942

<http://www.comcast.com>

Dish Network

(800) 872 – 4966

<http://satellitedish-cabletvnetworkdeals.com/new-castle-county-de/>

Verizon-Delaware, Inc.

(800) 837 - 4966

<http://www.verizon.com/about/community/de.html>

Note:

NOBLES POND and FOX POINTE RESIDENTS

Please contact your Community Management Office to confirm your service providers.





Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is a five, (5), person committee appointed by the Mayor. They have the responsibility of preparing and revising the Town of Cheswold Comprehensive Plan and our land use regulations, such as zoning; review of development proposals, such as site plans and sub-division plats.

Members are appointed and serve on a five year rotational basis. There are no resident or property ownership requirements to being appointed to the Planning Commission.

Their overall function is to serve as an advisory board to the Town Council by providing recommendations on zoning, land use, site plans, and/or sub-division proposals.

Developers/contractors desiring to build or construct new developments or buildings within the corporate limits of the Town of Cheswold are required to petition a review of their preliminary and final plans by the Planning Commission. Forms associated to the requirements are available on the Town website: cheswold.delaware.gov, under Forms and Land Use Ordinance. The associated fees can also be found there. Specific land use questions can be directed to the Land Use Administrator at 302-734-6991.

At least three, (3), months should be expected for review by the Administrator, Planning Commission and Town Engineer, at a minimum, prior to recommendation for approval or denial to the Town Council.

Our Planning Commission meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall and its current members are:

Mr. Barry Jones – Chairperson

Mr. Carl Schultz – Member

Mr. Reggie Heart – Member

Mrs. Colleen Ostfy – Member

Messages for them may be left at Town Hall at **302-734-6991**



Before You Build

If you decide you want to add a porch, stairs, deck, fence, shed, etc., to your new property, or your old property, there are some things you need to know.

Depending on where you live, you may have to obtain permission from either the Property Manager or the Home Owners Association first. Whether you require prior permission from the Property Manager or HOA, you will always need to obtain a building permit from the Town of Cheswold.

Our Code Enforcement Officer works with our Building Inspector and will assist you with obtaining a permit. It is also important to know that your building contractor must be licensed to operate in the State of Delaware and in the Town of Cheswold. Your contractor must also be insured. These requirements assist in protecting you. Permit and Business License Applications can be obtained from the Town website at Cheswold.delaware.gov or from the Town Hall. The Code Enforcement Officer works Monday through Friday and his contact number is **302-734-6991** and he will be happy to assist you. **(Mike Callender)**

Different fees apply depending upon your construction type and inspections by the Building Inspector may be required. Our Building Inspector works on Tuesdays and Fridays and can also be reached at **302-734-6991**. **(Dave Naples)**



Mailing Address Vs. Physical Address



The Cheswold Post Office is located on the south side of Main Street just east of the railroad tracks. However, it does not deliver mail. Therefore, your zip code is 19904, because your mail is delivered from the Dover Post Office. If you rent a Post Office box, then the zip code is 19936. You can use the Cheswold name and have mail delivered to your home as long as you use 19904 as the zip code.

The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware

Who Are We

The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware represents the Citizens of a Lenape tribal community concentrated in and around the Town of Cheswold in central Kent County, Delaware. For more than 150 years, the State of Delaware has recognized our distinct identity, separate from our Euro-American and African American neighbors.

Around 1700, we gathered here where we could “hide in plain sight” while our cousins moved north into Pennsylvania, then west into Ohio and Indiana. From there, some of our relatives moved north into Canada after the Revolution, while others moved further west, finally settling in Oklahoma.

How We Survived

We have survived as a Tribal community in the homeland of our ancestors by outwardly adopting the material culture and practices of our Euro-American neighbors. At the same time, we married within our own community and related communities in southern Delaware and southern New Jersey.

We also used the structure of our churches, families and schools to govern our community, outside the governing structure of the wider society. In 1992, we reorganized as a formal Tribal organization. In 2009, we received a ‘State Designated Tribal Area’ status in conjunction with the 2010 Census.

Our Hopes For the Future

Today, as people of color, we have many more opportunities in education, employment and housing than our parents and grandparents. However, these same opportunities challenge the closeness that made it possible to maintain our identity as Indian people.

The future of our children and our children’s children as Indian people depends on our ability to pass on our pride in our heritage and ancestry. A strong Tribal government is essential to strengthening the ties that hold us together and maintaining our presence in the land of our ancestors.

What We Do

Our mission is to protect the cultural identity of the Lenape people of Delaware through educational, social and cultural programs and to promote the physical and economic health of our citizens through specialized health and economic development programs tailored to our needs. We also advocate for the civil and human rights of our environment, our community and our Citizens.

Contact Us

Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware

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Suite 6, Dover, DE 19901-1573

Email: lenapedelaware@comcast.net

Website: www.lenapeindiantribeofdelaware.com





CHESWOLD TOWN BUSINESSES

American Infrastructure

440 Twin Oaks Dr

302-883-3501



Atlantic Concrete

121 Twin Oaks Dr

302-422-8017



Canteen Vending

712 Main St

302-734-7269



Cheers Wine & Spirits

137 Jerome Dr, Suite 190



Cheswold Laundromat

62 Holly Oak Ln

302-747-7234

Cheswold News & Tobacco

62 Holly Oak Ln

302-747-7234



Cheswold United Methodist Church

97 Main St

302-734-3207

Cheswold Wine & Liquors

72 Holy Oak Ln

302-883-3649



Culligan Water

624 Main St

302-734-1802

Dominoes Pizza

4 Jerome Dr

302-674-1111



Fabulous Nail Bar

137 Jerome Dr, Suite 140

302-744-8382

Family Dollar

670 Main St

302-241-0951



Heritage Concrete

376 Holly Oak Ln

302-678-8362



Immanuel United Methodist Church

756 Main St

302-734-3207



Miracle Ear

137 Jerome Dr, Suite 120

302-514-1995

Pasco's Battery Warehouse

26 Twin Oaks Dr

302-526-2355



Poliseno Pizza

761 Main St

302-734-8838



Sentinel Self Storage

120 Holly Oak Ln

302-678-8918



Shooter's Choice

5105 N. Dupont Hwy

302-736-5166



Shore Stop

761 Main St

302-734-3307

State Line Building Supply

519 N. Dupont Hwy

302-678-4601



Tattoo Mafia

62 Holly Oak Ln

302-730-3022



FROM THE DESK OF:

MAYOR ROBERT W. SINE



The Town of Cheswold is in the midst of several evolutions. The Mayoral position has passed from the sacrificial, eight, (8), year leadership of former Mayor Donald F. Tinari to me. The Town has evolved from a population of three hundred residents, just eight, (8), years ago to a population of 1,480.

The Town has evolved from the intersection of Main and Commerce Streets, to encompass businesses located on Route 13; the Central Delaware Business Park; Parkers Run and Fox Pointe Developments and the newly annexed age-defined community of Nobles Pond. And it is expected that it will eventually add a large townhouse community to the Town limits.

And although the Town has faced some distressing financial moments in the past, it appears that we are on our way to financial recovery and the evolution of services and benefits to property owners and residents that will be provided by that recovery. The largest issue hindering our positive evolution is a lack of volunteers to participate in the municipal development and management of our Town by running for Town Council, and/or serving on the Planning Commission to direct and recommend the future of the Town to the Town Council and members to serve on the Board of Adjustment to make fair and equitable decisions presented by those persons desiring to do business in our Town.

We need each of you to assist in the evolution of our Town into the 21st century, yet maintain an atmosphere of safety, health, neighborhoods and community involvement that is reminiscent of the 19th century founding of the TOWN of CHESWOLD.

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