



# Milford

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## June Community Happenings

Visit the new Community Calendar on the City website (<http://cityofmilford.com/calendar.aspx?CID=14>), to view the latest community events and public meetings. If your organization is hosting a public event and you'd like it included on the calendar, submit your event under the How Do I... drop down on the website.

City Council Meetings:

- **Thursday, June 2, 9am:** WIIN Focus Group with City Council
- **Monday, June 6, 6pm:** City Council Workshop
- **Monday, June 13, 6pm:** City Council Meeting
- **Monday, June 20:** City Offices Closed Due to Holiday
- **Monday, June 27, 6pm:** City Council Meeting

## New Arborist joins City staff

The City of Milford recently hired Joseph Balog as the new Arborist/Urban Forestry Coordinator. In this role, Balog is responsible for the overall implementation of a City-wide Urban Forestry Program including tree planting, maintenance, related landscaped areas, and enforcement of tree related policies.

Balog joins the city with nearly 10 years of maintenance experience, including beautification and soil conservation, from the State of Delaware, where he most recently served as an Arborist for the last three years. He received his aerial and pesticide certifications and formal chainsaw training while in this role.

Residents can contact Balog through the MyMilford app.

## City Council Round-up: May

This new section will be included monthly to provide an update on the actions voted on by City Council the previous month.

In May City Council hosted six public meetings or workshops. This is more than a normal month and included three budget hearing workshops and the Annual Organizational Meeting where new and returning Council members were sworn into office. During the regular second and fourth Monday meetings, Council heard the results of the National Citizen Survey, adopted an updated Citywide FOIA Policy, appointed David Sauls to the Planning Commission, approved a conditional use permit for 909 N. Walnut St. to become a contractors' establishment, adopted two 2018 Comprehensive Plan amendments - changing Deep Branch & Herring Branch Greenway parcels future land use from low density residential to open space and updated the Transportation Chapter Text to include the goals and objectives of the City's 2021 Bicycle Master Plan Update - and denied two 2018 Comprehensive Plan amendments - changing 110+/- acres of land east of SR1 from low density residential to commercial.

In June, City Council will finalize and vote on the FY22-23 budget. Public meeting and workshop dates are to the left.

## Parks & Rec Summer Camps

**Tiny Tykes Summer Sports Camp:** June 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 5:30-6:30pm, ages 4-5

**Tennis Skills Camp:** July 13-15, 5-6:30pm, ages 7-8, 9-10 and 11 through adult

**Flag Football Camp:** July 18-21, 5-7:30pm, ages 7-14

**Buccaneer Soccer Camp:** July 25-28, 6-7pm, kindergarten - 2nd grade; Aug. 1-4, 6-7:30pm, 3rd-5th grade; Aug. 8-11, 6-7:30pm, 6-8th grade

Register online or call 302-422-1104 for questions.

# Public Utility Education

## Water - A Limited Resource to Be Used Wisely

Spring is upon us and with good weather, many people plant gardens, shrubs, and trees as well as work on their lawns. One key element to productive and healthy growth for all vegetation is watering – its timing, frequency and duration.

Nurturing the plant life and grass on your property is an effort where MORE=BETTER does not apply. With pride in our plantings and hoping for great landscape decor and the best crop productivity, we want to give our projects the best attention for the best results.

Ultimately, water is a limited resource. Much like any resource or commodity, the limit of its supply and availability set its price.

Conservation and knowledge of soil conditions and the required environment for your plantings to thrive is the order of the day. To ensure you are applying the appropriate and most conservation-conscious amount of water to your plantings, follow these tips:

1) Ensure your irrigation systems or lawn sprinklers are maintained in good condition and properly aimed/pointed at your target plantings. Driving through the City of Milford, you may see irrigation systems watering the neighbor's property or in some cases, even the property across the street. This is truly wasteful and unnecessarily costly as it really doesn't support the growth and vibrancy of your plantings.

2) Be familiar with current and expected climate conditions so that you are not unnecessarily watering your plantings. Too much water can not only be an unpleasant surprise on your utility bill, but it can also be detrimental to the health and well-being of your plantings.

3) Be aware that when you water your plantings using City-connected water, the water consumed has been recorded by your water meter and you will be billed for its consumption. If you do not have an irrigation meter, you will also be charged sewer fees. This necessitates the need to evaluate the condition of your hoses, sprinklers, irrigation pipe and controls regularly. If they are not used as intended and are not functioning properly, you will still be responsible to pay for the water that is consumed.

If these measures are taken, your plantings will have the best outlook for growth, beauty, and productivity while at the same time, you will be practicing water conservation by taking measures to carefully consume only the exact amount of water that is needed for your plantings' best outlook.

# Employee Spotlight

## James Puddicome

### City Engineer

1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? I've worked here for 2.5 years
2. Have you always worked in this role? Here at the City yes but I've also worked in other areas of engineering.
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? The ability to work through some long standing issues and continuing to build on our progress toward improving the City.
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? Playing with my kids and working on projects with them.



“James is always optimistic and creative as a problem solver. His approach is one of ‘can-do!’”

- Mike Svaby, Public Works Director

# Council Spotlight

## Michael J. Boyle

### Ward 1 Councilmember

1. How long have you been a member of the City Council? I am beginning my fifth year serving on the Milford City Council having first been elected in 2018.
2. What previous city roles have you held? Prior to joining the City Council, I was a member of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission for nearly four years.
3. What is your favorite thing about being a Councilmember? Meeting with Milford residents to learn their stories, discussing what's important to them and their concerns for the future. I am also enthusiastic about working with fellow City Council members dedicated to enhance Milford's future and improving the quality of life for all of our residents.
4. What is your full time job? I am now retired following careers in the U.S. Army, and as a DoD defense analyst contractor.
5. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? My wife and I enjoy visiting our children and grandchildren, in other states, as often as possible, and we are still exploring the DELMARVA Peninsula. I have been enjoying the simple pleasure of reading, making up for those years when I was too busy to take the time.

