



# Milford

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## Solicitation of Candidates

The City of Milford Annual Election will be held Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building (180 Vickers Drive). The term of office for the following seats will expire in May 2023: Councilperson - Two Year Term Beginning May 1, 2023 - First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, and Fourth Ward. The deadline to file for City Council is Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Candidate Packets and Nominating Petitions can be obtained Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the City Clerk's Office at Milford City Hall (201 South Walnut Street). Please call in advance to schedule an appointment. Arrangements can also be made for times outside normal office hours. Any individual who is registered to vote in the State of Delaware at a residence within the City of Milford limits is eligible to vote. A separate registration is still required at Milford City Hall for qualified Non-Resident Property Owners. Those registered non-residents who own property in more than one ward, and are registered in multiple wards, must declare which ward they wish to vote in by Tuesday, February 21, 2023. The deadline for new qualified voters to register to vote in this municipal election is Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

## City Office Closures

City offices will be closed the following dates due to upcoming holidays:

Monday, February 20

Friday, April 7

Trash, Recycling and yard waste may differ on these dates. Check the schedule online at [www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste](http://www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste)

## Community Happenings

Scan this QR code to view the always up-to-date Milford Community Calendar for local events and public meetings.



## City Council Round-up: January

In January, City Council met several times to discuss issues of importance to the City. On January 9th, City Staff provided their monthly reports, and Mayor and Council had a detailed discussion of needs and options that could be implemented for unhoused individuals residing within the City of Milford. On January 23rd, the Mayor and Council approved several land use applications, including conditional uses and a change of zone. They also adopted a change to the personnel code of the City of Milford regarding special duty pay for police lieutenants. All public meetings can be viewed live or recorded online at the City of Milford website at [www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings](http://www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings).

## Winter Energy Costs Rising?

Home owners using more energy due to cold weather? Efficiency Smart's Electric Bill Advice program can help. Customers can speak with an expert for free and receive customized energy saving tips for their home. Call 877-889-3777 or visit [www.energysmart.org/milford-delaware](http://www.energysmart.org/milford-delaware) and select "Electric Bill Advice" for more information.

## Annual Cemetary Clean Up Week

Starting on Monday, March 13, the Milford Parks & Recreation Dept. will clean up the Milford Community Cemetary. All personal items must be removed by Sunday, March 12. This includes saddles/cradles and all floral arrangements. In preparation for mowing season, clean up will be completed by Friday, March 17, 2023. All personal items may be returned Saturday, March 18.

## Report Concerns on MyMilford

The City of Milford launched the MyMilford app in mid-February 2022. The MyMilford app is the fastest, easiest way to submit non-emergency requests. Please download the app to your smartphone or submit a request at [www.cityofmilford.com/535/MyMilford](http://www.cityofmilford.com/535/MyMilford)

# Public Utility Education

By Mike Svaby, Public Works Director  
Where Does it All Go?

The City of Milford provides residents with a sanitary sewer system that utilizes gravity and force main pipes to transfer flow to the Kent County Treatment Plant immediately southeast of the DE Turf facility on Route 1 in Frederica. Built in 1973, the Kent County Regional Resource Recovery Facility, formerly known as the Kent County Wastewater Treatment Facility, serves over 130,000 residential, commercial, industrial and municipal users and treats over 12 million gallons of wastewater per day. The City is one contributor to this influent flow of wastewater requiring treatment. The City's sewer customers pay for the service of treatment as well as the cost of transferring flow for treatment. Part of the means to "transfer" the flow (referred to as "influent flow") to the plant for treatment is a complex network of sloped pipes, pump stations and pressurized pipes that must flow freely so the treatment plant can accept and treat sewage from the City at all hours of the day/year. Clear passage of this network of transmission pipes is an absolute necessity. Absent this free flow, the transmission of sewage to the plant becomes either fully blocked or otherwise partially inhibited. Either of these conditions can lead to a backup which would be evident either at a manhole cover or through fixtures connected to the sewer lines in a residence or commercial dwelling – an outcome that everyone would like to avoid. Evidence of potential blockages are cleared when identified during pump station maintenance and sewer line cleaning which both happen regularly. From time to time, however, items are discarded – usually through toilet fixtures - that do not dissolve and end up getting caught on the components of the pump station that are designed to grind "solids" and push the influent flow further into the gravity lines until the flow ultimately reaches the plant.

Build-up of clothing, rags and/or disinfectant/wet wipes that have been discarded into a manhole or fixture such as a toilet or sink that do not dissolve, but instead get caught up in the mechanical apparatus at a pump station that pushes flow through the lines for treatment. Clothing should never be flushed down a toilet, but it still occurs regularly. There are also countless hygiene products that claim to be "flushable". While this is true, once they are flushed, they do not disintegrate or dissolve, they remain intact and become one of the biggest culprits of sewer line clogs and backups. Bottom line: don't believe the wipes!

The only things that should go into a toilet are liquid/solid human waste and toilet paper. No exceptions, no matter what the packaging says! Feel free to call the Department of Public Works at any time with your questions – Steve Ellingsworth, Public Services Superintendent at 302-422-1126, ext 1107.

# Employee Spotlight

Jason Garcia  
Line Technician 3rd Class



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? *I have been working at the City for about 1 year and 6 months.*
2. Have you always worked in this role? *No, my previous role was line ground technician.*
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? *My favorite thing about working for the City of Milford is the environment. I get along with everyone very well.*
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? *In my free time I like going to the gym and spending time with my family.*

Jason is an invaluable member of the department. Rain, ice, or snow he works diligently, along with the rest of the team, to ensure our customers have safe and reliable electric service.

- Anthony Chipola, Electric Director

# Online Business Resources

Are you or someone you know looking to open a business in the City of Milford? Check out [growinmilford.com](http://growinmilford.com) to learn about the process, available space, business resources, incentives and so much more!

## Do you have what it takes to be a public servant?

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\$37,398.44

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\$45,252.11

Civil Engineer I  
\$54,755.06

Mechanic  
\$54,755.06

Electric Line Technician, First Class  
\$91,769.60

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