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Milford's New Police Chief

Cecilia E. Ashe of Wilmington, Delaware was appointed as the City of Milford's first female Chief of Police on February 13, 2023, following a nationwide search conducted by GovHR USA out of Northbrook, Illinois. Ashe has over 27 years of law enforcement experience, including 17 years spent with the Wilmington Police Department, where she rose through various leadership roles and oversaw a budget of over \$65 million. Ashe holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and is currently pursuing a Master's in Administration of Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership from Wilmington University. She is also a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute for Policing Session 70. She has extensive knowledge and experience of collective bargaining and labor contracts from both sides of the table. Chief Ashe was most recently recognized by the National Institute of Justice for her leadership in implementing Group Violence Intervention, resulting in a 58% reduction in homicides and nearly 30% reduction in shooting incidents by the end of 2022, while simultaneously increasing homicide clearance rates from 12% to over 67% and reducing citizen complaints against police officers by 22%.

City Office Closures

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

Friday, April 7

Monday, May 29

Trash, Recycling and yard waste may differ on these dates. Check the schedule online at <https://www.city-ofmilford.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: February

At the first February City Council meeting, Council appointed Cecilia E. Ashe to Chief of the Milford Police Dept., heard an update on the Milford Armory programs, adopted Ordinance 2023-06, changing the name of the Carlisle Enhancement Fund to Fire Enhancement Fund, and authorized the City Manager to execute the TIF Grant Agreement with DeDOT. At the second meeting of the month, Council approved a change of zone for 3.93 acres of the former Rookery Golf Course from R-2 to C-1 for the addition of a brewpub in the former clubhouse space. Council also adopted the Pedestrian Safety Ordinance, heard an update from Becker Morgan Group on the Milford Corporate Center, and authorized a utility extension to outside of city limits. All public meetings can be viewed live or recorded online at the City of Milford website at www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings.

Memorial Park Additions

The City of Milford hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the new pickleball courts and children's playground at Memorial Park on Washington Street (across from the Milford Library parking lot) on Saturday, March 4 and is expected to be completed in early summer.

New Traffic Changes

On Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 at 6:00 AM, the traffic signals at the intersections of S Front/S Walnut and Causey/S Walnut will transition from conventional traffic signals to four-way flashing red signals, accompanied by four-way stop signs. This new traffic condition will be evaluated for up to a year, after which the signals will be removed, and the stop signs will become permanent.

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

Public Utility Education

By Mike Svaby, Public Works Director
Maximizing Recycling Efforts

Recycling is an essential aspect of environmental conservation, and the City of Milford in Delaware takes pride in making recycling easy and accessible to its residents. The city's recycling program is managed under the Universal Recycling Regulations (7 DE Admin Code 1305) and the Regulations Governing Solid Waste (7 DE Admin Code 1301), ensuring that the process is effective and efficient.

The City of Milford is committed to keeping its residents informed about the various elements of its recycling program. Every year, the city reports how it communicates collection days, what is and is not recyclable, and other crucial information to its residents. This year, the City of Milford has updated a link to the DNREC website, which provides a location to which virtually any recyclable material can be transported to be plugged into the renewable cycle. This link provides access to the DNREC Recyclopeda tool, which is an excellent resource for identifying recycling locations for over 500 items. From technology to motor oil, bikes to windshield wipers and zip ties, every imaginable item is covered, providing a comprehensive resource to Milford residents to dispose of their waste properly.

Purposeful and intelligent recycling takes very little effort, but it has significant positive impacts on the environment. Recycling has many positive effects on the environment and society. It conserves natural resources, reduces waste in landfills, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and creates jobs in the recycling industry. By recycling, we can extend the life of our natural resources, protect wildlife habitats, and reduce pollution. Additionally, it is an easy and effective way for individuals to make a positive impact on the environment and create a sustainable future. Careless disposal of recyclable items in standard trash leads to overfilled landfills and wastes valuable resources. Therefore, it is essential to take collective action and start maximizing recycling efforts.

To learn more about the City of Milford's recycling program, visit the official website (Solid Waste | Milford, DE - Official Website) and explore resources such as finding your collection day based on your location, learning about the rules of recycling, the annual collection calendar, and special fees for bulk pickups. If you have any questions or concerns regarding recycling or general solid waste pickup, contact Facilities Operations and Refuse Supervisor Brian Jester at 302-422-1110 or email him at bjester@milford-de.gov. Alternatively, you can submit your comments or questions through the City's website at [MyMilford | Milford, DE - Official Website](http://MyMilford.com). Let's work together to make a positive impact on the environment by maximizing our recycling efforts in Milford, Delaware.

Employee Spotlight

Mike Smith

Technical Support Specialist I - Police

1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? I have worked for the City of Milford for just shy of 2 months
2. Have you always worked in this role? Yes, IT-Specialist focusing on the police department.
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? Opportunity to learn new technologies and expand my knowledge while helping the police department keep the community safe.
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? Avid fisherman during the warm seasons, typically surf fishing at Delaware Seashore State Park or at a local pond near Frederica. Cold seasons I'm inside playing PC games and building gaming PCs as a hobby.



“Mike was selected from a pool of over 40 IT Tech resumes, his skill sets and past employers set him apart from the rest of the group. In just 2 short months he fits into the department extremely well!”

-Bill Pettigrew, IT Director

Online Business Resources

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