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DELAWARE

Qualify For Low Cost Home Internet

Mayor Campbell and Governor Carney have launched an initiative to close the digital divide in Delaware by promoting the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a federal benefit that provides discounts on broadband service for low-income households. Only 26 percent of eligible households have applied for the benefit, which offers a \$30/month discount on home Internet bills and a one-time \$100 discount on connected devices. The initiative will focus on increasing awareness of the program and engaging community partners to support outreach. To be eligible for the program, a household must have an income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, participate in certain assistance programs, receive benefits through the free or reduced-price school lunch program, receive a Federal Pell Grant, meet the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's low-income program, or participate in certain Tribal specific programs. Households can visit [GetACP.org/Delaware](https://www.getacp.org/delaware) to check their eligibility and see a list of "free with ACP" home Internet plans, as well as what documents are required for application.

City Office Closures

City offices will be closed the following dates due to upcoming holidays: Friday, April 7 Monday, June 19
Monday, May 29 Tuesday, July 4

Trash, Recycling and yard waste may differ on these dates. Check the schedule online at 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: March

At the first March City Council meeting, Council received monthly department updates, authorized a DelDOT agreement for the SE Transportation Improvement District, and authorized the purchase of available non-hybrid police vehicles for the MPD Take-Home Vehicle Program. At the March 22 Workshop, Council received training in FOIA, Ethics, and Land Use. At the final meeting of the month, Council adopted several ordinances including two Comprehensive Plan amendments. They also heard annual reports from the Milford Chamber of Commerce, Carlisle Fire Department, Milford Museum, Milford Public Library and Downtown Milford, Inc. and adopted the Ecotourism & Resilience Investment Strategy after the WIIN Coalition gave a project wrap up presentation. All public meetings can be viewed live or recorded online at the City of Milford website at www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings.

Annual Community Clean Up

The 3rd Annual Community Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 6 from 8-10:30am. The event is rain or shine. Please use this form to sign up to volunteer. T-shirts provided to the first 200 people registered. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.cityofmilford.com/537/Community-Clean-Up for more information.

Walking/Biking Improvements

The City of Milford is evaluating S. Walnut Street as well as the 10th Street/N. Walnut Street/N Rehoboth Blvd/N. Washington Street intersection for traffic calming and better bike/pedestrian facilities. To stay up to date on these projects, please visit <https://www.cityofmilford.com/563/6342/Current-StudiesProjects>.

Public Utility Education

By Mike Svaby, Public Works Director
Lead & Copper Pipe Replacement – We're On The Way!

Discussion around lead pipes has been a story for many years now. Lead pipes are proven to be harmful for you over time, yet a large percentage of homes in the US are still equipped with - and fed drinking waters through - lead pipes.

So how does the lead get into our tap water? The simplest explanation is that when plumbing pipes and fixtures containing lead degrade, the lead can dissolve or flake into the water that flows from our faucets. When this happens, you cannot necessarily see, smell, or taste lead, so even water that runs clear can contain it.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a rule that requires water operators have a Lead-Free pipe network prior to October 16, 2024. Your water utility – the City of Milford – falls under this rule and the City has begun its efforts to determine where in the City lead drinking water supply pipes still exist. This information will come from an administrative review of building permits, as-built print records of buildings within the City limits and where necessary, core sampling efforts. These identification and in some case – removal and replacement measures - are already underway in conjunction with Milford city street rehab program efforts. The goal is to replace lead pipes while roadways are rehabilitated to save money.

Once the inventory of existing lead pipe locations is compiled, the City will notify affected property owners/residents of its intent to undertake replacement of “street-long” stretches of pipe replacement, 45 days in advance of the commencement of work. This notification will occur whether the pipe is found to be lead or if the pipe is determined to be made of unknown material. The notifications will be ADA and language appropriate (translation will be provided).

This EPA change also came with some revisions of “old rules,” including the rules that 20 percent of all schools in the jurisdiction must be tested each year until cleared of lead and once a location is known to have lead pipe, a pipe replacement plan must be in place to start retrofitting as soon as possible.

Stay tuned for the City's public outreach in the coming months! In the meantime, if you have questions about lead pipe replacement, please contact City Engineer James Puddicombe at 302-422-1106 or Public Works Director Michael Svaby at 302-387-9389.

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

Employee Spotlight

Valerie L. Heritage
Executive Assistant - City Manager

1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? I have worked for the City of Milford 2 months.
2. Have you always worked in this role? Yes.
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? I love the people I work with! Everyone is so friendly and welcoming.
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? I like to garden, read, shop, visit my children and grandchildren, drawing and painting, listening to the Beatles, go walking, and smiling.



“Valerie comes to Milford with a great deal of municipal experience and an excellent employment record with the Town of Smyrna. She has become a great asset to the City in the short time she has been here.”

- Mark Whitfield, City Manager

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