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## Whitfield Credentialed by ICMA

Mark Whitfield, City Manager of the City of Milford, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. Whitfield is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

## MPD Officers Promoted

On April 25, Chief Ashe announced the department's most recent set of promotions, appointing Lt. David Wells to the rank of Captain, Sgt. Robert Masten to the rank of Lieutenant, and Detective S/Cpl. Mikhail Stanton to the rank of Sergeant. Captain Wells was a 1990 graduate of Cape Henlopen High School, attended DTCC and was a 1995 graduate of the DE State Police Academy. Captain Wells began his career with the Milford Police Department in 1997.

Lt. Masten is a 1994 graduate of Milford Senior High School, a 1999 graduate of DTCC, a 2000 graduate of Wilmington University, and will graduate in May with his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership from the University of Mississippi. Lt. Masten is a 2002 graduate of the DE State Police Academy and has served with MPD throughout his entire career.

Sgt. Stanton was raised in Dagsboro, DE and is a 2005 graduate of Sussex Central High School. Sgt. Stanton is a 2012 graduate of DTCC and earned a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Homeland Security from Wilmington University. Sgt. Stanton is a 2013 graduate of the DE State Police Academy and has served with MPD his entire career.

## City Council Round-up: April

City Council had a busy April with two regularly scheduled meetings, a workshop to review the next five-year Strategic Plan and a workshop to discuss Downtown Streetscape Plans, Council Rules of Procedure/Public Comment, and the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan. At the April 10 meeting, Council authorized the purchase of MPD take-home vehicles and an agreement with DelDOT for a SE Transportation Improvement District. At the April 24 meeting, Council adopted the Preliminary Major Subdivision of the Milford Corporate Center and electric rate increase, as well as authorized the Mayor to send a letter of request to DelDOT for potential speed reduction on Rt. 113 and funding for the purchase of a Police Dispatch Radio Console. 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).

## Senior Tax Credit Deadline

The City offers a senior citizen exemption (reduction) on their annual tax bill provided they meet the income qualifications and submit the required application to the Customer Service office by Thursday, June 1. An application must be filed annually. Find out if you qualify here [www.cityofmilford.com/208/Tax-Payments-Assessments-and-Senior-Exem](http://www.cityofmilford.com/208/Tax-Payments-Assessments-and-Senior-Exem)

## Touch-a-Truck Community Event

The City of Milford is hosting a Touch-a-Truck Community Event and City Hall Open House on Saturday, May 20 from 10am-2pm. Stop by City Hall to chat with the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police from 10am-12pm and enjoy food trucks, city department booths, emergency vehicles, and city trucks Downtown on Walnut St. until 2pm. The event is free and all are welcome!



# Public Utility Education

By Mike Svaby, Public Works Director  
City of Milford Celebrates National Public Works Week  
May 21–27, 2023

“Connecting the World Through Public Works”

The City of Milford, much like many other jurisdictions, employs public works professionals who focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people who live, work and play here.

These roles include engineers, managers, employees at all levels of government, as well as elected officials. They all proceed to execute responsibilities each and every day with the public's well-being in mind. The success of these carried-out roles and responsibilities enable the private sector to rebuild, improve and protect our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings and other structures and facilities essential for day-to-day life.

Today, the City recognizes those engaged in this line of work. They have chosen this path, in spite of knowing the hours can sometimes be late, the expressions of “thank you” can sometimes be few, but the satisfaction of knowing they played a major part in the health, safety and quality of life of those who live, work and play in Milford – is immeasurable.

Thank you to a staff of very qualified, talented and committed people!

## Community Happenings

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



## City Office Closures

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

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)

## 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)



## Employee Spotlight

Chief Cecilia Ashe  
Chief of Police



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? *I have worked with the City of Milford since February of 2023*
2. Have you always worked in this role? *No I have not always been a Chief, but my mom would often have to remind me there was only one chief in her kitchen and it wasn't me!*
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? *I think my favorite thing about working for the City is the level of commitment to improving and growing the city in a thoughtful way.*
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? *I love fishing and spending time with my family.*

“Chief Ashe has an excellent background, is very personable and the Milford police officers like her. She's a great addition to the City.”

- Archie Campbell, Mayor

## Do you have what it takes

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Electric Line Technician, First Class

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Electric Line Technician, Second Class

\$83,428.80

Electric Line Technician, Third Class

\$75,836.80

Public Works Equipment Operator II-Solid Waste

\$45,252.11

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## Drive25 sign registration open

The City of Milford KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25<sup>®</sup> campaign is accepting Spring sign orders. Residents who live on a 25-mph road within city limits can apply through MyMilford (<http://www.cityofmilford.com/535/MyMilford>) for a branded yard sign to be placed in their yard. Detailed ordering instructions can be found online or call 302.725.2068.