



# Milford

River Town • Art Town • Home Town

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## Tax Bills Due Sept. 29

All city real estate tax bills were mailed in mid-August. The 2024 tax bills include a 10.8% increase over the 2023 tax rate. 8.8% of the tax increase (or \$0.04325) will be used to make debt payments on the first of two loans used to fund the new police building. The police building and the related tax increases were approved by residents in a January 2021 referendum. A similar tax increase will also occur next September when payments of the second loan come due. The remaining 2.0% of the tax increase will be used reduce the city's reliance on Realty Transfer Taxes (RTT). Due to the unreliability and fluctuation of RTT income, Council voted to increase the tax assessment \$0.01 each year for five years to make up for the RTT loss to the operating budget. This year's adjustment is the third of five planned adjustments. Questions can be directed to Customer Service at 302.422.6616.

## September Festivals

Mark your calendar for three September community festivals: the 22nd Annual Riverwalk Freedom Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16, the 2nd Annual Milford Wellness Village Village Fest on Friday, Sept. 22, and the 4th Annual Milford Ladybug Music Festival on Saturday, Sept. 30 (rain date: Oct. 1). Street closings are planned for all events.



## Join the Milford High School PTA

Milford High School is forming a new Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) to foster greater family involvement and support higher student achievement through event planning and fundraising initiatives. Parents, students, and all community members are invited to be a part of this impactful journey. Interested in joining or want to learn more? Reach out to Grace Parfitt at [graceparfitt@gmail.com](mailto:graceparfitt@gmail.com). She'll conduct a survey and determine the best date for the first interest meeting. Help make a positive difference in the lives of Milford students and contribute to a stronger community!

## City Council Round-up: August

At the August 14 City Council meeting, Council heard department reports and an update on the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. They also voted to expand the DDD area and awarded two bids to KCI Technologies for the design and construction administration of the downtown streetscape projects. At the August 28 meeting, Council voted to update code language, adopted the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, and authorized matching funds for an ORPT grant to develop a 19 acre park on S. Rehoboth Blvd. 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).

## Strategic Plan Adoption

Milford City Council adopted a final draft of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan at the Monday, August 28 City Council Meeting. The public is invited to view the final plan online at <https://bit.ly/COM2328plan>.

## We Need You: Arts Survey

The Delaware Arts Alliance and its stakeholders are embarking on an effort to produce a shared vision and some advocacy tools for advancing Delaware's creative economy. Delaware's "Creative Economy and Cultural Tourism Recovery and Growth Plan" will be the first project of its type in the nation and will include a unified vision and actionable policy agenda for growing the creative economy at the state, county, and city/town levels. This survey is to hear from creatives and artists, companies from the cultural and creative industries in Delaware, and patrons of the arts.



## Recycle in Delaware

Want to know where to recycle in Delaware? Use the QR code to the right to learn more!



# MyMilford Recap

The City of Milford launched the MyMilford app in mid-February 2022. We provided an update in August 2022 (6 month check-in) with intention to provide an annual update thereafter. 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)



## August 2022 - August 2023



644 Requests Created



615 Requests Closed

Average Acknowledgment Time: 1.5 days

Average Time to Close a Request: 8 days

### Top 5 Request Categories

excludes Community Clean-Up Volunteer Sign-up, Drive 25 Sign Order & Other



200 REQUESTS  
Trash or Recycling



37 REQUESTS  
Property Maintenance



24 REQUESTS  
Street Light Issue



17 REQUESTS  
Weeds/Tall Grass



16 REQUESTS  
Traffic or Street Sign Issue

## Do you have what it takes

to be a public servant?

Join the City of Milford for a career that matters!  
Now hiring the following positions:

Electric Line Technician, First Class, Second Class, Third Class, or Ground Technician (3 openings)  
Salary Range: \$66,435.20-97,260.80  
Arborist/Urban Forestry Coordinator  
\$56,123.93

Public Works Equipment Operator- Streets \$46,383.42  
Cash Operations Clerk II \$38,333.40  
Code Enforcement Official II \$56,123.93

Apply Online @ [www.cityofmilford.com](http://www.cityofmilford.com)

# Employee Spotlight

Joan Swain  
Cash Operations Clerk II



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? *I have worked for the City of Milford for 19 years.*
2. Have you always worked in this role? *My first role in 2004 was Account Clerk Cashier which has evolved over the years.*
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? *The City of Milford is a good job opportunity which has some great co-workers and customers in the community which help to make the workday enjoyable.*
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? *In my free time I enjoy reading, spending time with family, pets, & hiking at Bushkill Falls.*

Joan has been a dedicated City of Milford employee for 18 years. She continues to embrace the City's growth and change, especially with new software implementation. Joan greets customers at our downtown location with a genuine smile.

- Suzannah Frederick, Cash Operations & Revenue Supervisor

## 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 (<https://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.

NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND 2023

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Four days of locally organized community-officer engagement as part of the nation's largest annual collaborative policing initiative.

**OCTOBER 6 - 9, 2023**

Learn more at: [WWW.FAITHANDBLUE.ORG](http://WWW.FAITHANDBLUE.ORG)

@FaithandBlue



# Support the 2023 Milford Community Parade! "The Great Outdoors"

Milford's longest running family tradition marches on Walnut Street!

Keep the tradition alive. Your sponsorship of \$20, \$40, \$50 or more will help defray the cost associated with the Milford Community Parade. And now you can include your sponsorship in a **separate check** when you mail in your electric bill. If you missed out last year, this can be your year to be included. You may also contribute at <https://milfordparade.eventbrite.com>

Here's how you can help us reach our goal of \$10,000 in sponsorships: Just write a check in the amount of your sponsorship to Milford Community Parades, Inc. and include the check in your electric bill with the bottom portion of this flyer. The City of Milford will forward your contribution to the Milford Parade Committee. Then join us on Walnut Street, Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:30pm for "The Great Outdoors". We are on Facebook at Milford Parade for fun facts and updates. Download an entry form at [www.milfordparade.com](http://www.milfordparade.com). Thank you for your continued support.

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YES! Keep the tradition alive---

Please accept my  \$20  \$40  \$50  \$100 Campaign\*\*

**\*\*RECEIVE A YARD SIGN FOR YOUR YARD OR WINDOW!**

Sponsorship on behalf of

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