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## A Minute from the Mayor

As we continue to enhance the quality of life in our community, I'm excited to share some recent developments and ongoing efforts that will help shape the future of our city.

One of our main goals is to keep our downtown area vibrant and welcoming for all. We've made significant progress in revitalizing the heart of our city, and I'm proud to announce that we are expanding access to free public Wi-Fi along the riverfront. Simply connect to "Milford-Free" with any Wi-Fi enabled device.

This initiative is designed to create a more connected community by providing access to the internet for work, learning, and leisure. The riverfront is one of our city's most beautiful and popular areas, and by extending this service, we hope to encourage more people to enjoy the space, whether for relaxation, outdoor activities, or community events.

We are working closely with local businesses, organizations, and residents to further improve the area, ensuring it remains a place where everyone can gather, connect, and thrive. This is just the beginning of our ongoing efforts to make our city more connected, vibrant, and accessible.

We are committed to making our community an even better place to live, work, and play.

Thank you for your continued support and trust. Together, we will continue to build a bright future for Milford. I can be reached at 302-422-1111 x1309 or via email at [mayorculotta@milford-de.gov](mailto:mayorculotta@milford-de.gov)

Warm Regards,  
Todd Culotta  
Mayor



## City Council Round-up: January

At the January 13th City Council meeting, recognition was given to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Proclamation. Council heard department reports, passed an ordinance for preliminary conditional use application of Mavis Discount Tires and voted against the sale of retail marijuana. Additionally, a new ordinance was introduced involving an amendment to City of Milford Code, Chapter 230 Zoning/Historic District Commission. At the January 22nd City Council Workshop, Council heard presentations from Milford School District regarding impact fees, and from staff regarding Capital Improvement Project (CIP) review. At the January 27th City Council meeting, Council passed an ordinance amending City of Milford Code, Chapter 230 Zoning/Historic District Commission. Additionally, new business was addressed involving authorization of lease/land exchange, authorization of DelDOT construction inspection agreement at the Milford Corporate Center, resolution of adopting City of Milford charter amendment and discussion was held regarding the pay study of Milford Police officers.

All public meetings can be viewed live or recorded online via the City of Milford website at [www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings](http://www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings).

## City Office Closures

City offices will be closed Monday, February 17th in honor of President's Day. 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 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/MyMilforde](http://www.cityofmilford.com/535/MyMilforde).

## City of Milford's Riverwalk Wi-Fi Exceeds 1,000 Unique Users, Expansion Planned 2025

The City of Milford is excited to announce that its free public Wi-Fi service along the Riverwalk has surpassed 1,000 unique users since its launch just a few months ago. This milestone underscores the City's commitment to improving the quality of life for both residents and visitors while fostering economic growth in the downtown area.

Mayor Todd Culotta expressed, "the Riverwalk is a gem in our city, and providing free, reliable Wi-Fi access has made it even more attractive. We are committed to creating a vibrant, connected community, and this initiative is a key part of that vision."

The City's IT and Electrical Departments have successfully completed Phase 2 of the project, expanding the Wi-Fi coverage. Phase 3 will begin early this year, doubling the coverage along the Riverwalk, and providing even more seamless connectivity for users.



Economic Development & Community Engagement Administrator Lauren Swain added, "this free Wi-Fi is crucial in attracting visitors to the Riverwalk and supporting local businesses. It's not just an amenity but an opportunity for commerce and community engagement."

The Wi-Fi system, powered by Cisco Meraki access points, offers high-speed, reliable internet access, allowing visitors to stay connected while enjoying the Riverwalk's scenic beauty. The City is committed to continuing the expansion in 2025, enhancing connectivity and supporting economic development in Milford's downtown.

## Employee Spotlight

Alexis Janusiewicz  
Cash Operations Clerk I



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? *I've worked for the City for a little over 1 year.*
2. Have you always worked in this role? *Yes.*
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? *My favorite thing about working for the City is interacting with customers, and hearing about the different walks of life. I have a great group of co-workers too.*
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? *I enjoy spending time with my family and friends; fishing, visiting state parks and the beach when its warm!*

Alexis has been an outstanding addition to the Customer Service team since joining just over a year ago. With her strong background in banking and customer service, she quickly adapted to the City of Milford's needs and has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure excellent service for our community. Her professionalism, attention to detail, and positive attitude make her a valuable asset to the team.

-Suzannah Frederick, Cash Operations & Revenue Supervisor

## Snow Much Fun in Milford!

This past snowstorm wasn't just about the weather - it was about coming together and having a blast in the winter wonderland! From friendly snowball fights to building snowmen and sledding down neighborhood hills, our community made the most of every flake.

We've gathered some of the best photos shared by you all, showcasing the spirit of our snowy adventure! Be sure to check out the fun moments captured by your neighbors in the gallery below.



## Communication & Collaboration Key to Success in Milford

Milford Police Department's Chief Ashe recently hosted Lauren Swain, the City of Milford's Economic Development & Community Engagement Administrator, for an insightful visit. During their meeting, they discussed the critical connection between public safety and economic development within the city. The visit also provided Lauren with the opportunity to observe firsthand the various strategies and initiatives being implemented by the police department's command staff. This collaboration marks an important step toward fostering a safer, more vibrant community, where both public safety and economic growth can thrive together.

