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Milford

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DELAWARE

A Minute from the Mayor

As the weather continues to warm up, it's the perfect time to get outdoors and enjoy everything our beautiful city of Milford has to offer!

We have some exciting community events coming up:

- 30th Annual Riverwalk Farmers Market opens May 3rd and will be held every Saturday morning through December 2025.
- Coffee & Cars, presented by Dolce Bakery, will be held on May 17.
- Milford High School Senior Cruise is set for May 27.
- Milford High School graduation will take place on May 29.

In addition to these great events, don't forget to take advantage of Milford's many parks and recreational opportunities. Take a stroll down the scenic Mispillion Riverwalk, bring your kids or grandkids to one of our playgrounds, let your dog meet new friends at the dog park, play a game of basketball or pickleball at our courts, enjoy a picnic in Bicentennial Park, or cheer on a local little league game.

Thank you for your continued support of our community. I can be reached at 302-422-1111 x1309 or via email mayorculotta@milford-de.gov

Warm Regards,

Todd Culotta
Mayor

Code Enforcement Reminders

-GRASS - It is that time of year, GRASS is growing. It is the responsibility of the owner or tenant to maintain the yard free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches.

-VEHICLES - There has been an influx of ABANDONED or INOPERATIVE vehicles. No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassemble or disrepair.



City Council Round-up: April

Milford City Council held meetings on April 14, 23, and 28 to address a range of topics and community initiatives.

At the April 14 meeting, proclamations were issued recognizing National Arbor Day, Public Safety Dispatchers Week, and National Lineman Appreciation Day. Council heard department reports and the monthly finance report. New business included a presentation of updated plans for the City Hall Plaza, which was tabled pending finalization of the city budget. An alcoholic beverage waiver was reviewed for the upcoming Riverwalk Freedom Festival, and a presentation on Deep Creek Park's improvement plans was shared. Council agreed to revisit the project during a future workshop to determine requirements for grant funding and next steps.

At the April 23 workshop, Council discussed a proposal for the Route 113 median wildflower project and reviewed the city's 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

At the April 28 meeting, a proclamation was made recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week. A public hearing was held for Ordinance 2025-07 concerning personnel and emergency conditions, which was approved. Under new business, Council reviewed and approved a charter change update related to a change order for the 2024 Utilities and Street Rehabilitation Contract. Council also approved the purchase of a chlorine scrubber for the city's water treatment system and authorized required maintenance for well 3R, located on South Washington Street.

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

City Office Closures

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day. Yard waste collection only, no bulk or brush.

Report Concerns on MyMilford

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.



Energy Saving Tips! For Warmer Weather ☀️

It's never too early to start preparing for the heat that comes with late spring and early summertime.

Stay cool, save energy, and keep your bills low with these easy tips:

Around the House

- Close blinds/curtains during the day to block heat
- Open windows at night, then shut them early to trap cool air
- Seal gaps around doors and windows to keep hot air out

Cooling Smarter

- Set thermostat to 78°F when home, higher when away
- Use ceiling or portable fans to circulate air efficiently
- Clean A/C filters monthly for top performance

Save More with Everyday Habits

- Unplug chargers and devices when not in use
- Switch to LED light bulbs—they stay cooler and use less energy
- Run laundry and dishwashers at night when it's cooler outside

Keep the Heat Outside

- Use a grill, microwave, or slow cooker instead of the oven
- Take shorter, cooler showers to reduce humidity and energy use

Start now, and you'll feel the difference all summer long! ☀️

Employee Spotlight

Brian Jester

Building Operations & Refuse Supervisor



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? **Since January 2022.**
2. Have you always worked in this role? **No, started as an Equipment Operator and worked my way up to now Building Operations & Refuse Supervisor.**
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? **As a lifelong Milford resident, I take great pride in supporting the community and contributing to the city's continued growth and success.**
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? **I enjoy spending quality time with my family, going on vacations, and shooting pool in my free time.**

Brian is the kind of team member every organization hopes for. No matter how full his plate is, he's always there to support others with a positive attitude and can-do spirit. His dedication, work ethic, and problem-solving skills make him a true asset to the city and a shining example of teamwork and professionalism.

-Willis Shafer, Public Works Director

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SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMS

MILFORD PARKS & RECREATION

TENNIS PROGRAM BEGINNERS TENNIS ☀️ May 14 - June 25 ☀️ Wednesday ☀️ Fee: \$65 INTERMEDIATE TENNIS ☀️ May 12 - June 30 ☀️ Mondays ☀️ Fee: \$65	PICKLEBALL LEAGUE ADULTS 15+ ☀️ June 9 - July 28 ☀️ Mondays ☀️ Fee: \$60	SOCCER CAMP AGES 5 - 6 CAMP ☀️ June 30 - July 3 ☀️ Mon - Thur ☀️ Fee: \$60 AGES 7 - 14 CAMP ☀️ July 14 - July 17 ☀️ Mon - Thur ☀️ Fee: \$65
BASKETBALL CAMP AGES 8 - 14 ☀️ July 28 - July 31 ☀️ Mon - Thur ☀️ Time: 9am - 3pm ☀️ Lunch Provided ☀️ Fee: \$130	FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP AGES 6 - 12 ☀️ August 4 - August 7 ☀️ Mon - Thur ☀️ Fee: \$65	PICKLEBALL CAMP AGES 7 - 14 ☀️ August 11 - August 14 ☀️ Mon - Thur ☀️ Paddle Provided ☀️ Fee: \$75

Please note camp schedules are subject to change, for more information visit: webtrac.milford-de.gov



Community Happenings

-5th Annual Community Clean Up (Rescheduled)

5/3/25, 8am-10:30am, Bicentennial Park

-Riverwalk Farmer's Market Opening Day - 30th Year

5/3/25, 9am-1pm, (ribbon cutting 9:30am) Downtown Milford

-DeDOT Public Info Session: Haven Lake Spillway Bridge Repairs

5/7/25, 5:30pm-7pm, Milford Library

-Riverwalk Farmer's Market

Every Saturday through December 2025, 9am-1pm, Downtown Milford

-Coffee & Cars

5/17/25, 10am-2pm, Walnut St., Milford, DE

-Milford Memorial Day Ceremony

5/26/25, 10:30am, Milford High School

-Milford High School Senior Cruise

5/27/25, 6pm, MHS to Mispillion Elementary

-Milford High School Graduation

-5/29/25, 6pm, Milford High School

-Juneteenth

-6/19/25, 11am-6pm, Bicentennial Park

-Music in the Park 2025

6/25/25, 7pm, Outdoor Amphitheater SE Front St., Milford, DE



56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week, May 4, 2025 - May 10, 2025

Mayor Todd Culotta proudly proclaims May 4-10, 2025, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week in Milford, Delaware.

We honor City Clerk Katrina White, Deputy Clerk Milanie Velazquez, and clerks across the nation for their dedication, professionalism, and vital role in local government.

Municipal clerks are the backbone of transparent, efficient, and accessible public service—ensuring accurate records, supporting elected officials, and serving as a crucial link between residents and government.

Milford is proud to recognize and thank our clerks for their tireless efforts and commitment to excellence. Your work is essential, appreciated, and truly makes a difference.

Thank you for being the cornerstone of local government!

