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# Milford

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## A Minute from the Mayor

In June, the City of Milford turns its attention to finalizing the fiscal year 2026 budget, an essential task that will shape how our community priorities are funded. More than just numbers, the budget reflects our shared values and commitment to transparency and accountability. It also serves as a strategic road map, helping ensure long-term financial stability, efficient use of resources, and measurable performance in delivering city services.



As we continue this important work, I also encourage everyone to take time to enjoy our beautiful town this summer. Every Saturday, the Riverwalk Farmer's Market brings fresh produce and local vendors to downtown Milford from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. And starting in late June, our Music in the Park series returns on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the outdoor amphitheater—an ideal way to spend a summer night with family, friends, and neighbors.

Thank you for your continued engagement in shaping Milford's future. Here's to a productive June and a great start to the summer season! I can be reached at 302-422-1111 x1309 or via email [mayorculotta@milford-de.gov](mailto:mayorculotta@milford-de.gov)

Warm regards,

Todd Culotta  
Mayor

## City Office Closures

City offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025, in observance of Juneteenth. Trash and recycling collection will continue as scheduled.

## 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/MyMilford](http://www.cityofmilford.com/535/MyMilford).

## City Council Round-up: May

Milford City Council held meetings on May 5, 12, 14, and 27 to address a range of topics and community initiatives.

At the May 5 meeting, Council held its 2025 annual organizational meeting. The City Clerk presented the municipal election results, and Judge Noel Eason Primos swore in Council Members Marabello, Zychal, Perez, and James. Jason James, Sr. was reappointed Vice Mayor, David Rutt was named interim City Solicitor, and the 2025–2026 Council committees were announced.

At the May 12 meeting, Council issued proclamations for National Safe Boating Week and Public Works Week, reviewed department and monthly finance reports, and heard results from Milford's National Community Survey. New business included a DelDOT MOU for a red-light camera proposal, a contract amendment on credit card fees, renewal of the Downtown Development District application, and new zoning ordinances. Council also approved the City Manager candidate #2 requested salary.

At the May 14 workshop, Council reviewed the proposed FY26 Pay Plan, heard a presentation on the Battery Storage Project from DEMEC and Lightshift Energy, and discussed the Deep Creek Park Plan, including layout, costs, and grants. A citywide sidewalk improvement proposal was also presented.

At the May 27 meeting, Council finalized two ordinances for the Samsel property, including a comprehensive plan amendment and zoning change. New business included approving the City Manager's contract, Deep Creek Park plans, and an agricultural lease for Sharp Farm. Council also approved a paving change order for Backwater Court and an agreement with DelDOT for a Transportation Improvement District (TID) involving Key Properties. Following the meeting, the first FY26 budget hearing was held. It began with revenue projections, including Real Estate Transfer Tax, and continued with draft budgets for City Administration, the City Clerk's Office, and City Council, covering election costs. A detailed presentation outlined FY26 priorities, expenditures, and funding strategies.

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).

## Utility Safety Reminder: Keep Pad-mounted Transformers Clear

As the weather warms and more residents begin planting gardens, installing fences, or putting in sprinkler systems, it's important to be mindful of certain features that may be present in your yard, especially large green utility boxes.

In many newer neighborhoods, utility lines are installed underground. However, not all equipment is buried. You may notice large green boxes, known as pad-mounted transformers, on your property. These are essential components of your electrical service.

When planning landscaping projects, please avoid placing fences, plants, or decorative items too close to these transformers. Obstructions can delay power restoration, hinder maintenance, and pose safety hazards. If City electrical crews cannot access the equipment, they may need to remove these items to perform necessary work.

To ensure safe and efficient access, at least 10 feet of clearance is required at the front of the transformer (the side with the lock), and a minimum of 4 feet of space should be maintained at the back and sides. This allows workers to safely use "hot stick" tools—typically 8 to 10 feet in length—to disconnect or service energized components.

Also, don't forget that underground utility lines, cables, and pipes may be just beneath the surface. Always call 811 before digging to avoid damaging utility infrastructure.

Finally, please help keep children safe by educating them about the dangers of high-voltage equipment inside these transformers.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and reliable electric system for everyone in the community.

## Employee Spotlight

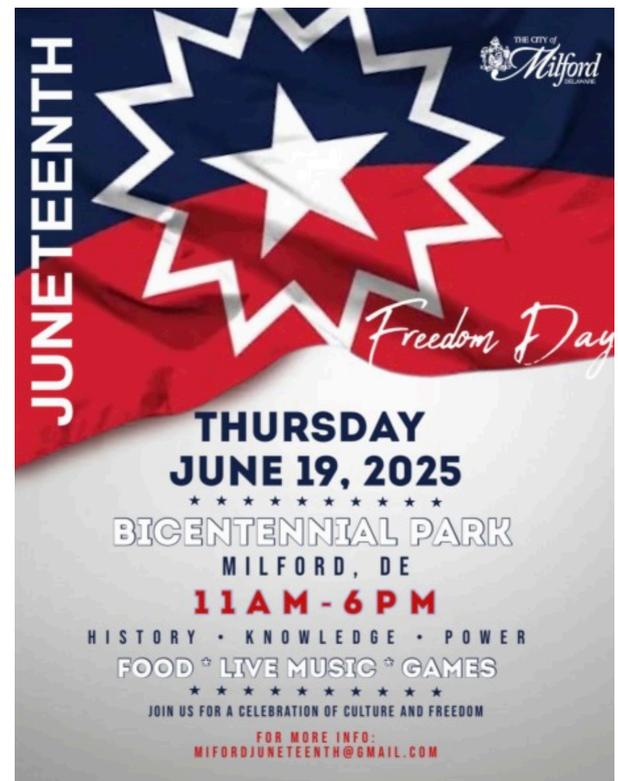
**Mark Whitfield**  
City Manager



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? **8 years, 11 months**
2. Have you always worked in this role? **I began my tenure at the City as Public Works Director. In 2020, City Council asked me to be Interim City Manager. In May 2020, Council awarded me a contract as City Manager. I served as City Manager & Public Works Director until September 2020, and have been the City Manager ever since.**
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? **The people I work with. I enjoy seeing people grow as employees. I enjoy working with people who have a common vision on getting things done.**
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? **Watching sports, mainly ice hockey and football. Going to the beach. Being with friends and family.**

As Mark approaches retirement, I want to say thank you for everything he's done for Milford. His hard work and dedication have truly made a difference in our community, and his leadership will be missed. I am grateful for the positive impact he's had and wish him all the best in his next chapter.

-Todd Culotta, Mayor



## Community Happenings

- Riverwalk Farmer's Market
- Every Sat. May - Dec. 2025, 8am-1pm, Downtown Milford
- First Friday
- 6/6/25, 5pm-9pm, Downtown Milford
- Touch-a-Truck Event
- 6/7/25, 10am-2pm, S. Walnut St., Milford
- Juneteenth
- 6/19/25, 11am-6pm, Bicentennial Park
- Music in the Park 2025
- 6/25/25 every Wed. - 7/30/25, 7pm, Outdoor Amphitheater
- First Friday
- 7/4/25, 5pm-9pm, Bicentennial Park
- Hippie Fest
- 8/16/25, 3pm-8pm, Causey Mansion Grounds



**5PM - 9PM**

**Local Shops, Vendors,  
Food trucks, Music & more**

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Summer Kick off &  
Grand Opening of Downtown Milford Inc. Office**

**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Independence Day Celebration  
At Bicentennial Park with the Funsters**

**Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**International Night**  
Multicultural Flavors, sounds, and sights.

**Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Back to School Night**  
Celebrating the end of Summer

**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Fiesta Night**  
Flavors, music & dancing celebrating  
Hispanic Heritage

