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A Minute from the Mayor

I hope you're enjoying the rest of your summer. As families prepare for the back-to-school season, it's a great time to reconnect, support local events, and celebrate our community spirit.

With continued high temperatures, please stay hydrated, avoid peak heat hours, and check on vulnerable neighbors. Your health and safety remain a top priority.



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.

Best regards,

Todd Culotta
Mayor

Welcome Our Next City Manager, Christopher Coleman!

We are excited to welcome Christopher Coleman as Milford's next City Manager! Chris will officially begin his role with the City on August 4th.

Please join us in giving Chris a warm welcome as he begins this important leadership position. You can reach out to him directly at ccoleman@milford-de.gov.

Welcome to Milford, Chris, we're glad to have you on board!



City Office Closures

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day. Yard waste will only be collected, no bulk or brush.

City Council Round-up: July

City Council held a meeting on July 14 to address a range of topics and community initiatives.

At the July 14 meeting, a proclamation received from Congresswoman Sarah McBride was read into record and a public hearing was held for ordinance 2025-11 regarding a conditional use application by KD Properties. Staff presented June reports from all departments, and the May finance report was reviewed. Council held public comment for FY26-30 Capital Improvement Plan (resolution 2025-06), along with Delaware Valley Health Trust (resolution 2025-09) and voted to join for employee health benefits. Additional approvals included a new city solicitor appointment, authorization of the Milford Corporate Center listing agreement, authorization of the electric pole building proposal, authorization of police vehicle replacements, a Lightshift lease with DEMEC, and the appropriation of funds for demolition at 111 & 113 Lovers Lane.

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

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



"I Always Leave My Thermostat at 72, Why Is My Bill Higher This Month?"

It's a great question and one we hear often. The answer comes down to how hard your HVAC system must work to keep your home comfortable.

Here's a simple way to think about it, maintaining 72°F indoors is much easier when it's 80°F outside than when it's a scorching 98°F. The greater the difference between the outdoor temperature and your thermostat setting, the harder your system works and the more energy it uses.

So even if you haven't touched your thermostat, extreme heat means your system is running longer and using more electricity to keep up.

What can you do?

Small changes can make a noticeable difference:

- Bump your thermostat up a few degrees when you can
- Use ceiling or box fans to circulate cool air
- Keep blinds or curtains closed during the hottest parts of the day

These simple steps can help reduce the strain on your HVAC, and your wallet, while keeping you comfortable while it's hot outside!

Exciting News! Free Public Amenity Update

We've expanded our public WiFi coverage beyond the playground and into Bicentennial Park!

That means double the coverage and double the opportunity to stay connected. Whether you're applying for jobs, teleworking, or tackling schoolwork, you can now do it all while enjoying the fresh air and beautiful views.

Just another step toward a more connected, accessible community!

Employee Spotlight

Lendon "CC" Dennis Code Enforcement Official I



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? **16 years**
2. Have you always worked in this role? **Yes, I've always worked in this role**
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? **Working together with all departments and meeting the citizens of Milford**
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? **Church, spending time with family and fishing.**

CC is the longest tenured employee within the Planning Department, serving in his current position for 16 years. During this time, CC has established valuable relationships within the community, assisting property owners and tenants with achieving and maintaining code compliance. As senior Code Enforcement officer, CC has seen the department grow from two employees to the seven we have today, and has been a resource for institutional knowledge throughout many transition periods.

-Rob Pierce, Planning & Zoning Director

FIRST RESPONDERS
TOUCH-A-TRUCK
HONORING OUR LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025
301 NORTHEAST FRONT STREET
MILFORD, DELAWARE
5-8 P.M.

- FOOD TRUCKS
- LIVE MUSIC
- STUFF A BUS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

MILFORD'S LARGEST OUTDOOR FESTIVAL!

25th RIVERWALK FREEDOM FESTIVAL
MILFORD, DE

Brew Garden **Fireworks at 8:30 p.m.**

Mispiration Riverwalk
in Downtown Milford, DE
Saturday, September 20th

All Day Events Start at 9 am ★ Food Court Opens at 9 am
Pet Park ★ Car Show ★ Kids' Activities and Games

Find us on Facebook **@RiverwalkFreedomFestival for updates!**

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Community Happenings

-Riverwalk Farmer's Market

Every Sat. - Dec. 2025, 8am-12pm, Downtown Milford

-Hippie Fest

8/16/25, 3pm-8pm, Causey Mansion Grounds

-First Friday

9/5/25, 5pm-9pm, Downtown Milford

-First Responders Touch-A-Truck

9/11/25, 5pm-8pm, 301 NE Front St.

-Riverwalk Freedom Festival

9/20/25, 9am-9pm, Riverwalk & Downtown Milford

-First Friday

10/3/25, 5pm-9pm, Downtown Milford

-Milford Community Parade

10/15/25, 6:30pm, Walnut St.

