



# Milford

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## A Minute from the Mayor

Students are back in the classroom, families are settling into new routines, and there's a shared sense of excitement as we welcome the arrival of fall.

This season brings a beautiful transformation to our city - cooler temperatures, colorful leaves, and a perfect opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. I encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate Milford's parks and open spaces as we transition into autumn.



We also have some great community events coming up! Join us for First Friday on October 3, a wonderful evening to connect with neighbors and support local businesses. And don't miss the Community Parade on October 15, a favorite tradition that brings everyone together to celebrate the spirit of Milford

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](mailto:MayorCulotta@milford-de.gov).

Best regards,

Todd Culotta  
Mayor

## City Office Closures

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, September 1 - Labor Day
- Tuesday, November 11 - Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Friday
- Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
- Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day
- Wednesday, December 31 (Close at 12pm) - New Year's Eve
- Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day 2026

Trash, recycling and yard waste may differ on these dates. Check the schedule online at <https://www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste>

## 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: August

City Council held meetings on August 6, 11, and 25 to address a range of topics and community initiatives.

At the August 6 meeting, council authorized the fiscal year 2026 tax warrant and approved the updated pay scale for FY2026. A request was reviewed for the annexation of land owned by Iglesia Pentecostal La Senda Antigua, located on Johnson Road, with a proposed rezoning from AR-1 to R-3. The Plan of Services for the annexation was also presented and approved by council. Additionally, ordinance 2025-12 and its appendix B amendment 1 were introduced, proposing updates to the city's electric rules and regulations.

At the August 6 workshop, mayor and city council members received FOIA and ethics training via presentation.

At the August 11 meeting, staff presented July reports from all departments, and the June finance report was reviewed. Resolution 2025-10 was adopted to establish the city's updated investment policy, as outlined in the revised 2025 investment policy statement. Council also adopted resolution 2025-11, approving a sidewalk waiver for 600 Dixie Avenue following a formal request. An annexation request from the revocable trust of Pamela Davis Thompson for 2 Brandywine Road was authorized to be sent to the annexation committee for review. Council approved the appropriation of funds for Chesapeake Utilities to relocate a gas main at the Milford Corporate Center. Authorization was granted for public works to purchase three new vehicles, as well as for the police department to proceed with parking lot lighting improvements and the purchase snow removal equipment. Additionally, a preliminary major subdivision plan from Carlisle Lane, LLC was introduced for consideration.

At the August 25 meeting, public hearings were held on ordinance 2025-12, adopting updates to the electric rules and regulations, including appendix B amendment 1, and ordinance 2025-14, tabling the preliminary major subdivision for Carlisle Lane, LLC. In communications, council received an invitation to the SCAT meeting scheduled for September 3, 2025, in Lewes. Several board reappointments were approved for the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Tree Preservation & Advisory Council, and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, based on upcoming term expirations. Council also authorized a fiber lease agreement with Bayhealth, including detailed route, specifications, and demarcation exhibits. Additionally, council approved a sewer and water agreement for property owned by Laura Quintero at 4 Lexington Drive and authorized the plan of services for the proposed annexation of 2 Brandywine Road, owned by the revocable trust of Pamela Davis Thompson.

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).

## Small Changes = Big Savings

Did you know that adjusting your thermostat by just 1 degree can help you save energy and money?

For every 1 degree you raise your thermostat when it's warm out (or lower when it's cold out), you can reduce your energy usage by about 1–3%. It may not sound like much, but over time, it adds up—especially during extreme temperatures when your system is working the hardest.

So, if you're comfortable setting your thermostat a few degrees higher on hot days (say from 72° to 75°), you're helping your HVAC system use less energy, which can mean a lower monthly bill.

Comfort and efficiency can go hand in hand—with just one degree!

## Important Notice: AI Summarization May Omit Critical Information

We want to ensure you receive and fully understand all important communications from the City of Milford.

We've become aware that an increasing number of mobile devices are using AI-generated message summarization features. While these tools can be helpful in certain contexts, they often omit or misinterpret important details in our official messages.

In several cases, customers who relied solely on AI-generated summaries—rather than reading or listening to the full message—missed key information, including final payment deadlines. Unfortunately, this has resulted in avoidable service disconnections.

To avoid misunderstandings and ensure you receive all critical updates, we strongly recommend:

- Disabling AI summarization features in your messaging apps, if enabled.
- Reading or listening to full messages sent by the City of Milford.

Our goal is to keep you well-informed and avoid disruptions to your services.

If you have questions, please contact Customer Service at (302) 422-6616.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

## Keep Your Contact Information Up to Date

To ensure you receive important information regarding taxes, utilities, and other city services, please make sure we have your current email address and telephone number on file.

If your contact information has changed, or if you're unsure whether it's up to date, please email us at [CustomerService@milford-de.gov](mailto:CustomerService@milford-de.gov).

Staying connected helps us serve you better!

## Employee Spotlight

**Scott Gerardi**  
Public Works Coordinator



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? **3 years, 2 months**
2. Have you always worked in this role? **I started as a Equipment Operator 2 and a few months ago took a position as Public Works Coordinator.**
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? **Have to say I really enjoy my co-workers, there fun and energetic, they inspire me, make me laugh, and make "work" not so much like work.**
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? **Enjoy my beach getaway in Long Neck, DE, kayaking, estate sales, flea markets, hiking, tennis, gardening, trying new restaurants, home improvements, crafting.**

"Scott is known for the energy and enthusiasm he brings to every project. Whether he's brainstorming fresh ideas, collaborating with teammates, or tackling challenges head-on, his positive spirit motivates those around him. His drive not only keeps projects moving forward but also helps create an uplifting and supportive team environment. I am thrilled to have him on our team."

-Willis Shafer, Public Works Director

## Community Happenings

### -Riverwalk Farmer's Market

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

### -Riverwalk Freedom Festival

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

### -First Friday

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

### -2025 National Faith & Blue Weekend

10/10/25-10/13/25

### -Milford Community Parade

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

### -Santa Arrives to Town

11/29/25, 11am, Walnut St. to Santa House

### -Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

11/29/25, 4:30pm-6pm, City Hall

### -Holiday Stroll

12/6/25, 3pm-8pm, Downtown Milford



## Celebrating Public Power Week – October 5–11, 2025



The City of Milford is celebrating Public Power Week, a time to recognize the community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that power homes, businesses, and neighborhoods across the country. We're proud to serve our community with reliable, affordable electricity—and to reinvest right back into the place we all call home. Because when power is public, it puts people first.