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## A Minute from the Mayor

Fall is in full swing, and cooler days have brought a sense of routine back to our community. I encourage everyone to take part in local fall events, enjoy Milford School District's sporting events, college football and NFL games - go Birds!

Join us for Trick-or-Treat on October 31 from 6pm to 8pm—a fun tradition for families and neighbors.

The holidays will be here before we know it, so let's make the most of this beautiful time of year.

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:

- 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](https://www.cityofmilford.com/535/MyMilford)



## City Council Round-up: September

City Council held meetings on September 8, and 22 to address a range of topics and community initiatives.

At the September 8 meeting, staff presented August reports from all departments. Council received a presentation on the Dover/Kent MPO Transportation Study focusing on potential improvements along Airport Road between Route 113 and Route 15. Several authorizations were approved, including deed restrictions for the Milford Corporate Center, a utility relocation by Chesapeake Utilities, and a license agreement with Trinity Development for a facade awning as part of downtown enhancements. Two ordinances were introduced tied to the Cypress Hall development—one establishing a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and the other outlining the Phase III Preliminary Major Subdivision.

At the September 22 meeting, Council issued four proclamations recognizing Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, National Customer Service Week, Public Power Week, and Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Public hearings were held for Ordinance 2025-16 Cypress Hall Planned Unit Development and Ordinance 2025-15 Cypress Hall Phase III Preliminary Major Subdivision, with final determinations made. The July 2025 Finance Report was presented and Council authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with Bayhealth, approved a proposal from KCI for water systems design, and adopted Resolution 2025-14 to set this year's Halloween Trick-or-Treat observance.

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).

## Blue Envelope Program

Milford Police Department is happy to announce that we have joined with Delaware State Police in the Blue Envelope Program. This program is a free initiative that aims to promote safe, clear and respectful communication between law enforcement and drivers with autism and other disabilities.

It is designed for people with autism, communication difference, sensory difference, mobility limitation, other disability or medical condition. Individuals, their family members and their caregivers would place important documents such as their car registration, insurance card or emergency care plan inside the envelope and then present it to a police officer when they encounter them specifically on traffic stops. This Blue Envelope quickly communicates important disability-related information and considerations to police officers.

How can one obtain a Blue Envelope? They can stop by the Milford Police Department or any Delaware State Police Troop to pick up the Blue Envelope and guide about the program.

If you would like further information about the program, please go to <https://dsp.delaware.gov/blue-envelope-program/>

## Save \$ This Fall & Winter

To save money on utility bills this fall and winter, focus on preparing your home for cooler weather.

### Prepare your heating system

- Schedule maintenance. Before the weather gets consistently cold, have a professional service your furnace or HVAC system. Proper maintenance ensures maximum efficiency and can prevent costly breakdowns during the winter.
- Change filters. A clogged furnace or heat pump filter makes your system work harder and reduces efficiency. Replace filters monthly or as needed to ensure good airflow.
- Clear radiators. If you have radiators, dust and vacuum them to ensure grime is not impeding the flow of heat into your home.

### Weatherproof your home

- Seal air leaks. The fastest and most cost-effective way to reduce energy waste is by sealing drafts.
  - Add weatherstripping to doors and operable windows.
  - Caulk gaps and cracks around window frames, pipes, and utility cut-throughs.
- Maximize windows. Use your window coverings to your advantage.
  - Open curtains and blinds on south-facing windows during the day to let in natural sunlight and heat your home.
  - Close your curtains and blinds at night to add a layer of insulation and reduce the chill.
- Check insulation. Ensure your attic, walls, and basement are properly insulated to prevent heat loss. If you're unsure, an energy audit can help identify inadequate insulation.

### Adjust your thermostat and habits

- Program your thermostat. Set your thermostat to a lower temperature when you are asleep or away from home. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, this can save you as much as 10% on your annual heating costs.
- Use ceiling fans. Switch your ceiling fan's rotation to the clockwise setting. This pushes warm air that rises to the ceiling back down into the room.
- Control vampire energy. Unplug electronic devices and small appliances that are not in use. Items like coffee makers and video game consoles can draw power even when turned off. Using a power strip makes it easy to switch multiple items off at once.
- Embrace layers. Before turning up the thermostat, put on a sweater or use a blanket. It's one of the easiest ways to stay warm and save energy.

A little preparation goes a long way. By tuning up your heating system, sealing in warmth, and making smart energy choices, you can enjoy a comfortable home all season long—and save money on utility costs!

## Employee Spotlight

**Nicolas Jones**

**Technical Support Specialist II/Programmer**



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? *A little over a year.*

2. Have you always worked in this role?

*I have not always worked in my position. I was brought on as a 3-month summer intern for the IT department, which was able to be extended to 6 months, then a full year. This past July I was lucky enough to be brought on to full time hourly as a Technical Support Specialist II/Programmer.*

3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City?

*My favorite thing about working for the city is the great people I get to work with and help every day! I am part of a great hardworking staff here in Milford and being in IT I get to interact and foster great relationships with a lot of people in various roles and departments. I am part of a great IT team that has lifted me up and put me in positions to grow my technical and professional skills. Coming fresh out of college, the IT team really took me under their wing and I am extremely grateful for them.*

4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? *In my free time I really enjoy watching sports and movies, playing pickleball, playing video games, and spending time with my friends and family.*

"Nic is a welcome to the IT department, the year that we spent with him before offering him the position full time was invaluable to know his worth to our team. Not only does he provide much needed backup to the department through cross training, he has already become the primary IT person on many of the new projects and applications that we have implemented. In a world where the Gen Z group does not always have the best reputation, Nic is hope for the work and dedication of the youth!"

**-Bill Pettigrew, IT Director**

## Community Happenings

### -Riverwalk Farmer's Market

Every Sat. May-Dec. 2025, 8am-12pm, 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.

### -Milford Comic Con

10/18/25, 10am-4pm, Downtown Milford

### -Haunted Hallways

10/27/25, 5:30pm-7pm, Milford High School

### -City of Milford Trick-or-Treat

10/31/25, 6pm-8pm, City of Milford, DE

### -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 Customer Service Appreciation Week – October 6–10, 2025



As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, the City of Milford proudly celebrates Customer Service Appreciation Week!

We recognize and thank the dedicated employees who serve as the front line of our city - answering questions, resolving concerns, and helping residents each and every day. Your professionalism, patience, and commitment to service truly make Milford a better place to live, work, and visit.

Whether it is in person, by phone, or behind the scenes, your efforts don't go unnoticed. You are the friendly faces and helpful voices that keep our city connected and running smoothly.