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A Minute from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

As we gather to celebrate this joyous Christmas season, I want to extend my warmest greetings to every member of our community. This is a time to reflect on the year that has passed, to appreciate the blessings we've shared, and to look forward with hope and optimism to the year ahead.



Christmas reminds us of the values that bind us together — kindness, generosity, and compassion. Whether we celebrate with family, friends, or neighbors, let's take a moment to reach out to those in need, to share a smile, a meal, or a helping hand.

I am deeply grateful for the spirit of unity and resilience that defines our city. Together, we have faced challenges and achieved great things, and I have no doubt that our shared commitment will continue to make our community stronger and brighter.

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.

I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, good health, and happiness.

Todd Culotta
Mayor

City Office Closures

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- 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 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

City Council Round-up: November

City Council held meetings on November 10, 19, and 24 to address a range of topics and community initiatives.

At the November 10 meeting, Council heard Proclamation 2025-21 recognizing Veterans Day 2025, received October departmental reports, and reviewed the September financial report. Under New Business, Council approved Police Department exterior lighting, reviewed the Evidence Processing Facility plans, adopted Resolution 2025-17 accepting Cypress Hall Phases 1-A and 1-B, authorized budget transfers, approved a DelDOT agreement for US 113 lighting improvements, and introduced Ordinances 2025-18 and 2025-19.

At the November 19 workshop, Council heard presentations on Affordable Housing, Development & Growth Trends, then received Land Use Training.

At the November 24 meeting, Council denied Ordinance 2025-14, Carlisle Lane, LLC – Preliminary Major Subdivision, approved Ordinance 2025-18, Annexation of the Revocable Trust of Pamela Davis Thompson, and tabled Ordinance 2025-19 609, Walnut LLC – Preliminary Major Subdivision-. Council also authorized the 2026 Holiday Trash Collection Schedule, the Carlisle Fire Company's Public Safety Enhancement Fund request, the FMLA Backup Plan, and the IQ Fiber Telecom Lease and Milford Pole Agreements.

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

2026 Holiday Collection Garbage, Recycling, & Yard Waste

The City of Milford will no longer collect yard waste, refuse, or recycling on City holidays. If your scheduled collection falls on a holiday, your items will be collected the following day. This is not a reduction in service; pick up will take place one day later. For more information, please call 302-725-2092.

Holidays	Type of Collection	Scheduled Collection Date	Revised Collection Date
New Years	Refuse/Recycle	January 1st Thursday	January 2nd, Friday
MLK	Yard Waste	January 19th, Monday	January 20th, Tuesday
Presidents Day	Yard Waste	February 16th, Monday	February 17th, Tuesday
Good Friday	Refuse/Recycle	April 3rd, Friday	April 4th, Saturday
Memorial Day	Yard Waste	May 25th, Monday	May 26th, Tuesday
Juneteenth	Refuse/Recycle	June 19th, Friday	June 20th, Saturday
Labor Day	Yard Waste	September 7, Monday	September 8th, Tuesday
Veterans Day	Refuse/Recycle	November 11th, Wednesday	November 12th, Thursday
Thanksgiving	Refuse/Recycle	November 26/27th, Thursday & Friday	November 28th, Saturday
Christmas Eve & Day	Refuse/Recycle	December 24/25th, Thursday & Friday	December 26, Saturday

Keep Warm & Costs Down This Winter

As temperatures drop, many households turn to space heaters for quick comfort; but those cozy devices can pack a punch on your electric bill. Before plugging one in, try using our Space Heater Cost Calculator (<https://bit.ly/4qXmMcs>) to see how much energy it uses and how it can impact your monthly costs. Even a small unit running for several hours a day can add up fast.

If you have central heating, it's often more efficient to use your HVAC system instead of multiple space heaters. Modern heat pumps and well-maintained furnaces distribute heat more evenly and use energy more effectively.

To make the most of your energy use, take a few minutes to seal up drafts around doors, windows, and other openings. A simple bead of caulk or a weatherstripping kit can make a big difference, keeping warm air inside and cold air out. Proper insulation not only boosts comfort but also helps your heating system work less, saving you money throughout the season.

By combining smart heating choices with small home improvements, you can stay warm, stay safe, and keep your energy bills under control this winter.



Employee Spotlight

Lauren Swain

Economic Development & Community Engagement Administrator



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? *1 year*
2. Have you always worked in this role? *Yes*
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? *My husband and I were born and raised in Milford, and it's incredible to see how much our hometown has grown over the years. I'm proud to be part of that progress and grateful to know that my work is helping make a difference in our community. The City of Milford also has an amazing team that makes coming to work both enjoyable and rewarding.*
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? *I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the beach, and supporting local businesses!*

"The city is fortunate to have Lauren as a member of our team, as she wears many hats, including Economic Development & Community Engagement Administrator. Lauren came to Milford with experience from both the state and county, and with her passion for Milford, while wearing the Economic Development hat, continues to be a strong voice for our current business owners, as well as those interested in Milford. Through her work with the city's website and social media platforms, Lauren continues to communicate with the residents and business owners, so they are aware of matters involving the city, like road closures/detours, emergency matters, and highlights Milford Team Members regarding their achievements and accolades. Lauren is a true team member who covers many city events before or after business hours and leads/assists team members with grant applications. It is truly a pleasure to have Lauren on our team, and we appreciate all she does for the city."

-Chris Coleman, City Manager

Community Happenings

-Bug & Bud Festival

4/25/26, 9am-4pm, Downtown Milford



City of Milford Electric Department Earns Smart Energy Provider (SEP) Designation

We're proud to share that the City of Milford Electric Department has earned the Smart Energy Provider (SEP) designation from the American Public Power Association (APPA)!

This prestigious recognition highlights our commitment to energy efficiency, distributed generation, and sustainability, all while continuing to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electric service to our community.

The SEP designation, which runs from December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2028, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate leadership in smart energy program structure, energy efficiency and distributed energy resources, environmental and sustainability initiatives, customer experience.

Milford joins more than 100 public power utilities nationwide with this distinction, a testament to our team's hard work and our community's commitment to a sustainable energy future.

