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A Minute from the Mayor

Happy New Year! As we begin 2026, I want to thank you for your continued support and for the many ways you contribute to our community. Milford's strength comes from its people, and this past year showed once again how dedicated, resilient, and caring our residents are.



In the year ahead, we will stay focused on improving city services, supporting public safety, and investing in projects that keep Milford a great place to live, work, and play. I look forward to building on our progress together.

I would also like to share an educational opportunity for our students. The Auxiliary of Bayhealth Sussex Campus is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors residing in the Milford School District. These scholarships can be found on the Milford High School Scholarship website under the March deadline and are listed as The Auxiliary of Bayhealth Scholarship and the Cynthia Jones Future Educator Scholarship. More information is available at: <https://mhs.milfordschooldistrict.org/student-resources/counselors-corner/scholarships>

As always, I can be reached at 302-422-1111 x1309 or via email at mayorculotta@milford-de.gov. Wishing you and your families a healthy, happy, and successful 2026.

Todd Culotta
Mayor

City Office Closures

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, January 19, 2026 - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- Monday, February 16, 2026 - President's Day
- Friday, April 3, 2026 - Good Friday

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: December

City Council held a meeting on December 8.

At the December 8 meeting, Council received November departmental reports, and reviewed the October financial report. Council approved Ordinance 2025-19, involving the Preliminary Major Subdivision for 609 Walnut LLC. Under New Business, council approved Resolution 2025-18, adopting the 2026 City Holiday Schedule, and an authorization request for the IQ Fiber Right-of-Way Access Agreement, which permits the company to install infrastructure within city rights-of-way. Council also approved the University of Delaware IPA planning services proposal for the 2028 Comprehensive Plan Update and an agreement with DelDOT for the NE Front Street rehabilitation project. The meeting concluded with the introduction of Ordinance 2025-20, concerning a Conditional Use request for the Carlisle Fire Company, which will undergo further consideration at a future meeting.

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 **observed** 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

Prevent Frozen Pipes This Winter

Cold weather is here, and frozen pipes are one of the biggest causes of winter home damage. A few simple steps can protect your plumbing and your wallet:

-Keep Your Home Warm

Set your thermostat to 55°F or higher, even when you're away.

-Insulate Exposed Pipes

Add foam insulation to pipes in basements, crawl spaces, garages, and exterior walls.

-Winterize Outdoor Faucets

Disconnect hoses and shut off/drain exterior spigots.

-Let Faucets Drip

On very cold nights, keep a slow drip to maintain water flow.

-Open Cabinet Doors

Let warm air reach pipes under kitchen and bathroom sinks.

-Seal Drafts

Block cold air around windows, doors, and pipe openings.

-Know Your Shut-Off Valve

Be ready to turn off water quickly if a pipe bursts.

-If a Pipe Freezes

Use warm air, not flames, and keep the faucet open while thawing.

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be collected on the following dates, along with normal yard waste collection:

- Monday, January 5, 2026
- Monday, January 12, 2026
- Tuesday, January 20, 2026
- Monday, January 26, 2026

Trees should be left curbside for collection, free of any ornaments or decorations.



HAPPY
New Year

Employee Spotlight

Tyler Wieder

Public Works Equipment Operator-Solid Waste



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? *I've worked for the City of Milford as a temp since March 2025 and hired on full time in August 2025*
2. Have you always worked in this role? *I have been in the equipment operator position since I was hired. I have also been assisting in the facilities maintenance position as well.*
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? *Favorite thing about working for the city is seeing it grow and develop and being able to be part of the team that is making that happen.*
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? *In my free time I like to fish and spend time with my family.*

"It is with great appreciation that we recognize Tyler Wieder as our Employee Spotlight. Since joining the City on August 25, 2025, after previously serving as a temporary employee, Tyler has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication, reliability, and initiative. Tyler quickly proved himself to be an invaluable member of the team. He approaches every task with a commitment to excellence and continuously looks for better, more efficient ways to serve the community. His efforts to improve processes and identify cost-saving opportunities clearly reflect his strong work ethic and passion for supporting the City's goals. Beyond his technical abilities, Tyler is a pleasure to work with. He brings a positive attitude, a willingness to learn, and a true team-first mindset. His growth over the past months has been remarkable, and we are excited to see the continued contributions he will make in the future. Please join us in congratulating Tyler on this well-deserved recognition and thanking him for his ongoing commitment to the City and its residents."

-Brian Jester, Building Operations & Refuse Supervisor

Community Happenings

-Bug & Bud Festival

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



NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Please be advised that Airport Road, between Delaware Veterans Boulevard and Canterbury Road (SR15) will be **CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC** for the construction of a roundabout beginning **October 27, 2025** through **March 6, 2026**.

Please be advised that Canterbury Road (SR15) at the intersection with Airport Road will be **CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC** for the construction of a roundabout beginning ****December 1, 2025**** through **March 6, 2026**.

During this time, travelers in the area will be required to follow the posted detour plan. Access to businesses and residences in the area will remain open. The City apologizes for the inconvenience and looks forward to improving traffic safety at this intersection.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 302-422-6616 option 5 during normal business hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.