



# Milford

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## A Minute from the Mayor

As we settle into the heart of winter, this time of year gives us a chance to reflect on the strength of our community and the shared commitment that makes Milford such a special place to live, work, and raise a family.



Looking ahead, city leadership is thoughtfully planning for the future - balancing fiscal responsibility with investments in quality of life, infrastructure, public safety, and economic growth. Your ideas and involvement are essential to this work, and I encourage you to stay engaged by attending meetings, sharing feedback, and supporting local initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support of our community. I can be reached at 302-424-1111 x1309 or via email [MayorCulotta@milford-de.gov](mailto:MayorCulotta@milford-de.gov).

Todd Culotta  
Mayor

## City Office Closures

City offices will be closed the following dates due to upcoming holidays:

- Monday, February 16, 2026 - President's Day
- Friday, April 3, 2026 - Good Friday
- Monday, May 25, 2026 - Memorial Day
- Friday, June 19, 2026 - Juneteenth
- Friday, July 3, 2026 - Independence Day
- Monday, September 7, 2026 - Labor Day
- Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - Election Day
- Thursday, November 5, 2026 (1/2 Day) - Returns Day
- Wednesday, November 11, 2026 - Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 26, 2026 - Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 27, 2026 - Thanksgiving Friday
- Thursday, December 24, 2026 - Christmas Eve
- Friday, December 25, 2026 - Christmas Day
- Thursday, December 31, 2026 (1/2 Day) - New Year's Eve
- Friday, January 1, 2027 - New Year's Day

Trash, recycling and yard waste may differ on these dates. Check the schedule online at [www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste](http://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](http://www.cityofmilford.com/535/MyMilford)

## City Council Round-up: January

City Council held a meeting on January 12 to address a range of topics and community initiatives.

At the January 12 meeting, Council opened with Proclamation 2026-01 honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and held a public hearing on Ordinance 2025-20 for the Carlisle Fire Company, which was approved. Council received December departmental reports, reviewed the November financial report, and announced correspondence regarding the Delaware League of Local Governments meeting on January 22, 2026. Under New Business, Council received an update and Fire/EMS report from the Carlisle Fire Company, approved enhancement fund requests for renovations, authorized Phase 1 improvements for the Milford Corporate Center including a Verizon utility relocation, and approved the Riverwalk Lighting Project. The meeting concluded with a discussion on county assessments.

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)

# Annual Clean Up Week!

Starting Monday, March 9, 2026

Milford Community Cemetery

*Formerly Odd Fellows Cemetery of Milford, Inc.*

**ALL PERSONAL ITEMS MUST  
BE REMOVED BY SUNDAY,  
MARCH 8, 2026**

This includes saddles/cradles;  
all floral arrangements.

Clean up will be completed by  
Friday, March 13, 2026.

All personal items may be  
returned Saturday, March 14, 2026.



## Winter Energy-Saving Tips

Try these simple tips to stay comfortable while saving energy this winter:

### -Adjust your thermostat wisely

Lowering your thermostat by just 1–2 degrees can delay how often your HVAC system runs. Since heating and cooling account for about 50% of a typical home’s energy use, small adjustments can make a big difference.

### -Use a programmable thermostat

Set your thermostat to automatically lower the temperature when you’re away and gradually warm your home before you return. This prevents unnecessary heating while no one is home.

### -Seal gaps around doors and windows

Cold air sneaking in makes your heating system work harder. Use door sweeps, weatherstripping, or even a rolled blanket at the base of doors to block drafts.

Bonus tip: Close a dollar bill in a doorway if you can pull it out easily, air is leaking in.

### -Let the sun work for you

Open blinds and curtains during the day to let in natural heat from the sun. Close them at night to help keep warmth inside.

### -Reverse your ceiling fans

Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise in winter. This pushes warm air down from the ceiling, helping rooms feel warmer and reducing heating costs.

### -Additional Ways to Save

Efficiency Smart offers programs that help customers manage their energy use, including a bill advice call-in service and rebates on select energy-efficient appliances - making it easier to save energy and money all year long. Learn more at Efficiency Smart’s website:

-<https://www.energysmart.org/home-energy-rebates>



## Employee Spotlight

**Ashley Waller**  
Permit Technician, Senior



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? 4 years
2. Have you always worked in this role? Yes
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? I have unique opportunity stimulate a positive view of the shift to using the Civic Access Portal, and with that comes the challenge of troubleshooting problems and working to refine the process. I enjoy working with both residents and those doing business in the City of Milford teaching and showing them all the benefits of the online system.
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? I enjoy spending time with my husband, family, and friends.

"Ashley interacts daily with the public for licensing, permitting and inspection services, which are crucial functions of the Planning Department. This highly visible, front-line position demands excellent customer services skills and the ability to work effectively and efficiently to meet the growing demands of the City. Her contributions significantly impact the Department’s success in providing seamless services to the community, making her an invaluable asset to the team."

-Rob Pierce, Planning Director

## Community Happenings

### -Bug & Bud Festival

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

### -First Friday

5/1/26, 5pm-8pm, Downtown Milford

### -Riverwalk Farmers Market

Every Sat. May 2-Dec 5, 8am-12pm, Downtown Milford

### -First Friday

6/5/26, 5pm-8pm, Downtown Milford

### -Juneteenth Celebration

6/19/26, 11am-6pm, Bicentennial Park

### -First Friday

7/3/26, 5pm-8pm, Downtown Milford

### -First Friday

8/7/26, 5pm-8pm, Downtown Milford

### -First Friday

9/4/26, 5pm-8pm, Downtown Milford

### -Riverwalk Freedom Festival

9/19/26, 9am-9pm, Riverwalk & Downtown Milford

### -First Friday

10/2/26, 5pm-8pm, Downtown Milford

### -Comic Con + Small Business Crawl

10/17/26, 10am-4pm, Downtown Milford

### -Milford Community Parade

10/21/26, 6:30pm, Walnut St, Milford

### -Santa Arrives to Town

11/28/26, 11am, Walnut St to Santa House, Milford

### -Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

11/28/26, 4:30pm – 6pm, Milford City Hall

### -Holiday Stroll

12/5/26, 3pm-8pm, Downtown Milford



## 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