



# Milford

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## Happy Holidays

The City of Milford wishes you and yours a happy holiday! A friendly reminder you can always access your utility bill online and sign up to receive these newsletters on the first of each month directly to your inbox. Visit [www.cityofmilford.com](http://www.cityofmilford.com) for more information. Also, after a few months of bill delays, we're back on track and delinquency resumed Dec.1.

## Dec. Community Happenings

- Friday, Dec. 3, 7pm: SSP Presents: It's a Wonderful Life
- Saturday, Dec. 4, 8am: People's Place Annual Choral Breakfast @ Senior Center
- Saturday, Dec. 4, 9am-1pm: The After Market in the Farmers Market area
- Saturday, Dec. 4, 11am-3pm: Santa House
- Saturday, Dec. 4, 4pm: 16th Annual Holiday Stroll & 2nd Annual Christmas Market
- Saturday, Dec. 4, 7pm: SSP Presents: It's a Wonderful Life
- Sunday, Dec. 5, 12pm: Carlisle Fire Co. Kent County Santa Around Town
- Sunday, Dec. 5, 2pm: SSP Presents: It's a Wonderful Life
- Saturday, Dec. 11, 9am-1pm: The After Market in the Farmers Market area
- Saturday, Dec. 11, 11am-3pm: Santa House
- Saturday, Dec. 11, 3pm-6pm: Collage 8 Women Opening Reception @ Gallery 37
- Sunday, Dec. 12, 12pm: Carlisle Fire Co. Sussex County Santa Around Town
- Monday, Dec. 13, 7pm: City Council Meeting
- Saturday, Dec. 18, 9am-1pm: The After Market in the Farmers Market area
- Saturday, Dec. 18, 11am-3pm: Santa House
- Friday, Dec. 24: City Offices Closed due to Holiday
- Monday, Dec. 27: City Offices Closed due to Holiday
- Friday, Dec. 31: City Offices Closed due to Holiday

## Are you considering solar?

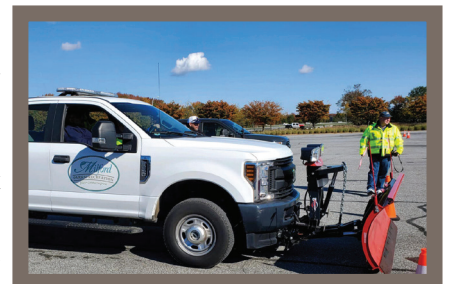
Interested in adding solar power to your home? Before signing an agreement with any solar power company, be sure to contact the City of Milford Public Works Department at 302-422-1110 x 1139 to review the required maximum design sizing of the system and the terms of the Net Metering Program. Purchasing solar is a significant up-front investment and we want to ensure the system you purchase is compatible with the City's grid and properly sized to insure the maximum legal benefit to our customers for years to come!

## ¿Estás considerando la energía solar?

¿Interesado en agregar energía solar a su hogar? Antes de firmar un acuerdo con cualquier compañía de energía solar, asegúrese de comunicarse con el Departamento de Obras Públicas de la Ciudad de Milford al 302-422-1110 x 1139 para revisar el tamaño de diseño máximo requerido del sistema y los términos del Programa de Medición Neta. La compra de energía solar es una inversión inicial significativa y queremos asegurarnos de que el sistema que compre sea compatible con la red de la ciudad y tenga el tamaño adecuado para asegurar el máximo beneficio legal para nuestros clientes en los próximos años.

## Congratulations, RJ Skinner!

RJ, our Parks Superintendent, placed 3rd in the 2021 DFIT Snow Plow Road-E-O Small Equipment Division! He will receive an award at the Dec. 14 DFIT Safety Meeting. A video of the event can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YRMs9-DFh0>



# Public Utility Education



We will highlight a different public utility each month. The goal is to educate our customers on preventative measures to lower their utility bill, as well as create a more flawless system for all users. This month we're featuring our electric system. Some tips for you,

the public power user:

- Save money this winter by insulating windows, purchasing a water heater jacket, utilizing the City's budget plan, servicing your HVAC system and calling Efficiency Smart for rebates and an electric usage monitor. [www.energysmart.org/milford-delaware](http://www.energysmart.org/milford-delaware)
- Electricity usage is constant to run devices, appliances and more and your electric bill is equal to what you use. On average, it costs \$46-\$77 to keep a household's water heated for a month, \$.17-\$.73 to run one dishwasher cycle and \$1.05 to cook a turkey in an electric oven. Older appliances will not run as efficiently and an empty refrigerator costs more to run than a full one. Unplug unused appliances, devices and chargers.
- Don't overload your home. Overload warning signs: flickering or dimming lights, buzzing from receptacles, burning odor, frequently tripped circuit breakers, warm or discolored wall plates or mild shock.
- The difference a bulb makes:

	INCANDESCENT	CFL	LED
Brightness	800 lumens	840 lumens	840 lumens
Energy Used	60 watts	13 watts	9 watts
Cost per bulb	\$1.49	\$2.49	\$1.37
Yearly energy cost	\$7.55	\$1.64	\$1.13
Estimated lifespan	1.8 years (2,000 hours)	11 years (12,000 hours)	13 years (15,000 hours)
Total cost over 10 years	\$83.78	\$18.89	\$12.67

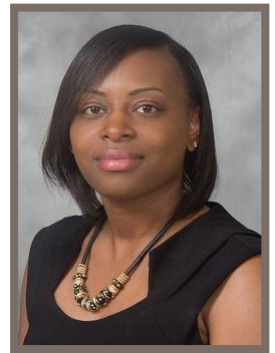
- Customers of a public power utility are likely to be without power for just 59 minutes a year, compared to customers of private utilities that may lose power for 133 minutes a year — provided there are no major adverse events.
- When the power goes out for mere seconds, the system is working as designed. A protective device kicks on to ensure a larger power outage does not occur.

# Employee Spotlight

**Jamesha Williams**

Human Resources Director

1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? **3.5 years**
2. Have you always worked in this role? **Yes**
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? **The City is constantly growing and changing in a positive aspect and I get to be a part of that change. My customers are the employees of the City and I enjoy being able to serve them.**
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? **Road trips with my husband, watching basketball and testing new makeup and skincare products.**



“Jamesha is a great asset to the City. She has a calming demeanor, is always professional, and always tries to do the right things. Employees feel comfortable coming to her with problems, both personal and professional, and she gives great advice. She treats everyone the same, regardless of title or position. Jamesha is also one of the most organized persons I have ever worked with, which helps her manage multiple tasks simultaneously, yet stay on top of each one of them.”

- Mark Whitfield, City Manager

# Council Spotlight

**Katrina Wilson**

Ward 4 Councilmember

1. How long have you been a member of the City Council? **30 years, through three Mayors and six City Managers**
2. What previous city roles have you held? **I was previously the first female Vice Mayor for three terms and chairperson of the following committees: Police Dept., Annexation, Park and Recreation, and first-ever Christmas Decorating Committee, which we created a line item for in the budget.**
3. What is your favorite thing about being a Councilmember? **I enjoy representing the people of Milford and hearing their concerns or wants. Also working on solutions and creating new processes that meet the needs of our residents. Being a part of the growth in Milford, knowing that I played an intricate part of that growth.**
4. What is your full time job? **Care Coordinator at Nemours Pediatrics-Milford for 28 years**
5. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? **I love spending time with my family, especially my granddaughter (3), creating lifetime memories.**

