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Hometown Holidays



Friday, Nov. 28th, 10-8; Saturday, Nov. 29th, 10-8; Sunday Nov. 30th, 12-4

•**Free** Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
First Clermont Bank
all weekend

•“My Favorite Time of Year”
Christmas Musical
Entertainment tent*
Sat 2:30 & 4:00; Sun 1:45 & 3:00

•Magician “Magic Wanda”
All along Main Street
Sat 1:00-4:00; Sun 1:00-4:00

•Center Stage
Row House Gallery
Fri 12-6; Sat 12-6; Sun 12-3

•Christmas Train Expo
Davis Trains
Fri 10-8; Sat 10-8; Sun 10-4

•First United Methodist
Bell Choir
Entertainment tent*
Sun 12:45-1:30

•Merchants Cookie Sale
First Clermont Bank
starting Fri until they are gone!

•Children’s Face Painting
Main Street
Fri 3:00-7:00; Sat 2:00-6:00

•Christmas Maker
Entertainment tent*
Saturday morning

•“Nutcracker Christmas”
Promont House Museum
Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30

•Grace Notes
Entertainment tent*
Sat 6:00-7:30

•Danny Baker, musician
Entertainment tent*
Fri 6:00; Sat 4:00

Come and join us for a weekend of family fun. Visit the many unique shops of the “Old Mill” district.
Enjoy food, brass bands, bell choir, & carolers throughout the weekend.
Wrap yourself in the magic of Christmas.

Hometown Holidays is sponsored by the Old Milford Merchants Association and friends of the “Old Mill” district, including: Bear Trap Gifts, City of Milford, Davis Trains, Early Antiques, Everyday Cafe, First Clermont Bank, Lavender Stick Florist, Lehr’s Meats & Deli, Main Street Trading Co., The Mercantile, Milford Community Firefighters Club, Milford-Miami Chamber of Commerce, Milford Pottery, MTM Environmental, Nature Outfitters, Row House Gallery, Rustic Comforts, The Shipping Shop, State Farm Insurance- Jack Valz Agency, SonRise on Mill Street, Victor Steir Post 450, and Village Mouse Antiques.

* Entertainment sponsored by the City of Milford & the Milford Firefighters Club

Greetings From the Mayor

by Mayor Jim Antell

Happy Holidays from the City of Milford! This year has been full of exciting possibilities. Some recent events include the following:

- In April City Council will vote on an ordinance to establish rules and to finalize charges to residents and businesses for our storm water utility. Those bills would go out in June. All property owners in Milford would pay this new fee, including tax-exempt organizations. The utility would fund EPA requirements, for operation and maintenance, and for construction of storm water pipes to improve the existing system. These improvements should help alleviate some of the damage residents and businesses have experienced due to heavy rains. If you have questions about this utility, please call Sara Imhulse at 248-5092.
- In the November election, our three incumbent officials--Craig Kolb, Lou Bishop, and Charlene Hanners--were reelected. We all would like to welcome newcomer Shannon Reynolds to City Council. Shannon is "humbled and deeply honored to accept this awesome responsibility".
- On October 4, 2003, 143 volunteers participated in the annual Milford Litter Collection Day. Volunteers collected 3 truck loads of junk from East Milford, Main Street, South Milford, Milford Parkway, Rivers Edge, and the general Commerce Park area. We would like to thank the following organizations for their donations: Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality, Clermont 20/20, Ohio Department of Transportation, The Glass Refractory, Tri-State Juice, and the Milford Community Firefighters Club.
- A portion of Water Street between Race and Sycamore has been renamed Victor Stier Street in honor of our veterans' hall.
- St. Andrew's Parish in Milford has hosted five Palestinian Christian students and their teacher from Beit Jala, near Bethlehem. The group visited from October 17th until November 20th. If you would like to hear about this visit, check out the website <http://standrew-milford.org>
- As always, all City Council meetings are open to the public. Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall. I encourage all residents of Milford to attend these meetings and get involved with the community. Once again, have a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year!

Taste of Christmas

Milford Miami Township Chamber is celebrating the holidays by hosting the 12th Annual Taste of Christmas Open House. This free family event will be held on Wednesday, December 3, from 5:00—8:00 pm at the Milford Firefighter's Community Hall, 1005 Lila Avenue (Milford Shopping Center, entrance beside Milford Greenhouse). "The event was started as a thank you for chamber members and the community. This year's open house will be especially exciting with great food, holiday cheer, entertainment, door prizes, and a silent auction benefiting the Mary Ann Partin Scholarship Fund," said Chamber Board President Jean Ackermann.



Corporate Sponsors are: Buechner Insurance Co., Control Works, Inc., Lehr's Meats & Deli, Lykins Companies, and National Bank & Trust. For more information, to make a donation to the Mary Ann Partin Scholarship Fund, to donate an item for the silent auction, or to find out how you can participate, please call the Milford Miami Township Chamber at (513) 831-2411.

Milford-Area Neighbor to Neighbor Celebrates Two Years Together

Milford-Area Neighbor to Neighbor first met in January 2002 as a one-time conversation on racism, spurred by the April 2001 riots in downtown Cincinnati. That conversation has extended over two years and includes a core group of twenty neighbors from Milford, Miami Township, and Camp Dennison. We're black and white, male and female, professionals, retirees and stay-at-home parents. Our backgrounds may be different, but we share a common goal of bridging the racial gap in our community. We hope others may follow our example. Together we crafted the following mission statement: "To understand and respect life experiences and cultures different from our own, then help others understand by speaking against injustice and becoming an example of love and compassion for all."

Since the very first conversation, we continue to hold these core beliefs:

- Be an example by showing unity while respecting individual differences and opinions
- Understand that the real source of racial tension is economic
- Educate children who are blind to color and race until taught otherwise
- Ease the problem by starting with ourselves and our community

We are shifting our meetings to the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Milford First United Methodist Church, in the lower level. Programs include candid discussions, documentaries, speakers, potlucks, and other activities to help organize ourselves into a viable community force. For more information contact Cathy Barney at 576-6265, or look for our link on the website www.oldmilford.com.

Welcome New Businesses in 2003!

Main Street Book and Scraps
125 Main Street

Movie Gallery
790 Main Street

Sunshine Gifts
413 Main Street

Pandora's Box
201 River's Edge

Ulmer's Auto Care
700 Lila Avenue

Urban Roast Cafe
18 Main Street

One in a Million
222 Wooster Pike

Red Robin
45 River's Edge

Mio's Pizza
217 River's Edge

Kitchen Quisine
130 Water Street

Shawnee Tree
202B Wooster Pike

We The People
794 Main Street

Lucid Data Corporation
632 Main Street, Unit C

Milford Greenhouse
1025 Lila Avenue

Cindi's Gifts
975 Lila Avenue

Cut-Rate Tobacco
800 Main Street

Milford ATA Black Belt Academy
120 Cemetery Road

www.oldmilford.com

Milford Community Fire Department Update



CPR and First Aid Training

Do you or a friend or family member need CPR training? Each year coronary artery disease claims the lives of 250,000 Americans. Many of these deaths could be prevented if more people knew how to recognize a heart attack or stroke and knew what to do until help arrived. Milford Community Fire Department offers free training in adult, child, and infant CPR. This easy-to-understand course can give you the skills needed to save a life.

Would you know what to do in a medical emergency? Each year in the United States unintentional injuries claim the lives of 92,000 Americans. It is the fifth leading cause of death, exceeded only by heart disease, cancer, stroke, and chronic obstructive lung disease. In 1998 in the United States, 5,100 people died of work-related injuries and 3,800,000 people sustained work-related disabling injuries (www.americanheartassociation.org).

In addition to the CPR class, a new training course developed by the American Heart Association will be offered, giving participants the knowledge and skills to deal with injuries and illnesses until trained help can arrive. Aptly named Heartsaver First Aid, this course includes both background and hands-on training to deal with situations that can arise in the workplace, combining both CPR and first-aid training into one classroom setting. If your business or organization would like additional information, please contact Darrell Roberts at the Milford Community Fire Department at 831-7777.

The Fire Department is offering another free training class called Friends and Family CPR. Class sizes are small and the emphasis is placed on practicing skills needed to intervene in life-threatening emergencies until trained help arrives. This class is geared toward the general public and provides a brief overview of the steps needed to recognize emergencies such as heart attack, stroke, and airway obstruction. Other classes are also available that are suited for healthcare professionals and businesses needing additional training.

Boot Drive

The Milford Community Firefighters Club would like to thank all the residents who donated money to our 2nd Annual Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive. This year we raised over \$3,700.00 for "Jerry's Kids" and are already looking forward to next year. We targeted the Five Points intersection in the heart of Milford again this year for 6 hours and had a great response from our Community.



Pictured: Chief John E. Cooper Sr.
and Kelli M. Dillon from MDA

Fire Prevention Week Follow-up

Fire Prevention Week was a great success this year! We were happy to see so many families in attendance during our display at Walgreen's and McDonalds. Our open house was packed with families who came to see all the equipment and information we had displayed. We especially want to thank the Milford Exempted Village School District for allowing us to pick up the children in the fire trucks and bring them to the station for a tour and for safety demonstrations. We also want to thank Willis Freeman of Lloyds Radiator Shop for bringing his modified racecar to the open house

for the children to enjoy. The Milford Community Firefighters Club is one of the many sponsors of Freeman Motorsports Team driven by Ronnie Niehause.

Prepare Now for a Worry-Free Winter

Here are a few tips to keep your home safe during the holidays:

- Keep all furniture and other household items at least 3 feet away from the fireplace
- Always open the flue before lighting a fire
- Never leave portable heaters unattended
- When hanging Christmas decorations, do not use extension cords for additional outlets; instead, use surge-suppressor cords
- Keep live Christmas trees well hydrated, and keep all trees clear from fireplaces and portable heaters

Firefighters Sponsor Olympic Hopeful

The Milford Community Firefighters Club sponsored Amanda Jetter on her quest to compete in the 2012 Olympics. Amanda has been a competitor with Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy for the past four years. She trains 25 hours a week and has quickly moved up levels within her Gymnastics squadron. As a level 8 competitor, Amanda will fly to Houston, Texas in December to compete for a spot in the National Tops Team. We would like to wish Amanda and her family the best of luck during her endeavor.



Pictured from left to right:
Denise Jetter, Amanda Jetter
and Chief John Cooper Sr.

Hydrant Flushing



It's that time of year for the Milford Community Fire Department and The City Water Department to inspect fire hydrants. Each year we open every hydrant to check for operation, remove debris, and grease all fittings. If you notice a yellow "Hydrant Flushing In Area" sign in your neighborhood, you know we are in the area flushing hydrants. This may disrupt sediment in the main water lines and could cause "brown water". If this occurs, just run your cold water faucets until you see the water is again clear. Thank you for your patience and assistance while we are checking Fire Hydrants. If you have any questions, please call Pam Lee at 248-5081

Child Safety Seats

The Milford Community Fire Department invites parents to bring their car seats to the station for a free child safety seat check. We now have five safety car seat technicians to fulfill our goal of teaching parents about proper car seat installation. Milford Community Fire Department has inspected over 120 car seats this year, and we are looking forward to helping even more families. To make an appointment for this free service, please call Lee Schrichten at 831-7777.

Santa Sunday

On Sunday, December 21, 2003, Santa will come to the City of Milford to pass out treats and safety reminders. Keep your eye out for Ole' Saint Nick on the fire truck.

Be sure to check out our website at www.milfordcommunityfd.org



Important Local Phone Numbers:

Emergency Police/Fire/Life Squad:	911
Building Department:	248-5098
Fire (non-emergency):	831-7777
General Administration:	831-4192
Greenlawn Cemetery:	831-4013
Income Tax Office:	248-5082
Mayor's Court:	248-5085
Planning and Zoning:	248-5093
Police (non-emergency):	248-5084
Recycling/Solid Waste Collection:	248-5092
Service/Street Department:	831-7018
Utility Billing Information:	248-5081
Wastewater Department:	831-6982
Water Department:	831-6819

Clermont County Board of Elections:	732-7275
Driver's License/Plates (BMV):	248-0500
Milford Area Chamber of Commerce:	831-2411
Title Office/Clerk of Courts:	831-9474

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Community Events

November 27,28	Thanksgiving City offices closed
December 2	Milford City Council Council Chambers, 7:00
December 10	Planning Commission MCFD Community Hall
December 16	Milford City Council Council Chambers, 7:00
December 25	Christmas City offices closed
January 1	New Year's Day City offices closed
January 6	Milford City Council Council Chambers, 7:00
January 20	Milford City Council Council Chambers, 7:00
February 3	Milford City Council Council Chambers, 7:00

The City of Milford would like to wish you a happy holiday season and a successful new year!



Can't make it to City Council Meetings?

Keep up with Milford's current issues in the comfort of your own home! City Council meetings are broadcast every week on Cable Channel 17:
1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00
Wednesdays at 10:00
Saturdays at 8:00