

City of Milford Newsletter

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Your Opinion Matters!

The Milford Police Department is interested in the community's opinion regarding the quality of service provided by their organization.

The 2011 Police Survey is available electronically at the following link
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FF3M5YK>

until July 1, 2011 or a paper copy is available at the Police Department. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Police Department at 513-248-5084.

Sidewalk Repair & Reimbursement Program

Sidewalks are one of our City's greatest assets. The City of Milford is committed to being a pedestrian friendly community. To ensure pedestrian safety, comfort and convenience, Milford has established a sidewalk maintenance program to identify hazardous conditions.

Since each property owner is responsible for maintaining or replacing sidewalks abutting his or her property, notices will then be sent to the effected property owners. Street Opening Permits are required and may be obtain from City Hall.

The Sidewalk Repair Reimbursement Program reimburses up to 50% of the cost incurred to repair or replace sidewalks located in the public right-of-way, up to a maximum of \$250 per property.

If you have any questions about the Sidewalk Program call 513-248-5093 or visit Milford's website at <http://www.milfordohio.org/>.

Vacation Check

Upon your request, the Milford Police Department will provide a personal check of your property and residence during business or vacation trips. You can call the Police Department at 513-248-5084 for details about your vacation check request.

Website Redesign

Milford's website redesign will be completed in June. Milford is continually updating and enhancing our website to provide easy access to information and changes in our community. For additional information about Milford's website call 513-831-4192 or visit <http://www.milfordohio.org/>.

Farmers Market!

Garden fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers are available at the Milford Shopping Center, 1025 Lila Avenue, next to the Milford Greenhouse, Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons during the months of June-November.

Mayor:

Ralph Vilardo Jr.

Vice-Mayor:

Geoffrey Pittman

Council Members:

Charlene Hinners

Amy Brewer

Laurie Walter

Jeff Lykins

Lisa Evans

Clerk of Council:

Joanne Trilety

Law Director:

Michael Minniear

Interim City Manager:

Pam Holbrook

The City Council Meetings for June-Sept. will be held at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on the following dates:

Tuesday, June 21

Tuesday, July 19

Tuesday, August 16

Tuesday, September 6

Events Calendar

May 29-July 31	Bicycles in Bloom 2011
June 14-August 3	Rave Cinema-Tuesday's and Wednesday's Free Kids
June 23-25	Sharefest 2011
June-September	Friday Night Grill Outs on the River-American Legion
July 4	Independence Day-City Offices Closed
August 6	3rd Annual Paint Out & Art Show
August 13	Movies on the Miami-"Mulan"
September 10-11	Sunflower Festival & Revolution
September 11	Memorial-Milford Community Fire Dept.

Go Right for Lights and Sirens!

All drivers must know their responsibilities when approached by an emergency vehicle with lights flashing and siren sounding. Help us help others by pulling to the right and stopping!

Hydrant on Your Property

It is important to keep hydrants visible and free of debris so that the firefighters have access to them to extinguish fires. If you have a hydrant on your property, please try to keep it free of weeds and visible to the firefighters. The life or property you save may be your own.

Open Burning

There is an ordinance within the city limits prohibiting open burning. So please follow our brush pick up schedule and refrain from attempting to burn excess brush. The city offers a curbside brush pick up every Wednesday from April through October. Please place the cut side of the branch towards the curb for easy removal.

Signs in the Right of Way

Signs in the right-of-way are not permitted without specific permission from the City. All other signs are in violation of city code and will be removed. Call 513-248-5093 for a sign permit.

Door-to-door peddlers, solicitors and itinerant vendors beware

This is the time of the year when our doorbells begin ringing with peddlers and solicitors wanting donations or selling everything from magazines to windows and siding. All peddlers, solicitors and itinerant vendors must be licensed by the City. Religious and charitable groups must also register for a license, but no fee is required. For additional information about vendor's license contact the Milford Police Department at 513-248-5084.

Call OUPS Before You Dig

Are you thinking about installing a new mailbox, landscaping irrigation, or an invisible fence? At least 48-hours before you allow work to commence, be sure to call the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS).

Once you have made the call to OUPS, the local utilities will visit your project site and either post a colored flag or spray paint a marking near the respective lines. Call OUPS before you dig at 1-800-362-2764.

Committees of City Council

Milford City Council manages several projects through Committees prior to bringing forth recommendations for actions at a meeting of the full City Council. These operating committees meet regarding various topics as follows:

Administrative Services: primarily reviews Financial and Personnel Matters.

Community Development: reviews Park related initiatives, Economic Development, Streetscape elements including trees and city events.

Safety Services: Issues related to Public Safety such as track enforcement, Fire/EMS Services, and related services.

Public Services: Work most closely with Public Works projects related to water, wastewater, stormwater and streets. Also respond to issues concerning city services such as leaf and brush pickup and garbage collection.

Volunteer Commissions/Boards

Milford is proud of its tradition of volunteer participation. This tradition is particularly evident in the number of citizens who actively participate on

advisory boards and commissions without compensation. These operating committees meet regarding various topics as follows:

•**Citizens Housing Committee:** reviews and provides guidance on property and maintenance violations.

•**Hazardous Mitigation/Storm Water/Wellhead Protection Commission:** reviews the current plans and documentation for flooding, stormwater and groundwater protection.

•**Planning Commission:** reviews the Zoning Ordinance, provides written recommendation to Council and BZA, provides technical and policy advice, reviews new developments, site plans and requests for zone changes, and approval of Certificate of Appropriateness.

•**Board of Zoning Appeals:** hears and decides appeals related to the Zoning Ordinance, authorizes variances, interpret the zoning ordinance, permit extension and/or substitution of a non-conforming use, and permit temporary use of a structure or premises in any district.

•**Parks and Recreation Commission:** provides the development, maintenance and operation of playgrounds and recreational facilities and programs for the City.

•**Personnel Commission:** formulates rules and regulations for the administration of the Civil Service System; and administers examinations for related positions.

Commission member are appointed by City Council. When commission terms expire, on a staggered basis, or as vacancies occur, the City requests interested citizens to apply.

How to report a pothole, graffiti, missing street signs or a storm drainage problem?

Do you know who to contact to report problems such as potholes, graffiti, missing street signs, street lights out, or a storm drainage problem? Residents are encouraged to call the Administrative office at 513-831-4192 or fill out a request for service form on line at www.milfordohio.org. In fact, staff in our administrative office at 745 Center Street, Suite 200 will be happy to record your call for service and route it to the appropriate department.