

# City of Milford Newsletter

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## Message from City Council...

As 2011 comes to a close, I would like to take this time to provide a recap on a very productive year we've had in the City of Milford.

For the first time in over 15 years we have a new City Manager, Jeff Wright. Furthermore, we hired a new Police Chief, Jamey Mills in the first quarter of 2011. We are proud to say that your city council has hired the very best individuals who are very familiar with our community. Both of these gentlemen have strong ties to our City and we look forward to them serving the City for many years.

As many of us have gone through the year with an eye on the economy, our community continues to flourish. The City for years has practiced very conservative budgeting and is in a position to ensure that the residents receive the quality of service they have come to expect when they chose to live in this community. We have passed next year's budget and we are pleased to say that we will be able to maintain the services and programs that make this the great community that residents anticipate.

If you have not had the opportunity yet, please visit our parks and the bike trail to see the progress made so far after years of planning. The parks are starting to take shape with the addition of new playground equipment at Riverside Park along with the future installation of playground equipment at Garfield Park. Also, the opening and clearing of the entrance to the Bike Trail is a welcome change from what the area looked like before. We want to thank the volunteers who provided long hours of hard work to accomplish these changes. Several families have been enjoying our recreational areas and taking advantage the mild fall weather.

We are pleased to report that the vacant office spaces located in the municipal building have been filled with tenants. With this exciting news, currently 100% of all usable space within our municipal building is being utilized including the remodeled public use room. This new room is named in honor of our 1st City Manager, Harry Hodges, who was instrumental in forming the structure to move this community from a village to a city. We are honored to be able to recognize Mr. Hodges for all his years of service to the community.

As we move into the New Year all seven of us on council, including four of us who were just re-elected for another term, look forward to serving the City of Milford and welcoming any residents' input on how we can provide you with the services to make living in this community even better.

We would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

Ralph Vilardo Jr.  
Mayor  
City Of Milford

Mayor:  
**Ralph Vilardo Jr.**  
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**Geoffrey Pittman**  
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**Charlene Hinners**  
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Clerk Pro Tem:  
**Sharon Waldmann**  
Law Director:  
**Michael Minniear**  
City Manager:  
**Jeff Wright**

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

**Tuesday, December 20**  
**Tuesday, January 3**  
**Tuesday, January 17**  
**Tuesday, February 7**  
**Tuesday, February 21**

## 2011 New Businesses in October - November

Milford would like to welcome all of the new and relocated businesses into the City.

Business	Address
Milford Inn	227 Main St.
Curvy Cuties Boutique	740 Lila Ave.

## Events Calendar

December 17	Victorian Holiday Tea - Promont 1PM-3PM
December 18	Santa Sunday - Santa riding in the Fire Truck
December 26	Office Closed - Christmas Holiday
January 2	Office Closed - New Years Day Holiday
January 16	Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### Do you know where your water meter is located?

This might not seem important until you have a NEED TO KNOW....

Most of the homes in our billing district have water meters located inside the house. There is a valve before the meter and a valve behind the meter. These valves allow you to turn the water off inside your home to complete minor water repairs. We suggest that you contact us before you locate and test these valves. Weekend repairs can turn into a nightmare should your valve malfunction. It may take water personnel several hours to respond to an emergency call during evenings and weekends.

### Have you noticed the water consumption graph located at the top of your Utility Invoice?

It is a nice tool to use to compare the same billing period last year to current billing. The current water meter reading is listed on the invoice. Check your water meter located inside your home to compare the reading on the meter and on the invoice. There is a leak detector on the face of your meter. Look near #7. A red small needle should be stationary when there is no water in use.

### Sidewalk Snow Removal



Snow removal on sidewalks is the responsibility of residents and/or property owners according to

Milford's Codified Ordinances. The City appeals to citizens to always keep sidewalks in good repair and clear of debris for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school. You are also asked to clear snow around fire hydrants to aid firefighters and around meters to aid utility meter readers.

### Christmas Tree removal

Christmas tree collection will be every Wednesday in January. Please rid the tree of all lights, tinsel, and decoration, and place it at the curb. Trees not meeting the above requirements will be left at the curb and not collected. If you have any questions, please call the Service Department at (513) 831-7018.

### Where is Santa?

Have you seen Santa riding in the Milford Community Fire Department Fire Truck? If not, mark your calendar and watch for Santa on Sunday, December 18, traveling throughout Milford in the afternoon. For additional information, please call (513) 831-7777.

### New Property Search Tool

If you are a business owner searching for the ideal location within the City of Milford for your business please be sure to check out Milford's property search tool located on our website at: <http://www.milfordohio.org/economic-development/property-search>. The search tool is easy to use and allows the user to search "For Lease" and/or "For Sale" properties according to the type of use, square footage desired, and lease rate. If you have any questions regarding available properties, please call (513) 248-5093.

### Coat Drive for those in Need

The Milford Community Fire Department's coat drive for needy children and adults in our area is now accepting your donations. As the temperature drops outside and as you pull your winter gear from the closet, think about recycling the gently used coats that your family has outgrown. Bring your coats to the Milford Community Fire Department or the City Of Milford Municipal Building.

### Thank You! for Your Support

The Milford Community Fire Department and the City of Milford send a special thank you to all of the voters for their support on our Fire and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) levy.

### Trash Talk

Milford has a contract with Rumpke for unlimited curbside garbage and recycling. All eligible units are entitled to receive one Rumpke owned 96 gallon waste container and one Rumpke owned 65 gallon recycling container by calling **(513) 741-5255**. Residents are encouraged to use these containers for aesthetics and to manage their waste materials effectively, which will also decrease animals scavenging through the materials. However, we would like to inform residents that unlimited waste should only consist of the weekly generated household garbage, refuse by the resident not to include large items, hazardous materials, or construction and/or remodeling debris.

The following information is a brief overview of the guidelines for curbside collection. Garbage and recyclables containers may be set out by **5:00pm the day before collection** and must be removed within **24 hours after pickup**. Carpet, paneling, wood, etc. must be bundled tightly in sections under 4 feet in length and under 75 pounds. Large items may be donated to many local organizations. If the item cannot be donated, residents may set out **only one large item each week**, such as recliners, stoves, washers, etc. However, if the large item has **freon** a certified technician must remove the freon and affix a certification label to the appliance before it will be accepted. Residents are also encouraged to call Adams-Clermont Solid Waste Management District at (513) 732-7894 to receive information about a free drop-off program for household hazardous waste materials; although, paint cans may be dried out and placed into the garbage. For additional information about how to dispose of certain materials, please call (513) 248-5092.



Upon moving in or out of the City, please call the City of Milford at (513) 248-5092 and Rumpke at (513) 741-5255. This will allow the City to update our records with the current resident's information. Rumpke will also be able update their containers serial numbers with the current resident or allow Rumpke to collect the containers if the property will be vacant for a long period of time to reduce lost or stolen containers.