



# Milford Community News



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## **Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction**

The renovation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is underway. Construction began in the fall of 2015 and is expected to continue through 2018.

Part of the improvements include installation of a 400,000 gallon underground biosolids storage tank. This, in addition to the existing storage tank, will increase our total storage capacity to 750,000 gallons. The additional capacity will allow for improved operations during the winter months when land application cannot be performed.

Highlighted is the excavation, the cement floor and footing activities. Next, the installation of the panels is shown. The tank is a prefabricated concrete construction. Once the walls are set into place the panels are then sealed and tested for leaks.



Additional elements of the improvements include a new grit and screen facility and a 400,000 gallon equalization tank with pump station. Due to the need to maintain existing plant operations, there are sequencing requirements as part of the construction process. As these new elements are completed they will become available for the plant's use.

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## **Commerce Road Construction**

The Village of Milford will be reconstructing Commerce Road between Friar Street and Main Street this summer. Work is slated to begin in April and continue through the summer. Traffic on Commerce Road will be limited to eastbound only for the entire project, with Summit Street serving as the westbound detour route.

For updates and more information, please visit [www.villageofmilford.org/construction](http://www.villageofmilford.org/construction).

## **Bicycles, Skateboards and Skates**



**All are prohibited from being ridden on sidewalks in downtown Milford. Parents, please help educate your teens and keep our walkable downtown safe.**

### **Village of Milford Code of Ordinances Sec. 70-1. - Bicycles, skateboards, skates.**

(a) With the exception that bicycles may be ridden on any public street, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride a bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, in-line skates, roller skis or play vehicles in any of the following places within the village:

(1) On any sidewalk or street in the business district of the village, all that part of the village described as follows:

***Main Street between Commerce and Canal.***

(2) On any public property where signs are posted prohibiting such use.

(3) On any private property where a sign prohibiting such items has been approved by the village police department and posted by the owner, lessee or person in charge of such property.

(b) Bicyclists and operators of tricycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, in-line skates, roller skis or play vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to other pedestrians using public sidewalks, and shall not otherwise endanger or interfere with pedestrian traffic on those sidewalks.

(c) Any juvenile who is in violation of this section shall be issued a warning citation and any bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, in-line skates, roller skis or other play vehicle utilized by the juvenile in such violation shall be impounded by the village police department. The bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, in-line skates, roller skis and/or play vehicle will be released to the juvenile only when accompanied to the village police department by a parent or guardian, who will be handed a copy of this section.

(d) A juvenile who is in violation of this section for the second time will suffer the loss of the subject bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, in-line skates, roller skis or play vehicle for a period of time not exceeding 30 days. For a second offense, such vehicle will be released to the juvenile only when that juvenile is accompanied after the 30-day period by a parent or a guardian to the village police department.

(e) Any parent or guardian who knowingly allows a juvenile to utilize a bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, in-line skates, roller skis or play vehicle in violation of this section shall himself or herself be a violator of this section and shall be fined upon conviction thereof in an amount of not less than \$50.00, nor more than \$500.00 for each offense. A presumption is hereby created that if a parent or guardian has been previously handed a copy of this section in relation to a first or second offense of a juvenile, that the parent or guardian knowingly allowed the juvenile to use the vehicle in a prohibited manner.

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## **Milford Township & Village Burning Regulations**

Spring clean up time is upon us. Lots of folks like to burn the old underbrush and yard waste; remember **burning is only permitted in MILFORD TOWNSHIP**, (recreational campfires are allowed in the Village of Milford). You must first call the Milford Police Dept. at 248-684-1815 and obtain a permit. There is no charge for the permit, however, by pulling the permit the municipality, police and fire departments are aware of where fires are located. This eliminates the dispatching of unnecessary fire vehicles in the event someone calls for suspicious smoke.

Burning is not permitted in commercial or industrial zones and is never allowed on a construction site.

## **2016 Election Information**



The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming elections or would like to receive an absentee ballot, please contact Holly Brandt, Township Clerk at 248- 685-8731.

### **Offices on the 2016 ballots are:**

President/Vice President	U.S. Senator
U.S. Representative in Congress	State Representative
State Board of Education	U of M Regents
MSU Trustees	WSU Governors
Supreme Court Justice	Judge of Court of Appeals
Circuit Court Judge	District Court Judge
Township Offices	Village Offices
County Offices	Probate Court Judge
Library Board	School District Board
Precinct Party Delegates	

Several as yet undetermined proposals will be put forth to the voters on both ballots.

### **FAQ's About Voting**

You must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to Election Day and be 18 years old on Election Day to be eligible to vote in that election.

It is not necessary to bring your photo ID with you to the precinct, **but it will expedite the process to issue you a ballot.**

You **can't** "split your ticket" or vote cross party in August.

You **can** vote for any party candidate in November.

All voters in line at 8:00 pm when the close of polls is publicly announced will be given an application and be allowed to vote.

Election Day results are electronically transmitted to the Elections Division at Oakland County after the close of polls. To view results visit [www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections](http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections).

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### **A word on Absentee Ballots**

**The State's newly enacted voting laws will likely create longer lines at your precinct.** Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot as long as you meet one of the six legal reasons. Absentee ballots for the August Primary are available beginning June 20th. **Don't wait!** Plan ahead and request yours as soon as possible providing you meet one of the reasons listed below:

1. 60 years of age or older
2. Physically unable to attend the polls w/o assistance
3. Appointed as an election inspector
4. Expect to be absent from the community between 7 am – 8 pm on Election Day
5. Cannot attend due to religious tenets
6. Cannot attend, confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

### **FAQ's About Absentee Voting**

An absentee voter application must be submitted to request a ballot. The voter must sign their own application.

The Clerk's office is always open the Saturday before every election to issue and accept absentee ballots. 2016 Saturday hours are 9 am until 2 pm.

**The last day to get an absentee ballot is the Monday before Election Day by 4:00 pm however it must be voted at the Clerk's office.**

Absentee ballots are opened and counted on Election Day and not before. Ballots must be in the Clerk's office by 8 pm in order to be counted. Postmarked ballots are not countable if received after Election Day.

## **Parks & Recreation News**

**Annual Spring and Fall Community Picnics** ~ Hosted by the Township Parks & Recreation Commission take place in Milford's Central Park on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.



**Movie Nights in Central Park** ~ Did you know the Township is part owner of a blow-up movie screen and hosts movie nights throughout the summer including a drive-in movie? These events are held in Central Park and the drive-in is held in the former Farmer Jack parking lot. All movies begin at sunset. Popcorn, candy and pop are available for a nominal price by Scout Troop 172.

This year's movie schedule is:

July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Shrek 1
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Peanuts Movie
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Incredibles
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Minions (Drive-In Movie)
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hotel Transylvania 2 (Fall Picnic)



**Summer Concerts in Central Park** ~ Come on down to the AMP in Central Park and check out our Summer Concert Series! Music begins at 7 pm and lasts until 9 pm, come early as parking fills up fast. These concerts are sponsored by Milford Township, the Milford DDA and by donations from residents and concert goers.

This years concert schedule is:

June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies	<i>Variety</i>
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mainstreet Soul	<i>Motown/Soul</i>
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kari Lynch	<i>Country</i>
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Motor City Brass Band	<i>Patriotic/British Style Brass</i>
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Surf Zup	<i>Instrumental Rock/Surf Rock</i>
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Persuasion	<i>Variety</i>
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Steve King & The Dittilies	<i>Live Rock Music</i>
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Jack	<i>Folk Rock/Americana</i>
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Moody	<i>Classic/Modern Pop, Rock</i>

## **Protect Our Neighborhoods; Slow Down**



The single most frequent complaint that is made to the Milford Police Department comes from neighborhood residents complaining about speeders. Comments include: "everyone speeds on my street", "cars are racing down the road" and "I never see a cop on my street". While these statements are gross exaggerations, it is important to understand, the vast majority of persons stopped for speeding, in a subdivision, actually live in that neighborhood.

Milford Police Officers will be patrolling and doing traffic enforcement in all subdivisions and neighborhoods throughout the Village as well as the Township. However, we cannot solve these complaints ourselves. We need your help through communication. Talk to your neighbors whenever possible about traffic concerns in your neighborhood. Ask parents to talk to their teen drivers about their speed and driving habits. Ask your homeowner's association to help spread the word through meetings, emails or other postings. The key is talk to, and get to know your neighbors to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Neighborhood speeders do more than ruin the peace; they threaten your safety. Remember, a little more speed, makes a big difference in pedestrian crashes. Hit at 30 mph, a person has around an 80% chance of living. Hit at 40 mph, a pedestrian has an 85% chance of dying. Take action today to reduce speeding in your subdivision.

**Talk To Your Neighbors, Get To Know Them...Slow Down!**



## **Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Information**

In 2016 the Village of Milford and Milford Township joined the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC), which will expand offerings for recycling, household hazardous waste, and electronic waste disposal services to our residents. These enhanced services will be available to Milford residents at no additional cost to the services already in place.

### **Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Events**

*Milford residents may dispose of household hazardous waste at any of the following events:*

- **May 7, 2016 – Farmington Hills - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus – Lot 8  
27055 Orchard Lake Road
- **May 21, 2016 – Milford - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
Milford Civic Center at 1100 Atlantic Street
- **October 1, 2016 – Novi - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road
- **October 15, 2016 – Southfield - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
RRRASOC MRF – Truck Entrance at 20875 Mapleridge Avenue

### **Free Weekly Curbside Clothing Recycling**

Single family households in the Village of Milford and Milford Township can fill the Simple Recycling green bags with unwanted clothing, textiles and small household items. Set your green bags out for collection on your normal pickup day. Simple Recycling will collect the full bags and leave replacements bags behind.

*Have questions or need more bags? Call Simple Recycling Inc. directly at 866-835-5068.*

### **What Can You Recycle?**

- Paper (cardboard boxes, paper bags, paperboard boxes, paper drink cartons, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper, phonebooks)
- Plastic bottles and containers (#1, #2, #4 - #7)
- Bulky rigid plastic (buckets, tubs)
- Glass food and beverage bottles and jars
- Metal cans, small household scrap metal
- **PLEASE NO – no plastic bags; no recyclables in plastic bags; no electronics; no medical waste, no Styrofoam, no hangers.**

### **Need Recycling Information?**

Learn what to recycle, compost or throw away with RRRASOC's new recycling directory at [rrrasoc.org](http://rrrasoc.org). Or download the "Recycling Authority" mobile app for your iPhone or Android.

- Contact RRRASOC by phone at 248-208-2770
- Like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/rrrasoc](https://facebook.com/rrrasoc))





### Coming Events:

- **May 18**, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Author Luncheon with Steve Hamilton & Leland James, White Lake Oaks Banquet Center, 11 am
- **May 21-June 25**, The Origins of Dance Series, Huron Valley Arts Center, 1-3 pm
- **July 30**, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Huron Valley Arts Festival, Ralph Richardson Memorial Park Commerce Twp, 10 am - 5 pm
- **August 1-5**, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Animation Camp, Huron Valley Arts Center, 9 am - 3 pm
- HVCA Gallery - First Friday Exhibit 7-9 pm
- Musician Jam Sessions - Creative Writing (all levels)
- Monthly Van-Go Tours

For more information on any of the events listed above call 248-889-8660 or go online to [www.huronvalleyarts.org](http://www.huronvalleyarts.org).

### Milford Historical Society

The Museum's opening is Saturday, May 14 from 1- 4 pm. The opening weekend will feature speakers from the Huron Valley Numismatic Society, refreshments will be served.

As last year, the Museum will be open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 pm, until the end of November. Private group tours are available by calling 248-685-7308.

We are still looking for adult docent volunteers, no experience necessary, just an interest in Milford history. In addition to our displays, we have several items for sale. Among those items are reproductions of vintage photos of Milford, the history book "Ten Minutes Ahead of the Rest of the World" and the delightful "Tea at the Mary Jackson House" cookbook.

We look forward to seeing you this season and hope that you and your family will take part in our three Saturday "History for Kids" programs. Dates and topics will be available soon.

# Milford Public Library

330 Family Dr  
Milford, MI 48381  
(248) 684-0845  
milfordlibrary.info



## Hours:

Monday - Thursday	9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Friday	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	Closed

## Upcoming Holiday Closures:

- Memorial Day Weekend  
(Saturday, 5/28 - Monday, 5/30)
- Independence Day  
(Monday, 7/4)
- Labor Day Weekend  
(Saturday, 9/3 - Monday, 9/5)
- Day before Thanksgiving  
(Wednesday, 11/23: Close at 5 pm)
- Thanksgiving Day  
(Thursday, 11/24)

## Library News

### Recreational Passes

Now that summer is almost here, check out some of the free recreational passes that are available through the Milford Public Library. Public libraries have partnered with a wide variety of Michigan cultural and educational organizations to provide free or discounted admission to places all across the state. See more information about the MAP program and find discounted tickets to the Detroit Zoo at [www.milfordlibrary.info](http://www.milfordlibrary.info) under **Services**.

### E-newsletter

Never miss another library event! Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and learn about new services and events at the Milford Public Library, all in one convenient monthly email. You can sign up at the bottom of our homepage at [www.milfordlibrary.info](http://www.milfordlibrary.info).

### E-books and Digital Magazines Available at the Milford Public Library

There are now three services you can use to access digital library materials at the library. Download Destination by Overdrive gives you access to the latest bestsellers and new materials. Looking for something different? Try our newest e-book service, Odilo, for more unique items. Download and enjoy magazines at our digital magazine service, Zinio. Drop by the library or click the **Downloadables** link under the **Books and More** tab at [www.milfordlibrary.info](http://www.milfordlibrary.info) for more information.

### TumbleBooks Available for Kids

In addition to the e-content available for kids in Odilo and Download Destination, TumbleBooks has hundreds of animated, talking picture books, chapter books, nonfiction, videos, games and more. These are accessible in the library and from home with your Milford library card. Go to the **Kids** section of our website and click on the TumbleBooks icon to explore their offerings.

### New Nonfiction Easy Readers

We've recently created a new section in our Easy Reader collection. We now have a small, but growing, number of nonfiction easy readers. These are located at the end of the fiction easy readers. Like the other easy readers, they have red (easy), black (intermediate), and white (advanced) dots on their spines to guide you in matching books with reading abilities. Soon, we will be moving easy-to-read books that we currently have in our regular youth nonfiction collection over to this new section.

## Adult Services

### **Margaret Mitchell and *Gone with the Wind***

Kathleen Marcaccio will present a program on *Gone with the Wind*, highlighting the background of author Margaret Mitchell and her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel; the 1939 film; Margaret Mitchell's post-GWTW life; and *Gone with the Wind* in popular culture. Ms Marcaccio will also share her memorabilia collection with the audience. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Public Library and the Milford Historical Society.

**Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m.** *Registration begins April 21st*

### **Summer Reading Program for Adults: Exercise Your Mind, Read**

Don't forget that summer reading isn't just for kids. Join our online Adult Summer Reading program and be eligible for prizes from many of our local businesses. Sign up and track your reading online. Each book you read makes you eligible for a weekly \$10 gift certificate prize. We'll draw for our Grand Prize of \$50 in Huron Valley Chamber Bucks at the end of the program.

**Saturday, June 11th through Saturday, August 6th**

## Teen Services

### **Prepare for Summer Reading!**

This contest couldn't be any easier! Fill out a form that will be available in the Teen Department listing 5 ways you will use the library this summer. Turn it in at the Youth reference desk between May 1st & May 31st. Two winners will be randomly drawn to win a \$5 Starbucks gift card!

### **Looking ahead to Summer Reading!**

Like last summer, the teen department will have weekly challenges. Any teen that completes the challenge slips, and turns them in, will be entered into weekly drawings for Starbucks gift cards and earn small prizes. In addition, any teen that completes 4 challenges will be entered into a grand prize drawing. When 6 challenges are completed, a free book is earned.

Summer programming is already in the works. So far we have scheduled a climbing wall, manga workshop, life-sized Pac-Man and a slot car demolition derby!

Anyone in grades 6th - 12th is welcome to participate in the summer reading program. Registration is required for all programs.

### **We're looking for new Teen Advisory Board (TAB) members!**

TAB is geared towards area high school students who want a voice in library programming and purchasing. Other responsibilities include helping with youth library programs or acting as a liaison with the schools when needed. Active members of TAB are eligible to earn hours of volunteer credit while meeting and sharing ideas with other students. Snacks will be available at every meeting. See a librarian for more information and for an application. Meetings are held monthly during the school year beginning in the fall.

### **Remind Texting Service for Teen Programming**

Did you miss a cool library program? Do you want to stay current with teen programs the library has to offer? Like the Teen page on **Facebook**, follow the library on **Twitter**, and sign up for text messaging reminders on **Remind**. Remind is used to advertise all teen programs and last minute cancellations. To sign up, **text 248-266-3536 and type @teennews** in the subject line. Never miss a program or update again!

**Fall programming is already in the planning stages. Be sure to check the website and sign up for Remind Texting Service to stay updated on everything the library has to offer!**

Library programs are made available through the generous support of the Friends of the Milford Public Library.



## Youth Services

# On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!



## Summer Reading is Coming! June 11th - August 13th

*On Your Mark, Get Set, Read* is the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program. We'll have all kinds of fun activities for kids of all ages at the library. Stop by the Youth Reference desk or go online for our full lineup of programs. The following are just some of the scheduled activities.

### Weekly Challenges

We started something new last summer and it worked so well, we're doing it again. Instead of kids earning prizes for reading, they'll be able to earn prizes for reading *and* a variety of other activities. We'll have 8 weekly challenges this summer that kids can complete for weekly prizes. If they complete 5 of the 8 challenges, they earn a free book. The first challenge will be available at the Youth Reference desk and online starting June 11th. After that, the subsequent challenges will be available for one week starting every Monday through August 6th. Ask a librarian for more details.

### SRP Kickoff Party *For all ages*

Join us for our kickoff party anytime between 10:00 and 1:00! Kids can register for our Summer Reading Club and do a couple of crafts. Face Flair will return to do face painting from 10:00 - 1:00. Marc Meyer, the Balloon Meister, will be doing balloon twisting from 11:00 - 1:00.

**Saturday, June 11th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** *No registration required*

### Oakland County Parks Climbing Tower *For kids and teens 8 - 18 years old*

Oakland County Parks will be here with their 25' climbing tower. Shoes and socks required. NO FLIP FLOPS. Climbers must be at least 4' tall. Climbers are asked to sign up for only 1 half hour block.

**Wednesday, June 29th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** *Registration begins Wednesday, June 15th*

### Magic Workshop *For kids in 1st - 7th grade*

Magician, Jeff Wawrzaszek, will lead kids through the wonderful world of magic in this fun-filled workshop.

**Thursday, July 7th from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** *Registration begins Thursday, June 23rd*

### Dinosaur Day with PaleoJoe *All ages welcome, but please note that content is intended for school-age kids*

Joseph "PaleoJoe" Kchodl will bring dinosaurs to life with a variety of fossils he has found on his dinosaur digs.

**Wednesday, July 13th from 11:00 a.m. - Noon** *Registration begins Wednesday, June 29th*

### Nelson's Wildlife Safari *All ages welcome, but please note that content is intended for kids 2 and older*

The Animal Guy and his animal friends will take us on a fun and educational wildlife safari.

**Wednesday, July 20th from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** *Registration begins Wednesday, July 6th*

### Once Upon a Puppet presents... "Little Red" *All ages welcome, but please note that content is intended for kids 2 and older*

Nancy Penvose from Once Upon a Puppet returns with her puppet show based on Little Red Riding Hood. This fun-filled show with catchy tunes and humor is great for all ages.

**Tuesday, July 26th from 11:00 a.m. - Noon** *Registration begins Tuesday, July 12th*

### Slot Car Demolition Derby with Miniature Motorways *For kids in Kindergarten - 4th grade*

Miniature Motorways returns with their demolition derby on a slot car race track. Registration is required, but you can drop in any time between 10:00 and 12:00 and stay as long as you like.

Please note: A session for 5th - 12th graders is scheduled from 1:00 - 3:00.

**Thursday, July 28th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon** *Registration begins Thursday, July 14th.*

## ***Youth Services (continued)***

### **More Summer Programs**

Watch for additional programs this summer including Mother Goose Mondays, Picnic & Movies, Back-to-School Bingo, craft programs and much more! Check our website and our Summer Reading Program flyer for more details.

### **Fall Storytimes**

Fall storytimes for babies, toddlers, 2-year-olds, and preschoolers will resume after Labor Day. Check our website and fall flyer in August for the fall storytime schedule.

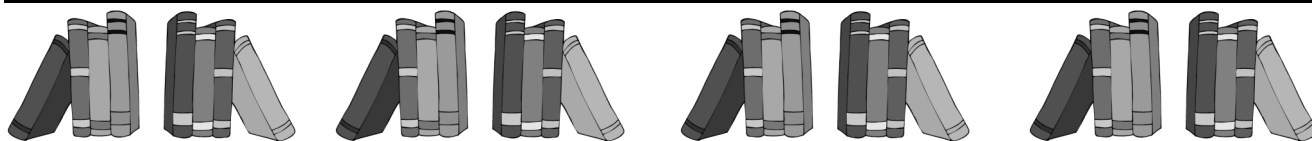
### **National Library Card Sign-up Month**

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Milford kids in Kindergarten - 6th grade who get their VERY FIRST Milford library card can pick out a free paperback book. Please note that this offer is only good through September and only for Milford residents.

### **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

We are encouraging parents and caregivers to read 1000 books to their children before they enter Kindergarten. There's no better way to prepare your children for success in school (and life) than reading to them. The program couldn't be easier. Simply register at the youth reference desk the next time you visit the library. You'll get a folder with more information and your first reading log. All you have to do is start reading to your infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and record the titles on your reading log. Don't worry...you can repeat titles! As an incentive, parents/caregivers and kids will get rewards at different milestones.

**Watch our website for additional Youth programs this summer and fall!**



## ***Friends of the Milford Public Library***

Tired of winter? Looking for a good book for your spring getaway? Check out Friendly Finds New and Used Bookstore in the Milford Public Library. Reasonably priced used books give you an opportunity to try out new authors. Many genres are available from fiction to nonfiction. Young adult, tween and children's books are popular. Need to check out a destination? Many travel books are offered. Specialty books include coffee table, craft and seasonal. In addition there are DVDs, CDs, large print and books on tape. Plus there are free donated magazines and other free items.

There are new books by local authors such as Carl Sams, Steven Hartman and Cindy McKinley to name a few. Other offerings by local crafters include notecards, bookmarks, crocheted necklaces, tooth fairy pillows, bags by Mary Bajcz and decorative tiles of Milford landmarks by Ilona Rugg.

Reorganizing? Consider a tax deductible donation of any gently used books, DVDs and CDs. We accept magazines and VHS tapes which are offered for free. Children's books are always needed. However we cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias or musty, smelly books.

Become a Friend. Membership dues and monies from the bookstore support programming that would not otherwise be available. Membership forms can be found in the bookstore or online at [www.milfordlibrary.info](http://www.milfordlibrary.info).

Staffed by dedicated volunteers, store hours are similar to library hours. Plan on stopping by when you visit the library. Help us support library programs that are free for all participants.

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## **Milford Garden Walk and Bake Sale**

The Milford Garden Club presents its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Garden Walk and Market Sale on Friday, June 17, from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm and Saturday, June 18, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 beginning May 16 by visiting the Milford Garden Club website at [www.themilfordgardenclub.org](http://www.themilfordgardenclub.org). Tickets may also be purchased at Acorn Farms, The Clothing Cove, Milford Gardens or The Pond Place in Highland. You may also purchase tickets the day of the walk (Saturday only) at our garden vendors site at the corner of Main Street and East Liberty for \$12.00.

The event takes place rain or shine.

The Garden Club is also having their annual plant and bake sale Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Johnson Elementary on General Motors Rd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



## **Bus Fares**

### **Highland/Milford Transportation Program**

**248-887-4979** [Smartrides.hm@gmail.com](mailto:Smartrides.hm@gmail.com)

Office hours are M-F 8 am - 1 pm • Bus hours are M-F 9 am - 4 pm • *All vehicles are lift equipped.*

**Local:** \$4 one-way or \$8 round trip. *Time permitting* includes up to 2 stops within Milford and Highland, Huron Valley Hospital and Hartland (east of US-23) and White Lake for Medical only.

**Local-PLUS:** \$8 one-way or \$16 round trip. *Time permitting* also includes up to 2 stops, medical appointments to Wixom, Walled Lake, Commerce, NW Novi, Lakes Medical & Providence Park.

## **Memorial Day Parade**

Memorial Day is the time to set aside your work and gather as a community, not only to honor those who lost their lives but to support and say “thanks” to all who have served or are still serving in our armed forces.



The parade is Monday, May 30 at 11:00 am. It begins at the American Legion Post 216 on Commerce Road and ends at Central Park.

For registration information or to make a donation go to [www.milfordlegion216.org](http://www.milfordlegion216.org) or contact Joe Salvia at 313-701-8000.

Rain or Shine We March!

## **2016 Dog Licenses**

Remember dog licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The township has the new 2016 tags available now. You must bring in a valid rabies certificate in order to obtain the new license. Licenses purchased by June 1<sup>st</sup> for a spayed or neutered dog are \$7.50, senior discount \$6.75, entire dog \$15.00. Delinquent license after June 1<sup>st</sup> \$30.00. Service dogs may obtain a “free” license but proof of service is required and is only good for one year. For more information contact the township offices at 248-685-8731. **If you FIND a dog** please call the Milford Township offices **FIRST** as we have access to the Oakland County Animal Control records.



## **Drought-Tolerant Plants**

With the spring season approaching, it's time to consider which colorful array of flowers will be planted in your garden. One way to conserve water and plant a beautiful garden is to incorporate drought-tolerant plants around your home. Drought-tolerant plants naturally minimize water loss and maximize water intake. Some characteristics of these plant species include reduced leaf area, possess needles, or accumulate a layer of wax on leaves. To begin planting a drought-resistant landscape, consider the following:

- **Be Aware of Site Variations** – Different areas on your site can have various soil types and exposure to sun light which impacts the amount of water retained in the planting area.
- **Select Plants to Match Site Conditions** – Use plants that can grow under the existing site conditions.
- **Group Plants of Similar Needs** – Group plants that have similar water and sun exposure needs together and water demanding vegetation near moist areas.
- **Provide Care** – Initially drought-tolerant plants will require monitoring before establishing their root system. Apply mulch and water in order to develop healthy roots and eventually the plants will require less attention.

For more information on drought-tolerant plants, please visit the MSU Extension website at [www.msue.anr.msu.edu](http://www.msue.anr.msu.edu).



*Bottlebrush Buckeye*



*Silver Sage*



*Pink Grapefruit Yarrow*

## **2016 July Tax Bills**

In an effort to keep the summer tax bills organized the village and township use different colors on the bills so you are aware of the difference. The bills are mailed in SEPARATE ENVELOPES because there are two different due dates. Both bills are mailed to arrive July 1st, however, **VILLAGE TAXES ARE DUE AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, SCHOOL TAX BILLS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>.**

Make sure you read the entire bill! Read the back as well! All the office hours, dates of closure, due dates of bills, telephone numbers to obtain information etc. are all on the tax bill.

Make sure you are 100% P.R.E.! This cannot be stressed enough. If you do not have this exemption it could cost you thousands of dollars! If you have any questions or have a problem with your tax bill call Cynthia Dagenhardt, Milford Township Treasurer, 248-685-8731.

## **Lawn Watering Tips**

Did you know as much as 50 percent of the water used outdoors is wasted from inefficient watering methods? The summer season is the time of the year where we consume the most water through outdoor usage. We have all been told to turn off faucets when we brush our teeth and to regularly inspect indoor fixtures for any leaks as part of water conservation initiatives. Similarly, to conserve outdoor water usage, there are a few steps you can take to use water efficiently.

**WHEN:** The optimal time to water lawns and other plants is in the early morning or evening. Avoid watering in the middle of the day when much of the water will evaporate before hydrating any plants.

**HOW OFTEN:** Be conscious of the local weather conditions and time your watering system accordingly. A rule of thumb to go by is that lawns only need up to one inch of water per week.

**HOW LONG:** Pooling water is a major indicator that over watering is occurring. Turn off sprinklers if water begins to pool and keep in mind that the majority of plants use less water than turf grass.

**WHAT ELSE:** Alternative methods to watering plants are available. Consider capturing rain water through the use of a rain barrel or cistern. These water harvesting techniques not only conserve water, but can also reduce your water bill.

For more information on outdoor water conservation, please visit the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).



## **Sewer Credits**

Applications for the 2016 watering season will be accepted beginning May 1. The credits are available to those who do not have a separate meter for their outside watering. Applications can be found online at [www.villageofmilford.org](http://www.villageofmilford.org), under Permits and Forms or at the Village office.

Remember, credits are NOT processed until after the bills comes out in September!



## Risks of Coal Tar-Based Sealcoat

How to avoid common pavement sealants that pose threats to human health and the environment

### What is coal tar sealcoat?

Coal tar-based sealcoat is applied widely on driveways, parking lots, and even play-grounds as a maintenance practice. Coal tar sealcoats are hazardous. They are high in polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs, many of which have been identified as toxic, mutagenic, teratogenic (cause birth defects) and/or carcinogenic (cause cancer).

### Available alternatives

There are several alternatives that have significantly lower, or no, PAH content. Asphalt-based sealcoat has 1/1000<sup>th</sup> the PAH content of coal tar, and is readily available at similar cost. There are also safer acrylic and latex based options. You can also choose not to seal your asphalt surfaces. University of Michigan found it more cost effective to repave occasionally than to sealcoat regularly.

### Human Health Risks of Coal Tar Sealcoat

For someone who spends their lifetime living adjacent to coal tar seal-coated pavement, the average excess cancer risk is estimated to be 38 times higher than those who don't. Much of the increased risk occurs during early childhood. Children play on and near these surfaces and are, therefore, more likely to inhale or ingest PAHs associated with coal tar sealcoat. Particles also make it into homes on shoes and pets.

### Learn More

HRWC's coal tar webpage [hrwc.org/coaltar](http://hrwc.org/coaltar)



As a member of mParks, Michigan Recreation and Park Association, The Village of Milford

is now selling discounted tickets for Cedar Point. Getting your tickets is as simple as logging in, selecting your options, and printing the tickets.

Visit [www.cedarpoint.com/affiliates](http://www.cedarpoint.com/affiliates) (username: MILFORDCP, password: milford2016) to view options and plan your adventure today!

## Garage Sales

Just a reminder that before you put your treasures out for sale, be sure to pull a garage sale permit. There is no charge for permits. They are available at the Village and Township offices and online.

Sales may run three days and you can only have two sales in a calendar year.

Please comply with ordinances. Two signs are permitted and they cannot be placed in the right-of-way or they will be removed!



*You are invited to help fight hunger...*

**May 15, 2016 ~ Noon to 3 pm ~ Bakers of Milford**

Come share in a simple meal of various soups and bread, donated by local restaurants, with the proceeds going to Community Sharing in the fight against hunger. Our "simple meal" will be a reminder that often families in need simply have soup, bread and water as their main meal... we will humbly simulate this at our Main Event.

If you have painted a 2016 Empty Bowl soup bowl it will be your entrance fee. If you haven't painted a bowl, no worry, they will be available for purchase at the door (already painted!)

*Everyone is invited! Check it out: [www.emptybowlproject.org](http://www.emptybowlproject.org) or call Community Sharing at 248-889-0347.*

# downtown milford sidewalk SALE

FRIDAY/SATURDAY, JULY 8&9 10am-9pm



**MAY 26**

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**FREE CONCERT**

Central Park, 7-9pm, Bring chairs

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**Dates to Remember**

- May 21 - Household Hazardous Waste Day Milford Civic Center 9 am - 2 pm  
248-208-2270
- May 26 - Season Opening Summer Concerts, Central Park 7 -9 pm
- May 30 - Memorial Day Parade downtown Milford 11 am  
313-701-8000  
Village/Township offices closed
- June 4 - Community Picnic, Central Park 4 pm
- June 30 - Tax bills mailed

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!**

**Fourth Fridays; Center Street Park**  
DOWNTOWN MILFORD, 7-9PM



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| <b>May 27</b>  | Matt Watroba & Robert Jones<br><i>American Folk</i> |
| <b>June 24</b> | Pam Jaslove & Friends<br><i>Jazz</i>                |
| <b>July 22</b> | Brazil and Beyond                                   |
| <b>Aug. 26</b> | Nick Palise<br>Sovereign Blues Band                 |



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