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505 N Main

Plans have been finalized and approved for the redevelopment of the former gas station on the corner of Commerce and Main. A traditionally-scaled building set on the lot line will accommodate first floor commercial space with 16 up-scale residential units above. The proposal includes a 40-space parking deck that is at the Main Street level with 60 spaces below the building and deck accessed by the Mill Valley Commerce Street entrance. All 100 parking spaces will be available to other downtown users. Impacted soils on the site, which is an MDEQ facility, will be removed. Final building design and finishes are to be determined, but will be in concert with downtown design guidelines and DDA/Village recommendations. Tentative plans are for construction to begin July, 2018.



Milford Police Department 75 Years of Service

1943-2018



March 3, 2018 marked the official 75th anniversary of the Milford Police Department. MPD was formed on this day in 1943 when a deputy by the name of Floyd "Pop" Harger hired in as Milford's first

full-time police chief. Harger drove a 1939 Mercury as his first scout car.

In 2018, to commemorate MPD's 75th anniversary we designed a modern Ford Explorer Police Interceptor to replicate MPD's fleet in the 1940's.

As our anniversary year continues we will share some cool facts and figures that highlight how far we have come in the last 75 years on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/MilfordMichiganPD.

Thank you Milford community for your support over the years as we celebrate our golden anniversary.

Thomas C. Lindberg Milford Chief of Police

Public Notification System - Milford Township

Stay informed! The Township has a public notification system to send out information to residents on various topics of interest. Find out about summer concerts, trash delays, elections, parks and recreation events or unscheduled office closings. Go to www.milfordtownship.com click on "Resident Services" and look for the drop-down "Bulletin Board and Alerts".

2018 Summer Tax Collection

July tax statements will be mailed on June 30, 2018 and should arrive in your mailbox the first week of July. Township taxes are due upon receipt and payable through September 14, 2018 (Village taxes are due August 31, 2018). If you do not receive your bill by the second week of July please call our office for a duplicate to be mailed. Partial payments are accepted and a new bill with the balance will be returned to you. If you pay by mail and want a receipt please send the entire bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

There is a drop-box available for your convenience for payment of taxes. Please pay the bill as printed and DO NOT round to the nearest dollar!

Summer Deferment and Hardship Applications are available at the Township offices or online at www.milfordtownship.com. For more information contact the Treasurers Office at 248-685-8731.



REMINDER - Burning is only permitted in Milford Township and you must obtain a burning permit first from the Township office.

There is no burning allowed in the Village of Milford except for recreational campfires. Village residents must call the Milford Police Department beforehand at 248-684-1815.

Garage Sales



Just a reminder, a permit is required to have a garage sale. Permits are free of charge and are available at the Township and Village offices and online. Go

to <u>www.milfordtownship.com</u> or www.villageofmilford.org.

Alternative Tax Payment Methods



Did you know that just outside the Civic Center main entrance is a drop-box for after hour payments or when you don't have time to come inside? The drop-box is available 24 hours a day and is completely secure.

Other payment methods include:

- Online at www.paylocaltaxes.com
- By calling the Interactive Voice Response system at 1-888-600-3773
- Online at www.milfordtownship.com

2018 Milford Garden Walk

The Milford Garden Club presents its 23rd Annual Garden Walk and Market Sale on Friday, June 15, 5:30 - 8:30 PM and Saturday, June 16, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Advance tickets may be purchased beginning in May by visiting the garden club website or from several retail locations: Acorn Farms, Blossom on Main, Clothing Cove, Milford Gardens and The Pond Place.

For more information email Janie Cryderman at the Milford Garden Club website www.themilfordgardenclub.org.

Oak Wilt

Oak wilt is a deadly vascular disease affecting oak trees that has been identified in Oakland County. It is responsible for killing thousands of oak trees in the upper Midwest, and infection rates are increasing every year.

For more information regarding identifying, preventing and controlling oak wilt contact the Oak Wilt Coalition at www.michiganoakwilt.org.





2029 N. Milford Rd. Highland MI 48357 248-889-0347 www.community-sharing.org

Performance Dashboard

Each year Milford Township and the Village of Milford must meet certain requirements in order to qualify for the full City, Village and Township Revenue Sharing payment from the State of Michigan. One of the requirements is to provide that documents be made available to the public for viewing. These documents can be found at

www.milfordtownship.com (Departments/Supervisor/Citizens Guide/Peformance Dashboard) and www.villageofmilford.org/budget.

Native Plants for Water Quality

Many of the grasses and shrubs we plant in our yards aren't the best for protecting water quality. Native plants - those naturally found in Southeast Michigan, actually help improve water quality. They encourage a healthier environment by providing nesting sites and food for wildlife. Best of all, native plants are adapted to our local soils and climate, so they don't need excessive watering and require very little pesticides which can pollute our waterways.

For more information on native plants visit http://mg.msue.msu.edu.

Estimated Water/Sewer Bill?

If you have received an estimated water/sewer bill take a minute and see if you have a note explaining why. Most of the time we are unable to access the remote reader that is located on the outside of your home. If you have one of these remote



boxes please make sure that the meter reader has access to it. Keep bushes, flowers and other outdoor items at least two feet from the remote box. Also, if you have any work done on your home make sure the re-

mote stays intact, otherwise a fee will be charged to replace it!



Riverfront Property Owners

How to protect water quality - Riverfront property owners have a special responsibility to prevent pollutants from entering the waterbody. Common pollutants include: lawn fertilizer, runoff from driveways, oil and gas and septic system effluent.

Practice these healthy lawn and garden tips:

- Avoid feeding waterfowl
- Maintain a 15-foot no-mow, fertilizer free buffer area adjacent to water body
- Mow grass high for water conservation and root growth
- Never dump yard waste in watercourses

Dog License Fees



Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved a three dollar (\$3.00) increase on all dog license fees for 2018. For more information

on fees go to <u>www.milfordtownship.com</u> under "Resident Services".

Leash Ordinance



It's Spring (finally) and time to walk the family dog. Please remember under Village ordinance Section 14-37, when off the premises of its owner or

custodian all dogs must be leashed. This includes in any park or on the Milford trail. Also, please be a good pet owner and clean up after your pet.

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, 5/26 - Monday, 5/28)
- Independence Day (Wednesday, 7/4)
- Labor Day Weekend
 (Saturday, 9/1 Monday, 9/3)
- Day before Thanksgiving (Wednesday, 11/21: Close at 5 pm)
- Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, 11/22)

Library News

To Better Serve You

Discover our new catalog coming May 29th. We are excited to introduce you to our new catalog that will offer easy searching, better results, a new kids catalog as well as a handy mobile version all while maintaining the same features you currently love.

Introducing Beanstack

Beanstack is an innovative new way to connect children and their families with books and educational apps that match each child's interests, age, and reading level. This new, online service is free to Milford Public Library cardholders and links to our catalog for easy use. Patrons can sign up online and use Beanstack from their home computer, mobile devices, or in the library.

With Beanstack you can also participate in our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, receive book recommendations tailored to what you and your children like to read. Simply enroll your child(ren) as readers and start logging titles. Badges will be awarded at set levels and you will receiving notifications of when you reach prize levels. We will also be running several reading challenges throughout the year so keep an eye out for those too. (www.milfordlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365)

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.

E-Books and Magazines available at the Milford Public Library

Download Destination by Overdrive gives you access to the latest bestsellers and new materials. Download and enjoy magazines at our digital magazine service RBDigital. Drop by the library or click the **Downloadables** link under the **Books and More** tab on the library's homepage at www.milfordlibrary.info.

Stories n' More at the AMP

We are happy to announce our third year of offering Stories n' More at the LaFontaine Amphitheatre on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. Starting June 19th and running through August 21st. No event the week of July 4th.

Adult Services

Community Sing with Matt Watroba

Wednesdays May 2, June 6, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

Join in our monthly Community Sings event. Matt is dedicated to bringing the joy of singing together to a varied audience. Sponsored by the Law Office of Jim Crane and the Milford Public Library in memory of Ann Croy. No registration necessary. All ages welcome.

Roots of the Music: Origins of the Motown Sound

Tuesday May 15, 6:30 p.m.

Detroit is known the world over for the music that came out of a small studio on West Grand Boulevard during the 1960s and 1970s. But the Motown Sound wasn't born from thin air. It had its roots in other music that was being made in Detroit and around the country in the years before the company's founding in 1959. This presentation delves into the city's history of music making, and the elements that contributed to the unique stylings of Motown and Tamla Records. Register beginning April 14. Register in person at the adult reference desk, online at www.milfordlibrary.info, or by phone at 248-684-0845.

Abraham Lincoln Thursday May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Lincoln presenter Ron Carley discusses President Abraham Lincoln's rise from poverty to power. Our 16th president was a complex man grappling with one of the most trying times of American history. Co-sponsored by the Milford Historical Society and the Friends of the Milford Public Library. Register beginning April 19. Register in person at the adult reference desk, online at www.milfordlibrary.info, or by phone at 248-684-0845.

Exercise Cheap and Easy Thursday June 7, 6:30 p.m.

A physician from Providence Park Hospital in Novi will be here to discuss cheap and easy ways to work exercise into your daily routine. Register beginning May 10. Register in person at the adult reference desk, online at www.milfordlibrary.info, or by phone at 248-684-0845.

The Perfect Pint: My Journey with Michigan Craft Beer with William Rapai

Wednesday June 13, 7:00 p.m.

Location: The River's Edge Brewery, 125 Main Street, Milford, MI 48281

Author William Rapai will take us back to the early days of Michigan craft beer and explain what craft beer is, why it took so long to catch on, why it's so popular today, and what makes Michigan craft beer better. William Rapai is the author of Brewed in Michigan: The New Golden Age of Brewing in the Great Beer State. No registration necessary.

Michigan Rediscovered with Ron Rademacher

Wednesday June 20, 6:30 p.m.

A rollicking road trip across Michigan to more than a dozen destinations that most folks have missed. Discover the underground rathskeller in the Irish Hills, the gravity mystery in Frankfort, the Monarch butterfly migration and more. Ron Rademacher presents an entertaining and educational slide show highlighting some Michigan destinations you may have missed. **Register beginning May 23.** Register in person at the adult reference desk, online at www.milfordlibrary.info, or by phone at 248-684-0845. Sponsored by the Milford Public Library in memory of Ann Croy.

Greetings from Detroit: Historic Postcards from the Motor City with Dan Austin

Tuesday July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Greetings from Detroit: Historic Postcards from the Motor City offers a glimpse into the past through more than 200 historic postcards of Detroit from the early 1900s to the 1950s, compiled and presented in full color by Dan Austin of Historic Detroit.org. From familiar sights to long-lost landmarks, this book pairs vintage views with rich stories from the Motor City's yesteryear. Register beginning June 18. Register in person at the adult reference desk, online at www.milfordlibrary.info, or by phone at 248-684-0845. Sponsored by the Milford Public Library in memory of Ann Croy.

One-on-One Computer Help

Do you need extra help when it comes to computers? Have questions about programs, Internet searching or downloading e-books or e-audio books? If so, stop by the adult reference desk or call us at 248-684-0845, and ask a librarian to arrange a half-hour session to provide the extra help on questions you may have.

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Youth Services

May 2018 Events

Check our online calendar for these May events and more:

Free Comic Book Day, Saturday, May 5th—Come in for a craft and pick out a free comic book. Ages 4-17. While supplies last. Sensory Fun for Babies/Toddlers, Tuesday, May 8th or Monday, May 14th for ages 6 months and up. Registration required. Mystery Reads, May 7-May 19, Discover a new favorite by choosing a book based on clues about the story.

Little Critters Animal Show presented by Howell Nature Center Intended for ages 3-4

In this program children will enjoy stories, songs, a nature-themed craft and visit with an animal from the nature center.

Thursday, May 10th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration begins Tuesday, April 26th.

All Things Royal For all ages

Calling all princes, princesses, dragons and knights! Celebrate the royal wedding with a special storytime! Thursday, May 17th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration begins Tuesday, May 3rd.

Summer Reading is Coming! Here are some highlights...

June 16th - August 11th

Libraries Rock! 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.



Weekly Challenges

Kids are 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 6 of the 8 challenges, they earn a free book. Challenges will be available at the Youth Reference desk and online starting June 16th. Look for more information about the program online or when you visit the library.

SRP Kickoff Party For all ages

Join us for our Carnival Fair SRP kickoff party anytime between 10:00 and 1:00pm! Kids can register for our Summer Reading Club, do a couple of crafts and play fun carnival games for prizes. Games include: ring toss, catch a ball, bean bag toss, and more.

Saturday, June 16th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. No registration required

Let's Dance with *The Music Lady* Beverly Meyer All ages welcome

Let's dance, clap, twist and rock in this fun, interactive, and energizing show. All music and vocals are performed live and will be great for all ages.

Wednesday, June 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration begins Wednesday, June 6th

Friday Fun Days including Star Lab Planetarium For lower and upper elementary

Summer Night Sky Star Lab will be displayed and enjoyed in this cool, inflatable planetarium experience. Please note: If your child is afraid of the dark we recommend skipping this program.

Friday, July 13th— 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Registration begins Wednesday, June 6th

Alex Thomas Interactive Puppet Show *For K-6th grade.*

Join us and some very crazy characters for a puppet show that is full of jokes, prizes, stories and silliness where the audience gets to play along.

Thursday, July 19th from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Registration begins Wednesday, June 6th

Scheer Genius presents The Magic Bookshelf Intended for ages 4 and up

Come be amazed at this comedic magic show that's all about books and the library. Includes audience participation.

Thursday, August 2nd from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Registration begins Tuesday, July 19th

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

Teen Services

Summer Reading 2018! June 16th—August 11th

Summer will be here soon and programming is already in the works. The Teen department will have weekly challenges. Any teen that turns in completed challenge slips will be entered into weekly drawings for a local business gift cards and also 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.

So far we have scheduled a Bob Ross Painting day, tie dye, instrument building and more! Anyone in grades 7th-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 students grades 6th—12th 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 youth librarian for more information and for an application. Meetings are held monthly during the school year beginning in the fall.

Adulting 101 or "Life Hacks they didn't teach you in High School"

Upcoming series on Thursday evenings in the fall.

Think you are ready to take on the world and be out on your own. Why learn the hard way. Attend our series of life hack programs to make sure you don't find yourself in any embarrassing situations. Topics include:

Time Management — Do you use your time wisely? Find out ways to make the most of your day

Public Speaking — Some people love it, some people hate it. Come learn to be more confident in your skills and delivery.

Moving Out — The realities of moving out and getting a roommate. The dos & don'ts to stay friends.

College Life — Hints and ideas from someone that has experience dorm life and has some stories to share.

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Friends of the Milford Public Library

Spring is here at last! Time to plan for those summer getaways. Looking for a good book to relax with? Check out Friendly Finds New and Used Bookstore located in the Milford Public Library. Staffed by dedicated volunteers, store hours are similar to library hours. Come, discover a new author. Enjoy a beautiful coffee table book. Seasonal books are available. We also have DVDs, CDs, audio books, and large print books. Plus there free donated magazines, VHS tapes, and other items.

We carry autographed books by Carl Sams II and Jean Stoick and books by local authors including Laura Wolfe, T.M. McCarthy, Daniel Heard, Laura Becker, and Bridget Llewellyn and CDs by Amy Heard. Other offerings include items made by local crafters, notecards by Diane Rometty, handmade treasures by Teresa McCarthy, and bags by Mary Bajcz. Other items include crocheted necklaces and bookmarks.

Monies from the store fund not only library programming that would not otherwise be available but also wish list items for the library. Another way to support the Friends is through the Amazon Smile program. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Friends of the Milford Township Library if you use the link http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3409767 every time you shop.

Also consider becoming a Friend. Dues go to programming and other library needs. Applications can be found in the store or online at www.milfordlibrary.info.

Downsizing? Consider donating any used books, DVDS, CDs, or magazines. Children's books are always welcome. However, we cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or musty smelly books. Please call ahead if you are making a large donation. Also be sure that you check your books for family memorabilia before donating. Thank you for supporting your library!

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Sewer Backups

The leading cause of backups in the sewer system is improper disposal of non-flushable items. Wipes, such as baby and cleaning may be labeled flushable *BUT THEY ARE NOT*! Feminine products are also not flushable. These items enter the system and cause plugs, resulting in backups into residents' homes and can be quite costly. Only human waste should enter the sewer system!

Sewer Credits

If you water outside and do not have a separate meter for irrigation you may qualify for a watering credit. Applications are available online at www.villageofmilford.org/forms or at the Village office.

Reminder, credits are not reviewed until after you receive your bill!

Milford Transportation Service



Milford Township and the Village of Milford offer a transportation service that is available to ALL Milford residents. The service is operated by our partners at **People's Express**. Residents can arrange transportation for work, medical, appointments, shopping and more.

For information and to schedule a ride contact People's Express at 877-214-6073.



2018 State Elections



The State Primary Election is Tuesday, August 7th and the Gubernatorial General Election is **YOTE!** Tuesday, November 6th this year. Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

The last day to register to vote for the August Primary is July 9th, November General is October 9th.

For more election information contact the Township Clerk's Office at 248-685-8731 or email Natalie Scime at deputyclerk@milfordtownship.com or visit Michigan.gov/elections.

Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 28 11 a.m.

Remember their Sacrifices

All American Citizens.... Your presence is requested to honor and remember those who lost their lives while serving in the Armed Forces of America. Set aside your work and activities support and say "Thanks" to all those who served or are still serving in the military services.



Parade starts at 11:00 am at the American Legion Post 216, 510 W. Commerce Road. For information contact Joe Salvia, 313-701-8000 or www.milfordlegion216.org.



REMEMBER, RAIN OR SHINE WE MARCH!





Milford Farmers Market

Downtown Milford every Thursday starting May 10, ending on October 11. Spring/fall hours (May, Sept, & Oct) 3-7 pm, Summer (June, July & Aug) 3 - 8 pm. Located on East Liberty St. Between Main and Union. No market on August 9 due to Milford Memories.

For more information visit: www.milfordfarmersmarket.org or email at mfm.inquiries@gmail.com.









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Dates to Remember

- May 19 Household Hazardous Waste Day, Milford Civic Center 9 am - 2 pm 248-208-2270
- May 28 Memorial Day Parade, downtown Milford 11 am Village/Township offices closed
- June 2 Community Picnic, Central Park 4 pm
- June 30 Tax bills mailed
- July 4 Village/Township offices closed
- August 31 VILLAGE taxes due
- September 14 TOWNSHIP taxes due

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Fourth Fridays; Center Streeet Park Downtown Milford, 7-9 PM





