



# Milford Community News



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## Peters Rd. Improvements Project Wins Award



The Village was recently notified that the Peters Rd. Improvements Project completed last summer has won the 2020 Project of the Year Award for Transportation (\$1M - \$5M category) from the American Public Works Association (APWA) Detroit Metro Branch.

The Peters Rd. Improvements Project was recognized for efforts to improve road quality, drainage and stormwater quality, safety of both drivers and pedestrians through sidewalk improvements, and improved quality of life for residents along the Peters Rd. corridor.

The project also included a strong partnership with residents along the corridor from the early stages of design through construction. Concerns over vehicle speeds led to the incorporation of traffic calming measures through the use of a "road diet" which saw the width of the road reduced from as much as 38 feet down to 22 feet in width.

This project would not have been possible without Village voters approving a revised road millage in 2018, the support of Village Council, and the work of Village staff and contractors. OHM Advisors (Livonia, MI) served as the project engineers from design through construction and Artisan Contracting (Highland, MI) served as the general contractor for the construction phases of the project.



For news and information regarding Oakland County vaccination and COVID-19 resources text OAKGOV COVID to 468311 or go to <https://oaklandcountyvaccine.com/news-information/>



Looking forward to a spectacular year for this year's **Milford Farmers' Market!** Established in 2009, the market has provided a variety of fresh produce, plants, locally produced breads, jams, cheese, pasta baked goods and the list goes on. The market also features local artisans to provide the community with beautiful art, handmade soaps, candles, note cards just to mention a few. Come down to the family friendly market for some local goodies, a little entertainment and some outdoor fun! The Milford Farmers' Market is open every Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 7pm beginning Thursday, May 6th thru October 14th. You will find this open-air market on Liberty Street between Main St. and Union St.

*We do recommend social distancing and wearing a mask to keep you, your family, friends and neighbors and our vendors safe!*



### MILFORD SKATEPARK RULES

- No supervision provided. Skate at your own risk and know your own ability.
- Adult supervision recommended for children under the age of 10.
- Practice proper skating etiquette. If you don't know – ask another skater.
- The skatepark is open for use between sunrise and sunset.
- Skateboards, scooters, BMX bicycles, and roller skates/in-line skates are permitted. Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- The use of protective equipment such as helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards is strongly encouraged and should be used at all times.
- The addition of ramps or other obstacles is prohibited.
- Food and beverages are prohibited within the skating area. Glass containers are prohibited.
- The use of alcohol, tobacco/vaping, and other drugs is prohibited.
- Spectators should remain outside the skating area.
- Be respectful of other park users – no pets, loud music, or littering.



### RECYCLING PLASTIC FILM PRODUCTS

As a reminder, Milford Township and the Village of Milford are members of RRRASOC which is an intergovernmental solid waste authority. Plastic film products are **NOT RECYCLABLE IN THE RRRASOC PROGRAM**; but there is an option available, many local big box retailers like Kroger, Meijer, Target, Walmart, Kohl's, etc. accept plastic film products. We know you want to recycle these items and appreciate your commitment to recycling; we just ask that you recycle them by utilizing one of the retailers above.

Recycle your plastic bags and wraps, such as:

- retail
  - carryout
  - produce
  - bread/bun/roll,
  - zip top food storage
  - dry cleaning bags
  - product wrap on cases of drinks, paper towels and bathroom tissue
- Remember everything must be clean, dry and free of receipts, food, labels, and any other non-plastic items.



Items not accepted include:

- candy and granola bar wrappers
- chip bags
- pet food bags
- mulch bags

To find out more information about plastic film recycling visit [PlasticFilmRecycling.org](http://PlasticFilmRecycling.org).

To keep recycling available and cost efficient, please follow all recycling guidelines. If you have questions about what you can recycle, try using the Recycling Directory at [www.rrrasoc.org](http://www.rrrasoc.org).

### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We currently have vacancies on our Village Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. Experience is not necessary, just a willingness to learn Village ordinances and procedures. If interested, please forward a request to Debby Frazer at [dfrazer@villageofmilford.org](mailto:dfrazer@villageofmilford.org).



### WATER METER REMOTE

Now that Spring is here many of you may be considering updating the outside of your home. Remember, if you are replacing siding or doing other work to the outside make sure not to cut the wires or remove the remote reader box, there is a fee if it has to be replaced.

Also, before you plant any bushes along the house make sure not to block the remote reader. We need 24" of clearance in order to read it.







### TOWNSHIP SUMMER TAXES

Summer tax statements will be mailed June 30, 2021 and are payable through **September 14, 2021** without interest. Preferred method to pay will continue to be the drop box or US Postal service. You can also pay at the Milford branch of Flagstar Bank.

IF YOU WANT A RECEIPT MAILED TO YOU, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE ENTIRE BILL WITH YOUR CHECK AND WE WILL STAMP AND MAIL BACK.



### DOG LICENSES

2021 Dog licenses will ONLY be available on the Township WEBSITE [www.milfordtownship.com](http://www.milfordtownship.com) for 2021. Spayed or neutered pets are \$10.50, unaltered pets are \$18.00. Seniors 65 years of age



or older are discounted to \$9.75 for a spayed or neutered pet or \$16.50 for an unaltered pet. These prices are good through June 1st 2022 – after that date all licenses are considered delinquent and the cost is \$33.00.

Pets with adoption papers dated past the June 1st deadline or puppies too young to have received a rabies vaccination before June 1st will be licensed

using the current prices. Proof of the adoption or change of ownership is required.

### TOWNSHIP ROADS



All roads (excluding Village of Milford roads) within the Township are owned and maintained by Oakland County. Hazardous conditions on the roads (such as potholes or roads in need of grading) should be reported directly to the Road Commission for Oakland County at [www.rcocweb.org](http://www.rcocweb.org)

or **248-858-4804**.



The Milford Township offices and Village offices will be closed on the following days for the holiday observances:

- May 31 (Memorial Day)
- July 5 (Fourth of July)
- September 6 (Labor Day)
- November 11 (Veteran’s Day)

### TRASH PICK UP TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

GFL is closed six days yearly on the following holidays:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day.



If your pickup day falls on or after a holiday during the business week, services will be ONE DAY LATER.

### 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 or to schedule a ride contact People’s Express at 877-214-6073.

### TOWNSHIP BURN PERMITS

Open burning is allowed in **MILFORD TOWNSHIP ONLY**. In order to open burn in Milford Township a permit must first be obtained from the

Township Offices, call 248-685-8731 before burning. A permit number will be issued and either mailed or emailed to you with a copy of the ordinance. The permit DOES NOT EXPIRE. Each time you burn you still need to call the Milford Police Department, 248-684-1815 with the burn permit number that was assigned by Milford Township. The ordinance is also available on the Milford Township Website [www.milfordtownship.com](http://www.milfordtownship.com).

\* Open burning is not allowed in the Village of Milford!

### COMMISSIONERS NEEDED

The Milford Township Parks & Recreation Committee is in need of two members. For those interested or who want more information contact [deputyclerk@milfordtownship.com](mailto:deputyclerk@milfordtownship.com).



You must be a Milford resident to apply.

**PANDEMIC UPDATES ARE LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE:**  
[www.milfordtownship.com](http://www.milfordtownship.com)



### INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Do you have a pond or wetland on your property? Would you be willing to have a team from the Huron River Watershed Council look for European frog-bit, a floating plant that looks like a miniature water lily? If so, please contact Kate Laramie at 734-769-5123 x606. European frog-bit was discovered in Novi in 2018 and Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (Oakland County CISMA) is working with partners to determine where it is present in order to prevent further spread. Frog-bit can form dense mats on the water's surface that impede boat and waterfowl movement and limit light and oxygen availability. If frog-bit is discovered on your property you will not be obligated to control it.



European frog-bit

Learn more on our project website: <https://oaklandinvasivespecies.org/frogbit-project/>

Oakland County CISMA is here to answer any invasive species identification and control questions! Check out our free webinars <https://oaklandinvasivespecies.org/news-and-events/> and watch our recordings on YouTube [tinyurl.com/occismaYT](https://tinyurl.com/occismaYT).



Garlic Mustard



Knotweed



Invasive Phragmites

May is a good time to pull Garlic Mustard plants and look for Knotweed and Invasive Phragmites emerging.

### 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE VILLAGE

The 2021 construction season will see several local infrastructure projects taking place throughout the Village. The largest project in scope and duration will be the planned reconstruction of E. Huron between River Drive and Mont Eagle, which includes replacement of an outdated water main, stormwater management improvements, sidewalk improvements, and replacement of the road. A simple resurfacing project, known as a preservation overlay, will take place on W. Commerce Rd. between Oak St. and the Village limits in conjunction with a Road Commission for Oakland County project which will see the road from the Village limits and west resurfaced in a similar fashion. Other spot repairs will occur throughout the Village for both asphalt and concrete roads in residential areas and regular maintenance and repairs to both the water and sewer systems will be taking place in a variety of locations around the Village.



For the latest information of the status of projects, or to sign up for weekly road construction updates, please visit [www.villageofmilford.org/roads](http://www.villageofmilford.org/roads).



Community Sharing, a non-profit 501(c)(3) outreach center, continues their mission to feed the hungry, all the while during the pandemic. Those families in need in the Huron Valley School District (total of 107 square miles) know they are able to come to Community

Sharing for food and other services they may need. Even though food is distributed in a "drive up" format any client requesting additional emergency assistance just needs to make an appointment to see a caseworker. No one needing food is ever turned away. We still provide fresh produce and fruit, dairy and bakery products, meat, cereal, name brand canned products, household and personal products regularly. We are finding most clients appreciate the little occasional "goodie bags" that are available, plus birthday bags for kids 12 and under. No matter the situation, Community Sharing is here to help.

Because the lease at Duck Lake Center is being terminated by end of 2021 due to costly building repairs, Community Sharing has been generously offered property from Highland Township to build a new permanent facility.

The property is located just north of the Highland Library. Watch for more information to come regarding the new building. Community Sharing will be looking to the generosity of the community for financial help to build the building and create a permanent home to continue helping those in need and feeding the hungry.

For more information, visit [BuildingToFeedTheHungry.org](http://BuildingToFeedTheHungry.org). To contact us by email, go to [communications@community-sharing.org](mailto:communications@community-sharing.org) or call 248-889-0347. As always, our mission to feed the hungry has generously received much support from the community and we hope this continues as we move forward.



### PARK ETIQUETTE

With the warmer weather over the past few weeks, we are seeing increased use of our parks and our trails.

Unfortunately, this has also brought an increase in litter and items being left in the parks. Please do your part and make sure you properly dispose of any trash, returnables, and dog droppings and help keep the parks and trails clean.

Also, if you are out walking Fido, remember that all dogs must be leashed when off the premises of its owner or custodian.

*Thank you!*





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Village: [www.villageofmilford.org](http://www.villageofmilford.org)

Police: [www.MilfordPolice.com](http://www.MilfordPolice.com)

DDA: [www.MeetMeinMilford.com](http://www.MeetMeinMilford.com)

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MILFORD:



Phone: 248-685-8731

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Tony Vulaj

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#### Dates to Remember

- May 22 - Household Hazardous Waste Day, Milford Civic Center, 9 am - 2 pm  
[www.rrrasoc.org](http://www.rrrasoc.org)
- June 30 - Tax bills mailed.
- August 31 - **VILLAGE** taxes due.
- September 14 - **TOWNSHIP** taxes due.

#### Village/Township Office's Closed:

- May 31
- July 5
- September 6
- November 11

#### FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Each year Milford Township and the Village of Milford must meet certain requirements to qualify for the full CVT Revenue Sharing payment from the State of Michigan. One of the requirements is that documents be made available to the public for viewing.

These documents can be found at [www.milfordtownship.com](http://www.milfordtownship.com) (Departments/Supervisor/Citizens Guide/Performance Dashboard) and [www.villageofmilford.org/budget](http://www.villageofmilford.org/budget).

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