

Milford Community News



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Wastewater Treatment Plant

The renovation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is about 50% complete, we are anticipating its completion the fall of 2018.

One of the main projects is the building of the equalization (EQ) basin. The basin will be a preliminary holding tank for the flow that comes into the system and will be able to accommodate any rain event or additional precipitation. During high flow an increased strain is put on the pumping station and the plant in general, the new EQ basin will eliminate that. The maximum flow the pumps have processed is 2,600 gallons per minute, they should be processing 700 gallons per minute. The holding tank will



allow the WWTP to run the pumps on a consistent schedule which will reduce maintenance costs and wear and tear.



Parks & Recreation

On Saturday, October 21st, the Village Parks & Recreation Commission hosted its annual Fall Tree Planting event. Volunteers from the community assisted in planting several new birch trees along the east bank of Pettibone Creek. A maple tree was also planted near the chess tables in honor of former Parks & Recreation Commissioner John McDaniels, who passed away this summer. John was a long-time member of the Commission and led the effort to build and install the tables as a labor of love for the park.

The Big Reveal!

Thursday, November 16

DOWNTOWN UNVEILS HOLIDAY STOREFRONTS. Come Downtown on Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. and watch the town remove the window-wraps to show off new storefront displays for the holidays. Bring the kids and Let 'Er Rip!



Winter Reminders In The Village

No Parking on Village Streets - To aid in snow removal, parking on Village streets is prohibited from December 1 to March 1 between 3:00 am and 6:00 am. Violators will be ticketed.

Snow Removal - Property owners are responsible for clearing the snow and ice on sidewalks which adjoin their property. Snow must be removed within 48 hours of snowfall. The Village will arrange snow removal if not done within 48 hours and bill the property owner.

Water Billing -To avoid estimated water bills, please keep a path cleared to the remote so we can read the water meter from the outside.

Snowbirds - If you are heading to warmer weather this winter don't forget to call the Water Department to have your water turned off and/or give us your winter address for billing. Contact Sandy at (248) 684-1515 or email sandys@villageofmilford.org.



Christmas Parade

Saturday, November 25 10:00 a.m.

Downtown Milford Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce (248) 685-8731

www.huronvcc.com





Gobbler Gallop

Don't miss the 7th annual Gobbler Gallop on Saturday, November 25.

There will be a 1-mile fun run at 8:00 a.m. and a 4-mile walk/run at 8:30 a.m.

For registration and other information on the Gobbler Gallop visit www.gobblergallop.com.

Come for the race and stay for the parade!

Fall Lawn Care for Watershed Protection

As we leave summer boating and swimming behind, what can we be doing this fall to keep our rivers healthy and clean? We can be smart about fertilizing and raking leaves! Fall chores have an impact on the storm water runoff coming from our yards. Here are simple steps you can do to help keep our rivers, streams, and lakes healthy ---

- 1. Do not dump your leaves into storm drains or ditches! Decomposing leaves add excessive nutrients that cause algae growth and take the oxygen out of the water that goes directly to our rivers. This harms fish and other aquatic animals and destroys their habitat.
- 2. Fertilizer should be applied in the fall for a healthy lawn in the spring.
- 3. When applying fertilizer, keep a minimum 10 foot buffer from ditches, storm drains and streams. This prevents nitrogen and phosphorus from washing into our waterways.
- 4. Do not dump any materials down storm drain catch basins in streets or parking lots. All storm drains are connected directly to the Huron River! Remember, only rain in the drain!

The Village of Milford is a proud member of the Huron River Watershed and strives to be an environmental steward. Check out the programs and activities offered for families to support clean water in our area. For more information, visit http://www.hrwc.org.



Trash Pick-Up Information

GFL is closed six days yearly for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

If your pick-up falls on or after a holiday during the business week, services will be pushed back one day.



Don't forget....

There is no parking on Village streets from December 1 - March 1 between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.



You are invited to help fight hunger...

November 5, 2017 - Noon to 3 p.m. - 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 2017 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: <u>www.emptybowlproject.org</u> or call Community Sharing at (248) 889-0347.

MILFORD FARMER'S MARKET presents



Pop-Up Holiday Market

Saturday, Nov. 25, 9 am-2pm **Day of Parade!**

Christmas Trees, Holiday Greens,
Cookies & Breads, Jams, Spices,
Wreaths, Artisan Coffee,
Stocking Stuffers
Hot Cider, Holiday Music

Recycle Using a Cart or Bin!

Want a 64-Gallon Recycling Cart?

Order a recycling cart directly from GFL Environmental Services using one of the following methods:



- o By phone: call GFL Customer Service number at 844-454-3587
- o By email: gfluscustomerservice@gflenv.com

Milford Township residents choosing to order a recycling cart will be charged \$75/cart paid directly to GFL Environmental Services.

Want an 18-Gallon Recycling Bin?

Visit the Township or Village office

Recycle Right. It Matters.

We need your help! Unacceptable items - such as garden hoses, plastic bags, diapers, needles, medical waste, propane tanks, batteries as well as yard and food waste - expose employees at recycling facilities to unsafe materials, lower productivity and reduce end-market quality of recyclable materials. This increases the costs of recycling operations and lowers the value of your recyclables.

Got This?	Please DO This:	It's Important Because:
Batteries	Take batteries to RRRASOC Household Hazardous Waste event or go to Call2recycle.org for a list of free drop-off locations.	Batteries contain corrosive acids which can cause serious burns to skin and eyes and cause fires.
Plastic Bags	Plastic bags may be recycled at local grocery and big box retailers.	Bags get wrapped around equipment causing jams that require hours of manual removal each day.
Propane Tanks	Many retailers will take the tanks back at no charge regardless of their condition.	Tanks are a real danger as they can cause fires, explosions, injury or death if disposed of improperly.
Styrofoam	Visit Dart Containers website for locations: dartcontainer.com/envirionment/ps-foam-recycling/	Foam products are NOT recyclable with RRRASOC's program.

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 Library Closures:

- Staff Development Day Friday, 11/10
- Day before Thanksgiving
 Wednesday, 11/22 Close at 5 pm
- Thanksgiving Day
 Thursday, 11/23
 Regular hours on Friday 11/24 &
 Saturday, 11/25
- Christmas Holiday
 Saturday, 12/23—Monday, 12/25
- New Year's Holiday Monday, 1/1/18

Library News

Mobile Printing Now Available!

With our new MobilePrint Service™, you can use your personal computer or mobile device inside or outside the library to print to the library's printers. Simply submit documents to our MobilePrint Service™ and come to the library to pay for your printing, release your print job and pick up your document using your library card or email address. Stop by the adult reference desk for more information.

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.

TumbleBooks Available for Kids

In addition to Download Destination and the Michigan eLibrary Kids collection available through our online databases at our webpage, 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.

Introducing Beanstack

Beanstack is a way to discover books, activities, apps, and more that is matched to your child's age and interests. **Receive weekly book recommendations** tailored to your child's age, reading level, and ever-changing interests. **Follow learning tips** for each book to make the most out of your reading experience. **Learn about library programs** matched to your child's age. You can also use Beanstack to track progress in the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program.

Adult Services

Genealogy 101: How to find Your Family History

Wednesday November 8, 6:30 p.m.

Want to know more about your family history, but don't know how to get started? Learn how to fill in the blanks of your family history using what you have in your attic, Ancestry Library Edition, and other online sources. Class includes an introduction to U.S. Federal census records and vital records.

Register in person at the adult reference desk, online at www.milfordlibrary.info, or by phone at 248-684-0845.

For Foodies: A Book Discussion Series Monday November 13, 6:30 p.m.

The Milford Public Library's book discussion group will be discussing *The French Chef in America: Julia Child's Second Act* by Alex Prud'homme.

Register in person at the adult reference desk, or by phone at 248-684-0845.

Essential Oils with Laura Elwood

Thursday November 16, 6:30 p.m.

Milford resident and Detroit Public Schools teacher Laura Elwood presents a program on essential oils. Learn what essential oils are and how to use them in your daily life for a healthier, non-toxic lifestyle.

Register in person at the adult reference desk, online at www.milfordlibrary.info, or by phone at 248-684-0845.

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.

Teen Services (Grades 7-12)

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

TAB is geared towards 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. To register, call us at 248-684-0845 or through the events calendar at www.milfordlibrary.info.

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!

Keep an eye out for dates and times for these upcoming events!

January Exam Cram Need to study for finals? Quiet study time will be available in the Community Room. Snacks provided.

"Life Skills" series Keep an eye out for a series of mini workshops just for teens. We will be exploring different topics that

become relevant as you become adults. Topics such as: 1) how to properly fill out a job application; 2) what to expect in a job interview; 3) obtaining credit from banks and more. If there is something specific

you would like to learn more about send us your suggestions.

Teen Tech Week Check out our webpage for more information on programs planned for the week of March 4, 2018.

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

Youth Services

Storytimes

We currently offer many different storytime options at Milford Public Library.

Baby Fun storytime, for ages birth through 17 months, introduces your baby to rhymes, books, and music. Parents are a child's first teacher, so join us and learn how to build your child's language skills. There will be time during each session for playtime and socializing.



Toddler Storytime is for ages 18 months -2% years and the children will experience short stories, movement songs, active rhymes, and fun parachute activities each week. Storytime will be followed by 25 minutes of toy playtime and social interaction.

Preschool Storytime is for ages 3-5 years and is intended to teach children independence and help them get ready for school so children will be with the librarian for the first portion of this program. The children will experience stories, songs, fingerplays, education activities and sometimes a craft during this 45-minute program. We ask the caregiver to remain in the youth department until we start activities or crafts when they will be invited back in to help.

Discovery Storytime is for ages 2 ½ to 5 years and during this 45-minute program, children experience stories, songs, and fingerplays followed by time to visit different sensory/skills discovery stations. Stations include letters and numbers, patterns and sequencing, arts and crafts and more.

Special storytime dates include evenings and Saturdays. These are usually intended for older children or the whole family. We do a little bit of everything in this program including, stories, songs, fingerplays, crafts and/or snacks.

Specialty Programs

DiNovember Storytime

Saturday, November 11

10 AM

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Dinosaur stories, songs, crafts and parachute play in celebration of our DiNovember week. Geared for ages 2-5 but all ages are welcome to attend. Great for families! Registration begins Saturday, October 28th.

Playdates @ the Library

Tues., November 21st & Wed., December 27th

All ages! We'll start with two stories, a song, a rhyme and a parachute song, and then put on music for free play with our toys and books. Come meet other families and have some fun. We will have an area just for babies and toddlers. No registration required.

Harvest Evening PJ Storytime

Tuesday, November 28

6:15 PM

Join us for this harvest themed storytime with a craft and a snack before bedtime. We encourage all children to wear your pajamas. Registration begins Tuesday, November 14th.

3-D Pixel Ornaments

Wednesday, November 29

4:30 PM

Using fusible beads we will create 3-D items for your holiday tree. For ages 8-15. Registration begins Wednesday, November 15th.

Move & Groove

Thursday, November 30

10 AM

We'll be combining music and movement as we sing, dance, play parachute games and more. Registration begins Thursday, November 16th. All ages welcome.

Baby/Toddler Holiday Sensory Fun

Monday, December 4th & Tuesday, December 12 10 AM

Explore our holiday themed stations with your child, including a jingle bell sensory bin, wrapping paper ripping, holiday I-Spy bottles, and much more! Recommended for children ages 6 months and up. Registration begins 2 weeks before each event.

Holiday Family Fun Night

Thursday, December 14th

6 PM

Join us for a fun-filled family evening of crafts, activities and more. We will also be decorating cookies and making milk carton gingerbread houses. Registration begins Thursday, November 30th.

Watch our website for additional Youth programs this winter and spring 2018!

Youth Services (continued)

Preschool Open House

Saturday, March 3rd

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Milford and Huron Valley area preschool providers will be here to highlight what their facilities offer parents and preschoolers. If you are a parent or guardian getting ready to send your child off to preschool, you will not want to miss this opportunity. Kids are welcome to attend with their parents. *No registration required - Drop in anytime.*

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Thursday, March 1st

10:30 AM

Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with stories and crafts. We'll start out in the children's area for a couple of favorite Seuss stories at 10:30. Then we'll move into the community room where the kids can do a variety of crafts and other activities (intended for 2 - 5 1/2 years old). *Registration begins Thursday, February 15th.*

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. Two ways to participate. Register your child through Beanstack (ask a librarian for more information) or 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 are entered into a drawing and kids will get rewards at different milestones. Check out the Kids News page on our website for more information.

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Brilliant reds, sunshine yellows, and stunning russets - crisp fall days are here! Now is the time to find that good book to cozy up with as colder weather approaches.

Time to check out Friendly Finds New and Used Bookstore located in the Milford Public Library. Reasonably priced gently used books are available covering a variety of topics from non-fiction to self-help to crafts to travel. Come, discover a new author. Enjoy a beautiful coffee table book. Seasonal books are also available. Additionally, there are DVDs, CDs, audio books, and large print books. Plus there are free donated magazines, VHS tapes, and other items.

Autographed books by Carl Sams II and Jean Stoick are available. Other local author's books are by Laura Wolfe, T.M. McCarthy, Daniel Heard, and Laura Becker. CDs by Amy Heard are available. Handmade items by local crafters include notecards by Diane (Rometty) Bowman, Handmade Treasures by Teresa McCarthy, bags by Mary Bajcz, crocheted necklaces, and bookmarks can also be purchased.

Downsizing? Consider a tax deductible donation of any used books, DVDs, CDs, or magazines. Children's books are always welcome. However, we cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or musty smelly books. Also be sure that you check your books for family memorabilia before you donate.

Staffed by dedicated volunteers, store hours are similar to library hours. Monies received through bookstore sales 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 by shopping at Amazon Smile. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Friends of the Milford Township Library. Bookmark the link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3409767 and support us 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. Please help support your library.

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IRS Phishing Scam

Please be aware of an emerging scam that uses ransomware to take your computer "hostage".

An email using IRS and FBI logos is sent to random email accounts asking the reader to download a fake FBI questionnaire. This link downloads the malware onto your computer leaving it vulnerable and your personal information and banking information even more so.

Remember that the IRS and FBI do no use email to discuss personal tax or criminal issues.

Think before you click!

Storm Drain Awareness

Everything that goes down a storm drain flows into our lakes and streams. Follow these tips to keep waterways clean:

- Sweep extra fertilizer, grass clippings and dirt on your driveway back onto your lawn. Hosing down your driveway sends these pollutants into storm drains that lead to lakes, streams and beaches.
- Only allow rain to go down the drain.
 Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, leaves, soapy water or anything else down the storm drain. All of these materials pollute our lakes and streams.
- Label your storm drains. Volunteer to label storm drains in your neighborhood to inform residents that storm drains flow directly to lakes and streams. Contact the Village of Milford Public Services Department at (248) 685-3055 or the Huron River Watershed Council at (734) 769-5123 for more information on storm drain labeling programs and how you can help.

Milford Transportation Service

Milford Township and the Village of Milford's transportation program is available to ALL Milford residents. This program is operated by our partners at *People's Express* and allows residents to arrange for transportation to and from work, medical appointments, shopping and more.

For more information, or to schedule a ride, please contact People's Express at (877) 214-6073.

Citizens Guide

Each year Milford Township and the Village of Milford must meet certain requirements in order to qualify for the full CVTRS (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) or www.villageofmilford.org/budget.

Milford Fire Department News

- Fire Prevention Week, October 9-14, was a success. Milford Firefighters visited 10 schools and spoke to nearly 400 students about fire safety!
- Thank you to all who attended our open house in October.
- Keep an eye out for Milford Firefighters in early December for the annual Goodfellows Paper Drive.
- Come by the station for a visit and get some winter heating safety tips. Hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Follow us on FaceBook@MilfordFireDepartment or Twitter @MilfordFireDept

Accepting applications starting January 2018. Visit www.MilfordFireDept.com for an application.

No Wipes In The Pipes!!

Convenience wipes such as baby, hygienic, cleaning, and disinfectant, as well as toilet bowl scrubbers and paper towels might be labeled as 'disposable' or 'flushable', but these items should NOT go down the drain.

Products like these do not break down in the Village sewer system, causing plugs in sewer pipes and pumps, sewage backups and costly cleanups. These environmental consequences can ultimately lead to rate increases in your water/sewer bill.



Reporting Water Pollution

We all can play a part in keeping our lakes, rivers, and streams clean. One way is to report activities that are causing water pollution.

What kind of activities should you report?

Contamination to lakes, rivers, and streams
Pollution entering a storm drain or surface water
Suspicious dumping to drains and/or surface waters
Suspicious discharges from pipes
Large numbers of dead fish
Construction site soil erosion entering surface waters or catch basins



Please provide the following information when you call:

Your name and phone number (you can remain anonymous if you choose)

The source of pollution and what was spilled or dumped

Polluted stormwater runoff from storage piles and dumpsters

Quantity of spill (if known)

Body of water impacted

When the spill occurred (if known)

Major crossroads of spill or known address

During business hours, you can call the Public Services Department at: (248) 685-3055. During non-business hours, please call the Oakland County 24-Hour Pollution Hotline at: (248) 858-0931. For more information, visit the County website at: www.oakgov.com/water.

The SHAC... Your Community Arts Center

Gifts of Art Shows and Sales

Local, affordable, original art to purchase for yourself or as a gift!

- November 9-December 26
- January 4 February 20 "Alternate Reality" Show and Sale , Artist Reception January 12
- March 1 April 24 PAN (Poetry Art Night)
 Show and Sale, Artist Reception March 10
- May 3 June 12 "Zoom In" Show and Sale Artist Reception May 11.
- o Dog Day Afternoon May 6

Art Classes

December 1-31 & January 15-April 1, 2018

Book your party @ the SHAC. It's a great venue for birthday parties and other celebrations!



125 S. Main St., Suite 700 Milford 48381 (248) 797-3060 milfordyfaa.org milfordshac.org

Dog Licenses

The 2018 dog licenses will be available for purchase at the Township offices starting December 1. Current prices are \$7.50 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$15.00 if unaltered. Seniors age 65 and older receive a discounted rate of \$6.75/\$13.50. These prices are good until June 1, 2018, afterwards all licenses are considered delinquent.

For more information contact the Milford Township Offices at (248) 685-8731.

Village Residents

In an effort to better communicate with homeowners' and condo associations in the Village, we are trying to identify each association, including a key contact person (board president, secretary, etc.) and the boundaries of the association.

If you are an association board chair or primary contact, please send an email to neighborhoods@villageofmilford.org with the name of your association in the subject line. Shortly thereafter, you will receive a message with a more detailed information request. If you are not a board member of an association, please share this information with your association representatives to help us build a complete list.



Village of Milford Charter Township of Milford 1100 Atlantic Street Milford, MI 48381



VILLAGE OF MILFORD

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Websites:

Village: villageofmilford.org Police: MilfordPolice.com DDA: MeetMeinMilford.com

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Bldg. Official: Timothy Brandt

Board Members: Randall Busick William Mazarra Brien Worrell Dale Wiltse

Dates to Remember

- Nov 16 The Big Reveal, downtown Milford 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 28 Last day for yard waste collection in the Village
- Nov 29 Last day for yard waste collection in the Township
- Nov 25 Christmas Parade, downtown Milford, 10:00 a.m.
- Nov 30 Christmas Open House, downtown Milford, 6:00 p.m.

Village/Township Offices Closed:

November 10 November 23 & 24 December 25 & 26 January 1 & 2 (2018) January 15 (2018) February 19 (2018) March 30 (2018)

See You Downtown for the Holidays!

DINNER'S ON US!

Dozens of surprised diners will have their tab picked up, courtesy of your local merchants and downtown property owners. Last year more than 350 people had their coffee, lunches and dinners paid for by Milford's own "Santa Claus", strolling through downtown. Eat downtown, we'll be looking for you.





