



Milford Community News



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PFAS INFORMATION

On August 4, 2018, the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued a “do not eat” advisory for fish in the Huron River due to the detection of a class of substances known as PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances). This advisory was updated several times, including in September to reflect an advisory regarding PFAS related foam in the Huron River.

DO NOT EAT THE FISH

This area is part of the Do Not Eat Fish Advisory issued by the State of Michigan due to high amounts of PFAS found in fish.

Enjoy swimming, boating, and catch and release fishing. Touching the water is not a health concern.

For more information, call MDHHS at 1-800-648-6942 or visit www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse

As part of the State of Michigan’s PFAS response, the Village drinking water supply was tested by the State on June 14, 2018. This test, and another conducted by the Village on the same date, indicated a result of “non-detect”, meaning that no PFAS related substances were found in the Village of Milford public drinking water system. While the State has not yet issued any requirements for further testing, the Village will continue to conduct tests on its own as a precautionary measure.

2018 ELECTION

The State General Election is Tuesday, November 6. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Milford has 8 voting precincts. To verify your voting precinct or to obtain absentee ballot information please visit www.milfordtownship.com or call 248-685-8731.



In an effort to continue to provide information to the community, the Village has set up a PFAS Information page on its website, which includes links to information from the State of Michigan, Oakland County, and information presented at the October 4, 2018 public information session at the Civic Center. The page can be accessed by visiting: www.villageofmilford.org/government/departments/dps/pfas_information.php

For more information on statewide efforts, please visit the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) website at www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse.



The Big Reveal!

Thursday, November 15

DOWNTOWN UNVEILS HOLIDAY STOREFRONTS.

Come Downtown on Thursday, November 15, 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!

Village Building Update - Fall 2018

The Union Square residential project by Robertson Brothers is in the final stages of completion. All lots, 24 in total, now have structures and the site should be completed by this spring, if not sooner. Heritage Ridge, the residential development located off of S. Milford Road containing 16 detached units has 5 units at various stages of completion. Uptown Milford, a revived residential project on the north end of town where new attached townhomes are being constructed, has begun the construction of a 5-unit building. They will have two more buildings to construct containing 18 units. The Marquette, a 100-unit apartment complex located between E. Huron and Oakland Streets, has their elevator shafts completed and have begun framing for the buildings at this time.

On the commercial side of construction the foundation has been installed for 160 S. Milford Road, the former Big Boy location. The building is set up to have three tenants and one of the tenants, believed to be a Starbucks, will have a drive-thru. The two story structure located at 310 N. Main is taking shape. All of the exterior walls are up and the roof is on. The next steps to take place are to complete the façade and to try to get the interior sealed up so that work can continue through the winter. At the time of this writing no tenants have been identified.

Downtown Milford

CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE

Nov 29th, 6-9

Strolling Entertainment

Refreshments

Special Promotions

Carriage Rides

SANTA ARRIVES AT 6PM

Meet Me in Milford

Gobbler Gallop

Don't miss the annual Gobbler Gallop on Saturday, November 24. 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 visit www.gobblergallop.com.

Come for the race and stay for the parade!

Christmas Parade

Saturday, November 24, 10:00 a.m.

Downtown Milford

Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce

248-685-7129

www.huronvcc.com

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Winter Reminders In The Village

- No Parking on Village Streets** - Parking on Village streets is prohibited from December 1 to March 1 between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. Violators will be ticketed.
- Snow Removal** - Property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice on side-walks which adjoin their property. Snow must be removed with 48 hours of snowfall. The Village will arrange for removal if not done and bill the property owner.
- Snowbirds** - If you are off to warmer weather this winter don't forget to call the Water Department to have your water turned off and/or give us your away address for billing. You can contact Sandy at 248-684-1515 or email sandys@villageofmilford.org.
- Water Billing** - To avoid estimated bills please keep a path cleared to the remote outside so we can read the meter.

Financial Transparency

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.

Village Fine Arts Association presents

GIFTS OF ART

Art Show and Sale November 1 - December 29

Affordable Art by Local Artists!

125 S. Main Street, Suite 700, Milford

www.milfordvfaa.org

SHOP SMALL NOV 24 2018 SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

#ShopTextWin

You could win \$5,000

1 SHOP: Make any purchase at an Oakland County small business on Nov. 24, 2018 and save your receipt.

2 TEXT: Text ShopTextWin to 41411 to receive a link to the shopper registration page.

3 WIN: Follow the instructions and submit by Nov. 27, 2018. Winners will receive their prizes by Dec. 17, 2018.

You Could Win One of These Prizes

\$5,000

\$2,000

\$500

Voucher for Travel

Sponsored by

For more details, visit: AdvantageOakland.com/ShopSmall



SMALL BUSINESS SELFIE

Milford's Downtown Development Authority is encouraging people to #shopsmall this holiday season. In the spirit of giving, the Milford DDA is hosting a **Small Business Selfie** social media giveaway kicking off on Small Business Saturday, Saturday, Nov. 25. Selfies will be accepted through Milford's Christmas Open House on Thursday, Nov. 30.

The requirements to enter are simple. The Downtown Milford Facebook page will share social media posts throughout the month encouraging people to submit selfies of themselves shopping or dining in downtown Milford.

Participants will either comment on one of the posts, or post to Milford's Facebook page with a photo of themselves and the items they purchased throughout the five day long social media giveaway. If they are dining Downtown, they can post a photo of themselves and their meal as well to be entered to win. One winner will be randomly selected to win a \$500 shopping spree at a downtown business or restaurant of their choice.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN, PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Share a selfie of themselves and the item or food they purchased to Milford's Facebook page or one of Milford's Small Business Saturday posts
- Photo must include what was purchased
- Photos must be shared from Saturday, Nov. 25 through Thursday, Nov. 30

Sample social media posts include:

- Facebook: Shop small in Downtown Milford for a chance to win a \$500 gift certificate to a downtown business of your choice. Share a photo of you and the food or merchandise you purchased to our Facebook page or comment on this post from Saturday, Nov. 25 to Thursday, Nov. 30 to be eligible to win!

If you have any questions, please let us know and help us spread the word by sharing, liking and engaging on our Facebook posts.

Milford Historical Society

Have you ever been curious to see what's inside the museum? Once a home, then the location of the Milford Civic Center Offices, it now houses some of Milford's pioneer artifacts.

The museum is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m., admission is free. It closes for the season December 2 and re-opens next May. Are you a history buff? Volunteers are always needed.

Visit www.milfordhistory.org or email at milfordhistory@hotmail.com or join [Facebook-Milford Historical Society](#).



Presented by the MILFORD FARMER'S MARKET

HOLIDAY MARKET

DOWNTOWN POP-UP MARKET ON PARADE DAY



Saturday, Nov 24, during the Christmas Parade, Downtown

Christmas Trees. Holiday Greens. Baked Goods. Jams. Spices. Wreaths. Artisan Coffee. Stocking Stuffers. Hot Cider. Music.

Package Delivery Security



With more people shopping online for the holidays and carriers leaving deliveries by front doors, package theft is a serious problem. Nearly 20 percent of homeowners surveyed across the country reported having a package stolen last year, with an average loss of \$140. And as you might expect, the most likely time for theft to occur is during the holiday season, the survey found.

But there are steps you can take to protect your holiday package deliveries from so-called porch pirates.

- **Use security cameras.** You can install them inside and outside your home, allowing you to watch your property from anywhere and record any activity. This would include something as simple and inexpensive as video doorbells. And if the cameras are visible, they might deter thieves from stealing your deliveries in the first place.
- **Give instructions to the package delivery service.** Some services let you indicate where to leave your package if you're not home. With most services you can instruct drivers to leave a package at a back or side door not visible from the roadway.
- **Have packages delivered to where someone is.** Use a delivery address such as your place of work or make arrangements for delivery to a neighbor who stays home.
- **Sign up for alerts.** Some carriers offer text or email alerts so that you know when a delivery will be made. If you aren't home, you might be able to get back in time so that your package isn't left outside for too long.
- **Require a signature for delivery.** And last, ask retailers to require a signature to make a delivery so that packages aren't simply dropped off outside a house.

These are just a few suggestions from the Milford Police Department that will help us keep our community free from theft.

Dog Licenses



The 2019 dog licenses will be available for purchase at the Milford Township Offices beginning December 1.

For pricing and other information contact the Milford Township Office at 248-685-8731.

Taxes

Check your mailbox for the Winter Tax Bill during the first week of December. If you do not receive your bill contact Milford Township at 248-685-8731.

Winter taxes are due February 14, 2019.

Recycling Tips

When it comes to recycling, everyone has a part to play!

1. Know what to recycle – clean paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, glass food and beverage bottles and jars, metal food and beverage cans, foil, trays, etc. Check our Recycling Guidelines at rrasoc.org.
2. Keep containers EMPTY, CLEAN & DRY.
3. Keep it LOOSE. Do not bag or bundle recyclables.

Remember, items such as garden hoses, plastic bags, diapers, needles, propane tanks, as well as yard and food waste are not acceptable materials. Be sure to **RECYCLE RIGHT!**

Vaping Is Not A Safe Alternative For Tobacco



Since its debut, the e-cigarette/vaping industry has been pushing its products as less dangerous than traditional cigarettes. This message has spread to adolescents: researchers have found that teens who perceive vaping as less harmful than regular cigarettes are more likely to use these products.

Why is Vaping a Problem?

Many kids would not smoke a traditional cigarette thanks to widespread public health campaigns about the health risks of smoking. These campaigns have informed teens and the general public about the health consequences of smoking, especially their link to various cancers, cardiac and respiratory diseases. Since the perception that vaping is safer and therefore does not carry the same consequences, teens may be willing to expose themselves to nicotine in this form, increasing their risk for nicotine dependence. Studies show teens tend to underestimate their risk for getting addicted and overestimate their ability to quit once addicted.

Furthermore, there is no conclusive evidence that vaping mechanisms are safe. Many experts believe that because they are not combustible, the carcinogens that are present in tobacco smoke will not be created in vapor. However, studies found that high-voltage vaping products can produce carcinogens.

The E-Cigarette Industry Targets Kids

In recent years vaping product companies have employed many of the same marketing tactics as the big tobacco companies. Television ads, celebrity endorsements, flashy displays and free samples featuring the product are once again common. These advertisements glamorize an addiction-promoting product and make it all the more appealing to young people. Additionally, vapes are available in over 7,000 flavors, with new flavors being released each month. Even tobacco companies admit that these options are likely to attract teens to the product.

It is now Illegal for Stores to sell to Underage Kids

The Village and Township of Milford have both enacted ordinances that make it illegal for retailers to sell vaping products to persons under the age of 18yrs. Additionally, it is illegal for any underage person to possess these same products. Let's work together to keep Milford's youth healthy and safe. Educate your children on the dangers of Vaping.



Don't forget...
There is no parking on Village streets from December 1 - March 1 between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.



For the last three years Michigan has seen an increase in the outbreak of Tar Spot Fungus. While the fungus does not threaten the health of the tree it does make the tree unsightly. The most effective way to manage this is to make sure all leaves are raked and destroyed in the fall.

For more information on this topic visit:
<https://pestid.msu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Maple-Tarspot.pdf>

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.



Salt Smart



Even in the winter months there are activities we can do to keep our rivers healthy and clean. We can be smart about salt! Our winter chores have an impact on the ice melt and runoff coming from our properties. Salt applied to our driveway and sidewalk contributes to water pollution. One 50lb bag of salt can pollute 10,000 gallons of water. Using less salt at home will help protect water in your neighborhood and save you money!

- 1) Shovel first.
- 2) Read the label and use sparingly.
- 3) Avoid applying near sensitive plants.

For more information, visit the Huron River Watershed Council website at: www.hrwc.org



Community Sharing Outreach Center

Empty Bowl Project



You are invited to help fight hunger...

November 4, 2018 – 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's Empty Bowl Project 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 2018 Empty Bowl soup bowl, it will be your entrance donation fee. If you haven't painted a bowl, or a hand crafted pottery bowl, no worry, they will be available for purchase at the door (already painted!)

Everyone is invited! Check it out: www.emptybowlproject.org or call Community Sharing at 248-899-0347.

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Dates to Remember

- Nov 15 - The Big Reveal, downtown Milford, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 24 - Christmas Parade, downtown Milford, 10:00 a.m.
- Nov 27 - Last day for yard waste collection in the **Village**
- Nov 28 - Last day for yard waste collection in the **Township**
- Nov 29 - Christmas Open House, downtown Milford, 6:00 p.m.

Village/Township Office's Closed:

November 12, 22 & 23
December 24, 25 & 31
January 1 & 21 (2019)
February 18 (2019)
April 19 (2019)

See You Downtown for the Holidays!

Dinner's On Us

In gratitude, we give thanks to YOU.

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's Elves, strolling through downtown.

Eat and shop downtown. We'll be looking for you.

Thank You!

Milford Downtown Development Authority, 1100 Atlantic St., 684.9719