



Milford Community News



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MILFORD SKATEPARK



The vision of a skatepark in Milford is one that has been around for over 20 years, and has involved multiple efforts and a lot of volunteers over the years. The most recent effort to bring a skatepark to Milford came about in 2016 and culminated with the start of construction in late September 2020. You can learn more about the skatepark project and view additional photos at www.villageofmilford.org/skatepark. The park is tentatively scheduled to open sometime this November.

PETERS ROAD

On September 24th the Peters Road Paving Project was complete and open to traffic. The project which began May 4, 2020 cost \$1.2M.





WINTER REMINDERS

...in the Village

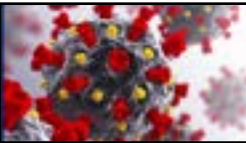
- ❖ **No Parking on Village Streets** - Parking is prohibited on Village streets from December 1 - March 1 between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. Violators will be ticketed.
- ❖ **Snow Removal** - Property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks which adjoin their property within 48 hours of snowfall. The Village will arrange for removal if not done and bill the property owner.
- ❖ **Snowbirds** - If you fly south for the winter don't forget to call the Water Department to have your water turned off and/or give us your away address for billing. Call Sandy at 248-684-1515 or email sandys@villageofmilford.org.

WINTER TAX BILLS

Winter tax statements will be mailed November 30, 2020 and are payable through February 16, 2021 due to the due date falling on a Sunday. All payments received on February 16, 2021 will be received as "on time".

A 3% penalty will be added on February 17, 2021 for all taxes not received in the Treasurers office. Taxes are payable through February 28, 2021 and must be received by the Treasurer by that date.

POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE HONORED.



COVID-19

Village offices are open for business, and have been since early June, we still recommend the use of the Civic Center dropbox and online transactions when possible. You can find information about online services at www.villageofmilford.org/services.

For those visiting the Village offices to conduct business, all State and County public health orders are in effect and the use of masks covering the nose and mouth are required.

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.

BAGGING RECYCLABLES – THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER

Collecting your recyclables in a plastic bag is easy right? But did you know bagging your recyclables causes many issues down the line (specifically the sort line at the materials recovery facility or MRF)?

- The volume of a plastic bag filled with recyclables takes more room in the collection containers causing them to fill faster.
- On the sort line bagged recyclables are pulled out and destined for the landfill. The machinery does not have the capability to tear open plastic bags and the human hands do not have time to tear the bag open and more importantly, workers don't know what may be in the bags and breaking them open may expose them to safety hazards or regular garbage.
- Plastic bags are not an item accepted by the MRF because of the problems they cause for the machinery. The bags wrap themselves around the machinery causing the line to have to stop while the bags are removed putting the recycle sorters at risk for injury.

To see the sort line in action visit [RRRASOC Recycling Video](#).

For tips and other ideas for recycling visit RRRASOC.org.



You can see in this photo bags, cords, hoses, and other items become wrapped around the machinery. Please keep these items out of your recycling!

As a reminder, all plastic film products are not recyclable in our program; this includes but is not limited to plastic retail bags, bread bags, zip close bags, shipping supplies such as bubble wrap, Amazon white plastic mailers, paper towel/toilet paper wraps, mulch/wood chip bags etc. These materials cause the same problems as plastic bags. To find out more information about plastic film recycling visit PlasticFilmRecycling.org.

Thank you for doing your part to recycle right!

BURN
PERMITS

Open burning is allowed in **MILFORD TOWNSHIP ONLY**. A permit must first be obtained from Milford Township Offices, 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.



Community Sharing Outreach Center has not skipped a beat providing services to our Huron Valley School District neighbors in need during the coronavirus pandemic. It looks a little different, but we are here for those who need help. Our building is not open to clients except by appointment, but we continue to provide casework assistance to clients facing financial hardship, plus registration of new clients. Our food pantry is not open to clients, but our hard-working volunteers package and load the food and other necessities into the client’s vehicles in a “drive-up” format in the parking lot.

Our clothing pantry is not open to clients at this time. We have however, managed several projects to help provide clothing for our client’s children.

Our core mission is to support eligible and registered residents in need within the Huron Valley School District by providing some of their essential necessities. The outstanding generosity of members of our community has been instrumental in our ability to provide this support. A heartfelt thank you for the food and monetary donations that keep our food pantry filled.

For more information visit www.community-sharing.org or call 248-889-0347.



Nearly 200 boxes are distributed each month. Perishable items such as meat, dairy products, eggs, fruits and vegetables are also included.

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



2020 ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Polls open from
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
For more information visit www.milfordtownship.com or call 248-685-8731



Oakland County Community & Home Improvement COVID-19 Rent, Mortgage & Utility Relief Program

Need Help Paying Rent, Mortgage or Utilities?

Oakland County is dedicating more than \$3 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 funds from the federal CARES Act to help eligible citizens pay up to three months of past-due rent, mortgage and utilities due to COVID-19 hardships.

Funds will be distributed in two phases:

Phase 1: July 1 – August 31, 2020
Phase 2: October 1 – November 30, 2020

Applications will be accepted during each phase until funds are exhausted.

The Application and Program Guidelines can be found at: OakGov.com/COVID/Grants

Qualifications:

- Must be a legal resident in 1 of 53 participating communities*
- Have a household income less than 80% of the area median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Inability to pay due to a temporary job loss, reduced work hours or other income hardship caused by COVID-19
- You have not received assistance from any other source for the same activity and period of time as requested through this program
- Your landlord or mortgage company must agree to participate in the program
- This program provides a one-time grant for eligible households.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Persons Per Household	Maximum Income Limits
1	\$44,000
2	\$50,250
3	\$56,550
4	\$62,800
5	\$67,850
6	\$72,850
7	\$77,900
8	\$82,900

**Exceptions: The cities of Farmington Hills, Royal Oak and Southfield and Waterford Township receive COVID-19 CDBG funds directly from HUD and may offer similar relief programs while Lake Angelus, Novi Township, Southfield Township and Bingham Farms do not participate in the COVID-19 CDBG program.*



Questions? Call Community & Home Improvement at (248) 858-0730

Veterans COVID-19 Emergency Financial Relief

Oakland County has established \$1million in emergency financial assistance for Oakland County veterans, service members and eligible family members affected by the pandemic.

For more information visit www.oakgov.com/covid/grants or call 248-858-0785.

ASSESSMENT REMINDER

Assessment Change notices will be arriving in your mailbox the third week of FEBRUARY 2021. It is very important that you review it carefully. If the address on the notice is your PRIMARY RESIDENCE please make sure that it is listed as 100% PRE. These new numbers will affect your 2021 taxes. If you disagree with the new assessment there is information on the notice on how to appeal the assessment.

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, service will be ONE DAY LATER.



SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

} Here are some easy alternatives to common single-use plastics:

If you use...

- Plastic grocery bags...
- Disposable coffee cups...
- Plastic straws...
- Plastic water bottles...
- K-cups...
- Plastic drink stirrers...
- Plastic sandwich bags...
- Plastic plates...

Try this alternative...

- Keep reusable bags with you.
- Use a reusable thermos or mug.
- Opt for no straw or use a paper or metal straw.
- Carry a refillable water bottle.
- Use a reusable coffee pod.
- Use a wooden stirrer.
- Use reusable food storage containers.
- Use and wash your normal dishware.




Do You Know How Long Plastics Last?

Grocery bag	20 years
Straws	200 years
Bottles	450 years
Coffee cups	30 years
Cutlery	100 years
K-cups	500 years
Styrofoam	forever

MILFORD TOWNSHIP ROADS

All roads (excluding Village of Milford roads) within the Township are owned and maintained by Oakland County. Hazardous conditions on the roads should be reported directly to the Road Commission for Oakland County at www.rcocweb.org or **248-858-4804**.



DOG LICENSES

2021 Dog licenses will be available for purchase on the Township WEBSITE (milfordtownship.com) starting December 2020. Current prices are \$18.00 for an unaltered animal or \$10.50 if the pet has been spayed or neutered. 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 2021 – 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.

REMOTE READER BOX

Have you ever wondered how your water meter gets read? Most residents have a reader box on the outside of their home so take a minute to see if you have one of these. If you do, make sure there is enough clearance around it for us to access it. We need an arm’s length clearance for us to connect our reading device. Not being able to read the meter will result in an estimated bill.

If you are replacing siding or doing other work to the outside of your home make sure to not remove the box, you will be charged a fee to replace it. Also, with winter coming we ask that you try and keep a path cleared leading up to the remote.



DON'T FORGET,

The last day for yard waste pick-up in the TOWNSHIP is Wednesday, December 2.

The last day for yard waste pick-up in the VILLAGE is Tuesday, December 1.

There is no open burning allowed in the VILLAGE.

FALL BACK

November 1st!

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



VILLAGE OF MILFORD

Phone: 248-684-1515 Fax: 248-684-5502

Email: milfordvillage@villageofmilford.org

Websites:

Village: www.villageofmilford.org

Police: www.MilfordPolice.com

DDA: www.MeetMeinMilford.com

Council President

Jerry Aubry

President Pro-tem

James Kovach

Council Members:

Steven Burke

Jennifer Frankford

Harley Maxwell

Dave Pehrson

Kevin Ziegler

Administration:

Manager - Christian Wuerth

Asst. Manager/Clerk - Deborah Frazer

Treasurer/Finance Director - Penny Ray

DPS Superintendent - Mike Karl

Police Chief - Thomas Lindberg

Building Official - Randy Sapelak

DDA Director - Ann Barnette

Newsletter Editor - Penny Ray

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MILFORD:

Phone: 248-685-8731

Fax: 248-685-9236

Websites: www.milfordtownship.com

www.milfordfiredept.com

Supervisor: Don Green

Clerk: Holly Brandt

Treasurer: Cynthia Dagenhardt

Fire Chief: Thomas Moore

Building Official:

Timothy Brandt

Board Members:

Randall Busick

William Mazarra

Brien Worrell

Dale Wiltse

Dates to Remember

- Dec 1 - Last day for yard waste collection in the **VILLAGE**.
- Dec 2 - Last day for yard waste collection in the **TOWNSHIP**.
- February 16 - Winter taxes due.

Village/Township Office's Closed:

November - 11, 26, 27

December - 24, 25, 31

January - 1

January - 18

February - 15

April - 2

To kick off the Holiday Season the
Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce
&
Milford Business Association
bring you the
TWINKLE TOUR
Saturday, November 28, 2020
6 - 8 p.m.
Prizes for best:
House Decorated
Business Decorated
Participating Group
DOWNLOAD LOCATION MAP AT WWW.HURONVCC.COM

For the application visit: info@huronvcc.com or call 248-685-7129

Applications must be received by **November 13, 2020**