



Milford Community News



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E. Huron Street Infrastructure Improvement Project

The Village is in the process of completing a series of infrastructure projects on E. Huron St. between River Dr. and Mont Eagle. This project includes repairs to the road itself along with the installation of new water main and drainage improvements and completing the sidewalk network along E. Huron. Due to favorable bid results earlier in 2021, this project was expanded to include preservation overlay work on the residential streets between Atlantic St. and E. Huron (S. Houghton, Franklin, Mont Eagle, & Fairview) as well as extending pavement on S. Houghton south of E. Huron.

The utility work and drainage improvements are expected to be completed this fall, while concrete and paving work will be completed in the spring of 2022.

This project is being funded by local road millage funds, user fees from the water system, and funds from the general and sidewalk funds.



For updates on this project, please sign up for weekly construction updates via email or text at: www.villageofmilford.org/news.

For more information on Road Millage funded projects completed to date visit: www.villageofmilford.org/roads.



ONLY REQUIREMENT is location must be located within the Huron Valley School District!

Contact Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Entry Type
 House Business Group Group Name _____

Location/Address: _____

Theme Description (if applicable): _____

Send completed application to:
 Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce / 317 Union Street / Milford, MI 48381
 info@huronvcc.com / 248-685-7129
 Maps will be made available at www.huronvcc.com

To be included on the map all applications MUST be received by **November 12, 2021**



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.

2021 Winter Tax Bills

Winter tax statements will be mailed November 30, 2021 and are DUE December 1, 2021 with a grace period through February 14, 2022. All payments received on February 14, 2022 will be received as "on time".

A 3% penalty will be added on February 15, 2022 for all taxes not received in the Treasurer's office. Payments made after February 14 must be received by the Treasurer on or before February 28, 2022.

POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE HONORED.

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.

As a reminder, there is no open burning in the Village.

The ordinance is also available on the Milford Township Website: www.milfordtownship.com.

Milford TOWNSHIP Closure December 10, 2021

Milford Township Offices will be closed on Friday, December 10, 2021, for office renovations. All computers will be disconnected and no business will be able to be handled. This is a prelude to a larger renovation that will occur in 2022. Actual date to be determined.



Please use the DROP BOX for all Township business. We will be up and running on Monday, December 13, 2021.



Oakland County is offering a RENT, MORTGAGE & UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM.

The CDBG grant program is through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and will help eligible residents pay past-due rent, mortgage and/or utility payments due to COVID-19 hardships.

For more information or to apply go to: www.oakgov.com/covid/grants and View Open Grant Programs.

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.

WHAT IS YARD WASTE

In 1995, Michigan banned yard waste from entering landfills. Prior to the ban, yard waste accounted for 20-25 percent of Michigan's trash.

Yard waste, defined by State law, is grass clippings, yard vegetation, sod without dirt, twigs (less than 2 inches in diameter), leaves, etc. All yard waste must go either into a brown paper yard waste bag or a trash can marked with a "Compost" sticker.

Not Accepted - Dirt, Rocks, Stumps or Logs.

For more information go to www.rrrasoc.org/yardwaste

- The last day for yard waste pick-up in the VILLAGE is Tuesday, December 7.
- The last day for yard waste pick-up in the TOWNSHIP is Wednesday, December 8.



NO RECYCLING CART? NO PROBLEM!

Village of Milford and Milford Township residents can request a recycling cart by calling GFL Environmental at (844) 464-3987 to order. Recycling carts are provided to single-family households upon request.

THANKS FOR RECYCLING RIGHT!

PLEASE RECYCLE THESE

- Food & Beverage Containers
- Paper & Cardboard
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum & Steel Cans
- Glass Bottles & Jars

DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES. KEEP LOOSE, CLEAN AND DRY.

KEEP THESE OUT OF THE BIN AND CART

- Plastic Bags
- Foam Products
- Household Trash
- Batteries
- Large Scrap Metal
- Shredded Paper

VISIT WWW.RRRASOC.ORG AND SEARCH THE RECYCLING DIRECTORY TO LEARN WHERE TO RECYCLE THESE

RRRASOC | THE RECYCLING AUTHORITY

CONNECT WITH US: E-NEWS, SOCIAL



Building to Feed the Hungry

Community Sharing Capital Campaign

4 REASONS WHY COMMUNITY SHARING MUST BUILD A PANTRY

1. We need to move from our existing leased space due to the poor condition of the building.
2. We cannot afford the millions of dollars to repair and purchase our existing space.
3. We must continue to feed the ≈ 700 hungry men, women and children, each month, who live in the Huron Valley school district.
4. We must continue to provide support to our seniors and disabled neighbors in need.



Help us build a new pantry on property provided by Highland Township at 400 Beach Farm Circle, Highland, MI

DONATE TODAY @ WWW.BUILDINGTOFEEDTHEHUNGRY.ORG



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Milford Police Department warns residents of the alarming increase in the lethality and availability of fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine. International and domestic criminal drug networks are mass-producing fake pills, falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills, and killing unsuspecting Americans. These counterfeit pills are easy to purchase and widely available.

Some of the most common counterfeit pills are made to look like prescription opioids such as oxycodone (Oxycontin®, Percocet®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), and alprazolam (Xanax®); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall®). Fake prescription pills are widely accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms – making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including teens and young adults. These counterfeit pills have been seized by DEA in every U.S. state, and in unprecedented quantities.

The only safe medications are ones prescribed by a trusted medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist. Any pills that do not meet this standard are unsafe and potentially deadly. DEA has launched the public awareness campaign, One Pill Can Kill, to educate the public on dangers of counterfeit pills and how to keep Americans safe.

For more information, visit DEA.gov/onepill.



Winter is a great time to control woody invasive species such as buckthorn, autumn olive and invasive honeysuckles! These species do not support our native birds, pollinators and other wildlife. Some of these plants release chemicals into the soil that makes it difficult for other plants to grow. Replacing invasive bushes with hardy native alternatives supports our native ecosystems oaklandinvasivespecies.org/restoration/.

You can manage woody invasive species by cutting them down repeatedly, by cutting them down and treating the stumps with herbicide or by covering the stumps with a thick black plastic bag for a year. To find out more go to tinyurl.com/woodyinvasiveremoval.

Do you need help with invasive species identification on your property? Watch our short video on YouTube tinyurl.com/occismaYT, try using an image recognition app such as iNaturalist or give Oakland County CISMA a call at 248-660-0716 to request a field visit.



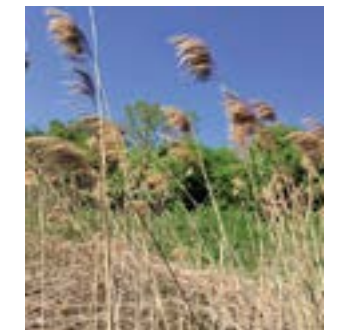
Common Buckthorn



Autumn Olive



Gypsy Moth Caterpillar



Phragmites

Financial Transparency

Each year Milford Township and the Village of Milford must meet certain requirements to qualify for the CVTRS 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/Performance Dashboard) and www.villageofmilford.org/budget.

Gypsy Moths , Phragmites, and Other Invasives

We have received several calls on how to identify and manage Gypsy Moths on your property. We have found helpful information you can use at www.michigan.gov/invasives and www.msu.edu. You can also use your browser to search Gypsy Moth Caterpillars for more information.

If you are concerned about phragmites or other invasives growing on your property you can go to www.milfordtownship.com › 2019 Request for Estimate Form Phragmites. There you will see a request form to receive a free estimate to have the invasives eradicated.

Milford Township Roads

All roads (excluding Village of Milford roads) within the Township are owned and maintained by Oakland County.

Hazardous conditions, such as potholes, hanging limbs, signals not working, snow or litter should be reported directly to the Road Commission for Oakland County at www.rcocweb.org or **248-858-4804**.



QUALITY LIFE THROUGH GOOD ROADS - WE CARE

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The **Milford Township Offices** will be closed the following days for the holiday observances:

- November 11, 25, 26, 2021
- December 10, 23, 24, 30 & 31, 2021
- January 17, 2022
- February 21, 2022
- April 15, 2022

Assessment Reminder

Assessment Change notices will be arriving in your mailbox the third week of FEBRUARY 2022. 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 2022 taxes. If you disagree with the new assessment there is information on the notice on how to appeal the assessment.

- Art Classes
- Art Shows
- Art Parties
- Pod Parties
- Gift Shop
- Space Rentals
- Events
- Membership
- Volunteer
- Monthly Meetings
- Drop in and Create
- More...



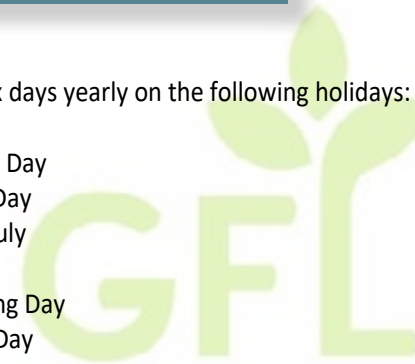
your community arts center!
125 S. Main St., Suite 700
(next to River's Edge Brewing Co.)
248-797-3060 | milfordvfaa.org
Hours: Mon - Sat 10 - 2; Thurs 10 - 6

Trash Pick-Up TOWNSHIP & VILLAGE 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.



As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 the U. S. Treasury Department has allocated funds to MSHDA to set up the Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF). The program is set to launch in the fourth quarter of 2021.

For eligible uses and more information go to: www.michigan.gov/mshda

2022 Dog License Rate Increase



2022 Dog licenses will be available for purchase at the Township Offices and on the WEBSITE (milfordtownship.com) starting December 2021. Current prices are \$25.00 for an unaltered animal or \$15.00 if the pet has been spayed or neutered. Seniors 65 years of age or older are discounted to \$14.00 for a spayed or neutered pet or \$23.00 for an unaltered pet. These prices are good through June 1st 2022-- after that date all licenses are considered delinquent and the cost is \$40.00.

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.

WATER BILLING INFORMATION

Email Bills

The Village of Milford encourages residents to go paperless! Bills can be emailed directly to you instead of waiting for mail delivery.

For more information call 248-684-1515 and ask for Sandy or email sandys@villageofmilford.org.

Remote Access

If you are a Village resident you most likely have one of these boxes on the outside of your home. We ask that you take a few minutes to make sure it is accessible for our meter reader by clearing any brush that may be near it. Also, with winter coming we ask that you try to keep snow and ice from the area around it.



Thank you!

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

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POSTAGE
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PERMIT # 36
MILFORD, MI



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 President Pro-tem

Jerry Aubry James Kovach

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Steven Burke Jennifer Frankford

Harley Maxwell Dave Pehrson

Kevin Ziegler

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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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MILFORD:



Phone: 248-685-8731

Fax: 248-685-9236

Websites: www.milfordtownship.com

www.milfordfiredept.com

Supervisor: Don Green

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Treasurer: Cynthia Dagenhardt

Fire Chief: Thomas Moore

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Timothy Brandt

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Randall Busick

William Mazarra

Toni Vulaj

Dale Wiltse

Dates to Remember

- Nov 27 - Christmas Parade, 10:00 am.
- Dec 7 - Last day for yard waste collection in the **VILLAGE**.
- Dec 8 - Last day for yard waste collection in the **TOWNSHIP**.
- February 14 - Winter taxes due.

Village/Township Office's Closed:

November - 11, 25, 26

December - 10 TOWNSHIP ONLY

December - 23, 24, 30, 31

January - 17

February - 21

April - 15



HVCC
Huron Valley
Chamber of Commerce

Annual Christmas Parade
Downtown Milford, 10:00 am

For information visit:

www.huronvcc.com or call 248-685-7129