



MILFORD COMMUNITY NEWS



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MILFORD POLICE IMPLEMENT POLICE SERVICE AIDE/CADET PROGRAM



Effective September 1, 2015, the Milford Police Department contracted Emergency Dispatch Services to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. During that same week the Milford Police Department implemented the new Police Service Aide and Police Service Cadet program. The program consists of a full-time Police Services Coordinator, nine part-time Police Service Aides, and six part-time Police Service Cadets. Six of our past dispatchers stayed on at the Milford Police Department, and are a part of this new program. In a typical week each Police Service Aide and Police Service Cadet will work a 24 hour week consisting of two 12 hour shifts to help in our commitment to maintain 24/7 coverage for the Milford Police Department.

Police Service Aides and Police Service Cadets are trained for a wide variety of services which help to keep our Police Officers on patrol. Some of these services include finger printing, PBT testing, crossing guard detail, and the processing of reports. The Police Ser-

vices Coordinator and the Police Service Aides will also manage and maintain the Milford Police Impound Vehicle Lot, and assist the records department as needed. The Police Service Cadets, specifically will be more involved with prisoner processing, monitoring of prisoners during their stay in jail, and handle minor reports to help prepare for their career as a Police Officer. Most of the Cadets will be moving on to a career as a Police Officer within two years of starting here, and the Milford Police Department will be providing them with valuable experience and training.

The Police Service Aides and Police Service Cadets will also answer the Milford Police Department phone lines 24 hours a day, provide walk-in support to the Milford community, and monitor the Milford Police Department's cameras 24 hours a day. The goal of this program is to provide the Milford community with top customer service, and to aid in keeping Milford Police Officers on the road rather than in the department handling routine issues.

The Big Reveal!

Thursday, November 19

DOWNTOWN UNVEILS HOLIDAY STOREFRONTS. Come Downtown on Thursday, November 19, 6:30 pm 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 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. 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.

Also, to avoid estimated water bills, please keep a path cleared to the remote for the water meter outside your home.

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 28,
10:00 a.m.
Downtown Milford
Huron Valley
Chamber of Commerce
(248) 685-7129



Gobbler Gallop

Don't miss the 5th annual Gobbler Gallop on Saturday, November 28, 2015. There will be a 1-mile fun run at 8:00 a.m. and a 4-mile walk/run at 8:30 a.m. Come for the race and stay for the parade!



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

All proceeds will benefit Huron Valley Creativity at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Presented by The Milford Business Association

Downtown Milford

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday
DEC 3rd, 6-9

Strolling Entertainment
Refreshments
Special Promotions
Carriage Rides



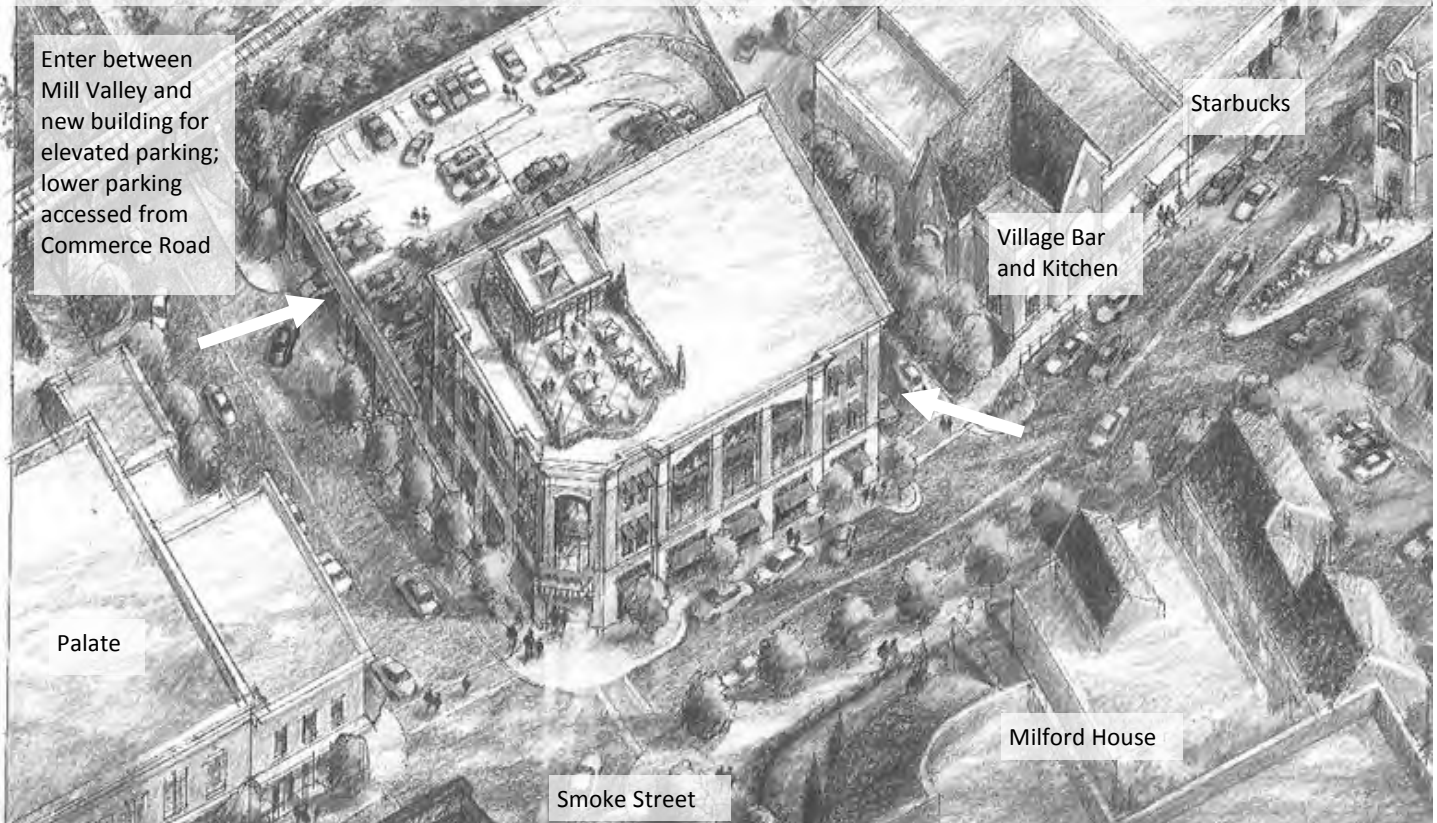


SANTA ARRIVES AT 6PM

Meet Me in Milford



DDA PURCHASES GAS STATION (Commerce and Main)



The Milford DDA purchased the gas station on the corner of Commerce and Main in September. The long-term goal is to create a public/private partnership to introduce traditional building on the corner, create elevated and underground parking and remediate impacted soils on the site. In the meantime, the property will be utilized for additional downtown parking. The existing site and building are being cleaned up and will be available for a temporary tenant soon. Questions and comments can be directed to Ann Barrette at 248-684-9719 or 248-396-8424. www.MeetMeInMilford.com

Performance Dashboard

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 certain documents be made available to the public for viewing. These documents can be found at www.milfordtownship.com (select Economic Vitality Program) and www.villageofmilford.org (select Village Treasurer, then Budget & Financial Reports).

Milford Community Garden

The Growing Greens Milford Community Garden (GGM), located on GM Road grew and donated over 1,800 lbs. of vegetables to Community Sharing. In addition to maintaining a volunteer garden, GGM also rents garden plots to individuals and families. The GGM community is growing each year with over 59 gardeners this year.



Learn more about GGM and opportunities to be involved at www.growinggreenmilford.org. Rental applications for the 2016 season will be available on the website the end of March 2016.

The Milford Garden Club



The story of the dangerous decline of the Monarch butterfly population was brought to the attention of our Garden Club membership. We decided that it was a worthy project to help create a safe habitat locally for these and other lovely creatures. With the enthusiastic permission of the Village Of Milford Parks and Recreation Commission and help from the Department of Public Service we have created a certified Monarch habitat in Arthur's Park. Its purpose is to provide a quiet sanctuary for peaceful enjoyment of nature. In keeping with the purpose of the Garden Club we plan to use the garden as a teaching experience for children in the community. We have completed two phases of this four phase project, so take a walk and watch it grow, and if you see a weed feel free to pull it!

The Milford Garden Club meets at the Milford Senior Center every 2nd Thursday of the month, September through June at 6:30 pm, everyone is welcome to attend! For more information on membership and events visit www.themilfordgardenclub.org.



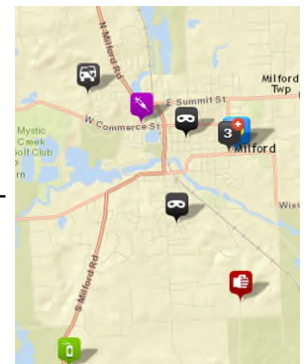
The Milford Police Department launched Crime-mapping.com in the spring of 2012. Crime-mapping.com is a web-based crime mapping system that provides the citizens of Milford a means to stay informed of crimes committed in their community. Crimemapping.com allows Milford residents the ability to see, on a daily basis, where, when and what crimes police are responding to.

When using crime mapping, residents can set up their own preferences for which crimes they want to view. When entering the webpage, the user will select the agency they want to view. Once the agency is selected, a map will appear with different icons showing the location and type of crime committed. For instance, a drug crime will show a hypodermic needle and an assault will show a fist. When the user clicks on the icon, information will generate showing the police report number, date and time of the offense and the incident type.

Crime mapping also allows citizens to sign up for free crime alerts. By entering your email address, location of interest and what crimes you want to

be notified for, Crime-mapping.com will alert you on the information you requested. Crime-mapping.com is not just a Milford Police mapping system. Many other agencies around the United States are also using Crime-mapping.com because it maintains and promotes transparency. With more agencies coming aboard, Crimemapping.com is a great resource when planning vacations and for families moving to a new neighborhood.

The best part of Crimemapping.com is that the service is free to anyone with a computer or mobile device with internet connection. There is even an app you can download to view it from your phone. To get started, simply visit milfordpolice.com and click on the Crime Mapping tab.



Yard Waste Collection

The last day for **VILLAGE** yard waste is Tuesday, November 24, **TOWNSHIP** is Wednesday, November 25.

A reminder, residents are not permitted to rake or blow leaves into Village streets. The Village will be sweeping the streets to keep storm drains cleared so there are no blockages.



Highland/Milford Transportation Program

Office Service Hours: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (248) 887-4979

Van Service Hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Rides are available for those 55 and over and all adult handicapped. Please call the office for an application and further information. Rides require minimum 24-hour notice Monday – Friday and scheduling for next-day rides must be made between 8:00 am - 11:45 am. Rides may be scheduled up to 2 months in advance.

LOCAL service includes Highland Twp., the Village of Milford and Milford Township. Cost is \$4.00 each way.

LOCAL PLUS services the area outside Highland/Milford but not exceeding a 16-mile radius from the center-point of Milford, areas include: Walled Lake, White Lake, South Lyon, Commerce Medical & Lakes Medical, Wixom, Providence Medical and most of Novi. Cost is \$8.00 each way.

To accommodate medical visits, schedule appointments from 10:00 am and no later than 1:15 pm.

For specific shopping information (including Holiday shopping) please call the office.

The Program is closed on all legal holidays and weekends as well as when Huron Valley Schools are closed due to inclement weather.

We take cash or checks made payable to: “Village of Milford”.

Dog Licenses

2016 Dog licenses will be available for purchase at the Township offices starting December 1st.

Current prices are \$15.00 for an unaltered animal or \$7.50 if the pet has been spayed or neutered.

Seniors 65 years of age or older are discounted to \$6.75 for a spayed or neutered pet or \$13.50 for an unaltered pet. These prices are good through June 1, 2016 – after that date all licenses are considered delinquent and the cost is \$30.00. You **MUST** bring in a valid veterinarian rabies certificate. Milford Township also sells the three (3) year license with proof of a three year rabies certificate. Cost is three times the current rate.

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 Tax Information

Check your mailbox for your Milford Township winter tax bill during the first week of December. If you do not receive your bill by the end of that week, please contact the Milford Township offices at (248) 685-8731.

The last day to pay your Milford Township winter tax bill without interest or penalty is Sunday, February 14, 2016. With the due date falling on the weekend payments will be accepted without interest or penalty through Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Milford Township is no longer mailing tax receipts. If you need a paid receipt for your summer or winter taxes, other than your cancelled check, please include a self addressed stamped envelope or your email address. If you require a paid receipt please mail the entire bill intact so we can stamp the receipt and send back in your return envelope. Thank you.

Community Sharing Adopt-A-Family Program

Community Sharing is gearing up to offer the Adopt-A-Family Program once again for 2015. Client families can be “adopted” to receive Christmas gifts provided by individuals or businesses that want to help those in need. Community Sharing volunteers match those who want to “give” with the wish lists of those who will “receive”, providing anonymity between families. Would you like to participate? Call Community Sharing at (248) 889-0347 and you will be matched up with a family. There is no prescribed contribution amount or expectation, you can donate what feels comfortable to help those families who otherwise may not have a Christmas.

The Community Sharing Outreach Center is located at 2029 N. Milford Road (Apollo Center) in Highland. The center serves the local area and provides food, clothing and educational assistance to those in need, while respecting their dignity and fostering their independence.

Hours for assistance are every Tuesday, 10 am to 1 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6 pm to 8 pm, and the 2nd Saturday, 10 am to noon.

2016 Election Dates

A Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, **March 8, 2016** to select candidates for the August Primary Election. Absentee ballot applications will be mailed out in early – mid December to voters on the permanent application list and any other voter who request it. Absentee ballots will be mailed out by the first week in February.



The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, **August 2, 2016** and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, **November 8, 2016**.

Offices on the 2016 ballots are: President/Vice President; U.S. Senator; U.S. Representative in Congress; State Representative; State Board of Education; U of M Regents; MSU Trustees; WSU Governors; Supreme Court Justice; Judges for Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate; County, Township and Village Offices and School District positions. Several as yet undetermined proposals will also be put forth to the voters.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming elections or would like to receive an absentee ballot, please contact Holly Brandt, Township Clerk at (248) 685-8731.

Milford Historical Society

If you haven't visited the Milford Historical Society Museum in quite some time, please stop in. The museum is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There is no charge to visit the museum, however, donations are accepted. The main display room and foyer have been renovated. Our new display is school related to coincide with the new school year. Books from the late 1800's, Milford school memorabilia, pictures and student items are among the items on display. School/group tours are encouraged and available by appointment. To arrange a tour call or email museum director Elaine M. Hunter at (248) 529-3393 or detah101@aol.com.

Your Village history awaits at this little gem. We hope to see you soon!



Don't forget, Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am Sunday, November 1. Time to turn your clocks back!

Village Building & Planning Updates

2015 Fall Building Update

It's been a very busy year, not only due to the building activity but also due to the rental inspections. Rental inspections began this year for all residential rental properties north of Commerce Road and next year those properties south of Commerce Road will be inspected. The most serious issue that has been written up has been the lack of or non-working smoke detectors. Also, furnace certifications were required for all furnaces that have not been serviced in the last 6 years. Most furnaces required a service inspection for that reason and in many cases furnace replacement.

Work continues on the Stone Church that is being altered into six condominiums. Once this phase of the project is completed, work is planned to begin across the street to start on the townhomes to be installed in the existing parking lot. Other building projects have been pretty scattered around the Village as builders are always looking for vacant lots to build on.

2015 Planning & Zoning Update

Recently a Planned Unit Development (PUD) was approved by the Village Planning Commission for 24 single-family homes to be constructed on the former Baker School site. The PUD plan will allow for the extension of Hickory Street to continue through to George Street, which will more closely match the existing "grid pattern" in the neighborhood.

Another project recently approved by the Planning Commission was the reconfiguration of the property occupied by the Digital Document store. The plan calls for the existing home beside the store to be demolished and relocated to the north side of the pole building and the parking lot to be relocated in the area where the demolished home once stood.

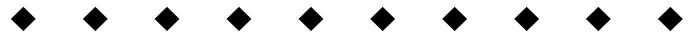
Milford Township Parks & Recreation Openings

There is one commissioner position available on the Milford Township P & R Commission.

The Commission is a nine-member commission of dedicated resident volunteers who meet on the third Monday each month. They are committed to providing activities and recreation opportunities to the community. Yearly events include the annual spring and fall community picnics, one with an outdoor movie at dusk; summer movies in the park; a fall drive-in style movie event and an outdoor winter event in Central Park.

There is also a vacancy for a Junior Commissioner, which is a non-voting, volunteer position available to students in grades 8 – 12.

If you are interested, have questions, or would like more information, please contact Holly Brandt, Township Clerk at (248) 685-8731 or email clerk@milfordtownship.com or visit www.milfordtownship.com.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!

Arts & Greens

HOLIDAY MARKET

November 21 & 22, 2015

1525 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake MI 48383

HuronValleyArts.org
248-889-8660

HMCA art BOGIE LAKE

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

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VILLAGE OF MILFORD

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Email: milfordvillage@villageofmilford.org

Websites:

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

Council President President Pro-tem

Jerry Aubry James Kovach

Council Members:

Jennifer Frankford Elizabeth Heer
Thomas Nader Dave Pehrson
Kevin Ziegler

Administration:

Manager – Christian Wuerth
Asst. Manager/Clerk – Deborah Frazer
Treasurer/Finance – Penny Ray
DPW Superintendent – Robert Calley
Police Chief – Thomas Lindberg
Bldg. Director – Randy Sapelak
DDA Director – Ann Barnette

POSTAL PATRON



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MILFORD:

Phone: 248-685-8731
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Website: milfordtownship.com

Supervisor: Don Green
Clerk: Holly Brandt
Treasurer: Cynthia Dagenhardt
Fire Chief: Larry Waligora

Bldg Official:
Timothy Brandt

Board Members:
Randall Busick
William Mazarra
Brien Worrell
Dale Wiltse

Dates to Remember

- Nov 19-The Big Reveal, downtown Milford 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 24 & 25- Last day for yard waste collection.
- Nov 28 -Christmas Parade, downtown Milford 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 3-Christmas Open House, downtown Milford 5:45 p.m.

Village/Township Offices Closed:

- November 11
- November 26
- November 27
- December 24
- December 25
- December 31
- January 1

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,



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Milford Downtown Development Authority, 1100 Atlantic, 684.9719