



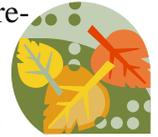
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From the Mayor

Fall is approaching fast and that means cooler weather and leaves! There are several events planned for September and October that you may want to attend, such as Movie Nights, a Retirement Party for Gary Lilly, the Pumpkin Festival 5K Run, Parade and the Festival itself, a Halloween Party and much more so continue reading this newsletter for more for more details. There are plenty of events you may want to attend, so bring the family and tell your friends.



We adopted a new Junk Ordinance and are working hard on cleaning up the City of Milton. Most of you are cooperating and took advantage of our cleanup the month of July. If you did not, it is your responsibility to dispose of your items. Republic Services, the trash service for our area will pick up large items if you call them. We have scheduled our annual Fall Cleanup October 21 – 25. We will continue working on enforcing this ordinance because we want Milton to be a beautiful and clean place to live. Thank you to all who have taken action in cleaning up your property.



Once again we are working at City Hall because we need additional space. This time we are shuffling around and building a wall to create space as well as moving some of our storage to the house we purchased next door. This will move the police officers private offices upstairs while keeping an interview and processing office downstairs. All the maps for the water, sewer, stormwater, city and cemetery will now be downstairs for easy viewing and those who use those maps will have office space in the same area. Like I said it is more or a shuffle but we feel it will make things flow better at City Hall. We hope to have everything complete in about six weeks, once complete feel free to stop by and check it out.



We received an update from the DOH regarding the Smith Street paving and have been reassured that it will be done this paving season which ends in October.



I wish each of one of you a safe and happy fall and I encourage you to pause from your busy schedules and take a little drive so you can enjoy the amazing colors of fall in West Virginia.

~ Department & Council ~

NEWS

Recorder Phyllis Smith

As required by law, we will be publishing as a Class I Legal Advertisement the City's 2012-2013 Year Ending Financial Report and Vendors List. This publication gives the public a yearly account of all City finances. If you have any questions feel free to contact City Hall.



At the end of this year the West Virginia State Auditor's office will be performing an audit for the City. Every year the City of Milton is audited by a Certified Public Accountant who is registered and approved by the State.

A reminder to anyone who has rental property, **business or individual**, who receives income from that rental property you need a city license and are responsible for paying B&O Tax on that income. Please contact the office for information on getting in compliance with your rental property.



Stormwater Coordinator Randy Rutledge

Very Important! When mowing your lawn keep grass clippings off street and other paved areas! Let me share some facts:

- Grass clippings contain phosphorus, the nutrient that turns lakes, streams and rivers green with algae.
- Grass clippings from actively growing lawns have 4 to 5 times more phosphorus content than fallen autumn tree leaves.
- One bushel of fresh grass clippings can contain 0.1 lbs. of phosphorus. This isn't a lot but it's enough to produce 30 to 50 pounds of algae growth if it finds its way to a lake or river.
- When mowing, grass clippings should be directed **away** from the street, driveways, sidewalks, or other paved areas. Curbside storm sewers can transport grass clippings (along with other street debris and dirt) to our streams and the Mud River.



- Grass clippings blown on the street, driveways, sidewalks or other paved areas during mowing should be swept up and returned to the lawn or composted.



It is also important that you sweep after mowing and if you keep the mower blade high – over 2.5 inches – promotes a healthier lawn, fewer weeds and cleaner water.

- Cut grass to a height of 2.5 to 3 inches. An easy guide is the width of a dollar bill, which is slightly wider than 2.5 inches.
- Lawns mowed higher withstand heat stress better and need less watering.
- Lawns mowed higher are more competitive against weeds, reducing the need for herbicide use.
- Lawns mowed higher are more robust and resilient, reducing bare spots and soil erosion.

We continue to get reports of owners not picking up after their pets. People leaving their pet's waste on the ground are in violation of city ordinances. Please bag your pet's waste then dispose of properly in a trash receptacle. This waste eventually makes its way into our system which is not allowed by our WVDEP Stormwater Permit.



Public Works by Gerald Clagg

Baby Wipes, Wet Ones, Clorox Wipes or any other disposable wipes are clogging our sewer pumps! Regardless of the manufacture's label which says it is flushable they are not breaking down and clogging our sewer pumps. If you read the newspaper you may have seen all the problems this is creating for Huntington. We need to put a stop to flushing the disposable wipes now before it gets any worse.



We are still smoke testing the sewers and will continue to do so over the next 2-3 months. We are working hard on our end to stop the infiltration into our sewer system.

Now that the water and sewer projects are complete we will be putting down blacktop on the areas were we dug up as a result of these projects.



We are continuing to work on cutting the brush and trimming tree limbs back from roadways to keep cars from getting scratched.

Hopefully, the weather will start to change soon and the mowing will slow down so the guys can get started cleaning out the ditch lines throughout the City.

Building News by Bill Morris

Curb Appeal – You probably have noticed that some of your neighbors are getting rid of the junk on their porches and in their yards. It's a new ordinance that the City of Milton has been enforcing and will continue to enforce because we want the city to have curb appeal and you should too.

Have the best-looking home on the block with an exterior that blends lasting character and curb appeal. It's easy to create a home that's as functional as it is livable with updates that add value. Using colorful accents is a smart way to make a style statement and enhance your home's exterior. Whether you're looking to add a little color or a lot, the front door is a great place to try a bold dose of color. Consider coordinating outdoor lighting with hardware, adding a stone veneer to exterior walls, or redoing your roof to improve your home's overall look. Research your home's architecture and consider adding trim around a door, brackets, window boxes, or shutters. Decorative details can also boost your home's character, curb appeal, and value. Quick and easy exterior home improvements, such as



mending a walkway, charting a garden path, or adding outdoor lights will warm your exterior and make the transition from street to door safe and seamless. No time or money for a full-blown exterior project? An on-the-cheap weekend project, such as painting trim, staining the deck, or washing your siding, power washing your walks, can refresh your home in a flash.

If you have a contractor to do the work for you they need to have a currant City of Milton contractor's license and in some cases a permit. Call 304-473-3032, Ext. 202 when in doubt.

Police News by Chief Chuck Zerkle



I am writing this message to all of you concerning a problem we all have from time to time, disposing of those prescription drugs that are no longer needed or out of date. As most of you know the Milton Police Department has been involved in several prescription drug take back events. We have also been a long time partner with the Milton Baptist Church in their efforts to aid the Police Department in properly disposing of these unwanted prescription drugs.

With that said I am proud to announce that the Milton Police Department has been selected as a permanent drop off location for all of your unwanted or out of date prescription drugs. You can bring these items to the City Hall Lobby, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is a white metal box similar to a mailbox located in the lobby, just place them in the box and we will dispose of them in a safe and proper manner.



This box was donated to us by the Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership (CCSAPP). They are associated with the United Way of the River Cities. There are only two of these boxes located in Cabell County, the one in Milton and the other one is located at the Huntington Police Department.

In closing I am encouraging all of you to go through your prescriptions and other out of date medications and bring them to our office for proper disposal.



Milton Fire Department

Hello all, from the Milton Fire Department. July was a busy month for us. We responded to over forty emergency calls. Provided fire and rescue



services during the Cabell County Fair. Provided fire and rescue education during the City's Annual Fourth of July Celebration at the April Dawn Park and assisted with the fireworks activities for both the 4th of July and the Fair.

We would like to welcome several new members to our department: Jason Clagg, Tom Dawson, Seth Spears, J. R. Fetty and Cody Hogsett.

We are still in need of Junior Firefighters, those who are between the ages of 15 and 18 who would like to be a part of our department and learn the fundamentals of becoming a firefighter. If you are interested please contact one of our Officers about applying.

We held a boot drive fundraiser on Saturday, August 3. We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone for the support. The funds are going to be used to replace firefighting gear which has an average cost of \$ 2,300.00 per set. We are in need of purchasing 30 sets in the near future to meet national standards and state law. We will be holding several more fundraisers in the near future to help with this large cost.



With Fall approaching we want to remind you that burning season begins October 1 which means burning cannot be done until after 5:00 p.m. and the only thing you can burn is vegetation. You cannot burn trash, plastic or rubber. You must have a fire ring and a designated water source and you must stay with the fire at all times. The safest way to burn is to have a barrel or fire pit.



We also have UWA Wrestling scheduled for Saturday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. for a match will be honoring 911 and on October 19, at 7:00 p.m. it will be the casket match. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these events.

We continue to have the Robert Trippett Band every Friday night starting at 7:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy some good music! We schedule other events throughout the year so be sure to check us out on Facebook for upcoming events.

Just a reminder we have a room at the station available for anyone looking for somewhere to have a birthday party, wedding or baby showers, reunions, etc. Call Kenney at 304-743-6994 or Marsha 304-972-5333 for more information.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Milton Fire Department and God Bless!

~~ Other News ~~

Retirement Party for Gary Lilly

Our former Chief and Captain, Gary Lilly has retired from the Milton Police Department after almost 20 years of service. He has served the Milton Police Department longer than any other officer for the last 2 decades and possibly in the history of Milton.



We invite you the public to join us as we honor his years of service at a Retirement Party on Tuesday, September 3, following the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please stop by and let Gary know how much you appreciated his service over the years and let him know how much he will be missed.

Carnival

The Milton American Legion Post 139 will host a Carnival on Saturday, September 7, from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Legion. There will be a Bouncy Castle, Obstacle Blow Up, karaoke, face and hair painting, snow cones and hotdogs. Also, Batman, Batgirl and Captain America will be present from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and all children must be with an adult. Stop by and have some fun at the carnival and support your local American Legion Post 139.



Church in the Valley Special 911 Service

On Sunday, September 8, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. the Church in the Valley will have a special 911 service in honor of all emergency responders. This includes police departments, fire departments, EMTs, and any others who help guide and direct us through emergency situations.



Milton Baptist Church Block Party

You are invited to the Milton Baptist Church Block Party on Sunday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m., at the corner of Church and Pike Streets. Come out for FREE food, music, health screening, information and giveaways from community organizations and even a car show! Meet Batman, Spiderman and Friends along with Charley the Balloon Artist.



City of Milton

137 Years - September 16, 2013

Join us for refreshments as we celebrate the 137th Anniversary of the City of Milton following the Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Movie Nights at April Dawn Park

The City of Milton has scheduled two Movie Nights for fall. They will be held on Friday nights at April Dawn Park beginning at dusk. The first movie will be *EPIC* on September 20 and the second will be *Hotel Transylvania* on October 25. Everyone is invited to join us for Movie Nights on the big screen! You might want to bring a lawn chair or your blanket and don't forget a pillow and join us for these free events. Special thanks to New Heights Church for the use and setup of the screen, sound system and projector



Pumpkin Festival 5K Walk/Run

The WV Pumpkin Festival will host the Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 21, 2013, beginning at 8:00 a.m. This event will begin and end at Milton Baptist Church, 1123 Church Street. More than 250 participants completed last year's event and more are expected to attend this year. Partial proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. Registration for this event is \$15.00 until September 18. Beginning September 19 through race day, the price increases to \$25.00. Awards will be given to the overall male/female finishers, top three (3) male/female in each age division, top three (3) wheelchair and top three (3) stroller divisions. A raffle will be held after the awards ceremony. For more info log onto: www.tristateracer.com. Special thanks to the City of Milton, Milton Police Department, Milton Volunteer Fire Department and the Cabell County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in this event.



Pumpkin Festival Parade

The Pumpkin Parade & Marching Band Competition will be Saturday, September 21 (NOTE: This is Saturday, not Sunday), at 11:00 a.m. Once again the parade will include marching bands which will be inserted in the parade when the turn is made at Wendy's. Following the parade, for anyone interested, the bands will head to Cabell Midland High School for a band competition. The parade will form at 7:00 a.m. on the fair grounds and judging will begin shortly afterwards. For an entry form or additional information contact Gary 304-743-9159.



Pumpkin Festival Media Dinner

The Pumpkin Festival Media Dinner will be held Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Milton Baptist Church Gymnasium. Not to mention a wonderful dinner but this is a great way to kick off the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival, October 3-6.



Mountaineer Opry House Schedule

Below are upcoming music events at the Mountaineer Opry House. The doors and concessions open at 5:00 p.m. and show times are 7:30 p.m. Tickets are usually \$15.00 per show, \$12.00 for seniors and \$5.00 for children. Come out and see the following:



- September 7 – Wildfire Band
 14 – American Drive
 21 – Sammy Adkins & the Sandy
 Hook Mountain Boys
 28 – Darrell Webb Band
- October 5 – Little Roy & Lizzy Show
 12 – Jim & Valerie Gabehart Band
 19 – Melvin Goins & Windy
 Mountain
 26 – John Lilly & Blue Yonder

Pumpkin Park Events

Below are some upcoming events you may enjoy at the West Virginia Pumpkin Park or the Milton Performing Arts Center. If you need additional information on these events contact 304-638-1633 or 304-634-5857.



- September 3 – Pumpkin Board, 7:00 p.m.
 7 – Moto X, 10:00 a.m.
 M. Combs, 7:00 p.m.
 10 – Pumpkin Board, 7:00 p.m.
 17 – Pumpkin Board, 7:00 p.m.
 18 – Moto X, 5:00 p.m.
 21 – Pumpkin Run, 8:00 a.m.
 Pumpkin Parade, 11:00 a.m.
 24 – Pumpkin Festival Media Dinner
 7:00 p.m., Milton Baptist
 Church
- October 1 – Pumpkin Board, 7:00 p.m.
 3-6 – Pumpkin Festival
 12 – Moto X, 10:00 a.m.
 19 – Moto X, 10:00 a.m.
 22 – Pumpkin Board, 7:00 p.m.
 26 – The Van-Dells, 7:00 p.m.

West Virginia Pumpkin Festival

School Days will be Thursday and Friday at the Pumpkin Festival where students may enjoy the Learning Tent, the Mountain Men Encampment, Story Telling, Old Time Crafts, Agriculture Tent, age appropriate entertainment under the main tent and the pumpkin decorating. Just a reminder, only decorated pumpkins may be taken off the grounds and no commercial decorations for the contest. If you need additional information call Becky at 304-743-9159.



For info on cost, festival hours, etc. visit www.wvpumpkinpark.com or call 304-743-1633. For info on specific areas call the numbers below:

- Business Booth – Dave Poore, 304-546-8932
Food Booth - Barbara Brooks, 304-638-1633
Entertainment - Marilyn Haye, 304-638-5722
Children's Pageant - Mallory Jarrell, 304-638-8115
Pumpkin 5K Race - Amy Leslie, 304-541-2476
Parade - Gary Cooper, 304-743-9159
Children's Day - Becky Cooper, 304-743-9159
Giant Pumpkin - Walter Meadows, 304-762-2398
Parking – Mark Cooper, 304-743-3542
Special Events - David Vititoe, 304-736-9916
Craft Tent – Lois Mack, 304-743-9420
Other – Bill Kelley, 304-634-5857

Fall Cleanup

The City of Milton's Fall Cleanup will be October 21-25. This service is for residents within the city limits. There is a limit of one (1) pick-up load per house, additional pick-ups will be at the owner's expense. All items must be out by the curb in front of your house by 8:00 a.m. Monday. No car parts, batteries, tires, appliances, or electronics. For questions call 304-743-3032.



The City only offers this service in the spring and fall. If you have a large item, anytime other than our cleanups, you need to call Republic Services, your regular trash service company. We do not pick up regular trash.

Trick or Treat & Halloween Party

This year, as in the past, we will go with the same day and time for Trick or Treat as the Cabell County Commission, which will be Thursday, October 31, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

And don't forget the annual Halloween Party in April Dawn Park. At the request of the Milton Lion's Club this year's party will be sponsored by the City of Milton.



We thank all the local businesses for their support and encourage you to join us at the park. You can set up a table to display info about your businesses or you can bring candy to pass out to the kids. We welcome you to participate!

Curves

Members of Milton Curves in conjunction with members of Gallipolis Curves raised \$8,645.00 for Relay for Life event in June 2013. Fund raising events and projects were featured at each club throughout the last half of 2012 and early 2013.

Curves Complete the newly designed on-line Weight Management Program has had tremendous success since its implementation in January, 2013. The program provides exercise, diet and coaching by Cleveland Clinic Certified coaches. At the Milton Curves 38 participating women have lost a total of 368 pounds, 369 inches and 55% body fat, which is an average per person of 9.7 each of pounds and inches, as well as 1.4% body fat.



Beverly Young, Curves owner since August 2005, is offering Curves ownership availability to someone who is as passionate about providing improvement to women's health in the Milton community as she has been during the past 8 years. Young desires to retire, following the passing of her husband in late 2011, in order to spend more time with her children and 13 grandchildren. Any interested party can contact her at 740-441-7775 or Curves at 304-743-8820, Monday thru Friday between 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. or Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child

A familiar logo will soon be appearing frequently in Milton. Be on the lookout for collection and donation boxes labeled "Operation Christmas Child" during the months of September and October as you visit local businesses. Items and money collected will be used to pack "shoeboxes" filled with simple hygiene and school supplies along with small toys for needy children in "special access countries" around the world.



Over 100 million shoebox gifts have been distributed by Samaritan's Purse, a worldwide Christian relief organization, since 1993. Churches, businesses, civic groups and organizations, along with families and individuals have all had a part in this compassionate outreach to the world's children. Thank you, Milton businesses for your cooperation and support with the 2013 collection.

Also, on Thursday, September 26, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. the Milton Wendy's will donate 15 percent of sales to this cause. Please plan to visit Wendy's for dinner on that day.

Interested in participating? It is easy to get started. Pick up a brochure which has all the details, decide if you want your box to be for a boy or girl and the age group. Inside the brochure there are gift suggestions and instructions for preparing your box for shipment.



You may visit samaritanpurse.org for more information or [facebook.com/OCCshoeboxes](https://www.facebook.com/OCCshoeboxes), twitter.com/OCC_shoeboxes or you may call 1-800-353-5949 or 304-743-9420.

Office Closed

Our offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays: Labor Day, Monday, September 2 and Columbus Day, Monday, October 14. We will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

