



From the Mayor



The leaves are starting to fall, the kids are back in school and the days are cooling down. Time passes so quickly, it is hard to believe we are talking about September and October.

Fall is just around the corner and with Fall comes the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival. The 2014 Festival will be held October 2-5, with the Pumpkin Run and Parade on Saturday the 20th. Even though the festival is held just outside our city limits, it is an exciting and busy time for us at the City of Milton. As our Police prepare for the heavy traffic, let me remind you to be patient, allow extra travel time or simply rearrange your schedule to avoid traffic these 4 days.



There is a lot happening in Milton! I am sure you all have seen the construction at Perry Morris Square for Taco Bell. They have an anticipated date of late September for their grand opening, it won't be long now! While at Perry Morris Square be sure to check out the NAPA location which is open for business.

Moving east on Route 60 you will see the remodeling of the old NAPA building which will be Snap Fitness and they anticipate an October grand opening.

Heading east a little further is the new CVS Pharmacy. Construction came to a halt for a few days while some issues with the Department of Highways were being resolved. Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter work should have resumed and CVS should be open for business this fall.

We hope to have a response on our Phase II Home Rule Application by late September or early October. This would be a huge benefit to the City and would allow us to provide better service to the public mainly through our streets and sidewalks.



There are still abandoned vehicles throughout the City and by abandoned we mean vehicles without proper license, insurance or inspection sticker. Do not be surprised when you receive a notice if you have a car that falls under this description.

We continue to meet with interested parties on the development of the Morris Memorial Property and use of the building. We have been talking about this for a long time and are slowly making some progress, most of which is educating ourselves on many of the issues before us as well as meeting with individuals who are familiar with the process of development, investments, tax credits, grant

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IMPORTANT FACTS....

The City of Milton Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- ▶ *Monday, September 1, Labor Day*
- ▶ *Monday, October 13, Columbus Day*

From the Recorder Phyllis Smith

As required by law, we will publish the City's 2013-14 Year Ending Financial Report and Vendors List. This gives a yearly account of City finances. If you have any questions feel free to contact City Hall.

We are happy to report the WV State Auditor's office recently completed their audit and we received a good report. The City is audited yearly by either the State or 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 responsible for paying B&O Tax on that income. Please contact the office for information on getting in compliance with your rental property.

Some business owners do not have a current license for the City of Milton. I will be in contact with you if you do not take care of this immediately.



From the Building Inspector Bill Morris

Make your home much less attractive to the burglars. No one can be vigilant all the time, and not everyone can afford to have high-tech security equipment installed everywhere. What homeowners can do is protect the most vulnerable parts of the home, the places where burglars may strike first.

Take the front door for instance. Make an obscure front door much more visible. Add extra lighting to wash away shadows caused by landscaping and architectural details. Paint the front door a bright color. Put visible deterrents on the front door, such as warning stickers. "Beware of dog" and alarm security stickers can turn some burglars off. Make sure you have plenty of lighting outside the house.

The windows of any house are potentially vulnerable because it's easy to overlook them because they may be unlocked or even open. In older homes, the windows are vulnerable because they are often weakened and worn from age and replacing them could save you both ways like energy cost and burglary. And if the windows themselves can't be replaced, upgrade the hardware. Get new Window locks that are visible from the outside. This could be a deterrent to some burglars.

In almost one-third of burglaries, the thieves don't even have to do any work. They waltz right in through unlocked basement windows and garage doors. Any doors on the outside leading into your home, even the garage and basement, should have sturdy deadbolts. Most of our front doors have deadbolts but we don't think about the other doors that may have weaker locks that can be forced or partially disassembled to allow entry into the home.

Most homeowners don't think about burglary until it happens to them. It's not like it used to be, you didn't have lock you doors, but it's not that way anymore. Stay aware that thieves are out there!

Homeowners can do most of these projects but If you have any questions or need a permit please call 304-743-3032, Extension 202.

Milton Cemetery News by Bonnie Hancock

Do you like saving money? Do you like to be prepared? Do you like having choices? Do you like being in control? If you answered yes to the above questions, you owe it to yourself and your family to give me a call at 304-634-2363, stop by the office at 1139 Smith Street or email me at miltoncemetery@cityofmiltonwv.com.

Public Works News from Gerald Clagg

Attention all Business Owners on Milton Water System: Your backflow preventers test reports must be filed with the utilities office **immediately** to avoid possible interruption in your water service. If you have questions call 304-743-3422.

This fall, with the mowing season slowing down and as time and money allows, we will begin working on sidewalks, some places will be repaired and some sections will be replaced. We are aware that almost all of our sidewalks have problems.

As fall approaches and the leaves begin to fall just a reminder that we will pick up your bagged leaves or if you rakes them to the edge of the road we can use our street sweeper to pick them up. Please remove any sticks or garbage and they must be by the edge of the street. When bagging grass clippings DO NOT mix trash with clippings or leaves, our permit we acquire from the Division of Forestry is for vegetation only. We cannot burn trash and we will not sort trash from grass clippings or leaves. Please do not jeopardize this service for the community, we pick up leaves, grass clipping and small brush only.

Please Note: The following fees were approved by the Utilities Commission and City Council and will go into effect immediately:

1. Credit Card Fees—will charge customer whatever the credit card company charges the City.
2. Reconnect Fee—for vacationers will be \$60.00.
3. Fee for Testing Meter—regular meters the first test is free then \$30.00 thereafter and for larger meters test cost will be whatever we are charged when we send them off.



The WV Pumpkin Festival will host the **Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk** on Saturday, September 20, 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 this year. Partial proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. Registration for this event is \$15.00 until September 17. Beginning September 18 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 information visit: www.tristateracer.com.

The **Pumpkin Parade & Marching Band Competition** will be Saturday, September 20, 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 info contact Gary 304-743-9159.

School Days are Thursday and Friday at the 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 more info call Becky at 304-743-9159.

Hope to see you this year at the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival. For costs, hours, etc. visit www.wvpumpkinpark.com or call 304-743-1633 or 304-694-5857. For information 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

Breakfast at American Legion Post 139

Stop by the Milton American Legion Post 139 on the 1st Saturday of each month from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast—bacon, sausage, eggs, gravy, biscuits and all the fixings. The Legion is located at 1207 North Main Street. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 6th and Saturday, October 4th bring your family and show your support.

Happy 138th Anniversary City of Milton

The City of Milton will celebrate its 138th Anniversary on Tuesday, September 16. Join us for City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and stay for refreshments immediately following.



April Dawn Park
7:00 pm Bounce House
8:00 pm Movie Starts
Bring a Blanket or Lawn Chair

UWA Wrestling

The Fire Department will sponsor UWA Wrestling on Saturday, September 20 and Saturday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. Concessions will be open with a variety of delicious items. Join us for a fun family night.

Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk

The City of Milton will sponsor a Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 11, 2014. The race will begin at 8:00 a.m., at April Dawn Park.

Race Day Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and the cost will be \$20.00 the day of the race. Early registration forms and additional information can be found at tristateracer.com. All proceeds from the race will go to Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Awareness West Virginia.

A special thanks to all local businesses whose donations helped make this event possible, we couldn't do it without your support.

Bring your family members and challenge your friends to participate in this special event to raise money for a cure, you can be part of saving a life!



Police News from Chief Chuck Zerkle

Let me introduce you to our final five, our part-time officers. These guys step-up when needed and are very important to our department. I hope you will recognize these guys when you see them.

Phillip Armentrout is 37 years old and grew up in Winifrede, WV, in Kanawha County. He currently lives in Milton. He attended college for a while and graduated from the WV State Police Academy, Class of 107. He has special training in pistol, rifle and shotgun instructor (AR-15 Armorer, Glock Armorer). He has been an officer for 15 years, previously working at Cedar Grove and currently working full-time in Hurricane and part-time in Milton. He enjoys NASCAR (Go 88) and working on his guns.



PtIm. Armentrout



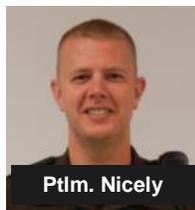
PtIm. Wilson

Jack Wilson is 56 years old, grew up in Moundsville and currently lives in Milton. He graduated from Marshall with a Bachelor of Science—Law Enforcement 1981 and a Master of Science—Safety 1993. He is certified WV State Police Officer and Firearms Instructor since 1988. He has been an officer for 34 years, working as a Correctional Officer for the WV Penitentiary and currently as a Lt. with MU Police and part-time for Milton. He has been with us 10 years. He's an Eagle Scout, a member of Kappa Alpha Order, FOP 122 and NRA Benefactor Life Member. He is a Christian, workaholic who likes to hunt and fish. He has been married to Jane 34 years and has a Chartreux cat named Indigo. He had 2 ancestors that were soldiers in the Revolutionary War and 1 in the Civil War.

Scott Ballou is 40 years old, grew up in Hope Valley, RI and Daytona Beach, FL. He currently lives in Milton. He graduated from Spruce Creek High School and Marshall with a BA in Criminal Justice. He has been an officer for 15 years, full-time at Marshall and part-time here. He is certified with the WVSP Academy, R.A.D. Systems and has special training in Police Defensive Tactics. He is a huge New England sports fan, has a passion for teaching women how to defend themselves and loves hanging out with his two kids, Brady, who is 4 and Lucy, who is 2.



PtIm. Ballou



PtIm. Nicely

Clarence Nicely is 28 years old, grew up in Milton and is still here. He has a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice & Master's in Business Administration from Marshall. He has been an officer for 6 years and currently works for the WV DNR and part-time for Milton. He is a trained instructor for Hunting & Boating Education and Handguns. He played collegiate baseball.

Chuck Holloran is 35 years old, grew up in Winfield and now lives in Hurricane. He attended AAS for 2 years and graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy. He is a trained instructor for Hunters & Boaters Education and NRA Pistol and is SWAT and Public Safety certified. He has been an officer for 14 years, previously working at Hurricane and currently working full-time with WVDNR Law Enforcement and part-time in Milton. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with his family.



PtIm. Holloran



Congratulations Sgt. Kyle O'Dell (l) and Cpl. Dean Bishop (r) on your recent promotions recommended by Chief Chuck Zerkle (m) and approved by City Council on Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

Milton Fire Department by Timmy Chastain

Hey folks! Summer has flown by this year and Fall is upon us. Luckily the summer wasn't too hot! With Fall upon us, now is a good time to have your chimney's swept and inspected before the cool weather sets in and you need to build a fire.

Also, remember to check the cleanliness of any kerosene heaters and be sure to change the fuel before using them the first time since last year.

Time falls back November 2, 2014, so please remember as you set your clocks back to change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors and Carbon monoxide monitors. This can save lives.



SUPPORT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our annual fund drive letters are being sent out now, we are asking for your continued support! The money we receive goes towards equipment we have to purchase in order to meet Federal and State guidelines. This up-to-date equipment keeps our firefighters safe while in the line of duty and allows them to provide you with the best possible service.

We are staying steady with emergency responses and we are very fortunate not to have had anything serious recently.

As many of you are aware, we respond to multiple accidents on Interstate 64 around the 22 1/2 mile marker. Chief Zerkle with the Milton Police Department is working diligently with the Department of Highways in trying to get these issues resolved.

We are pleased to see our wonderful town growing and are looking forward to working with all the new businesses coming in.

Again, thank you for all your support! God Bless!

Milton Business After Hours

The City of Milton will sponsor the quarterly Milton Business After Hours on Tuesday, October 28th. The event will be held at City Hall, 1139 Smith Street and will begin at 5:07 p.m. Business owners are encouraged to stop by and meet fellow business associates in an informal setting. It is a great opportunity to network and socialize. Light refreshments will be served.

Trick or Treat & Party in the Park

Trick or Treat for the City of Milton this year will be Friday, October 31, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Also, don't forget the annual Halloween Party in April Dawn Park sponsored by the City of Milton for the second year.

There will be lots of fun and a Halloween costume contest with 3 age groups: infant – 5 years old, 6 – 10 years old and 11 – 15 years old with 1st, 2nd & 3rd winners for each group.

Also, there will be free hot chocolate and corndogs for everyone. Be sure to stop by the ticket tent and get your tickets for free prizes. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this evening of fun!

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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET FOR MILTON WATER, WV 3300609

Our water system recently violated a drinking water monitoring requirement within the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, you, as our customers, have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 4/1/2014 to 6/30/2014, we did not monitor or test as required and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the monitoring we did not conduct, how often we are supposed to sample and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took and when the samples should have been taken.

Required Monitoring	Required Monitoring Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When Samples Should Have Been Taken
Nitrate	Annual	0	4/1/14-6/30/14

WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT IS BEING DONE? The sample was overlooked. Since then we have already taken samples and corrected the problem.

For more information, please contact Tim Allen at (304)743-3821 or at mailing address 1139 Smith Street, Milton WV 25541.

General guidelines to lessen risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)426-4791.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and business). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by: **MILTON MUNICIPAL WATER**

State Water System ID#- WV3300609 Date Distributed: 9/1/2014

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

The Milton Housing Authority is Now Accepting applications for tenancy - 62 years of age and older or handicap/disabled regardless of age, with or without children.

Applications may be obtained at the Mayor's or City Recorder's office at City Hall.

1139 Smith Street in Milton, WV 25541

To request an application write to:

P.O. Box 637 Milton, WV 25541

304-743-9530

TTY/TDD

1-800-982-8771

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Stormwater Coordinator Randy Rutledge

Floodplain News—Current FEMA Floodplain management in this country has two goals: (1) flood loss reduction, and (2) the conservation and protection of natural and beneficial functions of our water resources. Unfortunately the second is often treated as an afterthought in community planning and mitigating in ways to prevent structural damage by only devising methods to pass, reroute or deter “excess” water as quickly as possible. This, along with the development of paving, building, and changing or eliminating natural ground and vegetation functions, unless done with forethought, can often lead to worsening of the flooding problems you are trying to deal with.

The natural functions of storm flooding are many: recharging of ground water and aquifers; filtering of impurities; replenishment of soils; distribution of vital sediments to grasslands; creation of healthy plant and animal diversity along river corridors; controlling erosion; the list goes on. So, when human activity, especially urbanization and altering the flooding process by paving, dams, levees, reservoirs, storm water runoff systems, concrete lined ditching, etc. interrupts these natural processes, the entire ecosystem suffers.

As pressure mounts to develop floodplains areas, it is critical we modify the attitude that it is acceptable to obtain short term reductions in flood risk and/or economic gains by shifting manmade flooding costs to future generations, or even now to our neighbors downstream. Floods are not the sole cause of damage and suffering we see in these events, we are the culprit as well. Instead of just efforts to control the water, we need to control what, how and where we allow human activities and development to adversely affect it.

Stormwater News—As you know Huntington was hit with some major flooding on Friday, August 22. They were swamped by almost 2 inches of rain in an hour's time which caused a virtual shutdown of the city. In one area the street flooded so deep that water got into the cars parked on the street. The water went down very slow and when it did the drain was full of grass clippings, sticks and trash such as pop cans and plastic bottles. This debris made the flooding worse and was certainly a factor in increasing the height of the flood water. Please don't let this happen to Milton. City crews work constantly to keep drains clean but it is critical that every citizen do their part and keep grass clippings off the street and put trash in its proper place.

Another problem was people driving through the high water too fast. This caused waves which increased the damage from the downpour. I also personally saw a SUV driver go too fast for the conditions which caused the water to get into the engine compartment and stop the vehicle dead in the high water and further block traffic. The best idea is to not drive through high water but if you must drive thru standing water of no more than 6 inches then please drive slow. Please note that only 4 inches of *swiftly moving* flood waters can sweep a full size SUV off the road!

Milton United Methodist Church — Blessing of the Animals

Please join Milton United Methodist Church for their annual Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 3:00 pm at April Dawn Park. The purpose of the service is to remind us that we are entrusted to care for all of God's creatures and to give thanks for the joy they provide.

You are invited to bring family pets, service animals, or other domestic animals to be individually blessed. Dogs, cats, rabbits, fish, birds, horses, cows, reptiles, and all other creatures and their persons are welcome. Please make sure that all animals are on a leash, in a pet carrier, or otherwise safely attended. The service will be held regardless of the weather conditions.

Cabell County Comprehensive Planning Meetings Scheduled

The public is encouraged to attend the Cabell County Comprehensive Planning meetings on Thursday, September 25, 6:00—8:00 p.m. at Milton Elementary School and Thursday, October 23, 6:00—8:00 p.m. at Salt Rock Elementary School. The general purpose of a comprehensive plan is to guide a governing body to accomplish a coordinated and compatible development of land an improvements within its territorial jurisdiction, in accordance with present and future needs and resources. (WV Code §8A-3-1 (a))

What is wanted from you the public? Please take a moment and log on to take a survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q867HMY>. Your time and your input is very important in implementing this plan.

From the Mayor (Continued)

funding and restoration of a historical structure. I believe Milton will see growth and development in this area soon.

We are in the process of purchasing two new trucks, one for the Water Department and one for the Street Department. Their trucks get a workout with all the hauling they do. We haven't purchased any new trucks in the last five years since I have been in office.

Also, I would like to thank Mayor Turman with the Village of Barboursville for thinking of us when they had surplus property to dispose of. We are getting a 2007 Crown Victoria which will be used by our building inspector on a daily basis and by our office staff while traveling to training conferences, etc.



It is always exciting to work for the City of Milton. I enjoy the challenges we face daily. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your Mayor.

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF MILTON WHERE LIVING IS A PLEASURE!

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