



## From the Mayor

I hope you survived the winter months and are ready to say welcome Spring! I sure am ready for some green grass even if I do have to start mowing!

As the weather warms up the spring activities begin. One of the first activities I want to remind you of is our annual Spring Cleanup which will be April 20-24. This is a free service we offer to our residents within the City limits where we pickup and dispose of your unwanted junk. So get busy and clean out the attic, the garage or simply throw out that old chair you have been wondering what you were going to do with it. Read further in the newsletter for details.



Continuing with cleanups, let me remind everyone that the City has ordinances regarding the condition of your property whether it is your yard or the condition of your home. If you do not keep comply with these ordinances our code enforcers will be posting a red tag stating the violations.

Our employees work hard cleaning up the city by picking up trash, running the street sweeper, etc. Lets all work together to keep Milton looking good and lets start with spring.

The City has hired Teresa Litteral to assist the Committee in developing a Comprehensive Plan for Milton's future. This is something new for the City, we always want to grow and create jobs for our future and this plan is a way to put our ideas in writing. I encourage you to mark the dates of the meetings and contribute your suggestions.

Milton is growing and we are excited about our new businesses. We want to welcome *Ms. Betty's Collectables* and *Turn of the Century*, both of these are located in the Olde Timey Shoppe on Main Street and sale antiques and collectables. Stop by and check them out.



The sign has been posted for the Walking Trail Project at Morris Memorial and hopefully work will begin as soon as the weather cooperates. This project includes funding from the Federal Highway Administration Recreational Trails Program administered by the

WV Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.

We have been having an issue with individuals cutting the locks on their water meter when their water service has been shut off for non-payment and stealing water. Stealing water is a crime. It is a violation of WV State Code and City Ordinance 533.06. The penalty for such violation is a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) or

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## IMPORTANT FACTS....

► **National Medal of Honor Day**,  
March 25

► **Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams** is a retired United States Marine who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. He is also the last surviving recipient of the Medal of Honor from that battle. Mr. Williams resides just west of the Milton city limits.

## From the Recorder Phyllis Smith

We begin work on our 2015-16 Levy Estimate (Budget) in March. We have scheduled 3 meetings which will be held March 9, 16 and 23, all are Mondays, and will be held 9:00—11:00 a.m. at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

Once the budget is complete and approved by the State Auditor's Office we are required by law to meet the 3rd Tuesday in April to Lay the Levy. We will have a special meeting at City Hall at 10:00 a.m., April 21.

I also want to encourage you to participate in the City of Milton's Comprehensive Planning Meetings which are scheduled for March 17, April 23 and May 19. All of these meetings are scheduled for 5:00—7:00 p.m. These meetings are to create a vision for Milton's future. Your input is important!

## From the Building Inspector / Code Enforcers Bill Morris & Josh Jackson



Do you know your address? That seems like a silly question to ask yourself, but what about everyone else? It's not something most of us would even think about but very important for others to know. Whether it's the pizza delivery man, someone delivering a package or even a paramedic looking to save a life, maybe your life. It is important to have your address posted properly at your residence to avoid any confusion.

Also, did you know this is a City Ordinance? International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) 304.3 states – *Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.*

If you live in an area where access to your house is by means of a private road or driveway or your house cannot be seen from a public road, other means need to be taken to identify your residence. I believe the Milton Volunteer Fire Department has the blue reflective house numbers for sale that can be posted on a mailbox post.



When the weather permits we will be insuring that we all are in compliance with this which is also a safety issue as well as a clarification of your residence. If your house is not property identified we will be handing out door hangers as a reminder. If you have any questions feel free to contact either one of us at 304-743-3032, Extension 202.

### Milton Cemetery News by Bonnie Hancock



Join us for our Sunrise Service, April 5, Easter Sunday at 6:40 a.m. The service will be by Union Baptist Church Pastor Rick Watson with special music by Bonnie Lewis.

We have spaces available for \$500.00 each with opening and closing cost of \$750.00. If you have questions or concerns call 304-634-2363 or email [miltoncemetery@cityofmiltonwv.com](mailto:miltoncemetery@cityofmiltonwv.com).

### DEP— “Old Tire Take Back”

The DEP is once again sponsoring an “Old Tire Take Back” on Saturday, March 7, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the east parking lot of the Milton Pre K. This is the perfect opportunity to dispose of old tires in an environmentally safe way. The limit is ten (10) tires, off the rim, 16” or smaller, per resident with proof of ID. No large truck tires. This disposal is free to the public. Too many tires are found over hill sides and in creeks. If you have old tires to dispose of please mark your calendars and take advantage of this opportunity.



### Public Works by Gerald Clagg

As the weather gradually improves we will begin our maintenance projects from water and sewer repairs. We will work on yard and street repairs. Please be patient with us. We work on these projects when time allows from the day to day work and any emergencies that come up. It may take us a while but we will get to them as our schedule permits.

We continue to work on potholes and repairing bad sections of the roads. The winter weather and road salt have probably worsened the conditions in some areas. Please bear with us on these projects.

With Spring weather come spring clean up projects. Let me remind you we continue to pick up brush, leaves and grass clipping as long as you did not hire the work out. If you hired someone to do the work it is their responsibility to dispose of waste.

Also, let me remind you that our annual Spring Cleanup will be April 20-24. All items must be by the curb by 8:00 a.m. on MONDAY. Everyone must have their items out by MONDAY. Do not wait until the end of the week. We will get to your house as soon as possible during the week.



## April 20-24

**All items for pick up must be by the road by 8:00 a.m. MONDAY, April 20. No car parts, tires, batteries, or electronics. If you have any questions regarding an item call 304-743-3032.**

## Stormwater/Floodplain Coordinator Randy Rutledge

### Stormwater News:

Spring will be here before you know it. Now is a great time for your lawnmower's annual servicing. Many people wait until the weather starts to break but by that time most repair shops are already swamped and have a back log. Getting your mower's carburetor tuned up will save you money over the year. A surging engine is a sure sign of needing a tune up. Getting the blade sharpened will not only help your yard look better but will save money too as the engine doesn't have to work as hard.



### Quick facts:

In one year a tree...

- Filters 60 pounds of pollutants from the air.
- Cools like 10 air conditioners running continuously.
- Absorbs almost 900 Gallons of Stormwater.

***"The best time to plant a tree was 50 years ago.  
The second best time is now." Chinese Proverb***

Water is our most precious resource. An average American uses almost 80 Gal of water per day. A European uses about 40 Gal a day. A person living in the nation of Gambia in Africa less than 1.5 Gal per day.

### Floodplain News:

Many people start construction projects in the spring. If you are remodeling or building a new structure the first thing you should do is check with me to see if your building is in the floodplain. This is true even if you are performing the work yourself. Due to FEMA regulations there are restrictions on what you can and can't do to property in the floodplain. FEMA is very strict on this matter so we go by their regulations. Failure to do so could cause the flood insurance for every resident in the city to increase dramatically.



The City will soon start the application process to enter the Community Rating System. The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) was implemented in 1990 as a voluntary program for recognizing and encouraging community floodplain management activities exceeding the NFIP's minimum standards. Any community that is in full compliance with the NFIP's minimum floodplain management requirements may apply to join CRS.

The CRS uses a Class rating system that is similar to fire insurance rating to determine flood insurance premium reductions for residents. CRS Classes are rated from 9 to 1 with 1 being the best. Today, most communities enter the program at a CRS Class 9 or Class 8 rating, which entitles residents in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) to a 5 percent discount on their flood insurance premiums for a Class 9 or a 10 percent discount for Class 8. As a community engages in additional mitigation activities, its residents become eligible for increased NFIP policy premium discounts. Each CRS Class improvement produces a 5 percent greater discount on flood insurance premiums for properties in the SFHA. We will keep you informed about our progress.

## Valley of Decision Church

Valley of Decision Church Ladies Bible Study, "Your Weakness, God's Strength" 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays at the Milton VFW. Open to the public.

Stepping Into Freedom, a 12 Step Program, breaking addictions – substance, behavioral, relationships. Meeting held Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Milton City Hall. Program is free and open to the public. For more details call 304-743-0048.

## Fair Bean Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

The Cabell County Fair is sponsoring a Bean Dinner and Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, March 7 at the 4-H/FFA building at the Pumpkin Park.



Beginning with dinner at 4:00 p.m. and auction at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$7.00 for 7 years old to adult and \$4.00 for 6 years old and under. Carry out orders accepted and delivery available in the Milton area please call ahead for those orders. For more info contact Debbie Conard at 304-617-6551.

## Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8, 2015



## City Budget Meetings

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## Blenko Open House & Warehouse Sale

Blenko Glass will be having their annual Warehouse Sale starting Saturday, March 14 thru Saturday, March 28. Hours are Saturday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. and closed Sunday.

The Spring Open House is Saturday, March 14 at the gift shop from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Special events include classes, limited edition items and signing events. For more info call 304-743-9081.

## Rotary Spaghetti Dinner

Join Milton Rotary for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction Saturday, March 14, 4:00—7:00 p.m. at



Milton Baptist Church. The cost is adults \$6.00 and children \$3.00.

Our community service projects include: ECHO, Milton Youth Sports, 3rd Grade Dictionary Distribution, Cabell County Fair Animal Purchase, Tri-State Area Boy Scouts, Huntington City Mission, Barbourville Veterans Home, Hospitality House, Ronald McDonald House, and College Scholarships to 3 students. For more info contact Phyllis Smith at 304-743-3689.

## Bingo

You are invited to stop by the Milton American Legion every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. for a fun evening of B-I-N-G-O! They are located at 1207 North Main Street.



## Police News from Chief Chuck Zerkle

With 2014 behind us, I would like to take this opportunity to give a review of the years activities. Our officers answered over 4,500 calls to 911 for service which resulted in over 470 criminal offences, 82 felony arrests and 263 misdemeanor arrests. We also investigated 197 traffic crashes and I am very happy to say we had no vehicle fatalities in the year of 2014.

In 2014 we sent all our officers to a Comprehensive Drug Training class which trained our officers in various aspects of drug interdiction not only in the city but on the roadways. After completion of this class we have confiscated drugs as well as thousands of dollars from suspected drug dealers. Once the legal process has been completed we plan to use a portion of this money for our next faze which is to purchase a K-9 (drug dog).



**A Belgium Malinois**

The dog we plan to purchase will not only be used for drug detection but will also have the ability to track individuals. Officer Al Collins will be our K-9 handler. After training the dog will reside at his home and be with him at all times while on duty. In order to accommodate the dog we are going to retrofit our current SUV properly equipping it to safely transport the dog.

A K-9 is considered a full time officer. This is a costly investment for the City, with all the training, equipment and purchase of the dog it is expected to exceed \$12,000.00. Even though this is an expensive purchase statics show that most K-9 Units pay for themselves within the first year.

At this point we have received many contributions from supportive businesses as well as supportive individuals who feel this will be an asset to our community. We have received donations ranging from feeding the dog to providing veterinary care as well as monetary donations. If you would like to invest in this ongoing project to enhance our abilities to better serve you and keep the community safe please contact us at 304-743-9211.

As always the citizens and business of the City of Milton have come to our aid in this project and we are nearing our goal for the purchase of the dog. Feel free to contact any of our officers or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

As always, be sure to contact 911 for any emergency. Our officers are dispatched through 911, we are not always in the office. If it is during office hours Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. call the Police Clerk at 304-743-9211 and leave a message for the officers.



## Milton Fire Department by Timmy Chastain

Hello Folks! We hope you are as glad that Spring is coming as we are! We have been extremely busy responding to emergency calls and a lot of those calls are due to this terrible winter weather.

We would like to welcome Jeremy Hatfield back to our department and congratulate Justin Carter for successfully completing his probation period!

We recently had all of our fire trucks inspected and tested as well as our SCBA packs and bottles—they all passed! We conducted an inspection and pressure test on all of our hoses and had a few sections that did not pass but we were able to replace those sections with spare hose we had.

With Spring approaching you'll be ready to start Spring cleaning. We want to remind you that if you do any burning, it can only be vegetation, no plastics, wood, trash, etc. and you must clear a ten foot perimeter around it down to dirt, keep a good water source within reach and stay with it at all times.

With nicer weather we plan on a lot of spring cleaning and work at our station to make sure it is up to par. We have noticed our concrete pad in front of our station needs replaced due to over thirty years of harsh weather and the weight of the trucks. This will be very costly. We want to remind you that your donations make it possible for us to keep our equipment and station up-to-date and running.

We are also sponsoring events throughout town this year such as: the Miss Flame and Miss Spark contest, an open house with refreshments at our station, and we have even pondered on having a night of fireworks for our community. We continue to have a live band every Friday night and multiple events each month, even Wrestling!

Our Men and Women continue to strive to provide the best services possible and we make every effort to provide our members with the best equipment and training available. We intend on having fund raising events to help offset the high cost of our preventive maintenance and to be able to meet our goals for this year. We ask that you please help us in achieving our goals through the donations we receive from YOU! This determines what services WE can offer to YOU! Day to day operations of a volunteer fire department are very costly and WE need YOU!!!

It has been a long process but we have our fire truck almost ready to be placed into active service for our Barker Ridge station. We feel that it will provide our ridge communities very good service! You cant miss it coming and going because it is YELLOW! As always, please stay safe and God Bless!

## SENIORS LUNCHEON

**Attention Senior Citizens:** The Milton Senior Center has a Luncheon on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and you are invited! All you need to do is bring your favorite covered dish. If you would like more information on the dinners or the Center's other activities please call 304-390-0020.



## HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY



The Milton Housing Authority is now accepting applications for tenancy, 1 bedroom ONLY, 62 years of age and older, or handicap/disabled regardless of age, with or without children.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall  
**1139 SMITH ST. 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

This Institution Is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

## City of Milton to hold Comprehensive Plan Meetings

Where should Milton be in 20 years? That is the question the City of Milton is trying to answer. The City will have its first public meeting from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, at Milton City Hall Council Chambers, 1139 Smith Street, Milton. This is the first meeting in a series of public and committee meetings that will take place over the next year to gain input from local businesses, homeowners, government officials and other community partners.

The plan is an all-encompassing look at the future of Milton and we will look at all aspects of the city—"Where are the future recreational sites? Does the city need more recreational sites? What does the city need? We are looking at everything."

Theresa Litteral, assistant professor at Mountwest and project manager for the plan, said the plan will look at transportation, tourism, economic development and the strengths and weaknesses of the city. "In a nutshell, it's a guideline for what they want for the future of Milton," Litteral said. Litteral said the project is public driven and they need to take ownership of the plan. "The public is who creates this document," Litteral said. "It belongs to them."

West Virginia State Code requires municipalities and counties adopt a comprehensive plan prior to the enactment of subdivision and land development ordinances and/or zoning ordinances. Huntington, Barboursville and Milton each have their own longterm plans. The areas which are unincorporated municipalities outside those city limits will be included in the Cabell County Plan. The city has until June 2015 to complete the plan before submitting it. "We will create one vision by bringing everyone's ideas together," Litteral said.

Other meetings are scheduled for April 23 and May 19. All of these meetings will be held at City Hall from 5:00—7:00 p.m. and are open to the public. For more information about the comprehensive plan, visit <http://www.cabellcountyplan.com>.



## Milton Business After Hours

The next Milton Business After Hours will be hosted by Cabell Health Care Center, located at 30 Hiddenbrook Way. All local business owners and managers are encouraged to attend. This is the perfect opportunity to get acquainted with others in the community. The event will be held Tuesday, March 24, 5:15—6:15 p.m. Hope you will join us.

## Milton Baptist Church

Special Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Mission's Committee Bazaar Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in the church gym. There will be vendors selling products such as *31, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef*, etc., and crafts.

Upward Soccer has started for grades K-8 and new this year is the 3-4 year old division. Registration per child is \$60.00 and shorts are optional at \$15.00. For more info call 304-743-3461.

## Chili Cook Off

Ross Drug is looking for local businesses and residents in Milton to participate in their 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off Friday, April 24, 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You need to bring a small table and décor, extension cords, large crock pot full of your best chili, folding chair, a positive, friendly attitude and a big smile. Ross Drug provides bowls, gloves, napkins and spoons for all and encourages the use of local businesses for supplies. Bring your best red, green, white or vegetarian chili and let the games begin! The public will sample at no charge and cast their vote which registers them for give-a-ways. Awards for People's Choice and Mayor's Choice. Register at Ross Drug or call Jeff at 304-840-7693.





## Ross Drug, 340 East Main Street, Milton, WV



### Now Accepting Payments for the Following

#### Cable / Internet / Phone

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Masseys  
Mastercard  
Nenards  
Mervyns  
Metrostyle  
Midnight Velvet  
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Citifinancial Retail Services  
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Green Tree  
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#### Utilities

AEP  
Allied Waste  
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Consolidated Electric Coop.  
Ferrellgas  
Suburban Propane  
Waste Management  
WV American Water



## From the Mayor (Continued)

Imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both and each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Please pay your bill on time and you will not be tempted to violate the law. If you would like a copy of our ordinances regarding "theft of utilities" they are available at City Hall.

We are happy to have CVS open for business and there has been some inquiries about the land behind CVS. We will keep you posted as soon as we hear something. Milton is growing and it is exciting!

Spring brings new growth and beginning. May Spring bring you and your family opportunities for fun and be sure to watch for the many City activities to come this year. It is always special to do community events.



I continue to enjoy working as your Mayor and I thank you for this opportunity.

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

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