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March/April 2024

From the Mayor



The warmer spring months usher in a busy time of year for all city departments as we wrap up winter activities and prepare for the variety of spring and summer projects we have scheduled.

Some of the upcoming projects for this spring and summer include spring clean-up, a tire collection event and hydrant flushing.

The Cabell County Board of Education has approached the City regarding the potential annexation of the new Milton Elementary School. In order to do this, the City would also need to annex the roadway only of Newman's Branch Road up to the new school. We will keep you informed of developments on this important matter.

MMUC's water purchase agreement with West Virginia American Water expired and was not renewed. We still have an interconnection with WVAW for use in the event of an emergency, but any purchase of water from them will now be as a regular customer. We have also begun the process to develop an interconnection with Mason County Public Service District which would serve as an additional back-up water source. We are optimistic that this project will be fully grant-funded! In addition, we are still working on a project to upgrade the water plant filtration system, replace a stretch of old water lines, and add another water storage tank. This project should also be grant-funded.

Paving on South Main Street is going well. Once construction began it was determined that additional sidewalks needed to be repaired. We appreciate the patience of all the residents and businesses on that street while this project is underway. It will be finished before you know it, and it will definitely be worth it!



We continue to have conversations with Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District about APPIL April Dawn Park. They have assured us that they

will address many of the issues we've raised with them about the park. One area of concern was the lack of a roof over the pump house. This area has become a popular place for unsupervised children to climb and sit



From the Recorder/Finance Department



Budget meetings will be held on March 8, 11 and 18, 2024, all at 9:00 a.m. The Budget will published after voted on by March 28, 2024. Also, as required by law, we

will lay the levy on April 16, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. All budget meetings and the laying of the levy are open to the public and will be held at City Hall.

Just as a reminder, all 1st quarter 2024 Business & Occupational tax returns will be mailed by March 30th, and are due no later than May 15, 2024, without penalty.

Please feel free to contact the Recorder at 304-743-3032, extension 222, or the Finance Clerk, extension 211, if you have any questions.



From Building Inspector, Mike Ramsey

It's about that time of the year again for various home improvements. Here is a list of the most frequently asked questions that homeowners have about permits in the City of Milton. PLEASE NOTE! The answers below are based on the homeowner doing the work themselves and are not in the floodplain/floodway.

Q: Do I need a permit to trim trees, build a flower bed or do landscaping to my yard?

Q: Do I need a permit to install patio stones, bricks, sidewalk pavers etc.?

- Q: Do I need a permit to build a playhouse, swing set or playground equipment?
- A: NO Q: Do I need a permit to build a storage shed for my tools, lawnmower, etc.?
- Q: Do I need a permit to paint, paper, tile, carpet or similar finish work?
- Q: Do I need a permit to do ordinary repairs and maintenance?

- Q: Do I need a permit to do maintenance on my heating/cooling equipment?
- Q: Do I need a permit to install my window air conditioner?
- A: NO Q: Do I need a permit to remove and reinstall a water closet, lavatory, etc.?
- Q: Do I need a permit to unstop my drains?

- Q: Do I need a permit to install a fence?
 - A: NO (But there is a setback ordinance and some other rules that apply)
- Q: Do I need a permit to install roofing, siding or build a deck on my house?

A: YES

Q: Do I need a permit to remodel the inside of my house?

A: YES (In most cases)

If there is a Structural Change, Plumbing, HVAC or Electrical modifications involved in any project you will need a permit. All Contractors that do the work for you in the city must have a City of Milton business license and they will be responsible for paying Business & Occupation Taxes.

If you are in doubt about anything or need more information, please call City Hall 304-743-3032 EXT. 202 or cell at 304 590-5786.

APRIL 8-11

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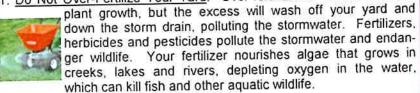
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ALL ELIGIBLE ITEMS MUST BE OUT FOR PICKUP BY 8:00AM ON THE DAY OF YOUR SCHEDULED PICKUP NO EXCEPTIONS

Stormwater News-There is an enormous amount of chemicals and yard waste associated with the spring season. We offer these spring maintenance tips to use while caring for your lawn;

1. Do Not Over-Fertilize Your Yard: Over-fertilization will not increase



2. Do Not Put Grass Clippings into the Street: To do so is a violation of our Stormwater permit. Covered or clogged drains significantly contribute to street and yard flooding. Storm drains are not meant to accept debris or garbage, but to take away overflow rainwater to prevent flooding of home and property. Only Rain Down the Drain! Please note that City crews will pick up bagged grass clippings. But they MUST be in a bag with no trash or sticks!



3. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET! Milton has an ongoing problem with some people not being responsible and picking up their pet's waste. Everyone should be picking up their pet's waste. This is repeat-

ed almost every newsletter, so many are not cooperating. Imagine your children playing in the park with a ball and getting dog poop all over their hands. Imagine a loved one being in the cemetery and finding dog poop on their grave. Image trying to do your job which may be fixing a gas line or water line to provide service to your customers and laying or stepping in dog poop. Please stop!

4. REMEMBER -The storm drainage system is a separate system from the sanitary sewer system. Any material that flows into the storm drainage system flows directly to our local rivers and streams, whereas the sanitary sewer system takes wastewater from our homes and businesses and treats it before returning the water to the river.

Please help the City in its fight against stormwater pollution. Whenever it rains, all of the rain water flows to our local rivers and streams, carrying any pollutants that are picked up along the way. We get our drinking water from the river so please help keep the Mud River clean. We are the solution to stormwater pollution.



Floodplain News-



Floods in inland areas are the most common type of natural disaster in the United States, and one of the most harmful to and people

property. In 2023 alone 79 people lost their lives due to floods, and more than 196 billion dollars were lost in property damages and ruined crops.

Climate change is shifting rainfall patterns, making heavy rain more frequent in many areas of the country. Milton and the surrounding area are in one of these areas. With human alteration of the land—like natural of destruction protective systems and increased construction on floodplains—many parts of the United States are at experiencing greater risk costly floods. destructive and Please plan any new construction accordingly.

Do You Qualify?

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Program, Weatherization office located at 1595 US Rt. 60 East, Milton, WV helps individuals with some weatherization issues if you qualify (NOT REPAIRS). For their website visit info more www.acacwv.org.

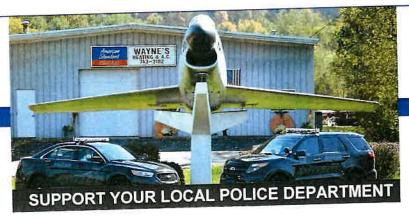
USDA (304-284-4861) also offers 504 assistance through the Program, a low interest loan for those 62 or older who own their home and the <u>502 Program</u>, a 100% • financed, no interest loan for low • income homeowners.



US Army Corps of Engineers

The USACE will hold a public regarding meeting scoping Lower Mud River - Milton Flood Risk Management Project on April 9th at the Milton Middle School. A

workshop prior to the scoping meeting will be held from 4:30pm to 6:30pm to provide an opportunity for one-on-one conversation with USACE representatives. The presentation will start at 6:30pm followed by an open questions & answers session which will end around 8:30pm.



From Chief Joe Parsons



It's late in the year to be addressing school traffic issues but there have been several significant changes recently that we need to make everybody aware of. First, there is a new school zone speed limit on US 60 in front of the Elementary Pre-K. This is a fifteen mile per hour school speed zone and is properly posted for both east and west bound traffic. The problem is that there are no school zone flashing lights to accompany the signs. The Board of Education has assured me that they have requested warning lights for the school zone but they have not been approved as of yet. We will be present at the school zone in the morning and afternoon when school is taking up or letting out. Be reasonable with your speed as you travel through the school zone and be aware that the

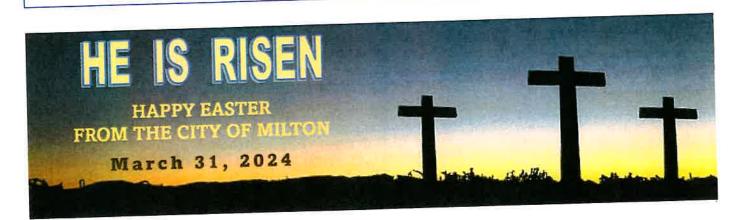
intersections of Second Street, Newman's Branch and the alley beside the school from Ray's Way to US 60 are all within the school zone.

The next thing is people passing a stopped school bus. I have spoken about this issue before, but once again want to remind you that when a school bus stops on US 60, all traffic in all lanes must stop. We have recently issued several citations for people failing to stop for a bus with lights activated on US 60. We have been strictly enforcing this because we had a student struck by a vehicle at the Brenda Street, US 60 intersection. At that location, if a bus is stopped in the right hand eastbound lane, traffic in the left hand eastbound lane, the turn lane and both westbound lanes must stop until the bus turns off its red warning lights.



Finally, we have been receiving complaints of people running the stop signs at the intersection of Panther Way and Pine Haven Drive, coming from the Middle School. There is a three way stop at that intersection and we will be enforcing that also. A stop sign means a stop, not a roll through the intersection.

As you can see all three of the issues above could result in an injury to our students and are a safety concern. Please just obey the posted signs and enjoy safe travels, for you and the children.





Milton Library News

Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm; Saturday 9am-1pm; Closed Sunday

- Knotty Knitters, Tuesdays, 1-3pm. Weekly knitting session for beginners & pros alike. No knowledge or materials needed, as we can provide for all. All ages welcome.
- Story Time, Wednesdays, 10am. Stories, songs, crafts and more! Fun for infants to kindergarten.
- Dungeons & Dragons, Thursdays, 3:30pm. Join us for a dice-rolling, dungeon-delving, dangerously good time. Recommended ages 10-16.
- Chess Club, Thursdays, 3-4pm. Beginners and experts are absolutely welcome! Come play with local chess enthusiasts! All ages welcome.
- Munchkin Monday, Third Monday of every month from 2-5pm. Families can come in and choose from our large collection of board games to play together!
- Spice of the Month Club, First Monday of each month (starting March). A great way to try new food! Join our Spice Club where we make monthly take-and-make kits that feature a variety of unique spices and recipes.
- Egg-stra Fun Easter Crafts, March 25-29, All Day. Kids can participate in making a number of Easter and spring-related crafts to take home!
- ◆ Eating Smart, Being Active, March 6, 10am. Special guest Candy Messinger introduces a new program called "Eating Smart, Being Active."
- ◆ Eating Smart, Being Active, March 11-April 30, 3pm. Join health educator Candy Messinger for a fun and healthy lifestyle program that features healthy recipes and activities that are easy to incorporate and maintain in day-to-day life. All ages are encouraged to come!
- Tails That Teach, March 19, 3pm. Special guests from Little Victories Animal Rescue are coming to teach us how to interact and take care of cats and dogs featuring a story about one of their own animals. All ages welcome.
- Made in Milton, All month of April. Celebrating our community by displaying art, crafts, photos, and more—made by our very own lovely Miltonians!
- Reading Dragons 4th and 5th Tournaments, March 8 and May 17, 3:30-5pm. Our 4th and 5th Reading Dragons Tournaments feature a bracket where kids can go head-to-head to compete for our grand prize: an exclusive set of cards! Recommended for kids ages 7+.

Contact the Milton Public Library, 304-743-6711, for more information about these events.

From the Director of Public Works Charles Conard

There's a lot going on in Milton this Spring: paving projects, utility projects and clean-up events to name a few.

More utility projects are underway. We are in the funding and design stages of two projects. The Water System Improvement Project includes more efficient water filtration, a new storage tank and replacement of some sections of water lines. We are also in the midst of a project to develop a reciprocal water interconnection with the Mason County Public Service District. Once completed, this project will provide an emergency back-up source of water for MMUC and the Mason County PSD.



Spring clean-up is just around the corner. We are happy to be able to perform this service for our residents. This year we obtained a Litter Control Grant from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to help pay for this extra service. The schedule of pick-up days can be found in this Newsletter, along with a list

of items that cannot be picked up, which includes tires. However, we've noticed an abundance of old tires laying around Milton, and are in the process of scheduling a tire collection event with the West Virginia DEP. We anticipate that the tire collection event will take place in May; we will let you know when a date has been confirmed.



Work continues on the Sewer Project which was funded by a loan and grant from the USDA-Rural Development. Following some issues getting the power poles set at the Flea Market, that has finally been rescheduled and should be done mid-March. Once that is accomplished the contractors can begin to get everything connected and finalize the Sewer Project.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 304-743-3422, extension 209.

MILTON MUNICIPAL ELECTION

In the May 2021 Election, Milton residents voted to change Milton's Municipal Elections to coincide with the County's General Election schedule, and to allow the County to administer Milton Municipal Elections.

When is the Milton Municipal Election?

The General Election/Milton Municipal Election is **November 5, 2024** at your normal polling place. Early voting will be held at Milton City Hall October 23 through November 2, 2024.

How and When Can I Become a Candidate for Milton Municipal Office?

Qualified voters interested in running for Milton Municipal Office can complete a **Certificate of Announcement** and pick up a **Nominating Petition** at City Hall during normal business hours between **July 15-29**. At this time you must pay a filing fee of \$200 for Mayor, \$200 for Recorder, and \$100 for Council. Nominating Petitions must be returned to City Hall by July 30, 2024 for certification.

An election packet with more information will be provided to all candidates.





Milton UMC (1007 Church Street. Milton) will hold Lenten Lunches March 5, 12 and 19 at noon. Join us for a lite lunch and devotional time.

Register now for Bethesda United Methodist Preschool in Ona. Morning classes for 3s and 4s. Call 304-638-1174.

Maundy Thursday Worship @ Bethesda UM Church. Ona, March 28th at 6pm.

PiYo Exercise Class @ Milton UMC every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm, Combination of Pilates, Yoga and low impact cardio. Bring a yoga mat and join in!

Milton VFD Events:

Milton Volunteer Fire The Department Community Room is now open and available to be rented.

Call Walt Williams at (304) 730-9029 for more information. Watch the MVFD Facebook page, the sign at Wendy's and future newsletters for music and other events coming soon!



AMERICAN LEGION MILTON POST 139

The American Legion is a veterans' advocacy & community service organization. If you served, you're one of us! Stop in. We'd really like to see you. Membership is open to all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, their spouses and family members. Below are some upcoming events. Be sure to keep an eye on our sign for more events.

Every Sunday

BINGO, 6-9pm

March 2, April 6

Breakfast, 8-10 am

March 9

Band, Mello Fellos, 8pm-midnight

March 23

Band, Real Deal, 7-11pm

April 6

Band, Free Hand, 7-11pm

April 13

Band, Outlaw Revenge, 8pm-midnight

April 28

Bike Show, 1-4pm

Highlanders Bag Pipe Band—WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY





The MILTON HOUSING AUTHORITY is accepting applications for tenancy for the elderly & disabled, 62 years of age or older, or handicap/ disabled regardless of age, with or without children.

1 BEDROOM ONLY

Applications may be obtained online at cityofmiltonwv.com or at City Hall, 1139 Smith St., Milton, WV 25541

> 304-743-9530 TTY/TDD 1-800-982-8771

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United Daughters of the Confederacy Cooney Ricketts #2726 Milton

Cooney Ricketts Chapter #2726, of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, February 10. A large portion of this meeting was spent on event planning for the spring.



Standing, L-R, Barbara Cary, Mary Johnson, Bobbi Young, Donna Stephens, and Marilyn Coleman. Seated, L-R, Ada Martin, Billie Johnson, Dee McComas.

This year we nominated Dawn "Dee" McComas as our West Virginia History Hero for 2024. We are happy to announce that her nomination was accepted, and she is now officially one of this year's West Virginia's State History Heroes. Congratulations Dee!

She proves her dedication and love of the history of our ancestors in everything she undertakes. She always says, "I try my best to do what I can to keep our history alive." She has raised funds for our historical marker, which honors Cooney Ricketts, our chapter's namesake. She loves sharing her vast knowledge of 1860s fashion, and has hosted many Lady's Teas. She has participated in numerous Education Days where she has taught school children about the different flags of our country.

There will be a Breakfast Reception and awarding of Official Certificates at the Cultural Center on Wednesday, February 21, beginning at 8:30 am. After the awards ceremony, all the heroes are escorted to the Capitol building where they are publicly recognized by the Legislature.

For the event, our Chapter plans to dress in our hoop skirts and large hats. We have done this every year, and we enjoy seeing the other participating groups do the same because it adds so much to the public promotion of our State and American History. This year we are particularly excited because we have so many new members who are looking forward to attending that event wearing period dress.

Afterward, we will stop for lunch and then visit our Battle of Scary Creek Monument along the Kanawha River near Nitro before returning home.

We are also getting an early start on planning our Sunday, April 28th Confederate Memorial Day Service. Marilyn Coleman has volunteered to be Chairman of that committee this year and we wish her every success.

From the Utilities Department

Welcome, Spring! Milton Utilities will be performing hydrant flushing beginning Monday, March 25th and will continue through Friday, March 29th. Flushing will take place from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. When hydrants in your area are being flushed, you may notice low water pressure or discolored water. Discolored water may occur because the sediment in water mains gets stirred up when hydrants are used and when the flow in water mains changes. This is normal and is not harmful. Simply turn your COLD water on and let it run until it is clear. You may consider storing a large bottle of water in your refrigerator to use for drinking or cooking during this time. Please check for discolored water before using your washing



machine. If your laundry becomes stained, do not put your laundry in the dryer. The Utilities Office can provide you with stain-removing detergent. Please note: If you must run water to clear any sediment or discoloration, please call the Utilities Office, stating the date and time your water ran, and request a discolored water adjustment. Your usage will be adjusted according to the amount of water shown to have gone through your meter during the specified hours.



Has your mailing address changed due to the Cabell County 911 re-addressing project? If so, and you have not updated your address with our office, please do so as soon as possible to ensure your bill is being sent to the proper address. In addition, we ask that all customers notify us if they have a new phone number CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE that is not listed on their account. If you're unsure if your phone number with us

is up-to-date, please contact the office. It's important to have your most current information so we may contact you with payment reminders, notices of water outages, boil water advisories, and so on.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office during normal business hours at 304-743-3422.

WV Pumpkin Spring Festival

Craft and Vendor Show



April 27th and 28th, 2024 WV Pumpkin Park, Milton, WV

Saturday 10am to 6pm - Sunday 10am to 5pm

Over 80 booths of Arts & Crafts, Vintage items, Direct Sales, Balloons,

Face Painters & Concessions.

Open to the public! Tickets \$5.00 at the gate.

Children 10 and under are free!

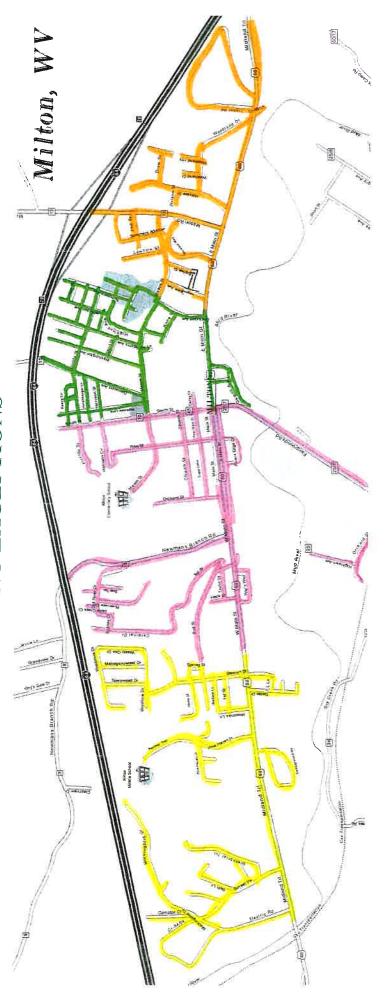
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GENERAL CITY HALL INFORMATION: (304)743-3032

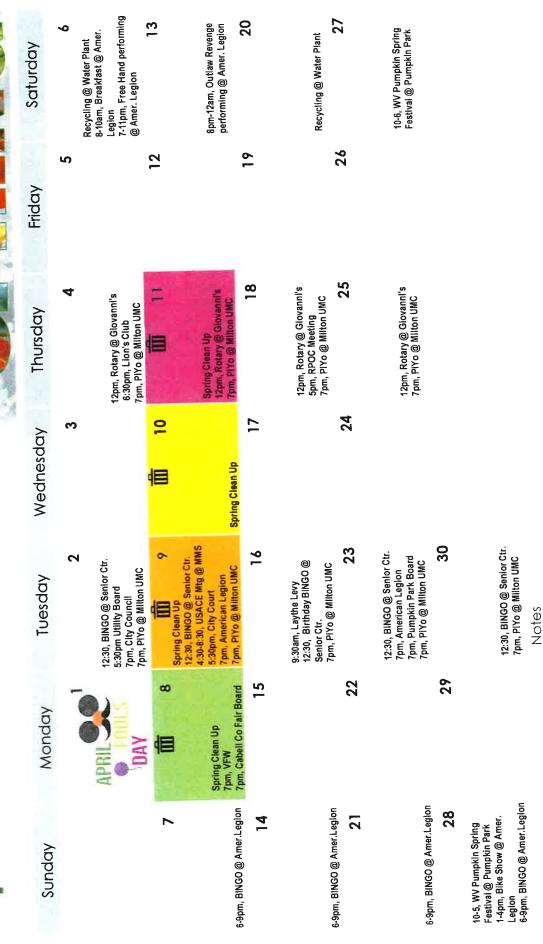
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atop. The GHPRD told us they have plans to cover this area, with hopes of completion by May 2024. They are also exploring the possibility of adding play equipment to the park. We appreciate the Park Board's responsiveness to our concerns.

Election season is upon us. Early voting for the Primary Election is May 1-11 at Milton City Hall. Primary Election Day is May 14th at your normal polling place. I want to remind you about the changes to Milton's elections. During the last election in 2021 Milton residents voted to change our municipal election to coincide with the Cabell County General Election. Therefore, our next municipal election will be on November 5th, with early voting running from October 23 through November 2nd. If you are interested in running for municipal office, check out the Municipal Election information found in this Newsletter.

Many of you will gather in late March to celebrate Easter, a holiday that represents rebirth and hope. Whether you spend

the day attending a special church service, enjoying a meal with friends and family, or hosting an Easter egg hunt, I wish you a wonderful Easter. He is risen!

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