THE MILTONIAN



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November/December 2024

From the Mayor

This article of the Miltonian is bittersweet as it is my final article as the Mayor of Milton. In 2009 the citizens of

Milton first gave me the honor of serving this City as its Mayor. I am grateful to you all for allowing me that privilege. As Mayor, I've had the opportunity to hear from a great number of you, either in person or via letters, emails or telephone calls, and in doing so, got to know



many of you much better than I otherwise would have. I've also had the privilege to work alongside some fine people during my tenure, and I appreciate each and everyone one of them and their contributions to the City of Milton.

We have gotten much accomplished over the past 15 years. Here are just a few of our completed projects, none of which would have been possible without teamwork.

- We worked together with the American Legion Post 139 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9796 to create the War Memorial on US Route 60.
- New fencing was installed around much of the Milton Cemetery.
- We moved Milton City Hall and the Milton Police Department from the annex building near Kilgore Creek to town, allowing citizens easier access to their municipal representatives and police.
- A new maintenance building was constructed for our street and utilities departments, giving the employees a larger, safer, more efficient work space.
- Nearly every street in Milton has been paved, at least once; and we have added, repaired or replaced sidewalks, curbs and gutters in many areas.
- We have removed a number of blighted structures within the City, and more are in the process of being demoed.
- Numerous water, sewer and stormwater projects have been accomplished, and several others are currently in progress, including projects to add another water storage tank, replace the filtration system at the water plant and replacement of additional sections of old water lines.
- Our Police Department has expanded; we have more officers and their office space was recently enlarged and remodeled. Our awesome police officers are equipped with newer vehicles and equipment necessary to keep them safe and ready for any situation so that they can protect our City and its residents.

There are many other projects that have been completed, and more are in the works but, as you know, some projects are years in the making. There is always more to be done.



The City's Halloween in the Park event was a huge success. I love these City events and appreciate all the hard work that goes into them.

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City Hall will be closed

November 11—Veterans Day

November 28, 29—Thanksgiving

December 24, 25—Christmas

December 31-January 1—New Year

MILTON MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS—2024

<u>Mayor</u> Shane Evans

Recorder
Phyllis Smith

City Council
Carl Harshbarger
Troy Nicely
Scott Foster
Chase Bryant
Scott Bias



From the Recorder & Finance Clerk

4th Quarter & Annual Business Tax returns will be mailed and/or emailed by 12/31/2024. These returns are due by 2/15/2025 without penalty.

Remember we have online options, go to www.cityofmiltonwv.com/finance for forms and payment options. I hope everyone has a blessed holiday season.

Paving, sidewalks, curbs and/or gutters Since 2009

In whole, or part. These types of projects were minimally funded until the City was granted authority to implement a Municipal Sales Tax in 2015. Thus, most of these projects did not begin until after 2016. This is not an all-inclusive list.

Washington Avenue Mockingbird Drive Rear Florida Street North Main Street Riverview Estates Summers Addition South Main Street Pinehaven Drive Woodland Drive McComas Lane Woodline Drive McGhee Street Parkview Lane Shaw Avenue Stewart Street Spring Street **Taylor Street** Parrish Lane Smith Street Sunset View Reece Lane Short Street Pike Street Perry Lane Ray's Way RK Lane Hiddenbrook Way Highlawn Avenue Brickyard Street Glenwood Street Compton Court Hallison Circle -larrison Street Cardinal Drive Hillview Drive Lawhorn Street Adams Avenue Freedom Lane Bledsoe Lane Church Street Plorida Street Dailey Lane Abbott Lane **Jeck Street** Grant Lane essie Lane Sane Street 2nd Street 3rd Street Cemetery City Hall loy Lane

Water, Sewer and Stormwater Projects Since 2009

In whole, or part. This is not an all-inclusive list.

Upgrade sewer lines Stormwater Drains (280' - 42" drain) to Washington St. Renovate pump station/water intake; Replace pumps Additional water storage tank (current project) Replace stormwater culverts Mason-Harrison Lay new lines to the north tank on Glenwood Replace water lines under railroad tracks Installation of multiple shut-off valves Replace water lines (current project) Replace water line Stewart to Heck 60" Stormwater culvert extension Demo and Replace South Tank Water line replacement project Water line replacement project Replace stormwater culverts Fire hydrant replacements Stormwater culvert repair Water line replacement Jpgrade sewer lines New Smart Meters New water lines Relocate lines Sewer Project Sewer Repair Bore / tie-in Mud River to Girlscout Camp ames River Tpke/Railroad Washington Avenue Rear Florida Street Florida/Glenwood Summers Addition Newman's Branch Glenwood Street Glenwood Street Hallison Circle Harrison Street Adams Avenue McGhee Street Stewart Street Electric Road Florida Street ittle League Mason Street Mason Street E Mud River Mason Street aylor Street Service Area Service Area Heck Street Iohn's Creek Smith Street North Tank South Tank City-wide City-wide Soute 60 Route 60 Kilgore Intake

Water filtration system (current project)

*N*ater Plant

Mason Street

United Daughters of the Confederacy Cooney Ricketts #2726 Milton

Cooney Ricketts Chapter #2726 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, did not have its regular meeting in September because of our annual West Virginia Division Convention, but that doesn't mean we weren't having a busy fall.

On Wednesday, September 11th, we attended the Patriot Day Ceremony at Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington, WV. We have purchased a flag every year since we became a Chapter. This year the guest speaker was a fellow West Virginian named Nick Branham. He was just an ordinary 23-yearold guy in 2001 when he saw what was happening on TV and felt compelled to go to and help. His story was an inspiring message of the difference just one person can make. I know his mother and daughter, who were in attendance, are proud of him.

On September 13 &14 our West Virginia Division held its annual convention in Barboursville, and I'm proud to say that Cooney Ricketts had the most Chapter members in attendance. It was a great Convention, and we all had a wonderful time.



Young, and Mary Johnson.

September 19th was the Fall Fest Parade in Barboursville. It was a scorching late-summer afternoon, but since our new "Ladies' Tea Party" float has a big, red shade umbrella, we managed to survive. We sat in the staging line, not moving, for over two hours. There was no wind, but thanks to our "go-to" guy who built the float, he supplied a fan, making the wait more comfortable. We chatted, listened to music, wondered what the hold-up was. Unbeknownst to us, our state Governor Jim Justice, and Baby Dog, were leading the parade in a golf cart and stopping every few feet to shake hands with his constituents

On Sunday, September, 29th we were in the Pumpkin Parade Cooney Ricketts #2726, Fall Leaves and here in Milton, The rain was coming down and we kept Pumpkins Please Parade Milton, L-R: waiting for the parade to be called, but it was not. Even Billie Johnson, Ada Martin, Bobbi though, while the float was being decorated it was raining, when the parade started the rain ended.

Since this is the November, / December Miltonian. We at Cooney Ricketts want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.



The Milton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month at 729 Mason Street. If you'd like to become a member, pick up an application at the Library or contact Bill Sanders for more information.

The Lions Club has delicious apple butter available for purchase yearround! Shonet's has a supply, or call Bill Sanders if you'd like to stock up. A jar of apple butter makes a great locally-made Christmas gift!

Are you looking for a space to host an event? The Lions Club building at 729 Mason Street is available for event rentals!

For more information about membership, apple butter, or renting this space for an event, please call Bill Sanders at 304-412-2580.





From Deputy Chief Kyle O'Dell

I would like to formally introduce myself as not only a citizen of Milton but your Lieutenant/Deputy Chief of Police for the Milton Police Department. I have proudly served our community for the last sixteen years and plan to continue serving until I retire many years from now. I will lead the Police Department for the rest of this year until the new Mayor takes over and appoints a Police Chief. It is my hope that the new Police Chief will be me but if it is not, I will still serve this community with everything in me as I have in the past.

After Chief Parsons' retirement in October, I have had time to think of all the remarkable things that he has done for our city. We will miss him, but he has a well-deserved retirement with his wonderful wife waiting for him. I wish him many years of peace and rest as he sits back watching the upcoming snow fall this winter.

There are new flashing school zone signs that have been placed on Route 60 for the Pre-K school zone. We want all children near any school to be safe and that includes our Pre-K. Watch your speed when going through the school zone because we will have officers in the area enforcing the school zone.

November 5th is Election Day for the City of Milton along with the Presidential Election. Go out and vote; let your voice be heard. Remember that it is okay to disagree on politics or other situations in life. That is one of the many things that makes the United States of America great. No matter how any of the elections turn out, remember, we are Americans, and we need to stick together and care for one another.



November 11 is Veterans Day. The Milton Police Department would like to thank everyone that has or is serving in the United States Military. Without these people we would not have the freedom of religion, freedom of speech or even the right to bear arms. Thank you for everything you have done to keep America safe and free.

November is also Thanksgiving, and I have plenty to be thankful for. I am thankful to have a beautiful and loving wife, thankful to have 3 amazing daughters, thankful for food in my stomach, and thankful to live in a city where its citizens care for their Police Officers. In a time where everything is priced so high and times are tough, let me ask you: What are you thankful for?

If you are like me and my family, we love Christmas. Christmas is a time to spend with family, eat great food and exchange nice gifts, especially when Santa comes to town. Always remember the real reason for Christmas: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

Do You Qualify?

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

<u>USDA</u> (304-284-4861) also offers assistance through the <u>504 Program</u>, 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.



Milton UMC

1007 Church Street Milton, WV 304-743-6461

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School for Adults:

10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship:

11:00 a.m.

PiYo Exercise Class

7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays Pilates, Yoga and Low Impact Cardio.

Bring a yoga mat and join in!



From the Utilities Department

The holiday season is upon us! It's time for family fun and festivities. During the hustle and bustle we also need to remember that this is the time to prepare for cold weather that will soon be heading



our way. A few ways to reduce the possibility of frozen pipes is insulating your pipes, disconnecting you outside hoses from the spigot, and leaving vour kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors below the sink open to allow heat to circulate. Letting your faucets drip is also an effective way to

combat frozen pipes, but if you choose to do this, please realize that it could potentially increase your water bill.

We will soon begin contacting our customers via text message and email regarding planned and unplanned outages. Please check with our office to make sure the information we have on your account is correct and also to add a cell phone number and email address.

We are having many costly issues with wipes being flushed down toilets. Please DO NOT flush any type of wipes, even those that are marketed as being flushable. These wipes don't have time to break down before entering the sewer stations, costing thousands of dollars in repairs. Please refrain from flushing wipes, as we do not want to be forced to pass these costs to our customers.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your water or sewer service, please call our office during regular business hours at 304-743-3422.











Available in Regular & No Sugar Added

Quarts \$10 Pints \$6

Call Bill Sanders 304-412-2580



The City of Milton will provide lunch for seniors at noon on November 20th and December 18th at the Milton Senior Center. For more info on this or any other senior event, call the Center at 304-390-4164.

From the Director of Public Works Charles Conard



With warmer weather supposedly on its way out, we are preparing for the winter season. We don't know if the drought that we've been facing for the past several months will continue into the winter months, or if we will

experience an overabundance of snow. Either way, we will be prepared. The Street Department is busy getting Route 60 cleaned up. Christmas lights and decorations will be going up soon.

We are still waiting on a few items to be completed for the sewer project. It will be good to get this project finished. There are other projects still in the works, but it will likely be a year or more before most of those projects are completed.

Smoke testing of the sewer lines is underway. The purpose of smoke testing is to find leaks and faulty sewer connections in the sewer system. If you have any questions about the smoke testing, give me or the Utilities office a call.

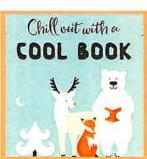
I want to remind all of you to please DO NOT FLUSH WIPES or any item other than toilet paper and human waste into the sewer system. The sewer pumps and lines are becoming clogged because these other items do not break down before reaching the sewer pump station. These items obstruct flow and can combine with fat. grease and oil leading to sewer blockages known as "fatbergs." Perform a Google search of "fatbergs" and you'll understand why this is such a problem. Additionally, these items clog pumps at the sewer stations causing the pump motors to burn out. The cost to remove these blockages and replace ruined pumps costs several thousands of dollars each time. We are asking that you please do not flush anything other than human waste and toilet tissue, and to dispose of other items in the regular trash instead.

I have had the honor of working with great employees in both the Street and Utilities Departments. Theirs is often a thankless job, but I want them to know how much they are appreciated. Thanks to each of you!



I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 304-743-3422.





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.
- ♦ Chess Club, Thursdays, 3-4pm. Beginners and experts are absolutely welcome! Come play with local chess enthusiasts! All ages welcome.
- ♦ Dungeons &Dragons, Thursdays, 3:30pm. Join us for a dice-rolling, dungeon-delving, dangerously good time. Recommended ages 10-16.
- Munchkin Monday, Third Monday of every month, 2-5pm. Families can come in and choose from our large collection of board games to play together!
- ♦ Book Club, Monthly meeting dates announced on Facebook. A no-stress book club—read and discuss whatever you want! Monthly themes allow for a wide range of books to explore!
- Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt, All month of November. We're putting together a Turkey-tastic Thanksgiving scavenger hunt for kids to complete for candy.
- Christmas Tree Crafts, All December long. Come to the library and make your own Christmas tree out of construction paper and other materials! Completing a Christmas tree will grant you a candy cane!
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Competition, December 12-18. The community is invited to view Christmas sweaters made by our Story Time toddlers and vote for their favorite. The winner will be getting a very special prize!

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector Mike Ramsey



Even though the colder weather may be here it is no reason to fear. There are some simple things you can do to help winterize and protect your home this season. Check the exterior, doors and windows. Inspect the exterior for crevice cracks and exposed entry points around pipes and, if you find any, seal them tight. Use weather-stripping around doors to prevent cold air from entering the home and caulk around drafty windows. Replace cracked glass in windows and, if you end up replacing the entire window, prime and paint exposed wood. Any contractor who does the work needs to be licensed and, in certain cases, a permit may be required. Also, it is always a good idea to have an emergency kit on hand. You should include indoor candles and matches or a lighter for use during a power outage. Keep the phone numbers for your utility

companies close at hand and easy to find. Store extra bottled water and non-perishable food supplies (including pet food, if you have a pet,) blankets and a first-aid kit in a dry and easy-to-access location. You should always have an evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me here at City Hall 304-743-3032, extension 202.



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.

Every Sunday BINGO, 6-9pm (Doors open @ 5pm)

Nov 2, Dec 7 Breakfast, 8-10 am

Nov 9 Veterans Day Hog Roast @ 4pm, with

Outlaw Revenge playing that night

Dec 21 Christmas Party (no children)

Starting @ 5pm food 6pm Party



Check our sign for other events!



FROM THE STORMWATER DEPARTMENT

Protecting Water Quality in the Winter



As the winter season commences, stormwater management shifts to cold weather practices. It brings its own challenges, especially the effects of deicing salt and concerns about runoff into nearby water bodies and the possibility of localized flooding. Here are a few things you can do to reduce winter stormwater pollution and limit the threat of flooding.

- Avoid using common road salts like sodium chloride (also known as halite) as a deicer, because this substance can kill plants, break down concrete, and stain carpets. More environmentally friendly alternatives to sodium chloride are acetates (such as Premiere Ice Melter), potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride (such as SafeStep Mag Chloride 8300.) Whatever you use, please use it sparingly and keep it away from waterways.
- Go pervious! Replace your walkway or driveway with river stone, pervious pavers, or other porous materials to allow water to soak into the ground instead of running off. These surfaces not only help reduce polluted stormwater runoff and erosion, they also "breathe" more than impervious surfaces like asphalt and concrete, so they take longer to ice over.
- Pile snow in areas where water does not pond.
- On to pile snow on storm drains and make sure your neighborhood plow is not piling snow over the drains too. Clear away any snow, litter or debris that impede drainage.
- Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.
- Postpone outdoor construction projects. If possible, hold off on construction projects in winter, when you can't establish new vegetation to reduce soil loss and muddy runoff
- Watch for erosion. Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt and make a plan to improve these areas in spring using plants that can slow and stop erosion, like native grasses and meadow plants or native trees and shrubs.



Soft Opening, Week of November 18th Grand Opening, Black Friday Weekend



Contact The Venetian for more information on these events:

November 12, 6pm, Autumn Wine Tasting

November 16, 8pm, Retro Dance Party with Ron DMC

November 21, 6pm, Craft & Sip: Christmas Bow Topper Class

November 23, 6pm, Comedy Night with Joey Stepp & Bo Vance

November 30, 6pm, Holly Jolly Murder Mystery

December 5, 7 pm, Cookies & Cocoa

December 10, 6pm, Winter Wine Dinner

December 13, 6pm, The Grinch Experience

December 18, 7pm, Christmas Centerpiece

December 20, 6pm, The Polar Express Experience

December 21, 7pm, Christmas Gala

December 22, 11am & 1pm, Brunch with Santa

December 31, 8pm, New Year's Eve Celebration with Santa Cruz





DECEMBER 15, 2024 @ 2PM

Cabell Midland High School Benefit Concert @ WV Pumpkin Park Featuring:

Jazz Band

Show Choir

Collegium Musicum

Orchestra

Admission to this benefit concert will be a non-perishable food item or a \$5 donation at the door. All food collected will go to the High School's food pantry for students in need, and monetary donations will be divided equally among the 4 performing groups.



Milton Rotary Club's Annual

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 7th
7:30-10:30 am
(Santa arrives at 8 am)
Milton Baptist Church Gymnasium

Bring the little ones for a yummy breakfast with Jolly Ol' St. Nick!

Donations Accepted



Saturday
December 7, 2024
9am-3pm

The Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club will have their Annual Christmas Boot Drive on December 7, 2024.

All funds collected go toward providing Christmas joy to area children. Your generosity will ensure another successful year for this worthwhile cause.

The Brothers of the Wheel have a special place in their hearts for this project. Please support them again this year by donating what you can!



The City Of Milton

Invites You To Attend

Christmas In The Park

Saturday, December 7

5-7 pm

April Dawn Park

1201 Smith Street

Visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa's special elf!

Musical performances by the Cabell Midland High School Collegium Musicum and Theresa Jeffries.

Live Nativity, compliments of Union Baptist Church

Get in the Spirit of the Season.

Bring canned or boxed non-perishable food donations to help fill the Milton Blessings Box.

Free corndogs, popcorn & hot cocoa

November 2024



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At the most recent event a little girl was reported missing. The outpouring of support and care exhibited by Milton police, fire and emergency responders, as well as residents and visitors was astounding. It was very moving to see so many people combing the area in search of this missing child. I'm thankful to say that the little girl was found safe, and I'm grateful for each of those who stopped what they were doing to search for this child.

The next community event will be Christmas in the Park on Saturday, December 7th. We invite you all to come out and enjoy another evening of free food and musical entertainment by the Cabell Midland High School Collegium Musicum and local artist Theresa Jeffries. I've heard that Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa's elf will be there as well. I'm happy to announce that we will also have a live nativity thanks to our friends at Union Baptist Church! We hope you will join us at April Dawn Park on December 7th from 5 -7pm as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. On December 31st I will, for the final time, turn off the lights in my office at City Hall. Being your Mayor has been an honor and a privilege. Thank you!

It's been a challenge, but it's been fulfilling and I'll treasure the time I spent as Mayor of Milton. As John F. Kennedy similarly said, "The sun doesn't always shine in [Milton,] West Virginia, but the people do."

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

City of Milton

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