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Council Reviews FY2024 Budget

Milford City Council reviewed the initial draft of the FY2024 budget totaling \$59,505,286 during Council Workshops May 22-24 and June 5. The budget will be recommended for adoption at the City Council Meeting on Monday, June 12.

The budget package builds on the City's investments in downtown beautification, traffic improvements, expanded recreation and commercial development while bolstering critical infrastructure and public safety. Staff additions are required to keep pace with Milford's health, safety and design standards as growth demands compound challenges in today's evolving labor market. An additional code enforcement officer, for example, will promote safety for residents while ensuring homes and businesses meet city code. The addition of a horticulturist will aid in gateway beautification through landscape design and native planting initiatives. The Capital budget also includes the new police facility, Walnut St. pedestrian crossing, streetscapes projects, Maple St. bridge replacement, bike paths, payment kiosks, rehabilitation of downtown parking lots, public plaza at City Hall, public Wi-Fi, EV charging stations, LED street light replacements, and public restrooms downtown.

All public meetings can be viewed live or recorded online at the City of Milford website at www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings.

Electric Department Recognized

The City of Milford Electric Department has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)[®] designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service.



The RP3 designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement.

Electric Transformer Clearance

As the weather warms, residents are tending to their yards by planting gardens, flowers, or installing fences and sprinkler systems. As you go about your landscaping projects, be mindful of the large green boxes that may be present in your yard.



Many newer neighborhoods and developments are being constructed with underground utilities. Not all equipment is installed below ground level; however, and you may even see large green boxes on your property. These boxes are padmounted transformers and are a vital part of your electric service.

Fencing, plantings, and other lawn décor located too close to padmounted equipment can slow power restoration, impede maintenance activities, and create safety hazards. When City electrical workers need to access a blocked piece of equipment, they may need to remove such items to gain access.

In order to safely work on padmounted equipment, City crews need at least 10 feet of clearance of the transformer (the side with the lock). The space is necessary to use hot stick tools, which may be 8-10 feet in length, to safely disconnect energized components. A minimum of four feet of clearance is also needed on the back and sides to perform repairs and inspections, or to accommodate replacement should the equipment fail.

Be mindful of the other equipment underground like wires, cables, and pipes and remember to call 811 before digging!

One last note to remember, transformers contain high voltage equipment. Please help keep our kids safe by informing them of the potential dangers contained within.

Public Comments Welcome

The public is welcome to provide comments prior to any public meeting. Comments are limited to two minutes and pre-sign up prior to the start of the meeting is required.

Public Utility Education

By Mike Svaby, Public Works Director
Where are the Utilities Located?

Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. laws require excavators and homeowners (undertaking their own projects involving digging) to contact Miss Utility and have their underground utilities marked.



This request for utility markings can be made either by phone (dial 8-1-1 or 800-282-8555 in Delaware) or by visiting www.missutility.net.

The name Miss Utility evolved from the mission of the service – to have excavators – miss buried utilities when they dig.

The laws in these states require prior notice be given to all registered utility operators of any proposed excavation or demolition so they can mark the locations of any underground infrastructure they have that may be affected by your project. The Miss Utility Call Center does not perform locating or marking services; however, they do serve as the clearinghouse for notification of all registered utilities that excavation is soon occurring. The Call Center centralizes this notification process so that owners of the proposed excavation don't have to call the service providers, individually. Once affected utilities receive this request, they, in turn, will locate all buried, registered utility infrastructure (mark your dig site with color-coded paint markings of at least 24") or verify the site is clear.

It is vitally important that all required information be given either verbally – if you call – or through the web if you use the link above. Proper use of this service is required by law and saves lives. Don't forget to call before you dig!

Employee Spotlight

Derek Mola
Recreation Coordinator



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? **9 months**
2. Have you always worked in this role? **Not quite, but I started out as part-time martial arts instructor as well as an assistant soccer coach for the city before taking on a more expansive role.**
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? **Connecting with the families of our community and showing them all the programs and activities Milford Parks & Recreation has to offer.**
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? **Playing guitar and hanging out with my friends and family.**

“Derek is not only a Taekwondo instructor, soccer coach, camp counselor but is a much-liked staff member by his fellow colleagues. He is a great asset to the Parks and Rec. Department and to the participants in our programs.”

- Brad Dennehy, Director of Parks and Recreation

City Office Closures

City offices will be closed the following dates due to upcoming holidays: Monday, June 19 Tuesday, July 4

Trash, Recycling and yard waste may differ on these dates. Check the schedule online at www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste

Community Happenings

Scan this QR code to view the always up-to-date Milford Community Calendar for local events and public meetings.



Report Concerns on MyMilford

The City of Milford launched the MyMilford app in mid-February 2022. The MyMilford app is the fastest, easiest way to submit non-emergency requests. Please download the app to your smartphone or submit a request at www.cityofmilford.com/535/MyMilford



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