



Milford

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Milford Named Purple Heart City

The Patriot Members of the Department of Delaware Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA designated the City of Milford as a Purple Heart City during the 2023 Riverwalk Freedom Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16 for its dedication and support honoring America's combat wounded veterans. Designated reserved parking for combat wounded veterans will be posted in the coming months.



ABOVE LEFT: Ronnie Campbell, Mayor Archie Campbell, Capt. Jackson and Ann Devers at the Riverwalk Freedom Festival award presentation. ABOVE RIGHT: Milford resident John Cirafici received a Purple Heart from Mayor Campbell for being wounded in the Vietnam and Gulf Wars.

Curbside Leaf Collection

Leaf collection service is provided beginning late October through early January. Crews will inspect the entire City weekly for leaves placed out for collection. There is no need to call for scheduling. Each area will be collected once per week. Please ensure leaves are raked to the curb no later than 7:00 am Monday morning. Leaves must be free of debris and uncovered. Piles placed away from curb will not be collected. Due to the size of the City and collection equipment available, collection may take several days and will be subject to weather conditions and demand. Please be patient as our crews are working hard to provide this valuable service to the citizens of the City of Milford.

N. Rehoboth Blvd. Open House

The City will host a N. Rehoboth Boulevard and N. Walnut Street Corridor public input meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Public Works Facility, 180 Vickers Drive. Representatives from the City and the Dover/Kent County MPO will be available during the two-hour period to gather feedback from the public.

City Council Round-up: September

At the Sept. 11 City Council meeting, Council heard department reports, authorized a change order for the Memorial Park upgrades and made revisions to the Independence Commons deed restrictions. At the Sept. 25 meeting, Council approved a preliminary site plan for a fast-food restaurant in front of Milford Movies 9 and the Milford Middle School. They also approved the Food Bank of Delaware's comprehensive sign plan, an ADU request, change of zone along Rt. 113 and the S. Walnut St. Bike/Pedestrian study. All public meetings can be viewed live or recorded online at the City of Milford website at www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings.

Sussex Towns Tour Downtown

The Sussex County Association of Towns recently hosted their monthly breakfast in Milford and our Parks & Recreation Director, Brad Dennehy, toured the group around the Downtown Riverwalk. He shared the following statistic. Since 2014, we have undertaken the following: completed the elevated boardwalk on Goat Island; built two dog parks, extended it to a third section, installed irrigation, picnic benches and fountains; built a floating kayak dock behind Arena's restaurant; built an educational pavilion and overlooks on Goat Island; removed and replaced over 10,000 square feet of wooden boardwalk with composite deck boards; re-planked and painted the bicentennial bridge; had all the light poles along the river removed and re-powder coated, and all new LED fixtures installed; refurbished the basketball courts with new surfacing, backboards, fencing and sidewalks; removed and replaced a lot of cracked concrete sidewalk and settled pavers; installed all new signage in the parks, with our updated logos; and just removed and replaced over 600 linear feet of an old guardrail with a new stainless steel LED lighted guardrail. All these upgrades equate to almost \$1.5 million investment over the last nine years, averaging ~\$166,000/year on improvements.

Public Utility Education

City of Milford Celebrates Public Power, Customer Service Week

The City of Milford is celebrating Public Power Week (#PublicPowerWeek), Oct. 1-7, along with more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans.

“Public Power Week celebrates the community-owned electricity that the City of Milford provides to our residents and businesses,” said Anthony Chipola, Electric Director. “Public power puts the people of Milford first, and Public Power Week gives us the chance to emphasize the advantages of locally grown, locally owned power to our citizens.”

Today the City of Milford has two substations and nine primary power feeders. It serves 6,948 residential customers and 1,432 commercial and industrial customers.

“Our service is reliable and safe, and we take pride in serving our friends and neighbors,” said Chipola. “The City of Milford Electric Division is proud to serve the community’s residents and commercial customers.”

Check out the City of Milford’s Public Power Week video here: https://youtu.be/_YCr5ICPzX4

The City of Milford is also celebrating National Customer Service Week, Oct. 2-6. The theme of this year’s National Customer Service Week is “You Make the Magic Happen” to emphasize the role of today’s Customer Service Representative and how “magical” the experience can be if you have all the right elements in place.

Having the passion to serve Milford’s customers by supporting the City’s efforts to deliver safe and reliable power, clean drinking water, sanitary wastewater and solid waste collection and disposal by maintaining a positive attitude when facing adversity, are personal goals of every Customer Service Professional in the City of Milford.

“We celebrate National Customer Service Week to recognize the phenomenal job that our Customer Service Professionals do fifty-two weeks a year and because they understand their significance to the City of Milford,” said Louis Vitola, Finance Director. “We applaud the value of the friendly, face-to-face, personal service our Customer Service Professionals eagerly provide to residents, property owners, businesses, and industries within our City by constantly looking for ways to assist and improve.”

Employee Spotlight

Sandra Peck Accountant



1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? **5 years**
2. Have you always worked in this role? **No. I was hired to do payroll and bank reconciliations.**
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? **Doing project work.**
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? **Running, fishing, archery, riding my motorcycle, live music and hanging with my family.**

Sandra sets the bar high in terms of achievement, demonstrating through her energetic pursuit of excellence that nothing is impossible. Her impact is felt throughout the City’s operating departments, as her unwavering commitment to internal customer service is exceeded only by the pride and purpose driving her efforts. We’re lucky to have Sandra on our side.

- Lou Vitola, Finance Director

Meet the Chief

Join 3rd Ward Council members Brian Baer and Nirmala Samaroo to Meet the Chief of the Milford Police Department, Cecilia Ashe, on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 6-8pm at the Milford Public Library. All are welcome.

City Office Closures

City offices will be closed Friday, November 10, Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24 for the holidays. Trash, Recycling and yard waste may differ on these dates. Check the schedule online at www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste

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