



# Milford

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## New Energy Resource Center

Ever wonder where your energy dollars are going? Learn how you can take control of your energy bills with the new City of Milford Energy Resource Center. Understanding the impact of the weather, behavior, and days in the billing cycle can help you reduce your energy use and avoid high bills without sacrificing comfort in your home. There's a Residential Energy Advisor that conducts a virtual energy assessment of your home, an electric vehicle calculator, heating comparison calculator, space heater calculator and a vampire calculator, which shows which appliances waste energy even when turned off. The best part - this tool uses current City of Milford electric rates, so you can see in real-time how much your energy usage is costing you. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/COMenergyresources> or with the QR code above.



## Whitfield Named Manager of Year

Milford City Manager Mark Whitfield was recently named City Manager of the Year by the DE League of Local Governments (DLLG). The award is presented each year by DLLG to acknowledge Delaware managers who have made exceptional contributions to their community and profession.



## City Office Closures

City offices will be closed Monday, February 19 for the Presidents Day holiday. Trash, Recycling and yard waste may differ on these dates. Check the schedule online at [www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste](http://www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste)

## City Council Round-up: January

At the Jan. 8 City Council meeting, Council heard department reports and a public hearing for Southern States Milford preliminary conditional use application. They also authorized two additional dispatchers and a crime analyst position for the Police Dept., appointed members to review the City Charter and recommend changes and awarded bids for the Walnut St. pedestrian bridge project that will begin construction in March. At the Jan. 17 Workshop, Council heard presentations from Main St. America, Kent Economic Partnership, and staff regarding the Strategic Plan, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) changes. At the Jan. 22 meeting, Council held public hearings for two land use requests and the Springboard Village - hearing from many in the public both for and against the project. Council will take action at a later date regarding that project. All public meetings can be viewed live or recorded online at the City of Milford website at [www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings](http://www.cityofmilford.com/553/Watch-Public-Meetings).

## Winter Energy Costs Rising?

Home owners using more energy due to cold weather? Efficiency Smart's Electric Bill Advice program can help. Customers can speak with an expert for free and receive customized energy saving tips for their home. Call 877-889-3777 or visit <https://www.energysmart.org/milford-delaware> and select "Electric Bill Advice" for more information.

## Annual Community Clean Up

The 4th Annual Community Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from 8-10:30am. The event is rain or shine. T-shirts provided to the first 200 people registered. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Visit <https://bit.ly/COM24CleanUp> or use the QR code to sign up.



**Receive City Notifications** Sign up to receive text messages or email notifications from the City website. <https://bit.ly/3TuffTz>

# Solicitation of Candidates

The City of Milford Annual Election will be held Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building (180 Vickers Drive). Candidate Packets and Nominating Petitions can be obtained Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the City Clerk's Office at Milford City Hall, 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware. Please call in advance to schedule an appointment. Arrangements can also be made for times outside normal office hours. The term of office for the following seats will expire in May 2024: Office of Mayor and Councilperson - Two Year Term Beginning May 6, 2024 - First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, and Fourth Ward. The deadline to file for the Office of Mayor and/or City Council is Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Any individual who is registered to vote in the State of Delaware at a residence within the City of Milford limits is eligible to vote. A separate registration is still required at Milford City Hall for qualified Non-Resident Property Owners. Those registered non-residents who own property in more than one ward, and are registered in multiple wards, must declare which ward they wish to vote in by Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The deadline for new qualified voters to register to vote in this municipal election is Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

# 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](http://www.cityofmilford.com/535/MyMilford)



**Do you have what it takes**  
to be a public servant?

Join the City of Milford for a career that matters!

Now hiring the following positions:

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| Arborist/Urban Forestry<br>Coordinator<br>\$56,123.93                  | Public Works Director<br>Salary commensurate with<br>experience                  |
| Public Works Equipment<br>Operator-Streets (2 openings)<br>\$46,383.42 | Economic Development and<br>Community Engagement<br>Administrator<br>\$82,171.05 |

Apply Online @ [www.cityofmilford.com](http://www.cityofmilford.com)

# Employee Spotlight

**Shelly Muise**  
Infrastructure Coordinator



- How long have you worked for the City of Milford? *I've worked for the City for almost 5 years.*
- Have you always worked in this role? *No, I was originally hired as a Public Works Administrative Assistant.*
- What is your favorite thing about working for the City? *My favorite thing about working for the City is my co-workers. It is very much a team environment across the different Divisions and Departments. Everyone is quick to lend their expertise when needed. This has helped me grow my knowledge of the different utilities and share that with our residents.*
- What do you enjoy doing in your free time? *In my free time, I enjoy going to the beach and spending quality time with my friends and family.*

Shelly is a tremendous employee and an incredible asset to the City as a whole. She works hard every day responding to everything from electrical outages to development inspection requests. Despite the incredible workload she always manages to provide a high level of customer service and we're incredibly lucky to have her on our team.

- James Puddicombe, City Engineer

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## Spring Sports Programs

**Girls Basketball League**  
April 8 – May 23  
Milford Boys & Girls Club

**Ages 8 – 12**  
Practice: Mondays, 6:30 – 8:30pm  
Games: Wednesday \$60

**Ages 13 – 17**  
Practice: Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30pm  
Games: Thursday \$60

**Flag Football**  
April 11 – May 23  
Marvel Square  
Ages 7-13  
Thursdays, 5:00 – 6:00pm \$50

**Field Hockey**  
April 7 – June 2  
Milford High School Lower Turf  
Ages 7-12  
Sundays, 1:00 – 3:00pm \$75

**Tiny Tykes**  
April 11 – May 9  
Milford Boys & Girls Club  
Ages 3 – 4  
Thursdays, 5:00 – 5:45pm \$50

**Pickleball League**  
April 15 – June 10  
Memorial Park Courts  
Ages 15+  
Mondays, 6:00 – 8:00pm  
Team Fee: \$60  
Individual Fee: \$30

**Outdoor Soccer**  
Evaluations: Tuesday, March 5  
• Ages 7 – 8: 5:00 – 6:00pm  
• Ages 9 – 10: 5:00 – 6:00pm  
Evaluations: Thursday, March 7  
• Ages 11 – 14: 5:00 – 6:00pm  
April 9 – June 28  
Milford Boys & Girls Club

**Ages 5 – 6 (Instructional)**  
Small Field  
Tuesdays, 5:00 – 5:45pm \$50

**Ages 7 – 8**  
Small Field  
Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00pm \$60

**Ages 9 – 10**  
Large Field  
Tuesdays, 5:00 – 5:45pm \$60

**Ages 11 – 14**  
Large Field  
Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00pm \$60

**Tennis**  
May 1 – June 5  
Ages 8+  
Beginners  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00pm  
Intermediate  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00pm \$60

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<https://bit.ly/COMPRRegister>  
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