

From the Mayor



It is hard to believe we are approaching Fall which brings the City's Old Fashioned Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 14 and the WV Pumpkin Festival October 3-6. Our City transforms into Pumpkin City with all the fall decoration. It is a busy time in our City and it can be hectic at times so plan accordingly. Both are great family events read on for the details and plan to attend.

We had a horrible few weeks, the end of July, with water leaks, air in the water lines, loss of water pressure, a faulty air valve at the water plant which caused all the problems such as sediment in the water we were providing our customers or no water. The pressure was so low in some locations that water was not being pushed up to our water tank.



We, along with Engineers from Thrasher Engineering, have searched for problems and walked lines up hollows and throughout the City, we have checked our pump stations and lines exiting our plant. We borrowed a tool which reads the pressure on a water line so we can check different locations to see where and when the pressure decreases to hopefully find a problem not visible to the naked eye.

After continuously walking the water lines we finally found a major leak in Jim's Campground. This leak was a 6 foot split in a water line that was 20 feet deep and the water was leaking straight into the river. This leak was so deep our equipment wasn't large enough. We thank Chuck King from Cenergy and Kenny Black from Jim's Campground, for loaning and hauling equipment large enough to get this major leak repaired at 1:00 a.m.



This made a huge difference for some of the issues, however, we still had discolored water in some locations. We continued on, testing our water hourly, closely monitoring all functions of the water facility to be certain all equipment is working properly as well as monitoring our tank to make sure it is once again holding water.

We also contacted CI Thornburg to do a thorough evaluation of our water plant to ensure we have not overlooked anything. We are making progress but it has been a slow process of elimination.

After working with engineers and consultants from various companies who deal strictly with water plants, equipment, etc. we feel we have found the final issue that has been causing so much trouble—manganese, an earthen metal, which we treat with potassium promentgate. One of the experts said this could be caused by the river being low due to hot, dry weather. Once again, after making adjustments to the treatment of our water it has been normal and clean.



DID YOU KNOW....

The City of Milton owns an 1800 sq. ft. pole building, 30x60, 16 ft. high, with 2 – 12x12 garage doors, located off land off James River Turnpike. Great for a business that does not require visibility. Call City Hall 304-743-3032 or Charlie Conard at 304-638-0713 to view the building.

From the Recorder Benita Ryalls

The month of September we are required to publish our Annual Financials in the newspaper and submit a copy to the WVSAO for Year Ending 2019. This past year has been great financially for the City, with all the growth and construction We look forward to 2019-20 being even better!

Something New: You can now pay for your License, B & O Tax or Building Permits on line. Just call or email Cameron and she will send you the information and an invoice for you to pay online. Easy for everyone!

Reminders:

- Late notices for license will be going out this month.
- 3rd Quarter Tax Returns will be mailed October 1 and are due by November 15.
- For you convenience, forms are available at cityofmiltonwv.com.

If you have questions contact Cameron at 304-743-3032, extension 211 or myself at extension 201.

IS IT TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR GARAGE?



CITY OF MIL-

TON—FALL

CLEANUP

Items must be out on Monday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
No car parts, tires, batteries, appliances—
Call if you have a questionable item.

From the Director of Public Works Charles Conard

I hope you have read the Mayor's and the Utilities Office articles regarding the July water issues. The situation became one of the most difficult and confusing to resolve. I certainly hope it is over!

We know there is major community frustration over the Glenwood Street Paving, Curbing and Sidewalk project, we are frustrated as well. However, we knew from the beginning it would be a long, difficult project. Once the curbing and creek supports are complete on the west side, the paving will be a breeze. Once again, this has been a project that tests your patience and ours—hang in there a little longer. The results will be worth the wait.

We have paved Hillview and Woodland Drive, a project we put on hold until the completion of Valley Health before pouring new pavement. We also paved Dailey Lane, from Orchard to Pike Street, this area was horrible. Due to remodeling of some buildings on Main Street we will wait before paving the rest of the alley.



If you own a business and use large trucks please be aware that large trucks ruin our pavement. Please consider using a smaller truck to preserve the life of our pavement.

We are also in the process of pouring sections of concrete in Riverview Estates where the roads were breaking apart.

The next paving project in our plans will be Hallison Circle—curbs, sidewalks and paving. There are not as many residents located in this area but it will still create headaches and inconveniences but will be great when completed! Residents be prepared!

We completed concreting the Drive-Thru lanes and hope to continue work in the parking area to the north. Thank you for your patience during this project which shut the drive-thru down for a while.

We continue with our monthly conference call to complete the preliminary stages for the 7 million dollar sewer project. This project will remove our major sewer and infiltration issues most of which are the result of old clay lines.



If you have any questions give me a call at 304-963-0713.

From the Utilities Office

You've heard the saying, "When it rains, it pours," and, of course, Murphy's Law, "If anything can go wrong, it will." In the Water Department, both have been true! Wow. What a month. We offer a huge "THANK YOU!" to our customers for their patience as we and several experts have worked hard to figure out the issues with our water system.

Issues of loss of pressure, no water and brown water were solved slowly due to a plethora of unusual problems. A team of experts from Thrasher Engineering discovered a large air bubble in our lines caused by a faulty air valve creating a "dam," that stirred up sediment. Then, a large main line split, spilling water directly into the river, making this leak difficult to find. Additionally, the broken line was approximately twenty feet underground, requiring equipment we do not have. "THANK YOU," to Kenny Black and Chuck King for their assistance in providing equipment for repairs to be made! Then it was discovered that the cause of the brown water was due in large part because of a reaction between naturally occurring manganese in the source water and the chlorination process. Although the discoloration was not harmful, it was definitely alarming. We continue to monitor all aspects of the water system, and hopefully we are back on track to provide the high-quality product you expect and deserve!

We are obtaining a telephone answering service to help with emergency, after-hours calls. The majority of the calls on the current emergency line are not emergencies, keep in mind that the emergency number is for emergencies only. To pay a bill or ask a question, please call during normal business hours. We will update you once in operation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us during business hours at 304-743-3422.



Milton Seniors Citizens meet the 2nd Wednesday of **EVERY MONTH** - **we are back to every month!** Bring your favorite dish or two. For more info on this or any other events call the Center at 304-390-4164.

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector Mike Ramsey



With the cooler weather soon approaching we will be making preparations to our homes. One of the more important things to think about is staying warm. No matter what source of heat you use it is important to always keep safety in mind. You should always have your furnaces and heat pumps cleaned and/or checked by a licensed professional.

Also, a permit may be needed for any units or associated equipment that may need changed. Most contractors build this cost into their estimates and know what requires a permit. Feel free to give us a call here at City Hall to verify that the contractors are licensed or if you have any questions on permits.

When using the smaller portable heaters remember to clean and check filters if equipped. Also be sure to check the power cords for cuts and that the plug itself isn't damaged. Keep in mind that these portable heaters are nice and work well but they cannot be substituted as a main heat source of a residence. The International Code Council states that every residential dwelling shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68° in all habitable rooms.

Another source we use to heat our homes that sometimes gets overlooked is a good old-fashioned fireplace and chimney. It is important to have your chimney cleaned and checked. They can become blocked by birds or critters making nests which could lead to carbon monoxide being put out into your home. A working carbon monoxide detector is also a necessity when using your fireplace. Remember to keep anything flammable like furniture or even extra wood at least 2-3 feet away from the fire itself. Always keep a fire extinguisher on hand as well. Cleaning and inspection should be done by a professional Chimney Sweep. There is no permitting required for this.

As always if you have questions regarding licensing, permits, or ordinances please give me a call at 304-743-3032, Extension 202.

DIRTY CHIMNEYS CAUSE FIRES

An estimated 24,000 chimney fires
destroy homes each year.
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission/EPHA

Blenko Glass Events

Make plans now to visit us at the Blenko Glass Factory on Friday, September 20 or Saturday, September 21 and make your very own one of a kind glass pumpkin from our large 9355L mold. Each class participant will be allowed to participate in every step necessary to create their very own glass pumpkin.

(Pumpkins will be created with our Paw Paw color and will be finished with a Clover stem).



Tickets go on sale
Friday, August 23
at 9:00 a.m.

EST on our Eventbrite page.

Class space is limited and spaces will fill quickly so if you are interested be certain to get tickets early. We suggest you enroll as close to 9:00 a.m. EST on August 23 as possible. Due to the cool down process that items must go through, finished items will be ready to pick up beginning Saturday, September 28 in our Visitor Center Gift Shop. Items can also be shipped but you must make arrangements when you register. Items can only be held at our gift shop until Friday, October 25 so please make arrangements to ship or pick up your items by this date.

Rules—Please Read

- No walk-in registrations at our office or factory
- No call-in registrations will be accepted
- Shipping must be purchased as add-on item during checkout on Eventbrite at time of ticket purchase
- Must be at least 14 years old to participate
- You must wear safety glasses (provided by us)
- No open toed shoes allowed on the factory floor so dress accordingly
- Shop is not wheelchair accessible

West Virginia Pumpkin Festival

October 3—6, 2019

Parade—September 29, 2:00 pm



Visit

wvpump

kinfestival.com for details.



From Chief Joe Parsons

Well it is the season for celebrations, parades, festivals, football, school and Halloween goblins. We here at the Police Department will be fully focused on the upcoming Pumpkin Festival, Pumpkin Parade and all the traffic concerns that comes with it as well as policing the football games at the Milton Middle School and other events. Additionally, we will be trying our best to provide a safe environment for our children during Trick or Treat and as they travel back and forth to school.

Let's address the school issue first—more specifically the school bus laws.. Everyone knows that State Law as well as Municipal Code requires traffic traveling in either direction to stop for a loading or unloading school bus with flashing lights on two lane roads. **What many do not know is that State Law and Municipal Code requires the same on US Route 60 which is an undivided four lane highway with a turn lane (five lanes total) from John's Creek to Pine Haven Drive.**

Example: If you are traveling East on US Route 60 in the right hand lane and a westbound school bus stops and activates it's lights in the opposite right hand lane **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO STOP** even though there are three lanes between you.

Every year there is confusion about this law. When laws are made regarding the safety of our children you can be sure they will be strictly enforced by our department.

We need to address Trick or Treat night which will be October 31st this year. Speed limits will be strictly enforced on the back streets and residential areas by patrol officers as well as bike patrols. We want to keep everyone safe this Halloween and enjoy the festive atmosphere. Kids are especially excited and thrilled during Trick or Treat, let's not do anything to spoil it for them.

September brings the City Celebration/Old Fashion Days at April Dawn Park as well as the Pumpkin Parade; October brings the Pumpkin Festival at Pumpkin Park. Traffic is anticipated to be heavy during the Pumpkin festival and with the I-64 road construction and different projects throughout the City we may have a tough time but we will do our best to keep everything moving smoothly and safely.

We received our new vehicle for this fiscal year and we decided to go with a 2019 Dodge Ram Truck for our K9 Officer. We will see how this type of vehicle works out for our K9s.

Everyone enjoy the fall and GO HERD!

City of Milton—Important

Below are holidays when City offices will be closed:

- Monday, September 2, Labor Day, Office Closed
- Monday, October 14, Columbus Day, Office Closed

Floodwall Meeting

If you missed the August Public Office Hours Meeting be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, September 5, at City Hall, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. The Corp of Engineers, State and City Representatives will be present to explain the plan and answers your questions.

Boot Drive

The Milton Volunteer Fire Department will hold a BOOT DRIVE on Saturday, September 7, from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. As you are traveling through the City on that day be sure to show your support by donating whatever amount you can. Your donations help provide the equipment and training that is constantly needed to keep the community safe.

Do You Qualify?

Southwestern Community Action Council 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 their website www.acacwv.org.

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



MVFD News by Chief Timmy Chastain

Hi Friends! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and I know many are looking forward to Fall, especially pumpkin flavored everything!!

Since our last Miltonian, we responded to over 50 emergency and non-emergency incidents. We have been fortunate and we have had zero fires since our last edition. We have provided mutual aid services to our neighboring departments when needed.

During July and August, we participated in several functions, one being the Cabell County Fair. We provided operational support during the demolition derby and mud bog and we provided fire prevention education every day of the Fair. It was a great time and our members really enjoy interacting with the community members and visitors. We also participated in the 2019 Fair Parade and former Fire Chief John Lewis drove our 1929 A-Model Chief's Car! (Without air-conditioning)



With cooler temperatures and the leaves beginning to fall, please remember if you decide to burn leaves, State law must be adhered to. ONLY vegetation may be burned, NO TRASH!! Please stay with it and keep a water source handy at all times. You can burn at any time until October 1st then it is between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. only. (See Burning Laws on Page 8)

We would like to congratulate Firefighter Seth Spurlock for successfully completing his state required classes and becoming a certified Firefighter. CONGRATS SETH!!



It will soon be TIME to FALL BACK and a GREAT time to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms. If yours is ten years old or older, it's time for a new one. If you do not have any smoke alarms inside your home, please let us know so that we can make sure to get you some. Smoke alarms are very important and many agencies across the state are working diligently to make sure every home has working smoke alarms.

We have several upcoming events, please check out the calendar and keep an eye on the City sign at Wendy's for details.

As always, THANK YOU for your continued support for our department! GOD BLESS!!

American Legion Events

Join us for a delicious breakfast Saturday, September 7 & October 5—bring your family and friends!

Motorcycle Show Sunday, September 29, 1:00—4:00 p.m. Stop by before or after the Pumpkin Parade and see some really cool bikes!

MUMC Events

Ministerial Association 5th Sunday Sing, September 29, location TBA soon.

Milton United Methodist Church is collecting new packages of any kind, any size underwear/garments in September and October to be distributed to local schools and ECCHO. If you wish to donate, drop them by the church, 1007 Church Street, Tuesday—Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. For more info on these events call 304-743-6461.

TOPS

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Milton United Methodist Church Thursdays, 5:00—6:00 p.m. No obligation, just visit and see if you want to join. For questions call 304-762-2305 or 304-743-3783. Please use the side entrance of the church by the library.



HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY



The **MILTON HOUSING AUTHORITY** is now 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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Albert Gallatin Jenkins District Holds Annual Meeting

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Albert Gallatin Jenkins District, held its annual meeting at the Milton VFW Post 9796, on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 10AM. The annual meeting was hosted by the District's newest chapter, Cooney Ricketts 2726, of Milton WV.



Standing L-R: Jean Hatfield, Camille Keller, Renee' Spence, Roberta Casey, Ethel Elkins, Teri Carr, Dee McComas, Easter Miller, Charlene Honaker, Gwen Bevins, Lavonne Roberts, Dovie Dunn, Shirley Gilkeson. Sitting L-R: Billie Johnson, Barbara Wallace, Marilyn Coleman, Charles Whitt, Linda Whaley, Virginia Ellis, An-

This year all four District chapters were represented. Chapter 150, of Huntington, and Chapter 151 of Charleston, these two chapters are two of the oldest in West Virginia, well over one hundred years old. The other two chapters are Border Rangers chapter 2580, established in the 1990's, and Cooney Ricketts chapter 2726, one of the newest chapters in WV and the UDC, less than one year old.

Mrs. Linda Whaley from Chapter 150 and the Division President (State) was in attendance. She gave a stirring speech of our duty as daughters to promote the good works in which we are engaged in and to encourage the group to reach out even more to their local communities.

The theme of this years meeting was a Southern BBQ. The meeting room was decorated with magnolias and the lunch was pork and beef BBQ with bake beans, cole slaw, chips, and peach cobbler for dessert, drinks were lemonade and sweet tea.

The guest speaker was Colonel Charles Dahnmon Whitt, a well known local author and Civil War historian. Colonel Whitt gave an interesting talk on flags.

All-in-all it was good fellowship between the sisters and a fun and educational day for the nineteen attendees.

Birthday Memorial for Cooney Ricketts

Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Cooney Ricketts, Chapter 2726, Milton, WV, held a Birthday Memorial for their name sake, Lucian Cincinnatus Ricketts (*affectionally known as "Cooney"*) at his gravesite in Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington on Saturday, August 10, 2019. Lucian Cincinnatus Ricketts was born August 22, 1847, in Guyandotte, Va.



At the age of thirteen, when the War Between the States came to this region and a local militia known as the Border Rangers headed to enlist in the Confederate Army, Cooney desired to go to war with them but was told to return home and take care of his widowed mother. But the boy would not be deterred. He borrowed his uncle's mule and followed after them. When ordered to return home, Cooney refused and responded, "the roads are free" and told the commanding officer he would follow them no matter what. Unable to dissuade the very determined youth, the soldiers unanimously adopted him into their ranks as the 'Child of the Regiment'.

Cooney Ricketts fought alongside the Border Rangers in many battles over the months that followed. On his sixteenth birthday the commanding officer enrolled him into the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. But the respite from warfare was short. When Union forces invaded the Shenandoah Valley, Cooney and 280 of his fellow VMI cadets were called up to fight alongside the desperate Confederate forces fighting to hold the front lines.

On May 15, 1864 the Battle of New Market began and Cooney, who by a twist of fate was the only cadet on horseback that day, and upon seeing the first cadets killed, gallantly rode forward and encouraged his fellow cadets to follow him. That day the VMI schoolboys were victorious.

Cooney returned to Guyandotte after the War, became a lawyer and worked the rest of his life helping fellow Confederate Veterans. He died at the age of 59. From his childhood until the end of his days, Cooney's deeds spoke of his character and courage and that is why our UDC Chapter bears his name.

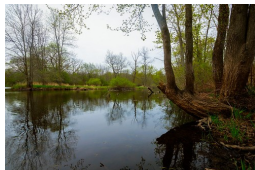


Bertie Casey, Jane Mills, Marilyn Colman, Billie Johnson, Dee McComas and Jean Hatfield

Floodplain & Stormwater News by Randy Rutledge

Floodplain—Current FEMA Floodplain management in this country has two stated goals: (1) flood loss reduction, and (2) the conservation and protection of natural and beneficial functions of our water resources. Unfortunately the second goal is often treated as an afterthought in our community planning and mitigating in ways to prevent structural damage by only devising methods to pass, reroute or deter the “excess” water as quickly as possible. This, along with the development of paving, building, and changing or eliminating natural ground and vegetation functions, unless done with considerable forethought, can often lead to worsening of the very flooding problems you are trying to deal with.

The natural functions of flooding from storms are many: recharging of ground water and aquifers; filtering of impurities; replenishment of soils; distribution of vital sediments to grasslands; creation of healthy plant and animal diversity along river corridors; controlling erosion; the list goes on. So, when human activity, especially urbanization and altering the flooding process by paving, dams, levees, reservoirs, storm water runoff systems, concrete lined ditching, etc. interrupts these natural processes, the entire ecosystem suffers.



As pressure mounts to develop our floodplain areas, it is imperative we modify the attitude that it is acceptable to obtain short term reductions in flood risk and/or economic gains by shifting manmade flooding costs to future generations, or even now to our neighbors downstream. The upshot of this is that floods are not the sole cause of the damage and suffering we see in these events. We are the culprit as well. Instead of just efforts to control the water, we need to control what, how and where we allow human activities and development to adversely affect it.

Stormwater—Please note that you are not allowed to clean out paint brushes and rollers in a storm drain even if it is water-based paint. Only rain down the drain!

We are continuing to see pet waste being left on the ground. People leaving their pet's waste on the ground are in violation of city ordinances as well as common courtesy. This waste eventually makes its way into our system which is not allowed by our permit. If you see someone not picking up after their pet please let me know as we must address this.

**HERE WE GO AGAIN.
WE'VE BEEN DOWN
THIS ROAD BEFORE,
MANY TIMES.**

We are also seeing grass clippings being blown into the street and into storm drains and this too is a violation of our permit. Please contact me if you see this happen too.

If you are doing a late summer project such as a patio, walkway or driveway please consider using a porous or permeable pavement.

Porous pavement consists of porous concrete, lattice pavers, concrete blocks, or stones. The surface material is laid on a gravel subgrade and the surface voids are filled with sand or a sandy loam turf. Stormwater flows soak through the pavement into the underlying soil.

Porous pavements are best used in areas of low traffic volumes and loads and have a potential for high particulate pollutant removal. Lattice pavers or stones can enhance site aesthetics while reducing flooding by infiltrating or slowing stormwater runoff.

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Milton Library News

There is always fun at your Library!
Here are our regular programs:

- **Mother Goose on the Loose**, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
- **Story Hour**, Wednesday a.m.
- **Adult Book Tea**, 3:00—4:00 p.m., 2nd Monday
- **Knotty Knitsters**, 1st & 3rd Tuesday 1:00—3:00 & 5:00—7:00 p.m.
- **Code Club**, Fridays 4:00—5:00 p.m. through September, when grant ends. We will re-think Code Club for the rest of the year and most likely start again in 2020.
- **Middle School Book Club** will resume at a date TBA.

We also have the following:

Can't Dance? Who Cares!? September 11: 3:30—4:30 p.m. Come out and “bust a move” to some fun and energetic music, designed to create flexibility and tone those muscles! No requirements other than have a good time and laugh a lot! This program will continue every Wednesday at the same time!

Eating Smart/Being Active Sessions — September 18—2:00 p.m. Kandi Messinger will begin a series of sessions focusing on healthy lifestyle choices. The 1st being “Rethink Your Drink”. Additional programs and times will be announced at that point and posted to our FB.

Arts & Crafts Fair Revisited! October 14—18: All Day! We're bringing back the creative and nostalgic event of the past! Displayed throughout the library will be all kinds of crafts—knitting, quilting, painting, handmade greeting cards—with an opportunity to purchase certain items.

Trick or Treat at the Library! October 30: 3:00—4:30 p.m. All kinds of treats and tricks (and a few games and prizes) for the whole family to enjoy. Our staff will be in costume and ready to get the party started! Wear your costume and bring your trick or treat bag to fill up with goodies!

Grant / IT News from Mike Nixon

Thanks to everyone that has submitted feedback on the website. We are continuing to update and add new sections. If you have any comments or suggestions, please email me at it@cityofmiltonwv.com. I have several technology updates that are going to be done this fall. As in my last article, we are phasing out all Windows 7 PC's to make sure we are not caught behind the curve and missing any critical updates that could cause future issues.

I am still awaiting to hear from the Homeland Security grant awards. Hopefully we will hear something soon as we have some projects that I would like to get started. I am still preparing all the documentation and putting together a grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to improve Jarrell Sargent Park. This grant would help us install several more playground fixtures as well as picnic tables and benches.



I will be attending the Brownfields Conference and Main Street/ON TRAC training in September to gain more knowledge on how these programs can benefit the City of Milton. I'm looking forward to this training and networking with other cities who have utilized these programs.

Onto a little tech information. Have you ever received a call from Microsoft? Maybe an email saying your computer is not activated? How about you click on a search link and all of a sudden you are informed you must call a specific number because your computer is infected with a crazy virus? All of these are scams, and some are very convincing. If you receive a call, my best advice is to just hang up. If you receive an email, delete it and do not

click on any links inside the email and do not reply. Now, the last one can be tricky because you might've clicked on a browser hijacker that makes it seem like you cannot do anything without calling. Typically, if you power down and restart your computer, this will correct itself. Just make sure when you go to your browser, do not have it "restore previous tabs" and open from new. Be careful and safe surfing!

Our new website is finally up and running! We are still finding a few quirks.

- No burning from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm.
- Fire must be attended at all times.
- Area must be cleared down to mineral soil for a minimum distance of 10 feet around what is being burned.
- If your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage the fire may cause to others.

**WILLFULLY SETTING FIRES IS A FELONY AND
PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND OR IMPRISONMENT
(WEST VIRGINIA ARSON HOTLINE 1-800-233-FIRE)**

Sponsored by: WV Division of Forestry
WV Forestry Association
United States Forest Service

Milton Veterans Memorial Park

We are still hearing from people whose names were left off the Veterans Memorial Park Honor Roll and we certainly apologize.

If this applies to you please call City Hall at 304-743-3032, extension 201, we certainly do not want to leave anyone unrecognized for their service.

There are some stipulations such as you need to be from our local area and it depends where you shipped out. We could never have a sign large enough for all the names without setting some boundaries.

MVFD Events

- Saturday, September 7, YESTERYEAR Rock & Roll Oldies Show. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for students; 5 year of age and under are admitted free. Concessions will be available with a large selection on the menu. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the show is from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Come ready to dance to all the oldies hits, or come and tap your feet to some really AWESOME music performed by some of the most talented musicians ever!!! Come early for a good seat and enjoy a great dinner.
- CABIN FEVER GUN SHOW, will be held September 13—14. Friday's show hours are 1:00—7:00 p.m. and Saturday's show hours are 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Need to rent an event space? The newly remodeled Milton Volunteer Fire Department Community Room is available to rent for birthday parties, wedding/baby showers, receptions, dances, etc. There is space to accommodate large or small groups. For more information contact Marsha Chastain at 304-972-5333.

Mayor (Continued from Page 1)

This has been the most difficult water issues to resolve in my 10 years as Mayor. We did not stop searching until all problems were found and resolved and we cannot tell you how disappointed we are, even though breaks and some of the issues have been out of our control, that we have not been able to provide clean water to our customers.

We also realized we have issues with after hour or emergency calls. We are currently securing an answering service so hopefully this problem will be solved. We also realized that the public did not feel properly informed. This circumstance was very unusual as there were multiple issues and each one we corrected did not solve the problem. We did not have information to provide as far as a solution. For us this became a process of elimination and was very frustrating that we had so much trouble finding and correcting all these issues. We thank all agencies who helped us search and offered recommendations to finding our problems.



I recently received a letter from a local resident with concerns about a few businesses and was asked to address this in our newsletter. Below are portions of that letter:

We moved to Milton 8 years ago, we love it here and appreciate how the city is improving and growing . We are excited about the resort coming soon and plan on having our family reunion there.

We recently had out of state visitors. We promote local business and took our visitors to many local stores and restaurants. Our guests commented on how unfriendly the locals are

Below are some of the situations they experienced in a nut shell:

- **Restaurants:** No greeting. Asked, "Are you ready to order or what?" Young staff not friendly, act like they hate their jobs. Do not smile.
- **Retailers:** No acknowledgement or greeting. No speaking or eye contact when checking out. Conversation with other coworker sometimes about what we were purchasing but not speaking to us. Staff never greet you, smile or say thank your.

....The size of the town usually predicts how friendly they will be. The small towns usually go over and above to be friendly. I have often wondered what it is with our town and why they act that way.

Our concern is how out of town and out of state visitors will be treated by our local community. With the resort opening next year, I would anticipate each business owner expecting to profit from the "tourists".

As Mayor, I would be extremely upset if I received complaints about the employees who represent the City. In the past employees have been released due to the way they treat or speak to customers.

We all, whether you work for the city or a business, have an effect on the perception people have about Milton. We all need to take a moment and think how we like to be treated where ever we are. We want Milton to be a city people want to visit, tell others about their positive experiences and come back for a return visit. As business owners please encourage your employees to take that extra second or two and say Hello and Thank You with a smile!



Stormwater Continued

Suitable sites for porous pavements are generally limited to low traffic areas with a minimum soil infiltration capacity of 0.5 inches/hour. Additionally, proximity of the pavement to groundwater needs to be considered.

Careful attention to maintenance during periodic inspection may be necessary to reduce clogging. Maintenance should include vacuum sweeping and jet hosing. Pavers, block and stone require less maintenance.

Q: Why do we celebrate Labor Day?

A: This national holiday celebrates the achievements of the American worker as a result of the labor movement of the 19th century. During the 1800s, labor unions fought to free the American worker of 16-hour workdays and harmful work environments, establishing more rights for employees.

Have a happy and safe Labor Day!





September 2019

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1  New Heights Tail-gate Party | 2  Office Closed 6:30 pm Women's Club | 3 5:30 pm Utility Com 7:00 pm Council | 4 | 5 8:00 am Army Corp of Engineers Floodwall Open Hours Meeting 12 noon Rotary 6:30 pm Lion's Club | 6 7:00 pm Music*** 7:00 pm Public Bingo** | 7 8:00 am Legion Breakfast 9:00 am MVFD Boot Drive 10:00 am Recycling 7:00 pm Greater Vision PAC |
| 8  | 9 7:00 pm VFW 7:00 pm Fair | 10 5:30 pm Court 7:00 pm Am Legion | 11 12 noon Sr. Lunch | 12 12 noon Rotary | 13 1:00 pm Gun Show 7:00 pm Music*** 7:00 pm Public Bingo** | 14  9:00 am Gun Show 12 noon Old Fashioned Anniversary Celebration |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 12 noon Rotary 5:00 pm RPOC 6:30 pm Lion's Club | 20 <---Blenko Make Your 7:00 pm Music*** 7:00 pm Public Bingo** | 21 Own Pumpkin -----> 10:00 am Recycling |
| 22 | 23 | 24 7:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm Pumpkin Bd | 25 | 26 12 noon Rotary | 27  5:00 pm Car Show 7:00 pm Music*** 7:00 pm Public Bingo** | 28 |
| 29  1:00 pm Legion Motorcycle Show 2:00 p.m. Parade | 30 |  <div> SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT \$ DONATE \$ SEPTEMBER 7 </div> | | | | |

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October 2019

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
|--|---|---|--------------------------|---|---|--|
|  | | 1 5:30 pm Utilities 7:00 pm Council | 2 | 3  | 4  | 5  8:00 am Legion Breakfast 10:00 am Recycling |
| 6  | 7 6:30 pm Women's Club | 8 5:30 pm Court 7:00 pm Am. Legion | 9 12 noon Sr Luncheon | 10 12 noon Rotary 6:30 pm Lion's Club | 11 7:00 pm Music*** 7:00 pm Public Bingo** | 12 |
| 13 | 14  Columbus Day Office Closed 7:00 pm VFW 7:00 pm Fair | 15 | 16 | 17 12 noon Rotary 5:00 pm RPOC 6:30 pm Lion's Club | 18 7:00 pm Music*** 7:00 pm Public Bingo** | 19 10:00 am Recycling |
| 20 | 21 ←----- | 22 ----- 7:00 pm Am. Legion 7:00 pm Pumpkin | 23 FALL-----CLEANUP | 24 ----- 12 noon Rotary | 25  5:00 pm Car Show 7:00 pm Music*** 7:00 pm Public Bingo** | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29  5:00 pm City's Party in the Park | 30 | 31  6:00 pm Halloween County Wide | City Wide Fall Cleanup October 21-25  All items must be out by 8:00 a.m. Monday 21 | |

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Saturday, September 14, 2019
Noon—5:00 p.m.—April Dawn Park

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American Legion Post 139 Gun Salute will open the event. There will be old pictures, antiques, Lion's Club Apple Butter, Cooper's Mill, Daughters of the Confederacy, MUSD old vehicles, Country Roads Equestrian, Woodmen of the World and other vendors as well as some great music!

These items will be free, courtesy of the City of Milton

Put on your best old fashioned outfit, bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us for the day! If you want to share old pictures or anything else old or antique feel free to bring it along. For more info call City Hall 304-743-3032 or Debbie at 304-617-6551.



SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF MILTON
APRIL DAWN PARK
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
6:00—8:00 PM

COSTUME CONTEST
1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS
INFANT—3 YEARS
4—5 YEARS
6—10 YEARS
16—ADULTS



FREE CORNDOGS & HOT CHOCOLATE
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
NOTE: TRICK OR TREAT IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

From the Mayor (Continued)

The new Valley Health Medical Center should soon be open. The new building looks great and it is a modern facility offering medical, eye, dental, behavioral health, a pharmacy and more. This is a wonderful addition to our City and provides needed services for our residents. With their construction complete we have paved Hillview Drive and Woodland Drive, thanks to the residents for their patience. We certainly did not want to do any paving with construction still in the works.

We also welcome Previously Enjoyed, located in the old Barbie's on US Rt. 60. Their shop contains antiques, furniture and a wide variety of items that have been previously enjoyed! Stop by and check them out!

The City welcomes Shane Hayes and Chaston Holley to our Street Department. These new employees are an important factor in keeping our growing City looking so great.

We received our two new trucks that were budgeted for the Street department. We also received a new truck for the Police Department which was purchased with funds from the Municipal Sales Tax which are specifically dedicated to the police. We are trying to add to our fleets each year to avoid repairs of older vehicles.



Lastly, my surgery was successful and I appreciate all the prayers, calls, cards and visits. Our Milton community is the best! Thanks!

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

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