THE MILTONIAN



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November-December 2022

From the Mayor

Fall has definitely arrived, bringing with it shorter days and colder weather. We've had plenty of beautiful, sunny days, however, and the City has taken advantage of them by cleaning and repainting curbs along Route 60. The last of the year's paving projects finished a short time ago, but paving and patching will resume next spring when the weather permits. As we near the end of the year, we are also beginning to prepare for snow. That means dusting off the snowplows and making sure we have plenty of road salt and sand on hand to ensure our roads are as safe as possible when snowy weather hits.

I want to briefly address the issue of West Virginia American Water Company's interest in purchasing the Milton Water Company, Despite what some say, we have great water! Yes, there are water lines that must be replaced, but we are working on it. Last year, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided funding to state and local governments, encouraging that this aid be used, among other things, to improve water and sewer infrastructure nationwide, not just in Milton, West Virginia. For the past several years we have been making steady progress improving our water and sewer infrastructure, and we will continue to do so. If and when WVAW makes an offer to purchase Milton's water company, we will discuss it then.

Preparations for the flood wall continue, despite some rumors to the contrary. The US Army Corps of Engineers anticipates moving dirt in the fall of 2024. I understand the frustration delays bring when anticipating a project like this. We must all remember that this is a very large project, and there is a lot of work that has and will continue to go into it. The inflated cost of supplies and equipment creates added difficulties. However, I remain optimistic, and eagerly await the commencement and completion of the construction of the Milton Flood Wall.



November 11th marks the date we set aside to remember and honor the men and women in the armed forces who have fought and continue to fight for the freedoms we enjoy. We have a

wonderful community of Veterans in our small town. Thank you Veterans for your service and sacrifice for the United States of America. We appreciate you.

I'd also like to take just a moment to thank Beth Williamson for the fall decorations at the sign by Wendy's and at the four corners. They look great, and we all truly appreciate your creativity! We have received dozens of compliments from visitors to our City. Beth has done an outstanding job!

Let's not forget that mid-term elections are going on. Early voting continues until November 5th here at City Hall. On Election Day, November 8th, voting will occur at your normal polling place. I urge you to get out and VOTE!



From Recorder Dana Walters

Can you believe it....summer is gone and we are only a few weeks away from Thanksgiving and Christmas. I love the fall weather, but I know the cold weather is coming soon thereafter.



The Third Quarter 2022 Business & Occupation tax returns were mailed on September 30th and are now due and payable (without penalty) before November 15th. If you own a local business and have not received a return, you can get one online at www.cityofmiltonwv.com, or contact us and we will e-mail a return to you. If you've never filed a return before and are unsure how to fill it out, call us... we will help!

Annual and Fourth Quarter Business & Occupation tax returns will be mailed by the end of the year and will be due without penalty by February 15, 2023.

If you have a question, feel free to call me at (304) 743-3032, extension 222. I may not have an answer for you, but hopefully I can refer you to someone who will. You can also call the finance clerk, Cameron Ernst, at 304-743-3032, extension 211.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas with your family, friends and loved ones.



From the Utilities:

Hello and Happy Holidays from the Utilities Department! With colder weather comes the possibility of frozen water lines, so please be aware that if you do choose run water to help keep lines from freezing it could potentially increase your bill. Something to consider for the upcoming cold and flu season is signing up to pay your bill through Automatic Deduction. This form is found on the back of your bill, can be picked up at our office, or it can be found on our website at cityofmiltonw.com under the Utilities section and Forms. Please be sure to include a voided check when returning the form to us. Once enrolled, your payment will automatically draft from your checking account on the 15th of each month.



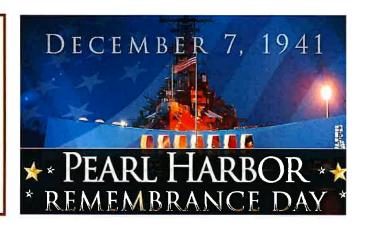
We have implemented a new system to notify you by phone for reasons such as payment reminders, notification of water outage, boil water advisories, etc. The telephone number that will appear on your caller ID is **681-203-5645**. If you miss a call from this number, you may dial it back and the message can be replayed. **Please consider adding this number to your contacts so it will not be mistaken as spam or a telemarketer**. Also, please be sure the telephone number we have on file for you is correct so you may be reached in case of emergency.

Please note that our office will be closed November 11th for Veterans Day and November 24th and 25th to observe the Thanksgiving holiday. We will also be closed on December 23rd and 26th in celebration of Christmas.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office during regular business hours at 304-743-3422.

BEANS & CORNBREAD

Milton United Methodist Church
will host a beans and cornbread dinner on
Saturday, November 19 from 3 - 6pm
\$5/bowl of beans, cornbread, dessert & drink
1007 Church Street, Milton





From Director of Public Works Charles Conard

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Happy Holidays! It is hard to believe that 2022 is nearly over. There are many activities planned for the next couple of months. Be sure to check out the calendar so you don't miss an event.

The Sewer Project, funded by grants and loans through the USDA, Rural Development, is well underway and progressing as scheduled. Completion of this project should greatly reduce our inflow and Infiltration, which should reduce the ongoing cost of pumping and treatment. If we can keep this cost down, we can keep your costs down.

The water line replacement project on Newman's Branch has been advertised, with the bid opening scheduled for December 6th. Funding for this project was provided through the West Virginia Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council's "Critical Needs" program.

We finished the final paving projects for the year, which included Brickyard Avenue, sections of Mason Street, and patching of multiple areas. Paving will resume next spring.

If you have any questions or concerns, call 304-743-3032. I hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Joyous Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year.



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.

Try your luck at Bingo every Sunday at 6pm, doors open at 5pm.



VETERANS DINNER
12 NOV
5:00 pm

The Legion Auxiliary will host a Veterans Dinner on November 12 beginning at 5pm. This event is free and open to all Veterans. There will be a minimal charge for non-veterans.



Milton Library News

New Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm; Saturday 9am-1pm; Closed Sunday

- Story Time, Wednesdays, 10am, Join us for a story, song & craft.
- Knotty Knitsters, Tuesdays, 1-3pm, Weekly knitting session for beginners & pros alike. No knowledge, needles or yarn needed; we can provide all three.
- ◆Code Club, Wednesdays, 4pm. Learn the fundamentals of coding with Scratch! We only have 5 laptops available for use, so be sure to register ahead of time. Recommended ages 8-18.
- ◆D&D Club, 3:30-5:30pm on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. Do you like stories? Adventures? Games? Then this is the club for you. Join us for a dice-rolling, dungeon-delving, dangerously good time. Recommended ages 8-16.
- ♦ Narcan Training, November 7, 10am-2pm. Emergency training for administering naloxone to treat opioid overdose.
- ♦ Build-It Challenges, Fridays, 3:30-5:30pm, beginning December 2. We have Lego, K'Nex, Duplo. We only need one more thing: your imagination! Visit us every Friday for our weekly building challenges.
- ♦ Mini Art Gallery, First Tuesday every month from 3:30-5:30 pm, beginning December 6. Join us to create your own miniature art for our winter display.
- Zany Portraits, December 12, 3:30-5pm. Learn all about West Virginia artist Charly Jupiter Hamilton and how to create your own art in his style! In partnership with West Virginia Public Broadcasting's Connect and Create project.
- ♦ Origami Workshop, December 13. Learn how to make beautiful and colorful creations using nothing but folded paper. Open to all ages and levels of experience, from absolute beginner to expert!



From Chief Parsons

Well, it looks like they had a banner year at the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival with record attendance. The weekend was without any major incidents except for the usual traffic tie - ups and a few vehicle crashes. Beautiful weather played a large part of the success.

Now we turn our attention to November and December, heavy holiday season with a lot of travel to see loved ones. We hope everyone has a great time but also travels in a safe manner. Nothing ruins a holiday quicker than a traffic crash.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving with your loved ones and do not forget neighbors who may be alone for the holiday. The same goes for Christmas, remember the reason for the season and check on your elderly friends and neighbors. If you are concerned about someone, call us and we can do a wellness check on them to ensure they are safe.



Christmas in the Park will be December 10th at April Dawn Park, fun for the whole family with free corn dogs, coffee and hot cocoa. Come out and enjoy the festive music and a visit from the North Pole.

The holidays are traditionally a time of heightened depression and domestic disputes. Keep safe and call on our services if trouble arises, that is what we are here for.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for a successful year and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless you all.



Early Voting at City Hall continues through
November 5th 8:30am—4:30pm Monday-Friday
9:00am—5:00pm, Saturday

Voting on Election Day, at your normal polling place
November 8th 6:30am—7:30pm



Milton Rotary Club's Annual

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 3rd
7:30-10:30 am

Milton Baptist Church Gymnasium

Bring the little ones

for a yummy breakfast with

Jolly Ol' St. Nick,

(Arriving at 8:00 am!)

Do You Qualify?

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.



The Milton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in their building at 809 Mason Street

(formerly the Women's Club.) If you would like to become a member, pick up an application at the Library.

The Lions Club has delicious apple butter available for purchase!

Are you looking for a place to rent for an event? The Lions Club building at 809 Mason Street is available!



MVFD News by Chief David Lewis

I would like to start off with wishing everyone a Happy Fall and hoping everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall season.



Our final 2022 semi-annual Fund Drive letters will be coming in your mailbox in the next few weeks. We really appreciate the support that you continue to give our department and we will continue our promise of providing quality fire and emergency services to you.

We are fortunate to have a great community who support us. Our membership works hard to not only maintain a proven high level of quality when it comes to our operational responsibilities, but they work diligently to keep up with the demands of fundraising and public services.

Our upcoming events we have scheduled for November and December at the Fire Department Community Room are as follows:

GUN SHOW

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #122
Friday, November 11,2022 from 12Noon – 7PM
Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 9AM – 5PM
For more info call Reed Cook, 304-654-9680 or Tim Chastain, 304-972-1885

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY
Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 10AM-2PM

For information on MVFD Community Room Rental you can contact Marsha Chastain at 304-972-5333

Keep an eye on the City's sign at Wendy's and our Facebook page for more upcoming events.

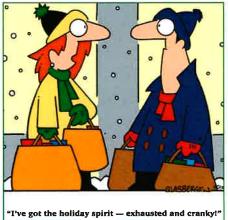
<u>REMINDER</u> of State Forestry Burn Laws in effect now until December 31, 2022. Burning is limited between the hours of 5PM to 7AM. Only vegetation can be burned. At NO TIME can trash, waste, construction material or other non-vegetation material be burned.

From all the membership of the Milton Volunteer Fire Department, we would like to wish you and your families a Very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!!! Stay safe!

DID YOU KNOW....

City offices will be closed for holidays on the following dates:

- Veterans Day—November 11
- •Thanksgiving—November 24 & 25
- •Christmas—December 23 26
- •New Year-January 2, 2023



MILTON VFD EVENTS:

November 11, Noon—7pm

November 12, 9am—5pm

FOP Lodge 122 Gun Show:

Lots of vendors, plenty of free parking, full concessions available

December 3, 10am-2pm



Kendall's Heart Clothing Giveaway Free clothing for all!!

MVFD Community Room is open and available to be rented. Contact Marsha Chastain at 304-972-5333 for more information. Continue watching the sign near Wendy's and the MVFD Facebook page and newsletters for music and upcoming events coming back soon!!



Check out the attached flyer containing all the info for the Milton Rotary Club's Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 5th from 4-7pm!

United Daughters of the Confederacy Cooney Ricketts #2726 Milton



Standing L-R Easter Miller, Ethel Elkins, Mary Johnson, Jean Hatfield, Elizabeth Swain, Marilyn Coleman. Seated L-R Bertie Casey, Roger Casey, Billie Johnson.

Cooney Ricketts Chapter #2726 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) held its regular meeting on September 17th at Shonet's in Milton. At that time, we held a ceremony to present our newest member, Mary Johnson, with her official Membership Certificate and copy of the Chapter's Handbook. Establishing Mary's eligibility for UDC membership was not an easy journey.

After countless attempts failed to fully document the genealogical proof necessary to link her to a Confederate soldier ancestor, the unexpected happened. A 160-year-old receipt for \$5 dollars, dated September 30, 1862, from Mount Sterling KY surfaced. One James M. Hall, a young man trying to support his mother and siblings while his father was away at war, rented his blacksmithing tools and equipment for \$2 dollars a day, and sold 6 bushels of coal at \$0.50 cents a bushel for the forge, to a local encampment of the Confederate army. Because that son of a soldier materially aided the Confederate Army by selling them materials, this obscure little receipt unquestionably establishing that transaction gave Mary the proof that qualified her for UDC membership. We congratulate Mary and wish her many happy years of service in our sisterhood.

Our guest speaker for the day was one of our favorites, Commander Roger Casey of Camp #628 SCV, who told us the story of Emma Sansom Turner. She is remembered in Alabama as a heroine for aiding Confederate general Nathan Bedford Forrest. At the age of 16, the young Miss Turner braved gunfire as she guided General Forrest and his cavalry in traversing a flooded Black Creek where two bridges had been burned by Union forces. This act enabled the Confederate Army to save the towns of Gadsden, Alabama, and Rome, Georgia.

In 1906, the Gadsden Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy erected a statue honoring her Civil War contributions. The base of the statue contains a carving of Emma accompanying Forrest on horseback. In the 1920s, the town of Gadsden also named the high school after her. That school sits directly across the street from that statue.





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Saturday, **December 3, 2022** from **8:30am to 3:30pm** the Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club will have their Annual Christmas Boot Drive.

All funds collected go toward providing Christmas joy to area children. Your generosity will ensure another successsul 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!

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY





The MILTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

accepts 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

Code Enforcer/Building Inspector Mike Ramsey

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BURNING LAWS—During forest fire seasons (March 1 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Dec. 31) no open burning may be conducted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. unless a burning permit is obtained from the Division of Forestry and the proper permit fees paid. Also, approval is required from the Division of Air Quality for the open burning of land clearing debris. Please contact your local DAQ office for assistance. Here are their contact numbers DAQ (304) 926-0475 and Division of Forestry (304) 558-2788.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS—The outdoor storage of junk, rubbish, trash, and debris upon private property, alleys and streets is prohibited. Burning household garbage or trash is prohibited. Garbage or trash includes food packaging, cardboard, plastic food containers, food products, paper (except as needed to start a fire), etc. Sewer systems are designed to handle used water, human body waste, and toilet paper. Disposing of diapers, any kinds of wipes (even if they say they are flushable), shop rags, grease, feminine products, plastic gloves, and other items into the sewer system is strictly prohibited.

BE PREPARED WITH AN EMERGENCY KIT—Have an emergency kit available and ready to go. Below are some items you should consider for your emergency kit:

- · "Special needs" items for the family, such as formula and supplies for infants, items for older people or those with disabilities.
 - First aid supplies.
 - Cash.
 - · Cell phone if available.
 - Snacks.
 - · Reading materials and games.
 - Pet supplies.
 - Towels.

 - · Prescription meds for members of the household.
 - · Flashlight and battery powered radio.
 - Sleeping bag and extra shoes.
- Water and food. A gallon of water per person per day. Canned and dried foods are easy to store.
- Tools (duct tape, garbage bags, manual can opener, hammer, screwdrivers, scissors, etc.)

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



ROTARY CLUB OF MILTON

Spaghetti Dinner And Silent Auction

Saturday - November 5th, 2022

4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Milton Baptist Church 1123 Church Street Milton, WV

Adults - \$7.00 Children - \$3.00

Our Motto: "Service over Self"

Community Service Projects Include

Eccho
Milton Youth Sports
Cabell County Fair Animal Purchase
Tri-State Area Boy Scouts
Huntington City Mission
Veterans Home of Barboursville
Hospitality House
Ronald McDonald House
College Scholarships- 3 High Schools

Rotary Club of Milton
District 07550
Club 6490
304-397-5542 work Pam Smith
304.593.1224 cell

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Milton Rotary 16th Annual



"Breakfast with Santa" Saturday, December 3rd Doors open 7:30 am Santa Arrives at 8:00 am

At Milton Baptist Church Adults \$5.00/ Kids \$3.00/ under age 5 eat free

Kids, color this Flyer and bring in to enter our coloring contest

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

AGE:





From the Mayor (Continued)

The hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holidays are right around the corner. Some people thrive in the activity and excitement of the holidays, while others become overwhelmed with the hectic pace. This can be both the most joyous and most stressful time of year. I truly hope you are blessed with a season filled with thankfulness, joy and peace. Enjoy the whirlwind of the season, but don't get caught up in it. Take time to remember the reasons we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If you are among those fortunate enough to spend the holidays with loved ones, consider yourself blessed. I encourage you to think about those who aren't as fortunate. Reach out to friends, neighbors and acquaintances who will be alone for the holiday season. Call or visit them, or invite them to your home or to a special church service or event. If you find yourself alone during the holidays, don't wait for an invitation; consider planning your own gathering, or invite someone to join you in an activity.

However you spend the holidays, I hope they are special times. Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!







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Milton Municipal Utilities (304) 743-3422

After-hours emergency, call (304) 590-7649 miltonwater@cityofmiltonwv.com miltonutilities@cityofmiltonwv.com stormwater@cityofmiltonwv.com publicworks@cityofmiltonwv.com

Milton Police Department

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