

# THE MILTONIAN



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July—August 2019

## From the Mayor

Summer is here in full force. The temperatures are rising and everything has come alive—the birds, the trees, the flowers, even the kids. April Dawn Park is booming with activity. It is great to see our City alive and renewed!

As I mentioned “alive and renewed” above it seems to be happening throughout the City. We have the fresh, newly-built buildings hosting our new businesses. We have old buildings that are coming back to life and will add new business, there is nothing like seeing an old building “renewed” whether it is a business or your home. We have been continuing with projects to beautify and make our City more appealing to visitors who may want to relocate in Milton. I also want to thank all the business owners and homeowners who keep their places “alive.” Sometimes it is the little things that can make such a big difference—a flower pot here and there, a little fresh paint or even a good pressure washing. I encourage you to take pride in your business, your home and your City. Milton is a great place to live, raise a family and have a business and it is only going to get better.

An update on the Flood Wall Project, below are portions of the *Draft Decision Document and Environmental Assessment of Lower Mud River Flood Risk Management Project*:

.....The purpose of the Lower Mud at Milton, West Virginia Project is to implement flood risk management measures to reduce flooding impacts and damages for the residences and businesses of Milton. The proposed Recommended Plan is for an earthen levee that would reduce flood risk for most of the City including the business district, reducing flooding risk up to the 250 year frequency level. The total length of the levee is approximately 8,300 feet, with approximately 4,084 feet of channel modification. The levee would begin at the eastern edge of Milton, extend from US 60 south, heading west about 2,000 feet crossing the current channel, then continuing west another 2,000 feet and crossing the river again before reaching Bill Blenko Road Bridge, continuing west about 2,200 feet along the north river bank to Newmans Branch, and finally west about 2,100 feet along the river bank to high ground south of US 60 near Abbott Road Junction. This alignment involving approximately 4,100 feet of channel modification, allowing construction of levee across bottomland such that businesses and residences along the riverbank would not be impacted, the new stream channel will be a natural design located south of the existing channel. A stoplog emergency gate closure would be required on Bill Blenko Drive just north of the bridge over the Mud River. The levee would average 19 feet in height, with the highest section being approximately 26 feet. Environmental mitigation is proposed to occur on-site within the proposed work limits to restore the area as appropriate.

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## DID YOU KNOW....

### We still want to hear from you!

In an effort to save money and time while still providing our residents with their informative newsletter. We are cleaning up our “Miltonian” mailing list.

You can now view on line or receive a copy by personal email. Please fill out the form on page 6 and return to City Hall. If you have already done this, thank you!

## From the Acting Recorder Benita Ryalls

Our Projected Fund Balances for July 1, 2019 will be revised and submitted to the State Auditor by July 15 for the Coal Severance Fund (Fund 2) and the General Fund (Fund 1) by July 31, 2019.

Business Licenses should be renewed by July 15. You should have already received your renewal. We will mail the 2nd Quarter B & O Tax Returns by July 1. Those should be paid or submitted by August 15, to avoid any penalty.

All forms are available online at [cityofmiltonwv.com](http://cityofmiltonwv.com) for your convenience.

The City is lucky to have such a wonderful Finance Clerk in Cameron Ernst, who will be assisting me with the Recorder duties. She takes care of the City's finances, licensing and taxes, among other duties. If you have any questions contact her at 304-743-3032, extension 211. If she is unavailable you can always ask for me .



## From the Utilities Office

Happy Summer! We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and longer daylight hours that come with the season. Remember, all pool fill sewer adjustment requests will be reviewed in September. Be sure to get your request in before the September 3 Utility Board meeting.



At times, we get calls inquiring about discolored water. This can be an unsettling experience, especially if you are getting ready to cook or use the bathtub or shower. There are a variety of reasons this could be occurring. Sometimes discoloration is due to repairs being made to water lines or hydrants being used or flushed. However, there are other reasons this could be happening, not all of which require service.

Below we will discuss the two most common inquiries in our office.

**Why Is My Water Reddish/Brown?** If a main water line breaks, there is a possibility that water could be discolored due to contaminants (typically soil) introduced into the water supply. If a main line break occurs, a precautionary boil water advisory is issued until the water can be tested to check for the presence of pathogens.

However, most reports of reddish-brown water are caused by or accompany a change in pressure within the main water line. Periodically, we must flush hydrants to release sediment and rust built up in the lines. When this happens, the water will absorb the rust and turn yellowish/reddish brown, and you may experience lower water pressure. Or, if a water line is turned off for repair, the sudden rush of waterflow when it is turned back on stirs up the sediment in the lines and can stain the water for a brief period of time. This is normal and is not a health risk.



In addition, older plumbing made from galvanized iron or steel pipes can accumulate minerals. (Bathtub spouts are often plumbed with galvanized.) Over time the pipes start to rust. When the rust dissolves in the water flowing through your pipes, the water turns a yellowish-red or brown color. This water can adversely affect the taste and color of food and can stain clothing. (Don't use bleach to treat the discoloration, it will set the stain.) However, health issues caused by this are very rare.

Check with your neighbors. Do they have discolored water? If so, flush your water pipes by hooking a hose to a spigot closest to your water main and letting it run several minutes, or opening up the faucets in your home for several minutes to see if the water clears. If it does not clear, call our office so we can investigate the cause.

If your neighbor's water is clear, however, flush your water pipes for several minutes (see above) to see if the water clears. If only the hot water is discolored, check your hot water heater. If it is only discolored in the bathtub, check to see if the tub spigot is made of galvanized metal. If your water is discolored by rust from galvanized pipes, the pipes may need to be replaced with newer pipes of a non-rusting material.



**Why Is My Water Cloudy/White/Milky?** Excessive air trapped in water pipes or main supply can cause water to look white or milky water. The excess air leads to a build-up of pressure, forming air bubbles in your water that are released when the tap is run, giving the water a white appearance. This aeration is generally short-lived and does not pose a health risk. Simply put, it is air in the water.

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## From Director of Public Works, Charlie Conard

If the weather cooperates with us, we anticipate the Glenwood Street project—new water line, sidewalk, curbs and paving—to be complete very soon. Once again, this has been a project that tests your patience and ours—hang in there a little longer. The results will be worth every minute..

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. Residents be prepared! Remember we can't do them all at once but eventually we will get your street.

Another upcoming project is at City Hall. We plan to re-surface the Drive-Thru lanes. We are currently in the process of getting quotes to concrete. This gets us a step closer to completion of our City Hall remodel. As soon as we have dates for this project we will let you know. We expect the Drive-Thru to be closed approximately a week. We apologize in advance for this inconvenience and request your patience, again!

We are still in 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.



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 nice weather comes projects. Lots of projects require hiring professionals. Which is my focus in this article. First, let me say there are wonderful, reliable contractors who work in the City of Milton, but the rest of my article refers to the few bad apples.

I cannot stress enough that you need to do your homework and research those you are considering for a job. There have been instances in the last few months where a homeowner has been "duped".

A little research and/or a phone call can save you money and lots of stress. It is important that ALL contractors be licensed and insured with the State as well as the City. A simple call to my office will let you know if they have a City license and are in good standing. NEVER pay for a job before it is complete! Dis-

honest, shady contractors will take the money and run. Yes, this does happen.

If you become a victim, you can expect a headache. You have to contact the Division of Labor, who may investigate the incident and you have to file a complaint with the WV Attorney General's Office, both can take a lot of time. Quite often you will be out whatever money you already spent and still have an incomplete project to deal with, which will cost you twice as much.

Also, be observant about building permits. Most contractors build a fee for the building permit into your estimate. This does not mean they obtain a permit. There have been instances where the contractor pockets this money. A permit is required to be visibly displayed on the work site, such as front door or a window. If a permit is required and has not been purchased a Stop Work Order will be issued regardless of what stage of work the project is in. It is YOUR responsibility as the homeowner to ensure a permit is issued. Always ask to see it and if you are told one is not required you can call me to verify this.

Part of my job is to check on contractors at the site to ensure they are following the rules and you are getting done what you hired them to do. I can't be everywhere and some of them do slide through the crack. So again, take time to check them out to prevent becoming a victim.

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

## Utility Office (Continued from Page 2)

If you notice the water appears cloudy, milky or white, fill a glass with the water and let it sit a few minutes. If the water is white due to air bubbles, the bubbles will rise to the top and the water will become clear. If the water remains white, or you detect sediment in the glass, it could indicate your water has been contaminated with small impurities such as rock, stone, sand or dirt. In that case, please call our office so that we can help determine the problem.



We hope this clears up some questions you might have. If you need more information, or have more questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 304-743-3422.

## MVFD Events

- Every Friday; **Robert Trippett & the Starlight Band**; Country, bluegrass & rock music; Doors open @ 6:00 p.m. with concessions available. Show time: 7:00—10:00 p.m. Come and dance to some great music!!!
- Saturday, August 18—**Big Time Pro Wrestling**. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.; event starts at 7:30 p.m. Concessions available. Huge calendar of events scheduled for this night!
- Be watching for new entertainment in the months ahead for both Friday and Saturday nights

## Blenko Glass Events

**Festival of Glass**—Our 12th Annual Festival of Glass event will be held at the Blenko Glass factory on Friday, August 2 & Saturday, August 3. This is a great opportunity to learn and participate in the actual glass making process (fees apply & class sign-ups begin on Wednesday, June 26 at 9:00 a.m. EST). Class sign-ups will be done **ONLINE ONLY** on our Eventbrite page, we no longer accept call-in class reservations. Class space is limited and spaces will fill quickly so if you are interested be certain to sign up early. We suggest you enroll as close to 9:00 a.m. EST on June 26 as possible. Class schedule, pictures, descriptions, costs and age limitations can be seen on our Eventbrite page.

Andrew and Emma (our Designers) love thinking about glass by diving in and making it with their own hands! During this year's Festival of Glass, the two will be doing an array of demonstrations open and free to the public on Friday, August 2, from 9:00—11:00 a.m. and 12:00—3:00 p.m. These pieces will be on sale the following day; Saturday, August 3, in Blenko's Visitor's Center. Join us, celebrate the magic of colorful glassblowing, and see it in action!





## From Chief Joe Parsons

Well folks we are at a new place that I could have only imagined four years ago when I took the Chief of Police job vacated by Sheriff Zerkle. We are now staffed at ten (10) full time and two (2) part time officers. What this means is three (3) officers are on each shift allowing us to have two (2) out on all shifts including midnights as well as our one dedicated officer on the interstate Monday thru Friday during peak traffic hours.

I want to wholeheartedly thank our Mayor and Council for their support and recognition that in this day and age it is too dangerous for one officer to be out alone, especially on midnights. If you like what you are seeing and the direction your police department is headed then thank your council and mayor, they make it all possible. If you are curious about what your police department is doing, follow us on Facebook at Milton Police Department. Make sure it is Milton, WV, there are a lot of Milton's across the country and we constantly get messages intended for another department.



We welcome Officer Justin Rakes who we hired from Hamlin PD which caused a media stir. Rest assured we did nothing underhanded in that situation and law enforcement is now a very competitive occupation with fewer people wanting to pursue a career in police services. The best part is that wages are finally rising where they should have been all along given the perils of the job. Our city government stepped up and raised our starting pay to \$18.00 per hour which is not top pay but far from the bottom and keeps us competitive.

We have a young, energetic department (If you don't count Tom Withers and myself) who are eager to serve the citizens of Milton and attempt to make a dent in the local drug problem. Our two (2) K-9 officers, Joe and Debbie, one purchased at a reduced price and one donated by Makor K-9, have been invaluable to our efforts.

Summer is upon us and children are out on bikes and the splash park is busy all the time. Please drive with caution. If you are planning on being out of town for vacation give our office a call and get on the vacation watch list for extra patrol. I hope everyone enjoys a safe and fun summer.

Finally a personal request. Many of you know that I grew up with former Chief and current Sheriff Chuck Zerkle and we spent our careers in the West Virginia State Police together. What you may not know is that Chuck and his brother, Elvis, lost their mom and then about ten days their dad in June. I cannot comprehend the pain and sorry those boys are suffering and I would ask that you hold them up in prayer for comfort and strength in the trying days to come. They are a top notch family and Charles and Iona Zerkle will be missed by many. Thank you.

## City of Milton—Important

Below are holidays when City offices will be closed:

- Thursday, July 4, Independence Day, Office Closed

## 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](http://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.

## City of Milton



**"Back to School"  
Saturday, August 24  
8:00 a.m.**

"Back to School Yard Sale" for anyone in the Community who would like to participate. A permit is not required. Just setup by 8:00 a.m. and close whenever you like. We do not have designated spots for those outside the community, if you want to setup on private property you need the owners permission prior to the event.



## MVFD News by Chief Timmy Chastain

Hello Friends! We would like to THANK everyone who helped us celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We welcomed over 300 community members to our station for refreshments, fun and to show off our accomplishments for the past 70 years.

We had several past members in attendance including one of our original founding members, Emmitt Nicholas. It was truly an honor to have them in attendance. Our longest serving member, Bob Legg and Emmitt Nicholas led the our parade in our 1st fire truck.



Also, during our anniversary, our membership honored our longest serving member, Deputy Chief Bob Legg, by dedicating our station in his name. Bob started with the Department in 1955. Our station will now be known as the Robert "Bob" Legg Station. CONGRATULA-



TIONS BOB!!

We are extremely EXCITED with the progress we have made during our building renovation projects. We have completed a large phase of our remodel project. We invite YOU to come by anytime to see how great it looks!

Since our last edition, we have responded to over 60 emergency calls. We have provided mutual aid assistance to our neighboring departments for incidents such as residential fires.

We continue to hold events at our station, these events are not only a fundraiser for our department but it provides clean and fun entertainment for our community. Our new wrestling company, BIG TIME PRO WRESTLING has been a huge success! They have different wrestlers each show and it gets better each time. Please come out and support us and enjoy the entertainment. See the calendar for our next wrestling event.



We have also been blessed with another live music venue, YESTERYEAR Rock & Roll Oldies Show! They provide music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Join us for some good music and it's a fun time!

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## American Legion Events

Join us Saturday, July 6, at 8:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast—bring the family!

## MUMC Events

**"Roar" VBS** with Milton United Methodist and Bethesda United Methodist Churches will be held at Bethesda July 15-19, 6:00—8:30 p.m.

**Crafts in the Park** with Milton UM Church, Tuesday, July 2 11:00 a.m.—noon. Children grade 5 and under can create a cool Independence Day craft and have a simple lunch at April Dawn Park

For more information on any of these events call 304-743-6461.

## TOPS

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Milton United Methodist Church every Thursday from 5:00—6:00 p.m. There is no obligation, just come visit and see if it is something you would like to join. If you have questions call 304-762-2305 or 304-743-3783 and 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](http://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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**MEDIA DINNER** will be held July 9th, at 7:00 p.m.  
 at the 4-H/FFA Building at the WV Pumpkin Park  
**QUEEN'S PAGEANT** will be July 13th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center  
**HORSE SHOW** will be held July 20th, at 5:00 p.m. at Barboursville Park  
**PARADE** will be held July 21st, at 2:00 p.m. and will begin at Pumpkin Park and travel Rt 60  
**CHILDREN'S PAGEANT**, will be held July 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center  
**CABELL COUNTY FAIR WEEK** will be Tuesday, July 23rd—Saturday, July 27th

## SEE YOU AT THE CABELL COUNTY FAIR

### Presentation to the Mayor



Roger Casey, Mayor Tom  
and Billie Johnson

On Monday, May 13, 2019, Roger Casey, Commander of Camp A. G. Jenkins #628, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Billie Johnson, President of Chapter Cooney Ricketts #2726 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, presented the Honorable Tom Canterbury, Mayor of Milton, WV with a Confederate saber mounted on a plaque.

The plaque, which was hand made by SCV Commander Casey, included an inscription and a photo of the Mayor taken with the members of both groups at a Memorial service held at the Milton cemetery. This was a small token to show our appreciation for all of the support and kindness the town of Milton and the Mayor have extended to our organization during our first year here in Milton.

Mrs. Johnson went on to say, "The town of Milton has welcomed us with open arms. I would like to add how wonderfully the Milton Library has treated us. All-in-all we feel very at home here and we strive to be good members of our home community.

### *The Miltonian*—Our City Newsletter

Please mark your choice below and return. If you have responded, THANKS, however we still need to hear from some of you. Please Include your address or email address below:

- ☐ I want to view on the web page. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I want to receive by personal email. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I want to continue receiving by mail. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I want to be removed from the mailing. \_\_\_\_\_



## Floodplain & Stormwater News by Randy Rutledge

**Stormwater**—Did you know that blowing or sweeping grass clippings, leaves or other yard waste into the street or down the storm drain can cause flooding? Yard waste that is blown or swept into a nearby storm drain can clog the drain. The problem is made worse when it rains, particularly during a hard rain. The result? Unhappy neighbors.

Clogged storm drains also use up your stormwater fee dollars and prevent the stormwater crew from working on other projects. This means your money is being spent on avoidable problems instead of necessary items, like fixing drainage problems. Routine inspections and cleaning of storm drains are performed by the stormwater crew, but clogged storm drains can go undetected until it's too late, and flooding has damaged property.

We ask that you properly manage your yard waste by leaving it on the lawn. Don't blow or sweep your grass clippings or fallen leaves or other yard waste onto the sidewalk, driveway, street or storm drain. Instead, mulch it and leave it on the lawn or bag it and throw it away.

If you hire someone to cut your grass or do landscaping work, be sure to tell them not to blow the grass into the street. In addition to creating problems for storm drains, grass clippings on roadways can also cause an accident for motorcyclists and bicyclists who drive over them. In cases where this has happened the homeowner has been found liable for negligence and causing unsafe conditions.

Those caught placing grass or leaves in the street can face up to a \$50 penalty under our City's stormwater ordinance. This fine is per day until the grass or leaves are cleaned up.

**Floodplain**—(The following is excerpted from an article in the Insurance Journal, March 18, 2019.)

An overhaul of the nation's flood insurance program being unveiled by the Trump administration will spur communities around the country to better plan for extreme weather but could drive up costs for some homeowners.

The changes announced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency represent one of the most significant reforms in the history of the National Flood Insurance Program. It will tie premiums to the actual flood risk facing individual homes nationwide starting in October 2020. The current system sets prices based largely on whether a home is inside or outside of the 100-year flood plain.

But the change risks increasing costs in the most flood-exposed areas. A spokeswoman commented, "We also have concerns about affordability". And "How do we protect those people that are historically disadvantaged and low-income, and that are also on the front lines of flooding?"

The initiative, which FEMA calls Risk Rating 2.0, follows a string of catastrophic events, including the Baton Rouge flood in 2016, Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in 2017 and Hurricane Florence last year. In each of those events, a large share of damaged homes lacked flood insurance, in part because FEMA's current system didn't accurately measure their risk.

"We have too much disaster suffering because we don't have insured survivors," David Maurstad, FEMA's deputy associate administrator for insurance and mitigation, said in a phone interview. He said the recent disasters spurred the agency to improve its risk identification, mapping and prices, and use those prices as a signal for homeowners.

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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 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.

In addition to the regular programming, we also have the following:

July 2 & 3: All day, each day. A **Fourth of July Picnic**, crafts will be available to those who want to participate as well as a "rocket pop" to treat them.

July 26: 3:00 pm Our **Space Mission** is fulfilled and all space vehicles are to land in time for a celebration of this year's journey with treats, games and prizes! We will draw for the grand prize at this event, so you won't want to miss it!

July 31: 10:00—12:00 noon **Rocket to Kindergarten**. This program is for preschool ages to prepare them for Kindergarten. This session will focus on letters and numbers and will be limited to 10 children (parent must be present). Snacks will be provided and pre-registration is required.

August 9: TBA **Happy Birthday, Smokey the Bear!!!** Smokey will be turning 75 years old this year and he is coming to a special birthday party at the Milton Library! We'll have the usual birthday celebration with a few surprises tossed in for extra fun.

August 12: 4:00—5:00 p.m. Last Hurrah before the **Big Hurrah Game Event!** School starts soon, so we'll put the finishing touches on another great summer with pizza and games/prizes for the family. It will be a "fun only" requirement—to be enjoyed by all kids and their parents.

## Grant / IT News from Mike Nixon

Our new website is finally up and running! We are still finding a few quirks here and there and fixing them along the way. We still have features coming soon that include a photo and video gallery. The new site is also mobile friendly and has more fillable forms available and more ways to contact the correct department directly from their designated page. These contact forms go directly to the correct departments versus a general mailbox. Our goal with this is to have quicker responses to questions, concerns or suggestions! I appreciate everyone's patience and if you have feedback on the new site, please feel free to call or email me at [it@cityofmiltonwv.com](mailto:it@cityofmiltonwv.com). We think it looks great!



I have recently applied for some grant funding through Homeland Security for a few needed projects. Those have been submitted and are awaiting judging. Hopefully we will know in the next 60 days if any of those projects get funded.

I am currently working on a grant application to improve the Jarrell Sargent Park. We would like to see several more playground fixtures in the park as well as picnic tables and benches. I will keep everyone up to date on the progress, but the application process does not end until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Onto a little tech information. Are you still running a Windows XP computer? Are you running a Windows 7 computer? If you are running Windows XP support ended back on 4/8/2014! And even though some users still are running this operating system, there are critical openings that allow hackers to easily gain access of your computer. Microsoft will end support on Windows 7 on 1/14/2020! When this happens, they will stop creating updates and patches for your computer and this is what creates vulnerabilities in your operating system.



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We hold these events to help raise money to offset the drastic costs of operating our department throughout the year and to provide a fun family event for our community. Please watch marquee sign in town and the calendar for the event dates and times!!

We would like to welcome back a long-time member of our department, Kevin Irwin. Kevin started with our agency in the late 80's before leaving in the early 2000's. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the department. Welcome back Kevin!



We also welcome our newest Cadet member, Kurt McCabe. Kurt comes from a family who has dedicated years to public safety, his father is a retired WV trooper and his brother who is a Charleston police officer. Kurt has a lot of passion for the fire service and will be a great asset to our department. Welcome Kurt!

Have a wonderful summer!!! God Bless!



### .Milton Veterans Memorial Park

The Veterans Memorial Park located on US Rt. 60 by the airplane has received some additions and is getting closer to completion.

This year the City added 4 new flower pots to the park. We have also ordered the remaining 4 benches and extensions for each sign. These extensions are to add additional names.

The names on the signs are definitely the most important part of the memorial, everything else is just beautification. We are still hearing from people whose names were left off and we certainly apologize. If this applies to you call the American Legion and speak with Bob Bragg or Wayne Legg. 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. If you cannot reach those above call City Hall.

We do not want to leave anyone unrecognized for their service

### Looking Ahead

- Sunday, September 1, New Heights Tailgate Party
- Monday, September 2, Labor Day, Office Closed
- Saturday, September 7, Milton Volunteer Fire Department Boot Drive
- Saturday, September 7, Greater Vision, PAC
- Saturday, September 14, City's Old Fashioned Day Anniversary Celebration



## Rany Rutledge Continued

"The new rating plan will help customers better understand their risks," Maurstad said. "I believe it will actually increase our products demand."

The overwhelming majority of American households with flood coverage receive their policies through the National Flood Insurance Program, which covers about 5 million policyholders, including approximately 3.5 million single-family homes. Despite the growing risk of flooding due to climate change, the number of policies under the program has fallen about 10 percent from its peak in 2009.

The pricing overhaul comes as climate change places growing pressure on the publicly subsidized flood insurance program. Claims often outpace premiums, saddling the program with a debt that topped \$30 billion in 2017. The models that determine those rates ignore certain kinds of flooding, like heavy precipitation. And many Americans at risk of flooding don't buy insurance.

Maurstad said the agency doesn't yet know what effect the change will have on total premiums. "We're not going to design it to either increase or decrease revenue," he said Friday. "Our effort is to improve our product and price it more fairly."

In a follow-up email, FEMA press secretary Elizabeth Litzow said the new approach could have the effect of raising total revenue, by accounting for new types of flood risk.

"Risk Rating 2.0 will be introducing new sources of flooding, such as intense rainfall, that have not been previously considered in the rating structure," Litzow wrote. "While these new sources of flooding have a lesser impact on risk and rates than those already considered, their introduction could result in the increased premium levels."

Under the change, FEMA will use private-sector data to calculate the real flood threat for each home. A briefing document used by the agency last October offers the example of two homes in a 100-year flood plain. The first home, at the edge of that zone, faces low risk of flooding from inland flooding or storm surge; the second faces higher risk from both.

Under the current system, each home pays the same premium. With the changes, the first home's premiums would fall by 57 percent, while premiums for the second home would more than double.

Rates are likely to go up in neighborhoods with the greatest exposure to flood risks, which could hurt property values in those areas, according to Michael Berman, a former chairman of the Mortgage Bankers Association who worked on housing issues for a previous administration and has been briefed on the plan.

Still, Berman said the initiative was an important one. "Anything that they can do to improve people's understanding of flood risk compared to binary 100-year flood plain is good for consumers and good for investors in the long run, even if it raises premiums," he said.

Increasing the cost of flood insurance tends to depress home values for two reasons, according to Asaf Bernstein, an economist at the University of Colorado at Boulder whose research includes asset pricing and household finance. Not only do higher premiums raise the cost of owning a home; they also act as a warning to potential buyers about the likelihood that a house will flood.

Past attempts to base flood insurance premiums on risk have sparked political blowback. In 2012, Congress passed changes that would impose premiums that reflected the full risk for homes, only to back down two years later in the face of intense public opposition.

What's different now, and what Maurstad said helped prompt FEMA to overhaul its pricing structure, is that the flooding has gotten worse. "We're seeing more intense events," Maurstad said. "We're going to have a program that's going to be able to serve the nation better in the years to come."

## Welcome New Business!

**Active Medical**, located at 1107 Main Street, in a newly remodeled older structure and it is beautiful. Stop by and check them out!

With 2 licensed Assistive Technology Professional and a Certified Orthotic Fitter on staff you can be confident that you or your loved ones are getting the best most qualified equipment evaluation, fitting and training West Virginia has to offer. We sincerely enjoy taking care of our patients and appreciate the opportunity to take care of your family.

The owners, Bill Browning and Robert Tant, are thoroughly involved in the everyday operations and want to make sure that you are completely satisfied with our services and fully understand how to use and receive maximum benefits from the equipment your physician has prescribed. Please give us a call to talk about your home medical equipment needs and we promise to value your business!

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## *Greater Huntington Chapter*



Holsters. For women. What options are out there? Carrying a firearm shouldn't mean having to give up your style of dress. It also doesn't mean women have to resort to purse carry (another topic for a future article). We cover this subject at TWAW meetings at least once a year, sometimes twice, because it's such a big concern for women! We've had ladies come concealing as many as 14 handguns!

There are so many options available today for almost any style of dress. And, multiple places on the body to conceal your firearm. The waist, for example, has many possibilities. For jeans, shorts, casual or dress pants, even skirts, that you can wear a belt with you can opt for the basic waistband holster. You can choose inside or outside the waistband and it can be worn anywhere on the waist. What about leggings, yoga pants, or other garments with elastic or stretchy waistbands? You can opt for a belly band or corset, which can also be worn with any type of waistband. You can even purchase leggings and yoga pants with built-in holsters. What presents the toughest problem for women is dresses of all fashions and fitted tops and skirts. Options to consider here are thigh holsters or undershorts. The undershorts are great! They are made of a thin spandex-type material with a built-in cushioned holster at the inner thigh and no one has a clue you're carrying your firearm. If you're wearing a long dress or pants with wide legs then an ankle holster may be ideal. There are companies that make sports bras, tank tops, T shirts, etc., with built-in holsters under the arm. A good holster is not cheap! Expect to pay at minimum \$50 to over \$100 for a quality holster.



This is only touching on the possibilities of carrying concealed. To learn more about holsters, see and try different options, and get a lady's opinion on brands and what works, come join us at TWAW. Things to consider when choosing a holster and physically where to carry:

- It should be as comfortable as possible
- You need to be able to safely and easily draw your firearm from concealment
- The holster should cover the entire trigger and trigger guard
- Your firearm should fit snugly in the holster without risk of falling out
- Printing- the visible outline of your gun or part of your gun in your clothing

Visit us at [www.thewellarmedwoman.com](http://www.thewellarmedwoman.com), as well as articles, tips, and research.

Also, our chapter Facebook page, <https://facebook.com/thewellarmedwomangreaterhuntingtonwv/> which includes our scheduled monthly meetings, generally the first Saturday of the month, and topics to be covered.

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Our Host Range is Edwards Training Center, located at 4040 Howells Mill Rd. Ona, WV. 304-390-6013. They have a wide variety of resources and classes by excellent instructors to further your training and skills, which is highly recommended if you choose to carry a firearm. Class schedule and further information for ETC can be found on their website, [www.edwardstrainingcenter.com](http://www.edwardstrainingcenter.com) and facebook page Edward Training Center.







# July 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1  6:30 pm Woman's Club	2  11:00 am MUMC Crafts/Lunch in Park 5:30 pm Utility Com 7:00 pm Council	3	4  Office Closed 12 noon Rotary 6:30 pm Lion's Club	5  7:00 pm Music * 7:00 pm Public Bingo**	6  8:00 am Legion Breakfast 10:00 am Recycling
7	8  7:00 pm VFW 7:00 pm Fair	9   5:30 pm Court 7:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm CC Fair Media Dinner	10  12 noon Sr. Lunch	11  12 noon Rotary	12  7:00 pm Music * 7:00 pm Public Bingo**	13   5:30 pm CC Fair Queen's Pageant
14	15  < -----	16  ----- VBS -----	17  -- Milton & Bethesda	18  United Methodist --- 12 noon Rotary 5:00 pm RPOC 6:30 pm Lion's Club	19  ----->  7:00 pm Music* 7:00 pm Public Bingo**	20   10:00 am Recycling 5:00 pm CC Fair House Show – B'ville Park
21   2:00 pm CC Fair Parade	22   6:00 pm CC Fair Children's Pageant	23   CC Fair Family Night 7:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm Pumpkin Bd	24 	25   12 noon Rotary	26    5:00 pm Car Show 7:00 pm Music* 7:00 pm Public Bingo**	27 
28	29	30	31	 <b>SEE YOU THERE!</b>		

## Notes

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# Happy First Day of School!!

## August 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1  12 noon Rotary 6:30 pm Lion's Club	2   <b>Blenko Glass Co.</b> 7:00 pm Music * 7:00 pm Public Bingo**	3   <b>Festival of Glass</b> 8:00 am Legion Breakfast 10:00 am Recycling
4	5  6:30 pm Woman's Club	6  5:30 pm Utilities 7:00 pm Council	7	8  12 noon Rotary	9  7:00 pm Music * 7:00 pm Public Bingo**	10
11	12  7:00 pm VFW 7:00 pm Fair	13  5:30 pm Court 7:00 pm Am. Legion	14  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of School</b> 12 noon Senior Luncheon	15  12 noon Rotary 5:00 pm RPOC 6:30 pm Lion's Club	16  7:00 pm Music* 7:00 pm Public Bingo**	17  10:00 am Recycling
18	19	20	21	22  12 noon Rotary	23  7:00 pm Music* 7:00 pm Public Bingo**	24   8:00 am Fall Community Yard Sale 7:30 pm Big Time Pro Wrestling
25	26	27  7:00 pm Am. Legion 7:00 pm Pumpkin	28	29  12 noon Rotary	30   5:00 pm Car Show 7:00 pm Music * 7:00 pm Public Bingo**	31

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## From the Mayor (Continued)

*The proposed project involves a partnership agreement between the State of West Virginia, the City of Milton and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, established under the authority of Section 3170 of WRDA 2007.*

The City welcomes Susie Edmonds, who has joined our office staff and is working with our Finance and Police Clerks. We also welcome Justin Rakes to our Police Department which brings us up to a full department. Welcome Dustin Jordan to our Street Department as well as returning summer-help Trey Blake. These new employees are an important part to our City.

Let me remind you of the Cabell County Fair which begins July 23—25, with their parade on Sunday, July 21, at 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for you to support our local 4Her's and put a smile on the face of these great kids.

It is a privilege to be your Mayor and something I enjoy. Things have been quite different with all the growth and changes taking place and as your City Administration we find ourselves looking at things from a different angle to do what is best for the City of Milton and its future.



Lastly, on a personal note and because I truly believe in the power of prayer, I will be having surgery in late July for an aneurism in my abdomen. If you are a praying person please include me. Thanks!

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