



City of Milton Newsletter

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Elected Official Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns regarding City business, feel free to contact City staff or one of your Elected Officials listed below.

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Committees: Plan Commission

Aldersperson Bill Wilson

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Committees: Joint Fire Commission and Community Development Authority

Municipal Court

Municipal Court Judge Kris Koeffler is also available to answer questions regarding the municipal court by calling (608) 868-6910 or emailing kkoeffler@milton-wi.gov.

Interested in serving on a City committee?

Complete the form online

(www.milton-wi.gov/questionnaire)

or at City Hall, 710 S. Janesville Street.

Rock County Clean Sweep Program

Sign-up opened May 8 for Clean Sweep 2023. Drop-offs will take place June 23 in Milton, June 24 in Beloit, and August 26 in Janesville. This program is popular and capacity is limited, so advance registration is required. Priority chemicals include pesticides, herbicides, mercury, old vehicle fuels, solvents, thinners, wood preservatives, pool chemicals, unknown chemicals, and oil-based paint, to name a few. Latex paint is not accepted.

For more information, call (608) 754-6617 ext. 3 or go to the Rock County Clean Sweep website (<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/clean-sweep>).

Any small business, organization, or agency that produces 220 lbs or less of hazardous waste per month or 2,205 lbs or less per year may be eligible to use Clean Sweep for Businesses/Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs) in Rock County on

June 23 in Milton, June 24 in Beloit, and August 26 in Janesville. Any eligible business/VSQG from Rock County may also use the Dane County Business Clean Sweep all year. Participants pay disposal cost and transport materials to the drop-off themselves. Both programs offer free no-obligation quotes.

Unwanted agricultural chemicals from any eligible organization, government agency, or business in Rock County can save up to 50% off disposal cost at Rock County Clean Sweep while funds last. An inventory of chemicals is required in advance to receive the discount.

To use the Rock County Business Clean Sweeps on June 23 or 24, register by June 16. To use the August 26 drop-off, register by August 18. For more information, businesses can call (608) 754-6617 ext. 4758, e-mail anne.miller@co.rock.wi.us subject "Clean Sweep," or go to the Clean Sweep website.

Important Dates to Remember:

City Office Closures:

- May 29
- July 4
- September 4
- November 23 & 24
- December 25 & 26

Other Dates:

- Community Recognition Picnic – May 25, 5:30 p.m.
- Gravestone Preservation Workshop – May 27, 1-4 p.m. Sign up online at www.milton-wi.gov/Workshop
- Veterans Memorial Brick Order Deadline – June 1
- 4th of July Rhythm & Booms Festival – July 1-4 at Schilberg Park
 - Parade: July 4, 1 p.m.
 - Fireworks: July 4 at Dusk
- Milton Public Library Food Truck Rally – August 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To City of Milton Bartenders:

Your operator's license will expire on June 30, 2023. A renewal application must be submitted to the City of Milton no later than June 1, 2023 to allow time for background checks to be completed. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or they are available on the City's website.

City of Milton Department Phone Numbers:

- City Hall – 868-6900
- Court – 868-6910
- Fire Dept. – 868-2842
- Library – 868-7462
- Police Dept. – 868-6910
- Public Works – 868-6914



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MPL Program Updates

Sunday Chess Club Sunday

Third Sunday of each month, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Come to play chess in a relaxed, social setting. Play with new people and get helpful tips and guidance from others. The library will have some chess boards, but you can certainly bring your own. Open to all ages.

Stitch This: Teen Knitting and Crocheting Club

3rd Tuesday of the Month at 5 p.m.

Ashlee for a very informal gathering of teen knitters and crocheters! Bring your current project or start something new and chat with and learn tips from others. No registration required

Summer Kickoff

Monday, June 12, Noon to 2 p.m.

Start your summer off right...with a visit to MPL! Pick up a reading challenge bookmark, adopt a reading buddy, play games, enjoy live music, and bring your blanket and lunch for a picnic on the library lawn. Steve's Deli Dog House will be here too! All ages are welcome. No registration required.

Tween Book Club

3rd Wednesday of the Month from 3 to 3:45 p.m. (June 21, July 19, & August 16)

Let's read about different regions and their animals. The selected region and animals will be posted the month before. Different books will be available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Every meeting, we will discuss what we read and watch videos of the regions we learned about. Call 608-868-7462 to register.

Donate to the Lamar Park Playground Project

In 2023, new equipment will be added to Lamar Park. The new equipment will feature a Volta Inclusive Spinner (merry-go-round), new swings including an Inclusive Swing Seat and Konnection Swing Seat, ramps for wheelchair accessibility, and multiple slides and climbing opportunities.

The Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for sponsors to partner on this project. Sponsorships start at just \$100. Additional information about how to donate and sponsorship levels is available at City Hall and on the City's website: milton-wi.gov/LamarPark.

Milton Mayhem

Saturday, June 24, 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Get your bikes, put on your helmets, and explore Milton. Our hunt starts and ends at the library. Solve clues that take you to places around the city. At each location, collect a bead for a necklace. Bring your filled necklace back to the library to be entered in a prize drawing. Hunt solo or with a group. Short and long routes are available. All participants must sign a waiver and wear a helmet during the entire hunt. Call 608-868-7462 to register.

Stuart Stotts

Thursday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.

Get ready to laugh, hear stories, and sing songs with a fun session from author, singer, and educator Stuart Stotts. No registration required.

The Figureheads Hip Hop Performance

Thursday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.

Jeremy Bryan of the Parent's Choice Gold-Award Winning group the Figureheads will be playing songs from their album, "Star." No registration required.

Hula Hoop Dance Class

Tuesday, July 18, 11:30 a.m.

This instructional program will begin with a performance by Danielle Lee of Hoop Elation. Then we get hooping! Learn beginner friendly hoop moves, partner/ group activities, and games. Please call 608-868-7462 to register before 8 pm Monday, July 17.

Library will be closed May 27-29 for Memorial Day.



4th of July Parade:

The 4th of July Parade is held every year on July 4. The parade starts on Madison Avenue at the intersection with Crescent Drive and proceeds east down Madison Avenue to Hilltop Drive where the parade route then heads south to Municipal Drive.

The parade is coordinated by Derek Henze.

The parade entrant form is available as an electronic form on the City's website (www.milton-wi.gov/ParadeRegistration).

All forms must be submitted by Noon on Friday, June 16, through the electronic form on the website or to Derek Henze at Edward Jones, 691 S. Janesville Street, Milton, WI 53563 (Next to Piggly Wiggly/Anytime Fitness) or submitted by email to derek.henze@edwardjones.com.

2022 Water Quality Report:

The 2022 Water Quality Report (CCR) is on the City's website (www.milton-wi.gov/CCR), and paper copies are at City Hall. This is the Milton Water Utility's annual drinking water quality report telling users where the water comes from and what's in it.

Tails n Trails Dog Park

Looking for a place to play outside with your dog? Check out the Tails n Trails Dog Park, 466 Elm Street.



Ordinance Reminders: Recreational Fires and Fireworks

Fires:

Generally, the only fires permitted by ordinance are grills and outdoor campfires for cooking, ceremonies, or recreation. These approved fires must be confined by a control device or structure such as a barrel, fire ring, or fire pit. The material allowed in such campfires can include leaves, brush, clean wood, and other vegetative debris.

Uncontained bonfires are allowed only in accordance with provisions established by the Fire Chief. Other types of open burning for weed control, habitat management, or purposes other than recreation should generally be reviewed and approved by the Fire Chief.

There are prohibitions on burning other types of material within the ordinance. For example, the burning of rubbish, garbage, furniture, construction debris, treated wood, plastics, rubber, recyclables, and waste oil are all prohibited.

More details can be found in the [Milton Code of Ordinances, Section 50-33 Outdoor and Refuse Burning](#).

Fireworks:

The laws of the State of Wisconsin and our City ordinances are very restrictive when it comes to fireworks. The only types of fireworks permitted by state law and ordinance include sparklers not exceeding 36 inches in length, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs, caps, noisemakers, confetti poppers with less than 1/4 grain of explosive mixture, and novelty devices that spin or move on the ground.

The use of any other type of fireworks are only authorized by a permit granted by the Mayor and

Outside Water Meters Available

Outside water meters are available at City Hall for utility customers to use for outdoor watering of plants, grass, filling pools, and other uses. This is a money-saving option if you plan to use 2,000 gallons or more of water outdoors.

The cost is \$96, which includes \$84 for the security deposit and the first month fee of \$12. Once the meter is returned and read, the customer will receive a credit on the sewer charge of their utility

approved by the Fire Chief. Wisconsin State Statute 167.10 is very clear that possessing or using any other fireworks, including, for example, firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets, and mortars without a valid permit is illegal. A commonly used rule of thumb is that a permit is required if the device explodes or leaves the ground.

Unfortunately, firework retailers will frequently still sell these items to Wisconsin residents, even though they are illegal to possess and use without a permit throughout Wisconsin. Being able to purchase prohibited items at a fireworks retailer does not mean they are legal to possess and use without a permit.

Finally, the Police Department frequently responds to noise complaints, property damage, and other issues related to the use of illegal fireworks within the City. Being considerate of others when living in a City where neighbors are close by is not only polite, it eliminates the need for the Police Department to take enforcement action.

Additional details can be found in the [Milton Code of Ordinances, Section 50-34: Sale and Discharge of Fireworks](#), and Wisconsin State Statute 167.10 Regulation of Fireworks.

All current Milton ordinances can be found online at www.milton-wi.gov/Ordinances.

All current Wisconsin State Statutes can be found online at <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/>.

bill. Each month the meter is kept, there is a \$12 fee, which will be deducted from the security deposit. As long as the meter is returned without damage, the remaining balance of the security deposit will be credited to the utility account.

For more information, please contact Utility Billing Clerk Carrie Chesebro at (608) 868-6901 or by email at cchesebro@milton-wi.gov.

City Meeting Schedule:

All meetings are taking place in-person. Please review the agendas for the meetings for more details.

- May 16, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- May 16, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- May 17, 6 p.m. – Joint Fire Commission
- June 5, 5:15 p.m. – Story Gardens Subcommittee
- June 5, 6:30 p.m. – Library Board
- June 6, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- June 6, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- June 7, 5:30 p.m. – Historic Preservation Commission
- June 19, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- June 20, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- June 20, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- July 5, 5:30 p.m. – Historic Preservation Commission
- July 5, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- July 17, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- July 18, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- July 18, 6 p.m. – Common Council

Dates and times for meetings may change. All agendas and minutes are posted on the City's website.

Milton Youth Coalition Meetings:

- May 15, 5:30 p.m. at The Chapel, 609 Campus Street
- June 7, 8:30 a.m. at City Hall



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Summer Reminders

Building Permits – It’s that time of year again. We are all thinking about the remodeling jobs that need to be done around our homes. As you are planning these jobs, keep in mind some projects such as new decks, permanent swimming pools, or sheds may require a permit. Please contact City Hall at (608) 868-6900 to see if your project requires a building permit.

Yard Waste – Yard waste bins are open at the Public Works Facility, 150 Northside Drive, for leaves, grass clippings, weeds, small twigs, etc. Please do not dispose of branches larger than the diameter of your finger in the yard waste bins. Garbage should not be placed in the yard waste bins. More information is available on the City’s website (www.milton-wi.gov/YardWaste).

Grass Clippings in the Street – Grass clippings are not allowed in the street per City Ordinance. Please sweep or blow clippings into your lawn or collect and drop off at the yard waste bins at the Public Works Facility, 150 Northside Drive. This helps to keep the City’s storm drains and ditches free of debris preventing flooding and ditch maintenance. In addition, grass clippings left in the street present a safety hazard for motorcyclists. The grass clippings can cause a motorcycle to lose traction on the road and result in the operator losing control of the motorcycle.

Curbside Brush Pickup – Brush collection occurs periodically throughout the year. The next collection is June 5 followed by July 5. Brush must be out by 6 a.m. on the day of collection.

Community Recognition Picnic – May 25, 5:30 p.m.



The City of Milton will host the Annual Community Recognition Picnic on May 25 at 5:30 p.m. This event will serve to recognize community members who have demonstrated extraordinary

commitment to the Milton community through their actions in 2022.

Splash Pad – The Goodrich Square Splash Pad will open before Memorial Day (weather dependent). The hours for the splash pad will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. It is planned to close around Labor Day (weather dependent).

Park Rentals – The City of Milton rents the Community House in North Goodrich Park and the pavilions at South Goodrich Park, Lamar Park, and Veterans Park for community members to use for events. Additional information on renting these facilities can be found on the City’s website (www.milton-wi.gov/ParkRentals) or contact City Hall at (608) 868-6900.

Athletic Field Reservations – All ball diamonds use by teams must be reserved by calling MRec at the Milton School District at (608) 868-9393. Field rentals for soccer, football, or other sports will be managed through City Hall.

Diggers Hotline – Diggers Hotline is a free service that you use before you do any kind of digging to make sure you don’t damage underground lines. Call them at least three working days before you start digging, and they will help you avoid costly repairs or dangerous buried lines by alerting the owners of lines in the digging area. Diggers Hotline is not responsible for the actual marking of the lines. To submit a request, call 811 or go online (www.diggershotline.com).

The event will be held at North Goodrich Park, 20 Parkview Drive. This event is FREE and open to the public. Please RSVP online (www.milton-wi.gov/PicnicRSVP) by May 19 for planning purposes.

If there are any questions about this event, please email icushman@milton-wi.gov or call (608) 868-6900 ext. 5.

Call or Email to Schedule Bulk Trash Collection:

Effective January 1, 2023, you must call Johns Disposal (262-473-4700 or 888-473-4701) or email office@johnsdisposal.com to schedule bulk item collections.

You will still receive up to one collection per month at no additional charge. However, collections will now be made any week of the month – no more waiting until the 3rd Wednesday for pickup.

Bulk items collection includes items that do not fit in your garbage or recycling cart, such as furniture, extra bags of garbage, tires (up to two per month, maximum eight per year), waste oil (must be in 1 gallon or larger containers, sealed, and labeled), etc.

Police Chief Recruitment:



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The City of Milton is in the process of recruiting for the next Police Chief. Chief Scott Marquardt will be retiring in November 2023 after serving the Milton community for eight years.

Additional information can be found on the City of Milton website.