

# Town of Milton

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## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT JANUARY 2013**

### Hurricane Sandy

The FEMA Public Assistance Program was authorized for declared disaster areas in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. In January, an application to be reimbursed for \$14,812 in manpower, equipment and supplies was completed. The time frame for the disbursement of funds is not yet known.

There is not a direct aid program for businesses and homeowners that suffered storm-related losses. All inquiries are being directed to the US Small Business Administration.

### Paving Project "on hold"

Grant funding for paving in Shipbuilders Village was successfully transferred from the Conwell/Cedar/Bennett/Clifton streets project of August 2011 to the Shipbuilders project in January. Local hot mix asphalt plants have closed for annual maintenance, though.

Preparatory work for a section of S. Spinnaker, Main Sail Lane and Ocean Court will begin at the end of March. Paving will most likely occur in the week after Easter.

### Elections

Thursday, January 30, was the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming Municipal Election (Charter, Section 7 (j)). Town Hall was open for registration on January 19 and 26, 2013. The Board of Elections met on January 24<sup>th</sup> and certified the ballot. In accordance with Section 7(m) of the Charter, the offices for which only one person filed will not appear on the ballot. The persons who filed for the seat of Council member were John Collier and Michael Cote'. They are "deemed to be elected for a full term". There are two candidates on the ballot for the single position of Mayor. The candidates are Clifford M. Newlands and Marion L. Jones.

The Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 8 am until 6 pm at the Town Hall – located at 115 Federal Street in Milton, Delaware.

### Accounting for Water

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, transducers were installed in the water storage tanks. These devices will provide an accurate measurement of water in storage. They will also provide an alert for leak events and a method to check anomalies in pump activity.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month, the last of three "check" valves were installed. These valves should effectively stop the flow of water back into our wells, from the system. Stopping the back flow will reduce the amount of water that is counted as pumped from our aquifer – because it will not be "pumped twice".

There are still several residents that have not responded to our inquiries regarding a meter change. These non-compliant customers will soon have their last chance to upgrade at no charge. If they miss this chance, a meter pit will be installed at the curb stop. This will cost them hundreds of dollars.

### Economic Development

Mayor Newlands and members of the Economic Development Committee attended a luncheon hosted by the Sussex County Economic Development Office in January. The “Sussex County Profile” for 2013 was unveiled and it features a full page advertisement for the town of Milton. The Sussex County Profile is widely distributed and is expected to contribute to both tourism and investment in our town.

In related news, home construction in eastern Sussex County continues at a steady pace. As a result, the Cape Henlopen School District is considering plans to expand or to build additional schools in the Milton area. The plans are long-range. Representatives of the school district facilities task force came to Town Hall this month to share their ideas for potential changes.

### Delaware Office of Early Learning

The State of Delaware has established a new office – the Office of Early Learning. With its managing partner, the Delaware Early Childhood Learning Center, it is starting a new community-based initiative. Delaware Readiness Teams are funded by the Early Learning Challenge Grant in partnership with private foundations and corporations.

The initiative is interested in volunteers to serve on the Readiness Teams. Information can be found on the town website ([www.milton.delaware.gov](http://www.milton.delaware.gov)). Letters of interest should be submitted to Sherlynn Aurelio, DEL TEAM Project Manager at [saurelio@lf.k12.de.us](mailto:saurelio@lf.k12.de.us) by February 15th. The submission deadline is April 8.