



# TOWN OF MILTON

## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2021

115 Federal Street, Milton, DE 19968

### Town Hall

Monday – Friday  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

### Departments:

Administrative

Planning & Code Enforcement  
Public Works

[www.milton.delaware.gov](http://www.milton.delaware.gov)  
Office: 302-684-4110  
Fax: 302-684-8999

After hours Drinking Water  
emergency contact:  
302-462-1775

### Police Department

Non-Emergency  
302-684-8547

### Supervisors:

Kristy Rogers, Town Manager  
Stephanie Coulbourne, Town Clerk  
Tom Quass, Project Coordinator  
Derrick Harvey, Police Chief  
Greg Wingo, Public Works

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Fire Department  
Non-Emergency  
302-684-8500

ANY EMERGENCY, dial  
9-1-1

### *A note from the Town Manager:*

Greetings, and Happy New Year! I trust your 2021 is off to a great start, and that you and your families are well.

It's worrisome to still be under State of Emergency for a pandemic, but brighter days seem to be near with the release of the COVID-19 vaccine. There continues to be much information available from Delaware Public Health (DPH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the COVID-19 virus in which you may stay up-to-date. Remember to be neighborly, social distance, keep surfaces sanitized, wear a mask, and support our businesses. Together, we can keep ourselves and neighbors healthy, and remain a vibrant community.

Milton continues to achieve accomplishments. We welcomed two annexed properties into Town; 100 Broadkill Road (corner of Routes 5 and 16), and several parcels at the corner of Route 16 and Country Road. Boundary growth is important to sustain a community. The Town's Comprehensive Plan was certified in 2018 which guides such growth and development. In addition, the Town received approval of *100% principal forgiveness in the amount of \$1,670,000 for water system improvements* on Atlantic Avenue, and portions of Chestnut Street and Atlantic Street. On **January 16, 2021**, a Water System Improvements Referendum Election will take place at Goshen Hall (116 Federal Street) on the acceptance of principal forgiveness to move forward with the water system improvements project. The voting facility will allow for compliant social distancing. A detailed brochure was mailed to property owners and residents related to the project and voting; should you have missed the information, it's available on the Town of Milton website:

<https://milton.delaware.gov/2020/12/22/2021-water-system-improvements-referendum-election-notice/>

Lastly, on the horizon is the Annual Municipal Election. The Election is scheduled on **March 6, 2021**, at Goshen Hall, 116 Federal Street. This location is across from Town Hall and will allow for social distancing. If you are unable to vote in-person, please contact Town Hall on the absentee ballot process.

Please remember to make sure you are registered **in Milton** to vote (State voting registration is not for Town Elections). To make sure you are registered, contact Town Hall and records can be verified. If you are not registered, visit Town Hall Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm. Town Hall is also open 9:00am to 12:00pm on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for voter registration. Voters must be registered by February 4<sup>th</sup> to vote in the Annual Election.

With any questions, please contact Town Hall. Stay well and be safe!  
Sincere regards, *Kristy Rogers*

## Mayor and Councilmembers

- Ted Kanakos, *Mayor*
  - Kevin Kelly, *Vice-Mayor*
  - Richard Baty, *Treasurer*
  - Michael Cote, *Councilman*
  - Vacant - *Council seat*
  - James "Sam" Garde, *Secretary*
  - Randi Meredith, *Councilwoman*
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## Regularly Scheduled, Monthly Meetings

- Town Council
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Board of Adjustment

\*View the meeting agenda posted on the Town website or bulletin board 7-days' in advance of the meeting for item(s), location, and time as meetings may vary.

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## Town Service Providers

- Comcast
- \* Cable \* Internet \* Phone  
800-934-6489
- Delmarva Power & Light
  - \* Electric  
800-375-7117
- Tidewater Utility
  - \* Wastewater  
877-720-9272

Though Town facilities are closed to the public at this time, call or email any questions or concerns.

Payments and applications are accepted through drop-slot in the back-door entrance of Town Hall.

## *A few winter reminders:*

Plumbing Winterization Tips – With the cold night temperatures, please make sure that your winter preparation list is complete. Listed below are a few home ready tips.

### Inside Your Home

- \* Keep the garage door closed if a bathroom or laundry room is located above or nearby to maintain maximum heat.
- \* If some pipes are located in an unheated garage trying wrapping them. Local hardware or building supply stores offer appropriate pipe wrapping materials.
- \* When bathroom and kitchen pipes run along an exterior wall, try allowing additional heat to circulate near the pipes. This means keeping vanity and cabinet doors open and possibly purchasing a small space heater.
- \* On nights when the temperature is expected to drop below freezing, turn on faucets along the exterior wall to create a **small**, steady drip. This eliminates the pressure that can build between the faucet and ice blockage, so if they freeze, they may not burst.

### Outside Your Home

- \* Take a few minutes to shut off and drain your irrigation system.
- \* Disconnect and drain outside hoses and faucets. An overnight freeze can burst the pipe or faucet.
- \* Seal and close crawl space vents. Also note any cracks or holes along the outside walls and foundation of your home. Filing holes and cracks can help stop the cold air from coming into contact with your water pipes.

**Important!** – Know the location of your water shutoff valve inside your home. Call Town Hall at the first sign of a water leak. Our Public Works Department can turn the main water supply off at the curb or shutoff valve.

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## ***SNOW REMINDER FROM THE DESK OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER...***

- \* Snowfall exceeding 2 inches must be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall. (Chapter 183-54 of the Town Code)
- \* Do not shovel snow from the sidewalks into the street. (Chapter 183-55 of the Town Code)
- \* If possible, do not park on the street during snowfall so that snowplows can easily navigate to clear the streets.

## ***A NOTE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR...***

Many residents ask, "Why do the snowplow drivers always block my driveway after I have already shoveled out?" The answer is, "It's not done intentionally". The goal of snow plowing is to remove snow from the streets for vehicular traffic, including emergency vehicles. Snow plowing pushes the snow towards the right side of the plow which creates snow piling up in front of driveways and sometimes over sidewalks. Snow plow operators are unable to stop or raise the plow at every driveway as it creates another pile of snow in the roadway. Sometimes snow plowing is completed more than once during a snowfall because of drifting and/or accumulating snow. Residents are advised to wait to shovel snow until after plowing is complete. Please remember not to shovel snow into the streets or sidewalks.  
**Your cooperation is much appreciated.**

*Winter is the time of comfort & warm thoughts!*