



# TOWN OF MILTON NEWSLETTER

## Winter 2023

### Town Hall

Monday – Friday  
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Departments:  
Administrative  
Planning & Code Enforcement  
Public Works

115 Federal Street,  
Milton, DE 19968  
[milton.delaware.gov](http://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*  
Jimmy Kersey, *Water  
Superintendent*  
Daniel Donaway, *Maintenance &  
Recreation Superintendent*

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### Fire Department

Non-Emergency  
302-684-8500

ANY EMERGENCY, dial 9-1-1



As we approach the upcoming year, the Town of Milton and its residents are confronted with crucial decisions regarding our community's future. In an imminent referendum, you'll be called upon to vote, determining whether the Town can acquire essential funding for vital projects. These projects are aimed at ensuring our water system can effectively support fire protection and provide safe drinking water for current and future residents.

Approving this referendum will involve a financial commitment from every existing property owner in the Town. Additionally, the cost will extend to all properties yet to be developed. The Town has been cognizant of these requirements since 2008, reaffirmed in 2012 and 2017. Despite prior attempts, some of these proposals were previously rejected by residents. However, delaying these necessary improvements comes with a price. The expenses for these projects have significantly increased, and further delays will only amplify the costs.

It's crucial to take the time to comprehend the Town's request and its implications. You can find more information about what's being proposed at this link:  
<https://milton.delaware.gov/2023/12/06/2024-water-system/>.

On December 17, heavy rainfall in the area sparked widespread discussion about flooding problems in Milton. Since taking office as Mayor, I have collaborated with Vice-Mayor Revis Plank to envision resilient improvements for the Broadkill River. Recognizing its significance in Milton's history, we've both prioritized strategies to ensure the river supports the community's future. Vice-Mayor Plank led a thorough study exploring potential solutions to preserve and enhance this vital natural asset, integral to Milton's identity.

Concurrently, I have been actively seeking funding and partnerships to turn this vision into reality. Engaging in numerous presentations and meetings, I have successfully hosted Senator Carper and Congresswoman Blunt-Rochester, highlighting our town's needs and aspirations. Collaborations with the Army Corp of Engineers, State and County officials, local organizations, and private foundations have been crucial in advancing our objectives.

At the Mayor and Town Council Meeting on January 8th, 2024, we will consider entering into an agreement with the Delaware Sea Grant Coastal Resilience Design Studio. This collaboration aims to facilitate the design of resilient features and amenities, empowering the Broadkill River to meet the aspirations long held by Milton's citizens.

At any time, please call or email me with questions or concerns.

Happy New Year –

## John

John Collier, Mayor

Mayor and Councilmembers

- John Collier, *Mayor*
- Lee Revis-Plank, *Vice-Mayor*
- Scotty Edler, *Secretary*
- Larry Savage, *Treasurer*
- Randi Meredith, *Councilwoman*
- Fred Harvey, *Councilman*
- Tom Arkinson, *Councilman*

Monthly Meetings

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

*\*View the meeting agendas 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.*

Payments are accepted in Town Hall, after hour's drop-slot in the back-door entrance of Town Hall, or by visiting the town's online payment portal via our website at: [milton.delaware.gov](http://milton.delaware.gov).



*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 as our Water Department can turn the main water supply off at the curb or shutoff valve.

**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 DEPARTMENT:**

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.

**To sign-up for e-billing, please return this information with your utility payment.**

Property Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you rent your property, and want to authorize the tenant to receive the e-bill, please provide the tenants contact information:

Tenant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tenant Phone Number (s): \_\_\_\_\_