

# City of Milford News

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## Frontiers Days

The Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 44th annual Frontier Days celebration. The festivities kick off Thursday evening with a parade through the streets of Historic Milford—it has been reported to be the largest parade in Greater Cincinnati! Immediately following the parade, the American Legion grounds will open to the public with live bands, food booths, games, rides, and a craft show. The food booths are sponsored by area nonprofit groups, which rely on this event for funding. We invite you to join in the tradition and enjoy the celebration!

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 5pm-11pm Booths, rides, games

6:30pm

Parade begins in front of Rally's

8:00pm-11:00pm

Live Music: **Uncle Bud & Harvest**

10:00pm

Parade Awards

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5pm-11pm Booths, rides, games

6:00pm

3 on 3 basketball, Riverside

5:00pm-7:00pm

Live Music: **Structure**

8pm- 11pm

Live Music: **Molly Sue, Kevin Sampson & The Silver Eagle Band**

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am-11pm Booths, Rides, Games

All day

Campbell County Heritage (Native Americans camping)

9:00am-6:00pm

3 on 3 basketball, Riverside

12:00pm-1:00pm

**Vance Perkins**

1:30 pm

Frog Jumping Contest

2pm-2:30pm

Live Music: **Brother's Love Traveling Salvation Show**

5pm-7pm

Karaoke contest

8pm-11pm

Live Music: **Brother's First**

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>; 11:00am-5pm Booths, Rides, Games

All Day

Campbell County Heritage (Native Americans camping)

12pm-5pm

Chicken Dinner (Upstairs American Legion Hall)

1:00pm

**Miami Glen Performance**

2:00pm

Lawn Mower Races (Chief John Cooper and the Milford Fire Dept.)

2:30pm-4:30pm

Live Music: **Hazabah**

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### **Message from the Mayor by Mayor Lou Bishop**

Our citizens, new and old, learned a lot about the character of Milford as a result of the funeral ceremony for Lance Corporal Bryan Taylor. Milford is a family oriented town that really cares, and really feels the loss of its young heroes. I moved to Milford

about 15 years ago from Anderson Township and I quickly began to feel the special quality of the closeness of the community. Milford cares about its citizens in very special ways and Bryan's funeral really demonstrates this point. I don't know about you, but I felt proud to be a citizen of this community on that sad day.

Congratulations to Milford for being designated Tree City USA. Jim Antell, Chair of the Community Development Committee, will provide the community with a special report on this very special designation. Thanks to Jim, Amy Brewer and Kim McBeath for their work on this committee. In addition, thanks to Jeff Wright, Assistant City Manager, for his staff support on this project.

The river erosion stabilization project is moving forward. Loretta Rokey and I recently met with the engineering company that was appointed to obtain the permit to fix the erosion problem at the old Clermont Lumber site. The engineer is providing two proposals to the Army Corps of Engineers for stabilizing the bank. Once the permit is granted, remediation work will begin when the river is at its lowest flow which is usually in October. That is good news for all of us since any new development is contingent on a stable river bank.

I reported to you in a recent Milford Advertiser article that the owners of the Korner Barber Shop site (Main and Garfield) have gained complete title and control of the property and plan to begin construction in early summer. Everyone is excited about the prospects of this grand, old lady reigning regal again in our downtown streetscape. There is no question that this building is Milford's downtown anchor. Thanks to Dale Roe and Steve Early for making this project happen in the very best interest of the city and its history.

### **Water and Sewer Rate Increase**

New Water and Sewer rates will be in place for the August 2006 billing. A two month usage of 15500 gallons will see an increase of \$7.43 on the total billing.

Please take a few minutes to inspect your home for leaks. A dripping faucet or a defective plunger/float located in a toilet tank will consume several gallons of water per day. Most meters in city of Milford homes are located INSIDE the home with an OUTSIDE reading gauge. The INSIDE meter is equipped with a leak detector. It is a small triangle shaped red needle located on the face of the meter near the number seven (7). This needle should be stationery when no water is being used. It is designed to move as water goes through the meter.

Also, keep in mind that outside water usage is billed for sewer. Recreational water toys, using a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks, and soaking lawns and flower gardens will increase usage on your billing.

Any questions regarding utility bills should be directed to the City Utility Billing Office. You may reach us at 513-248-5081 Monday through Friday.



## Fire Department Update

### Open Burns

As we clean our yards and remove all of the brush and tree debris from spring storms, the city offers a curbside brush pick up on every Wednesday. All we ask is for you place the cut side towards the curb for easy removal. There is an ordinance within the city limits prohibiting open burns. So please follow brush pick up schedule and refrain from attempting to burn excess brush.

### Severe Weather Tips

During the summer months, severe weather and high winds can strike with little notice. If you see wires down on the ground after a storm or at any other time, it is considered a live wire and should be avoided. A wire that has fallen on or near a fence is especially dangerous, because it could energize the entire fence with electricity. The best way to handle this situation is to stay away from the hazard and call 911 and **Duke Energy** at **651- 4182** to report the wire. Please note that if you need **Duke Energy** for a natural gas leak, the phone number is **651 – 4466**.

### Child Safety Car Seat Program

The Milford Community Fire Department was commended by Children's Hospital for completing over 40% of the Child Safety Car Seat checks in the Cincinnati area. This program allows residents to have a full car safety seat inspection at the firehouse. If your seat does not meet the proper safety criteria, or if it has a recall, you will receive a new car seat installed before you leave at no cost. The Milford Community Firefighters Club and Children's Hospital have donated all seats. For appointments or more information call the Milford Community Fire Department at 831-7777.

**The Milford Community Fire Department Is Online:  
Check us out at [www.milfordcommunityfd.org](http://www.milfordcommunityfd.org)**

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### **Combined Sewer Overflow Update**

Between Mid-June to September a portion of Main Street from Garfield to Mill Street will be under construction to eliminate sanitary sewage from a 27" Combined Sewer Overflow. During heavy rain events, this overflow currently discharges into the Little Miami River.

This \$283,000 project involves the installation of a new wastewater line and the current 27" pipe will remain in place to carry storm water only.

A future phase will involve elimination of a second sewage discharge from a 54" pipe located at Riverside II Park near the American Legion.

These projects are required to meet current EPA standards. We will work closely with the contractor to minimize disruptions and maintain traffic in this area.

### **Street Improvements for 2006**

The following streets will be paved using the \$225,000 budget for 2006 as funds allow:

- \*Forest Ave.
- \*Happy Hollow Rd.
- \*Pasadena Ave.
- \*Walnut St.
- \*Powhatton Dr.
- \*Portions of Tree Ridge

We anticipate the paving to begin in July or August.



#### 4-City of Milford News **Powhatton Drive Storm System Improvement Project**

A new storm sewer is being installed underneath Powhatton Drive to alleviate a majority of the storm water problems that occur in the Clertoma subdivision during large rain events. In fact, you may remember the rainfall in the summer of 2001, when a police cruiser



became inundated with storm water in this area and had to be replaced. Due to the storm water problems in this area the limits of the project are between 34 Powhatton Drive and Garfield Avenue, as well as on Clertoma Drive between Powhatton Drive and 69 Clertoma Drive. In addition, a new sanitary sewer is being installed between 10 and 24 Powhatton Drive in order to accommodate the larger storm water pipe. The project is being funded with the Storm Water Utility Fund that was created in 2004. The project is scheduled to be completed in the third week of July and will include the repaving of the street following construction. The Powhatton Storm Water project was the first priority identified in the Storm Water Master Plan. The total cost of this project is \$376,000.

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#### **Please vote No for the TEL Amendment**

A constitutional Amendment, known as the Tax and Expenditure Limitation (TEL) Amendment, as State Issue 1, will be on the ballot in November 2006. As the name implies, the goal of TEL is to limit state and local government spending. However, the results could be disastrous for local residents.

The TEL Amendment would replace existing local government funds (the City receives \$350,000 or 9% of its General Fund revenues through these monies) with one generic local government fund that our county budget commission would decide how to distribute. There are no guarantees as to how funds will be divided between governments, police, fire, social services, courts, parks, organizations and libraries. This could affect the monies received in the future by the City from these State programs.

TEL limits the increase in budgeted spending to 3.5% annually or by a formula that totals the rate of population growth plus the annual percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index, (CPI) whichever is greater. Local governments must also seek approval from a majority of **all registered voters** for any new tax, any increase in existing taxes and for any expenditure beyond the allowed percentage. For instance, TEL would not allow the City to save money for an expense (storm water projects, future purchase of trucks, police cars, repaving streets, etc.) by spreading it out over a few years time. If our fire truck was destroyed and cost \$600,000.00 to replace, this could only be done by:

1. reducing the current budget by \$600,000.00,
2. an emergency declaration by the governor allowing a budgetary increase or,
3. an affirming vote in a special election by 50.1% of all registered voters of Milford for a budgetary increase.

One of these must be done even if the money was previously set aside and currently available. This Constitutional Amendment could change Milford's future plans for replacement and improvements.

The proposed amendment for Ohio is similar to what was passed in Colorado which currently has the most restrictive constitutional spending limitation in the country. Following the passage of its TEL in 1994 Colorado dropped to last in child immunizations, near last in terms of percentage of gross product reinvested in higher education, and roads and bridges are in severe need of repair. The impact on Colorado schools, colleges, local governments and other state services were so severe voters in November 2005 suspended TEL for five years. The City follows conservative budgeting practices and is able to meet the safety, security and service requirements of our citizens, but cannot support the TEL Amendment in its current format.

Additional information can be found at [www.omunileague.org/](http://www.omunileague.org/) under the heading "TEL Amendment Ballot Issue Documents" or by contacting Harry D. Steger, Director of Finance, City of Milford at [hsteger@milfordohio.org](mailto:hsteger@milfordohio.org) or by calling (513) 576-5465.

**Milford Named Tree City USA**

Milford has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forest. It is the first year Milford has received this national recognition. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.



Milford has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board established, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

“Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits,” said John Rosenow, President of the National Arbor Day Foundation. “A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks.”

**New Bike Racks**



The City has purchased and installed three new Millennium Wave bike racks for the Historic Milford and Down

Town shopping district. The bike racks are located in front of Geno’s BBQ, Nature Outfitters, and Row House as designated by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Garbage and Recycling Reminder:**

You are not required to use a garbage can, but you are limited to a 33-35 gallon can, for each blue sticker. A 55 gallon waste wheeler requires 2 and a 75 gallon waste wheeler will require 3 stickers. You may put your sticker on the bottom of the lid, or on the top bag, after you have taken the can to the curb and the contents have settled. Any extra bags that do not fit in the can must have a sticker on them.

Please make sure the alleys are clear of any items and debris that may prevent the Rumpke trucks from picking up the waste and recycling. If you experience problems with your garbage or recycling collection, please call the Waste and Recycling Coordinator immediately at 248-5092.

**Litter Collection Day, Arbor Day Celebration**

Saturday, April 22nd the City of Milford in conjunction with Clermont 20/20 participated in the spring Clean and Green Litter Collection Day. One hundred and fifteen volunteers helped to make this event successful, including Milford Junior High, Milford South Elementary, Rumpke, Target, and many local residents. One truckload and half of a 30 cubic yard dumpster of trash was collected,



including 29 bags of recycling, twenty-eight tires, metal barrels, several propane tanks, sheet metal, etc. Lunch was provided by Clermont 20/20 and cooked by Fire Chief John Cooper, Sr. The next litter collection day will be held in October. If you would like to participate, please call 248-5092.

The City of Milford and Pattison Elementary School held a tree planting at 3:00 p.m. April 22nd, 2006 to Celebrate Arbor’s Day. The Groundmasters graciously donated the Yellow-Poplar Magnoliaceae Liriodendron Tulipifera for the planting.

## Milford-Miami.com: Set to Expand Again

Milford-Miami.com has announced plans to expand the number of linked businesses on its website. This means more information will be available about shopping and services in Milford and Miami Township, benefiting shoppers and businesses alike.

The City of Milford recently endorsed Milford-Miami.com as good for business in Milford.

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The **East Fork River Sweep** was held Saturday, April 29, 2006, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Volunteer crews in Milford covered a stretch of the Little Miami River located by Terrell Park. Rumpke, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and the City of Milford worked together to provide a 30 cubic yard dumpster and a tire bin. Over 100 tires were collected along with a dumpster full of garbage.



## Shelter House for Garfield Park

The Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council have contracted the construction of a 20' by 28' shelter house for Garfield Park. In addition to new picnic tables, a water fountain and charcoal grill will be added to the site for use by residents. The shelter house is planned to be completed in late June and will be constructed of laminated wood columns with a shingled roof.



## Little Miami: Scenic Trail Under Construction

The bike path through Terrace Park is the final piece to the puzzle that will connect a continuous 100-mile stretch from Springfield to the Cincinnati riverfront. Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has tweaked the plan many times over the years. The construction of the 2.5 miles trail segment from Milford through Terrace Park to a point east of the new trailhead at Avoca Park is scheduled to be complete by September 2006. ODNR requests that the public not ride, walk, run, etc. through the construction area during this time.

### Skateboard and Skate Riding reminders

Many cities regulate the use of skateboards on city streets, sidewalks, and other public property. The regulation of skateboards has evolved over the years. When skateboards were first introduced in the mid-1960s, some cities enacted laws prohibiting their use. More recently, skateboard use has increased, and cities have enacted ordinances prohibiting skateboards in downtown and other heavily traveled areas, and in some cases, set aside areas where skateboard use is allowed.

The City of Milford's ordinance 371.21 "Skateboard and Skate Riding Restricted" states that *no person shall ride or operate a skateboard or skates on public streets, highways, or roadways. Also no person shall ride or operate a skateboard or skates on public property or sidewalk within the business district of the City.* Skateboards or skates may be ridden or operated on sidewalks in areas zoned residential if they don't interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

## Milford Community Activities

### Seventh Annual Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale May 19th- May 21st, 2006

For further information, or if you have any questions regarding the May city-wide yard sale, please contact the City of Milford at 831-4192.

### Thundering Hearts Motorcycle Ride Saturday, May 20th, 2006

Ride starts and ends at the American Legion Post 450 and registration will be from 10:00am -11:30am. For information please call Paul Martinez at 513-636-7260

### Go With The Flow and Join in the Fight Against Breast Cancer !!

Canoe or kayak 5 miles on the Little Miami River from the Kelley Nature Preserve in Miamiville, OH to the American Legion Hall Post 450 in Milford, OH. **Sunday May 21, 2006**, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### Promont House Museum

**Saturday, July 8**, at 2 - 4 p.m. join us for a Fairy Tea Party and Rade.

On **Friday, July 21**, at 1:00pm we'll be making fairy gardens.

Please call 248-0324 to make a reservation for either of these programs.

### Clermont Philharmonic Orchestra

SEM Villa is very happy to collaborate with the City of Milford in an outdoor concert by **Clermont Philharmonic Orchestra on August 20<sup>th</sup>**, 2006 at 7:00pm.

### Row House Gallery

211 Main Steet presents "**Art in Bloom**" **June 15-30**. 20% framing discount coupon is available, visit [www.rowhouse.com](http://www.rowhouse.com) to retrieve. "**My Best Friend Has Four Legs**," is scheduled for **July 1-31**.

Hours are 10-5 M-W & Friday, 10-7 Thursday, and 10-4 on Saturday. For more information call 513/831-7230.

### It's the Greatest Bead Show on Earth – June 10 & 11 at AllyBeads in Milford

AllyBeads will host "The Greatest Bead Show on Earth" at its Milford location on June 10 & 11. Various demonstrations throughout the two days featuring beading techniques will be presented

### Fall Classic Golf Outing at the Oasis on Oct 16,2006

Milford Miami Chamber is teaming up with the Literacy Council. Mike Minniear is chair and Doug Ackermann co chair. If anyone is interested in participating, please call the office at 831-2411.

#### How to cancel the delivery of the Door Store Flyers

Each resident must contact ADVO and request that their address be removed from their mailing list. ADVO delivers the cost saving and advertisements (including grocery circulars) to the homes of consumers throughout the country. ADVO by law must respect and understand the rights of consumers to accept or decline these mailings.

If you would prefer to stop ShopWise® advertisements from being delivered to your address, please Call ADVO's Consumer Assistance line toll free at 888-241-6760, or 513-731-1200.

Due to printing schedules and deadlines the request will take six to eight weeks from receipt to take effect because ADVO uses pre-printed mailing labels printed in advance.

#### Pooper-Scooper Ordinance to the Rescue

Tired of sidestepping dog droppings? Sick of the smell of poo on your shoe? So are your neighbors! City Council came to the rescue in 2001 by creating an ordinance regarding animal-waste removal. Under this code, owners must immediately remove any excretion deposited by their pet on public or private property. Violation of this ordinance will result in a minor misdemeanor. Pet owners, don't despair, though: you can finally put those grocery bags to good use. For questions regarding this code, please call the Milford Police Department at 248-5084.





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*Keep up with Milford's current issues in the comfort of your own home! City Council meetings are broadcast every week on Cable Channel 17 on Wednesdays at 10:00 p.m., and on Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.*

**Milford City Council**

- Lou Bishop, Mayor
- Kim McBeath, Vice-Mayor
- Craig Kolb, Council Member
- Charlene A. Hinnners, Council Member
- James Antell, Council Member
- Amy Brewer, Council Member

- Michael Minniear, Law Director
- Joanne Trilety, Clerk of Council
- Loretta Rokey, City Manager

Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. in Council Chambers

- May 29 Memorial Day  
*City Offices Closed*
- June 6 Council Meeting
- June 20 Council Meeting
- July 4 Independence Day  
*City Offices Closed*
- July 5 Council Meeting
- July 18 Council Meeting
- August 1 Council Meeting
- August 15 Council Meeting

**Important Phone Numbers**

- Emergency Police/Fire/Life Squad:.....911
- Fire (non-emergency):.....831-7777
- Police (non-emergency):.....248-5084
- General Administration:.....831-4192

**City Phone Numbers**

- Building Department:.....248-5098
- Greenlawn Cemetery:.....831-4013
- Income Tax Office:.....248-5082
- Mayor's Court:.....248-5085
- Planning and Zoning:.....248-5093
- Recycling/Solid Waste Collection:.....248-5092
- Service/Street Department:.....831-7018
- Utility Billing Information:.....248-5081
- Wastewater Department:.....831-6982
- Water Department.....831-6819

**County Phone Numbers**

- Health Department:.....732-7499
- Clermont County Board of Elections.....732-7275
- Driver's License/Plates (BMV).....248-0500
- Milford Miami Chamber of Commerce.....831-2411
- Title Office/Clerk of Courts.....831-9474