



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.

Common Council

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Committees: Parks & Recreation Commission and Ethics Board

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Committees: Public Works Committee, 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.

Milton Seeks to Join EFPD to Improve Emergency Services

The City of Milton has identified a need to increase emergency fire and medical services as the community's public safety needs continue to grow, and as the current service provider – the volunteer-reliant Milton-Milton Township Fire Department – faces growing staffing challenges.

Regional model is most sustainable, cost-effective

After reviewing numerous potential service models that would solve these challenges, the City of Milton and Towns of Milton, Harmony, Johnstown, and Lima have petitioned to join the Edgerton Fire Protection District (EFPD) as part of a regional service delivery model. Doing so would be the most sustainable and cost-effective approach to improving emergency services for community members.

EFPD developing IGA

All entities have agreed to move forward with the development of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). This agreement would govern any requirements of the City to join the District. The City anticipates EFPD will share information about those requirements for membership by August 2022.

If membership is approved, the City of Milton may pursue a referendum in November 2022 to invest in increasing staff and supporting the City's portion of operational costs for a sustainable regional model. Final costs have not yet been identified by EFPD.

Background information about the need for an updated model for Fire and EMS services is available at <https://www.milton-wi.gov/539/Organization-Funding-Discussions>.

Important Dates to Remember:

2022 Remaining Elections:

- Partisan Primary Election – August 9
- General Elections – November 8

City Office & Library Closures:

- May 30
- July 3 (Library Closed)
- July 4
- September 5
- November 24 & 25
- December 23 & 26
- December 30 (City Hall and Police Administrative Offices only)
- January 2

Other Dates:

- Community Recognition Picnic – May 26, 5:30 p.m.
- Milton Public Library Food Truck Rally – August 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To City of Milton Bartenders:

Your operator's license will expire on June 30, 2022. A renewal application must be submitted to the City of Milton no later than June 1, 2022 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



Stormwater Utility Fees

At the March 15, 2022 meeting of the Common Council, a rate adjustment for the Stormwater Utility was approved based on actual costs, capital improvements, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permit requirements, and changes to the assessment ordinance for curb and gutter.

The stormwater utility was initially approved in 2009, and since then there has been one rate adjustment in 2013.

The new fee, which will go into effect on the bills mailed on July 15, 2022, will increase from \$62.88 per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) per year to \$93.36 per ERU per year, or an additional \$5.08 per ERU on a bi-monthly bill. Single-family homes and duplexes pay based on one ERU. Multi-family parcels of three units or more

and non-residential parcels are charged individually based on impervious surface (parking lots, roofs, etc.) area on each parcel.

With this fee adjustment also comes an additional change related to assessments for curb and gutter. Previously, when the City completed work on a street, adjacent property owners were assessed 50 percent of the replacement curb and gutter bill. Now, with the fee adjustment, the utility will pay the full cost of the curb and gutter replacement work since these improvements benefit the utility as a whole. The adjacent property owners will still pay the full cost for new curb and gutter where none previously existed.

If there are any questions about the Stormwater Utility fees, please contact the Public Works Department at (608) 868-6914.

Milton Public Library Program Updates



Monarch Club

Thursday, May 19, 4-5 pm

Calling all citizen scientists! Do you want to learn about monarch butterflies, why they are important to our environment, and how to keep them? Help us launch our inaugural Monarch Club this May! We will talk about what we plan to do during Monarch Club. You can look forward to crafts, learning the butterfly life cycle, identifying milkweed, and creating a Monarch habitat to raise Monarchs from caterpillar to butterfly in the library all summer! The club will meet through September. Open to all ages!

Join a book club!

Mystery Book Club: This group generally meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Informal discussions are led by Ethel Himmel.

American Lives Discussion: This group meets on the Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The American Lives is a non-traditional book group that focuses on the lives of influential Americans. It will focus on the person rather than the book. Choose to read one or more biographies about our subject, each book on the list presents a different view. This will prompt lively discussions facilitated by Bill Wilson. Remote participation available.

To see a list of upcoming titles for both clubs, please visit www.miltonpubliclibrary.org under the Events & More tab.

Library Lope: Let's Dash for Books 5k and 1 mile fun run

Saturday, August 13

Register for the Teen Advisory Board's 7th annual fun run and participate in-person or virtually! This year, the event will start and end at Schilberg Park. Registration is \$18 for the 5K and \$10 for the 1 mile; add a t-shirt for \$15.00 more! Money raised will go towards teen programming and the teen book collection. Paper registration forms are at the library, or register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Milton/LibraryLopeLetsDashforBooks>.

MPL's Summer Reading Program - #CheckOutMPL:



The Milton Public Library's summer learning program, #CheckOutMPL, will run from June 13 to August 5, and there will be programs and challenges for all ages. Programs include a tween book club, the Little Owl/Wise Owl reading program, a 90s trivia night, webinars to learn all about pollinators, a hula hoop dance class, a murder mystery night for teens, crafts for all ages, and so much more. To see all of the library's programs, visit the library's website at www.miltonpubliclibrary.org.

2021 Water Quality Report:

The 2021 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. The smaller dog park will be reopened on June 1 after the grass is reseeded. The large dog park is a great place to hike with or without a pet!



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 if approved by and 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 ordinance include toy pistol paper caps, sparklers, and toy snakes.

4th of July Parade Information

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

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

(www.milton-wi.gov/ParadeRegistration), and it's also available as a pdf.

All forms must be submitted by Noon on Friday, June 17, 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.

City Meeting Schedule:

All meetings are taking place in-person with some offering virtual options, if available. Please review the agendas for the meetings for more details.

- May 16, 1 p.m. – Community Development Authority
- May 16, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- May 17, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- May 18, 6 p.m. – Joint Fire Commission
- June 6, 5:15 p.m. – Story Gardens Subcommittee
- June 6, 6:30 p.m. – Library Board
- June 7, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- June 7, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- June 15, 5:30 p.m. – Historic Preservation Commission
- June 15, 6 p.m. – Joint Fire Commission
- June 20, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- June 21, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- July 5, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- July 5, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- July 6, 5:30 p.m. – Historic Preservation Commission
- July 11, 5:15 p.m. – Story Gardens Subcommittee
- July 11, 6:30 p.m. – Library Board
- July 18, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- July 19, 6 p.m. – Common Council

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



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 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 6-13 followed by July 5-11. Refer to the brush collection schedule on the City’s

website for additional dates and details (www.milton-wi.gov/BrushCollection).

Splash Pad – The Goodrich Square Splash Pad is open for use 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. It is planned to close around Labor Day (weather dependent).

Clean Sweep – Call Rock County at (608) 754-6617 ext. 3 for information on disposal of hazardous chemicals.

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 diamond 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).

Community Recognition Picnic – May 26, 5:30 p.m.



commitment to the Milton community through their actions in 2021.

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 call (608) 868-6900 ext. 5 or email icushman@milton-wi.gov.

The City of Milton will host the Annual Community Recognition Picnic on May 26 at 5:30 p.m. This event will serve to recognize community members who have demonstrated extraordinary

Outside Water

Meters:

Outside water meters are available at City Hall for utility customers to use for outdoor watering of plants, grass, filling pools, and other uses.

The cost is \$96, which includes \$84 for the security deposit and the first month fee of \$12. If you are planning to use 2,000 gallons or more of water outdoors, then this is an option that will save you money on your utility bill. Once the meter is returned and read, the customer will receive a credit on the sewer charge of their utility 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.

If there are any questions, please contact Public Works & Utility Billing Specialist Carrie Chesebro at (608) 868-6901 or by email at cchesebro@milton-wi.gov.

New Playground Equipment at North Goodrich Park

Take some time with family this summer to explore the new playground equipment installed in May 2022 at North Goodrich Park, located across the street from the Milton House Museum.