



City of Milton Newsletter

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Spring Election Information



The Spring Election will be held April 4. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Offices on the ballot are Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge District 4, Circuit Court Judge Branch 4, Circuit Court Judge Branch 6, Mayor, Alderperson, Municipal Judge, School District of Milton School Board Member, three State Referendum questions, and one School District of Milton Referendum question. The sample ballot is available for viewing at City Hall or on the MyVote website (www.myvote.wi.gov).

Time to Check Your Voter Registration!

If you are new to the City of Milton or moved to a different address within the City, you will need to register to vote. Community members can mail their Voter Registration application or complete the process at www.myvote.wi.gov through March 15. After the cut-off date of March 15, electors will only be permitted to register in person at City Hall until the Friday preceding Election Day, March 31, or on Election Day. Acceptable proof of residency is required for all options.

Can't Get to the Polls on Election Day?

Not a problem! Request an absentee ballot online at myvote.wi.gov, submit an absentee ballot application to City Hall, or send a request in writing by email or mail to the City Clerk's Office, 710 S Janesville Street. No matter how you request an absentee ballot a copy of your Photo ID may be

required. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday, March 30. **Please be sure to allow for mailing time, as the ballot must be returned by Election Day at 8 p.m.** Absentee ballots may be mailed back or dropped off at City Hall during business hours. Absentee ballots may not be returned in any drop box within the City. Pursuant to the Voting Rights Act, any Wisconsin voter who requires assistance with mailing or delivering their absentee ballot to the municipal clerk because of a disability must be permitted to receive such assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In-person absentee voting will begin Tuesday, March 21, and continue until Friday, March 31, at City Hall during office hours. The office will remain open until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 31. Don't forget to bring an acceptable photo ID.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the election, please contact City Clerk Jenny Salvo by calling (608) 868-6900 ext. 2 or by emailing jsalvo@milton-wi.gov.

Important Election Dates

- March 21 – March 31 – In-Office Absentee Voting
- March 30 (5 p.m.) – Deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed
- March 31 – Last day of In-Office Absentee Voting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall
- April 3 – No voting or registering to vote
- April 4 – Spring Election

2023 Residential Exterior Improvement Program

The City of Milton is accepting applications for the 2023 Residential Exterior Improvement Program.

Applications are due **Monday, April 3.**

The Residential Exterior Improvement Program is a matching grant program provided by the City for community members to improve the exterior of their properties. Information about the program and the application is available at City Hall, 710 S. Janesville Street, and on the City's website.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Administrative Services Director Inga Cushman at (608) 868-6900 ext. 5 or by email at icushman@milton-wi.gov.



Important Dates to Remember:

Dog & Cat Licenses Due:

- April 1
- \$10 late fee assessed per animal after April 1

2023 Remaining Elections:

- Spring Election – April 4
 - *In-Person absentee voting starts March 21.*
 - *The first batch of absentee ballots will be mailed to those who requested them by March 14.*

Other Events

- Tails n Trails Dog Park Clean Up – April 29, 10 a.m. to Noon
- Alcohol Licensing Discussion – May 4, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall
- MPL Food Truck Rally – May 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Milton Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning – May 27, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Annual Cemetery Cleanup:

Starting April 15, Public Works staff will remove old flowers, broken vases/pots/planters, shepherd hooks not drilled into concrete, etc. from the cemetery as part of the annual cleanup. New items should not be placed at the cemetery until April 21. If there are any questions about the cleanup, please contact Public Works.

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



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Community Recognition Awards

The City is seeking nominations for Community Awards to recognize community members who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the Milton community through their actions in 2022. Please submit nominations through the City's website (www.milton-wi.gov/AwardNomination) by April 14.

The awards will be presented at the annual Community Recognition Picnic on May 25. More details on the picnic will be available soon on the City's website.

Upcoming MPL Programs

Dog Man: 11th Book Release Party!

Saturday, April 15, 2 to 3 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate with games, crafts, snacks and activities. Call 608-868-7462 to register.

Wolves in Wisconsin

Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Learn all about wolves in Wisconsin from local experts, Larry and Emily Scheunemann. Entertaining, educational, and perfect for families with kids ages 10 & under. Please call 868-7462 to register.

The SPARK @ MPL: Spring Flora in Wisconsin

Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 p.m.

Join Sarah Stuckey at the library for a short talk on Spring flora, then head to the Bowers Lake segment of the Ice Age Trail for the opportunity to use your new knowledge. Please note that the library will not be providing transportation. For families and adults. Call 868-7462 to register.

Reading Night @ MPL

Thursday, May 4, 6-7:15 pm

Storyteller Sarah Beth Nelson will demonstrate how to bring read-alouds to life, some Milton teachers will share their favorite reading tips, and Jayme will discuss the ways MPL can help your young reader. Refreshments will be provided, and each participant will leave with a literacy game/prize. Call 868-7462 to register.

Check out the library's website for additional information about these programs and many more! www.miltonpubliclibrary.org

City Drop Boxes

Based on election guidance prohibiting the use of unmanned drop boxes for absentee ballot collection, the drop box at City Hall will be unavailable through April 5.

Municipal Court payments can be placed in a black drop box located in the lobby of the Police Department/Municipal Court building, 690 S. Janesville Street.

Utility Bill and other payments can be placed in a silver drop box at the Public Works Facility, 150 Northside Drive.

Preservation Workshop

The Historic Preservation Commission is hosting a FREE Gravestone Preservation Workshop at the Milton Cemetery on N. Janesville Street on May 27 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in recognition of Historic Preservation Month.

The workshop will be led by Historic Preservation Commissioner Julie Marquardt. Julie completed the Gravestone Preservation Workshop with Atlas Preservation as part of their Restoring America's Cemeteries 48 State Tour in July 2022. Julie is excited to show the Milton community the different techniques and products used for restoration of gravestones.

Sign up by May 5 by calling (608) 868-6900 ext. 5 or online at www.milton-wi.gov/Workshop. While the workshop is free, the commission wants an approximate participant number so they can ensure there are enough supplies available.

Alcohol Licensing Discussion



Join Wisconsin Department of Revenue Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement Agent Jason Lee on Thursday, May 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. for the 2023 Annual Alcohol Licensing Discussion.

This informal session at City Hall in the Council Chambers is an opportunity for the public to ask questions and hear more about the laws relating to alcohol licenses in the State of Wisconsin.

City Meeting Schedule:

All meetings are taking place in-person. Please review the agendas for the meetings for more details.

- March 20, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- March 21, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- March 21, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- April 3, 6:30 p.m. – Library Board
- April 5, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- April 5, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- April 10, 1 p.m. – Community Development Authority
- April 12, 5:30 p.m. – Historic Preservation Commission
- April 17, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- April 18, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- April 18, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- April 19 – Joint Fire Commission
- May 1, 6:30 p.m. – Library Board
- May 2, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- May 2, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- May 3, 5:30 p.m. – Historic Preservation Commission
- May 10, 6 p.m. – Police Commission
- May 15, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- May 16, 6 p.m. – Common Council

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