



This is Milaca's annual bluegrass festival and art fair held in Milaca's historical Recreational Park. This four day event is sponsored by Milaca's Park Commission and features some of the region's most noted bluegrass bands and musicians, educational workshops, instrumental jam sessions, children's art

and entertainment, food and beverage vendors and the RecFest Art Fair.

Bring your lawn chair (and "Jammers" bring your instruments) and join some of the finest people you'll meet anywhere for a weekend of bluegrass music and fun!

- 16 Hours of Bluegrass Music
- Saturday Workshops and Jam Sessions all Weekend
- Camping/Hiking/Golf
- Artist/Crafters (Saturday)
- Children's Art Tent (Saturday)
- Food Vendors

See Page 2 for more details

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**CITY OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED:  
JULY 4  
AND  
SEPTEMBER 5**

## SPLASH PAD NOW OPEN



The City of Milaca Parks Department is happy to announce the Splash Pad is officially opened!

Splash pad is located in Recreation (Rec) Park on the west side of the new Gorecki Community Center.

See Page 8 for more details.

# 2016 Milaca's Annual Bluegrass Festival

# RECFEST BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

**JULY 28-31<sup>ST</sup>**  
 Historic Rec Park Bandshell  
 Milaca, MN

*"Strummin' on the Rum"*

### BAND SHELL PERFORMERS

**Thursday – July 28**  
 6:30 Frog Hollow Boys

**Friday – July 29**  
 5:00 Halvorson Family Band  
 6:15 Biscuit Boys  
 7:30 DL Cajun Band  
 8:45 Dick & Ian Kimmel

**Saturday – July 30**  
 Noon Biscuit Boys  
 1:15 Sarah Mae & the Birkland Boys  
 2:30 Halvorson Family Band  
 3:45 No Man's String Band  
 5:00 Northern Lights  
 6:15 Rosby Corner  
 7:30 Shaffer's Lost 40  
 8:45 DL Cajun Band

**Sunday – July 31**  
 10:00 Jammers  
 11:15 Mathison Family Fiddlers  
 12:30 Sarah Mae & the Birkland Boys  
 1:45 Northern Lights

### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**Saturday - July 30**

**Workshop Tent #1**  
 11:00 Beginner Jamming - Bill Cagley  
 12:45 Yodeling - Mary Campbell  
 2:00 Ukulele - beginner - Bartig Brothers  
 3:15 Ukulele - intermediate - Bartig Brothers

**Workshop Tent #2**  
 11:00 Upright Bass - John Halvorson, Sarah Birkland  
 Noon Mandolin - Derek Birkland, Dan Halvorson  
 1:15 Guitar - Bill Cagley  
 2:30 Banjo - Doug Ewart, Tim Wankle  
 3:45 Fiddle - Paul Blondell, Devon Mathison

**Trimble Park Activities**  
 10am Bob and Gail Johnson Performance  
 11:15 Harmonica Workshop with Bob Johnson  
 1:00 Recorder Workshop with Gail Johnson  
 2:00 Registration for Talent Show  
 3:00 Start Talent Show

[www.milacarecfest.com](http://www.milacarecfest.com)

HOURS OF BLUEGRASS MUSIC - WORKSHOPS - JAM SESSIONS - VENDORS - CAMPING & MORE

## 2016 Gate Admission:

\$25 - Weekend Pass (Fri, Sat & Sun)

\$20 - Saturday Only

\$10 - Friday or Sunday

Kids 12 and under are FREE with an adult admission.

For camping reservations call Pete at 320-237-2657 or email: [info@milacarecfest.com](mailto:info@milacarecfest.com).





**The Building Department:** The scope of the building department is to facilitate in obtaining appropriate permits and to administer the State of Minnesota Building Code.

The purpose of the State Building Code is to establish minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the building environment and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

**Just when does someone need a permit?** The MN State Building Code requires an owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any gas, mechanical, electrical, plumbing system, or other equipment, the installation of which is regulated by the code; or cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

**Work exempt from a permit:**

- One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
- Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall.
- Sidewalks and driveways that are not part of an accessible route.
- Platforms not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade, also not attached to a structure with frost footings and does not have more than 3 risers on the stairs.
- Painting, wallpapering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work.
- Prefabricated swimming pools installed entirely above ground and an accessory to a home and does not exceed 5,000 gallons in capacity and a 24 inch depth.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- Movable cases, counters, and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches in height.
- Swings and other playground equipment.

**Gas:**

Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval or equipment or make equipment unsafe.

**Mechanical:**

- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval or equipment or make equipment unsafe.
- Self-contained refrigeration system containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of on horsepower.

# **Milaca Municipal Airport 2016 Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> Free Admission/Parking**

*Fly-In or Drive-In and bring the Family for a great Sunday Full Menu Breakfast. You are also welcome to join us **Saturday** evening for a **Flag Retirement Ceremony** by the **Milaca American Legion** at 6:30 PM. Overnight under-wing camping is available, picnic tables and grill available for the **(5:00 pm Saturday night)** Pot-Luck. See many airplane displays and visit with local pilots in their hangars. You are welcome to bring a chair to better enjoy the festivities.*

## **BREAKFAST (0700 to 1200 hours)**

**Adults = \$8:00 Children 6 to 12 years = \$4.00: under 6 years eat Free**

**Directions:** From junction of 10<sup>th</sup> St. NE and 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. go 1/2 mile north on 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 155<sup>th</sup> St.

### **Saturday Eve. 6:30 pm August 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Milaca American Legion will perform a Flag Retirement Ceremony, all are welcome.



### **Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> Breakfast**

**Breakfast Menu: (All you can eat)  
Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Eggs, Fruit  
and beverage.**

Served by Milaca American Legion



#### **Contact Information:**

Airport Manager: Steve Burklund 320-983-6547 Cell 320-492-8246  
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Airport Commission: Ken Muller 320-630-5064  
City of Milaca Web [www.cityofmilaca.org](http://www.cityofmilaca.org)

Latitude: 45-46-20.8730N  
Longitude: 093-37-55.8640W  
CTAF= 122.9  
FSS = 122.2  
TPA = 1900 ft.  
Fuel = 100LL  
RNY = 16/34 2900 ft.

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## HELP SAVE THE MILACA BAND SHELL



Architect: Carl Buetow

Band Shell built 1937-1938. First event was held in June 1938. Cost to build: \$6,200

It's hard to believe but it has been about 3 years when the Help Save The Milaca Band Shell started raising funds for the improvements to the band shell. Big thank you's to the Rum River Community Foundation, Band Shell Committee, City of Milaca and Project Manager, Jerry Jacobson. And, of course, Thank You to those of you who have purchased paver stones. This has truly been a community project!

In September 2013, the bid was approved from Baas Construction for re-roofing, the first step to the improvements. New ice and water and the new slate colored asphalt roof was installed. The slate color was the original color specified by architect Carl Beutow back in 1937. The rotted wood trim on the south outer wall was also replaced with custom fitted cedar lumber. This initial improvement also included new decking.

The next construction phase began in September 2014 with extensive stone and masonry work, along with tuck-pointing. This required removal of cement and stones to make way for a new ADA (American Disabilities Act) access to the Band Shell and a new and enlarged plaza in front of the stage. A huge thank you went out to Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal for donating their skid loader to clean up and remove the broken concrete pad. Centra Sodablasting & Coating then came in and used their environmentally-friendly process to remove decades of old paint. They also cleaned stones to remove dribs and drabs of paint that had accumulated over the decades. In the rear of the band shell, the stone steps and railings were removed for the ADA compliant access ramp to be installed in the Spring of 2015. The stones that were removed will be used in the "wings" that extend from both sides of the front arch at a later date.



Bids were due in March of 2015 for the work on the ADA compliant ramp but unfortunately all bids came in excessively high so alternative measures needed to be looked at. An automatic lift that ensures access to all wishing to use the Band Shell was determined to be the best route to take and thanks to a generous donation from Otto Bremer Foundation, this automatic lift was installed.

This Spring, work began once again to finish up the stone work and the "wings" on the front arches and window replacement. At the February city council meeting, bids were approved to continue moving forward on the renovations. These bids included work on the interior to replace all the paneling, all new electric service and installation of energy efficient LED lighting. This work was done by Baas Construction and Granite Ledge Electric. Stucco was applied to the arch this spring to give it a fresh, new look. In June, the interior panels were completed! Now the LED lights have been added in, and the band shell is nearly complete—just in time for Rec Fest!

A huge shout out to Jerry Jacobson for his hours of research on LED lighting and his great ambition and desire to get this lighting brought home to our local band shell. What a great improvement to the band shell!

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# Unlicensed residential contractor fined \$10,000

Some recent CCLD enforcement actions include:



An unlicensed contractor from Ramsey, Minnesota, was ordered to cease and desist from unlicensed residential building contractor and plumbing contractor activity and fined \$10,000 after DLI received complaints from three homeowners who had viewed a television news story about a different contractor, and contacted DLI to report their bad experiences.

An unlicensed satellite system installer from St. Peter, Minnesota, was fined \$2,500 and ordered to cease and desist from satellite systems contracting until appropriate licensure is achieved.

An unlicensed individual from Cannon Falls, Minnesota, was fined \$10,000 and ordered to cease and desist from unlicensed residential building contractor, plumbing contractor and electrical contractor activities.

Since Jan. 1, 2015, more than 100 plumbers and electricians have had their license or unlicensed registration suspended and monetary penalties imposed for renewing their license or registration without first completing all required continuing education (CE). Please be sure to obtain your required CE before renewing your license.

Summaries of all final CCLD enforcement actions are available at [www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/Enforcement.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/Enforcement.asp). Questions about specific enforcement actions should be directed to (651) 284-5069 or [DLI.contractor@state.mn.us](mailto:DLI.contractor@state.mn.us).

## Planning to hire a contractor? Make sure they're licensed

Before hiring a contractor, visit DLI's consumer web page for steps to take before signing a contract. Some of the topics include how to select a contractor, how to solicit bids, what to include in a contract and how to file a complaint against a contractor.

View more information at [www.dli.mn.gov/cclld/RBCconsumer.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/cclld/RBCconsumer.asp)

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## BAND SHELL RE-DEDICATION

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 THERE WILL BE A BAND SHELL RE-DEDICATION EVENT! IF YOU MISSED REC FEST OR ANY OF OUR MUSIC IN THE PARKS, BE SURE TO JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER TO SEE THE SPECTACULAR RENOVATIONS AT THE BAND SHELL. THERE WILL BE A CAR SHOW, MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD VENDORS AND JUST A GREAT TIME TO SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF THE BAND SHELL. WATCH FOR DETAILS AS THE DATE GETS CLOSER!

GO TO FACEBOOK AND SEARCH "HELP SAVE THE MILACA BAND SHELL" TO SEE PICTURES OF THE LIT-UP BAND SHELL. GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU PROUD THAT THIS HISTORICAL MONUMENT HAS BEEN RENOVATED!

SEE PAGE 7 ON HOW YOU CAN STILL PURCHASE PAVER STONES. DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED TO FINISH THE STONEMWORK BUT HURRY, PAVER STONE SALES END AUGUST 31, 2016. GET YOURS NOW! WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP RESTORE THE BAND SHELL!



## HOW CAN YOU DONATE?

You still can purchase paver stones to help Save The Band Shell. **HOWEVER, the last date to purchase is August 31!**

Forms can be picked up at city hall or go to [www.rumrivercommunityfoundation.org](http://www.rumrivercommunityfoundation.org)

Some of these paver stones have already been installed along the walkways and path areas at the Band Shell. If you want to see what your donation would look like, head to the Band Shell and take a look and then complete the paver form to make your donation.

Paver stones are designed and created by Stoneheart Granite of Milaca, James and Tami James, owners.

EVERY dollar helps with this historical cause. Please donate today before time runs out!

If you do not wish to purchase a paver stone but still want to donate, monetary donations can be mailed in to Rum River Community Foundation, PO Box 415, Milaca MN 56353.

Call Pete Pedersen if you have questions in regard to paver stones. He can be reached at 320-237-2657.



## MILACA OFF SALE NOTES

VICKI JEYS, MANAGER 320-983-6255

Hope you are all enjoying this wonderful spring/summer we are having already!

Be sure to stop in and check out all the changes we have made in and around the store. We will be getting a new LED sign to display our specials and new lettering on the outside of the store on the west and south sides. Be sure to look for that!

Just a reminder that our summer hours are from 8:30 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Saturday.

We will be closed Monday, July 4 AND Monday, September 5 so be sure to "stockup" before those Monday's.

Don't forget we have Gift Cards for those hard to buy for people!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRINK RESPONSIBLY AND DESIGNATE A DRIVER**

## MEETING DATES

### CITY COUNCIL

JULY 19\*

AUGUST 18

SEPTEMBER 15

City Council meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Milaca City Hall

### PLANNING COMMISSION

JULY 11

AUGUST 8

SEPTEMBER 12

Planning Commission Meetings are held as needed, the second Monday at 6:00 p.m. at Milaca City Hall

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

JULY 15

AUGUST 19

SEPTEMBER 16

EDC meetings are held the third Friday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Milaca City Hall

**NOTE: JULY CITY COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE IN DATE.** Please call City Hall at 320-983-3141 to confirm any of the above mentioned meeting dates and times as dates are subject to change.

# SPLASH PAD/GORECKI COMMUNITY CENTER

**W**ith the voters voting on a bond issue to build a new community center, splash pad and play ground, the project has been proceeding nicely. Construction on the Gorecki Family Community Center and the splash pad are complete. Landscaping and construction of the new play ground will continue through out the summer.



The Gorecki Family Community Center will be used as a warming house during the skating season and for various community functions. The building will also be available for rent year round and includes 10 folding tables and 40 folding chairs. There is a long counter top with a sink, electrical outlets and of course restrooms and water fountains. Building is not air conditioned but there are ceiling fans. You will need to bring your own cleaning supplies to tidy up when you get done renting the center. A shower was also included in the building which will be used during RecFest.



Attached to the Gorecki Family Community Center is the splash pad. The splash pad has 16 water features that are computer controlled and changeable by the Parks Department. Presently it is set up to run 10 sequences for 25 seconds each before shutting off. Activation is done by touching the top of the yellow bullard. The splash pad season will be from the Saturday of Memorial Day to the Monday of Labor Day weekend. Hours of operation are 10:00 am to 8:00 pm seven days a week and currently there is no charge to use.

The new playground will be built by the splash pad and is in the process of being approved and ordered. Once the equipment arrives, work will start with volunteer help and plans are that it will be finished this season. **If you have a desire to help install this playground equipment, please call city hall at 320-983-3141. We would love to have volunteers help with this!**

Here are a few pictures for a sneak peek inside the building:



Hall rental area



Counter and small sink area. Electrical outlets located along the counter



Shower area

The physical address, should you need to include for invitations to your event, is 435 2nd St NW, Milaca, MN 56353. Rental fees are as follows:

|  |               |         |                 |          |
|--|---------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| City of Milaca Resident (NOT county residence) | Up to 4 hours | \$40.00 | 4 or more hours | \$80.00  |
| Non-Resident                                   | Up to 4 hours | \$50.00 | 4 or more hours | \$100.00 |

There is a damage deposit of \$150.00 that is paid at the time keys are picked up and will be returned as long as the hall is cleaned and damage free after rental.

Reservations can be made by calling city hall at 320-983-3141 or, go to [www.cityofmilaca.org](http://www.cityofmilaca.org), click on City Applications and select the Shelter/Gorecki Community Center Permit. Once you complete form, mail in with payment and we will get your event reserved. You may need to call ahead of time to verify if your date is available.

Rec Park—what a perfect place to hold family reunions, graduation open houses, etc now with the splash pad. Don't forget about the disc golf, biking and hiking trails, fishing and tubing down the Rum River! Great area for all these activities!

# SUMMER HOURS

## CITY HALL SUMMER HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY 7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.  
FRIDAY 7:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

## DEPUTY REGISTRAR HOURS REMAIN THE SAME:

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.



Be sure to stop at City Hall and purchase your coupon book for Rec Fest. Cost is \$20 and with your purchase you will receive ONE FREE WEEKEND ADMISSION to Rec Fest. Be sure to pick up the Rec Fest magazine loaded with all the information needed for this fun-filled weekend too. Coupon books can also be purchased at:

- ◆ Teal's Market
- ◆ First National Bank, Milaca
- ◆ American Legion

Sales of coupon books benefit Rec Fest and Milaca Special Olympics

**T**he Milaca Fine Arts Council will once again sponsor Music In The Park at Milaca's Rec Park.

These concerts are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your own seating such as chair, blanket, bench, pillow, or whatever and come on down to the park and enjoy a couple more evenings of free entertainment.

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| June 30 | Maiden Dixie   |
| July 14 | Church of Cash |
| July 21 | Bellebottom    |

If you have missed our previous concerts this year, hurry down. These are the last ones for the year.

**MFAC**  
MILACA FINE ARTS COUNCIL  
"Bringing art and community together!"  
PO Box 30, Milaca, WI 54852

Presents ~  
**MUSIC IN THE PARK**  
Save these dates for this year's evening concerts at Rec Park.

June 30 - Maiden Dixie  
July 14 - Church of Cash  
July 21 - Bellebottom

Concerts are from 6:30-8:30p.m.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please contact city hall and we will include your address and send you a COLORED copy of “Reflections”.

You may also go to our website to view the newsletter:

[www.cityofmilaca.org](http://www.cityofmilaca.org)

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