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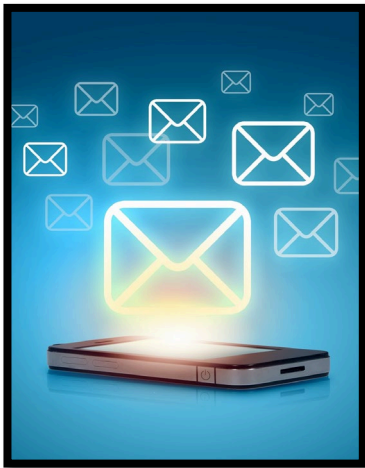
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City Hall Notes

Permits for Mini-Trucks, UTVs, and Golf Carts

It's time to renew these permits! Per City ordinance, motorized golf carts, mini trucks and UTVs must have a permit from the City of Milaca to operate legally within the city limits. These permits are due each year but there is no fee. To complete your permit, go to www.cityofmilaca.org/forms and click on the Mini Truck, UTV & Golf Cart Permit. The form can be filled out online and printed, or downloaded to be filled out. Completed forms can be mailed, dropped in the city hall drop box, or e-mailed to mniedzielski@milacacity.com. Permit will be mailed to applicant once approved. Please call city hall at [\(320\) 983-3141](tel:3209833141) if you have any questions.



Water & Sewer Bill Reminders

Please allow 3-5 days for mailing. Payments should be postmarked by the 13th to avoid a late fee.

Alternatives to mailing your payment include signing up for Direct Payment (no fee to sign up!) or to pay with your credit/debit card (minimum \$3 convenience fee). Both can be accessed at cityofmilaca.org/payment-options. Or just drop off your payment at City Hall!

Give us a call at [\(320\) 983-3141](tel:3209833141) if you have any questions about your bill.

Recreational Fires

Per City ordinance, all fires must be wood, coal, or charcoal, and in a fire pit or ring. The complete ordinance regarding burning regulations can be found [here](#). Fees for a fire department callout can be found [here](#). Please also be aware of any burning restrictions imposed by the MN DNR.



Spring Leaf Dumpster

A leaf and brush dumpster for City of Milaca residents is available at Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal for the organic debris from your yard. Please note that only brush, small branches, and leaves are allowed,

and they MUST be removed from any plastic bags before placing in the dumpster.



Hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Parks & Public Works Notes

PARKS

Coming this summer – New Pickleball Courts!

Courtesy of a donation by Town & Country Finance, Inc., two new pickleball courts will be built at Rec Park, just west of the current pickleball courts. Look for them to be completed this summer!

Rec Park

Pickleball The courts are open and available for use on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bathrooms The Gorecki Center restrooms will be open to the public on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Camping The camping sites will be available for use on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. You can reserve them online at cityofmilaca.org/reservations.

Splashpad As the unofficial start to summer, the Splashpad opens Friday, May 24, 2024.

Trails Follow the Milaca Trails Initiative Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/MilacaTrailsInitiative>) for up-to-date information on trail closures.

Archery Range

The archery range is open and ready to use.

PUBLIC WORKS

Road Construction

There are four road construction projects slated to be done this year:

- 110th Avenue, between 150th Street and 160th Street (past the airport and the archery range)
- 155th Street from 110th Avenue to the airport parking lot
- 3rd Avenue from 2nd Street SW to 5th Street NW
- SW River Drive from Highway 23 south to 120th Avenue

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.



Do you want to show off everything the Milaca area has to offer?

Check out DiscoverMilaca.com for information on local events, dining, drinking, and shopping!

Deputy Registrar Notes

Amy Cain, Deputy Registrar — (320) 983-3143

The Deputy Registrar is open to the public Monday through Friday 8-4 pm. If you have a transaction that is going to take longer, please try to be here no later than 3:45 pm. Enhanced Driver's licenses will not be processed after 3:30pm. The knowledge test is offered here on a computer in the office. It can get a bit noisy in here, so if you need to bring ear plugs, they are allowed. The test is by appointment only and the fee is \$10. Knowledge test appointments can be made on our website cityofmilaca.org/registrar. We try very hard to help everyone, so please be patient with us! State offers road test appointments on Thursdays. Appointments can only be made online at <http://www.drive.mn.gov> or if you need assistance you can call State at [\(651\) 284-1234](tel:6512841234). Be aware that appointments are limited, so it may say no availability. Any questions about the road tests need to be answered by state, as we have nothing to do with them.

If you need a question answered right away, please email us at depreg@milacacity.com and we can answer your questions. If you need anything looked up that is not public information, you do have to come in to the office due to data privacy. We also welcome everyone to utilize the drop box for tab renewals, DNR transactions, and even title transfers if completed! We check the box every day and do the work in between customers. Please fill out the provided form to go with the paperwork dropped off. Our office finally got remodeled to get updates and some much improved changes! We are super excited we can now function as we should to fully serve everyone in the community!! We appreciate all our customers, so thank you for trusting us to serve you! Have a happy spring and let's hope it brings rain and green grass!

— Amy, Audra, Julie, and Myla



Fire Department Notes

Chris Ehlen & Jesse Gerads, Fire Chief — (320) 983-3465



Spring Cleaning
for **Fire Safety**

Inside The Home

-  Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
-  Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords.
-  Check for water around electrical appliances.
-  Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct.

Outside The Home

-  Remove dead leaves and other debris around foundations, decks, porches, and stairs.
-  Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris before use.
-  Grills should only be used when at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. 



JULY 13, 2024

MILACA FIRE AND RESCUE

Annual
GOLF TOURNAMENT

STONES THROW GOLF COURSE

MILACA FIRE
Est. 1896

Liquor Store Notes

Vicki Jeys, Manager — (320) 983-6255

Looks like we made it! Spring is finally here!

Milaca Liquor always has something new. We strive to keep up on all the new trends, and keeping great variety in our clean and easy-to-shop store. Stop by and check it out. New items are added every single week!

If you are into the Bourbon craze, we have a huge selection, and even occasionally get some Buffalo Trace items. My assistant manager and I won the Maker's Mark blending competition last year. We are currently selling this wonderful nutty butterscotch and caramel-flavored bourbon in the Milaca Liquor Store. This Maker's Mark is not available everywhere. Stop by and try a sample if you like good bourbon!!

BBQ season will be here before we know it; we have you covered! No matter what your palate desires, we have something for everyone. Wines from all over the world, beer — domestic, local, and imports, as well as liquor of almost every type known to man. We also have great non-alcoholic choices in wine, beer and liquor, and now carry the THC beverages from many Minnesota companies, along with some of the chocolates, gummies, and shots.

We are looking forward to helping you find the best product for you to enjoy over this wonderful spring season.

Thank you for all of the local support, and please consume responsibly.

Your local Liquor Store Manager, Vicki



Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce Notes

Faith Goenner, Executive Director — (320) 983-3140

Are you a new business to the Milaca area? We would like to meet you. Please contact the Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce at info@milacachamber.com.

June 20, 2024 — *Milaca Rhythm on the Rum Parade 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm* — 22 marching bands, food trucks and lots of family fun. Hosted by the Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce.

June 27, 2024 — *Duffer's Delight Golf Tournament* — A fundraiser for the Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce. Join others in a fun day of golf and enjoy Stones Throw Golf Course.

2024 VOTE — Get ready to vote for your local representatives. If you aren't registered to vote, please register here <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/>

The latest Chamber event information can be found on our website at milacachamber.com/events.

EVENTS CALENDAR*

**Subject to change or cancellation. All Open City Council Meetings are live streamed on our Facebook page.*

April 2024

City Council Meeting*

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Rum River Community Foundation Fundraiser

Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM

May 2024

City Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 7:00 AM

Student Art Show

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1:00 PM

City Council Meeting*

Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM

City Offices Closed - Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2024

June 2024

Community Art Show & 80s Party

Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM

City Offices Closed – Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Milaca Parade

Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM

City Council Meeting*

Monday, June 24, 2024 at 6:30 PM

3rd Lair Skateboard Demo

Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Summer Air Art Fair

Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 8:00 AM

Music in the Park

Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:30 PM

July 2024

City Offices Closed - Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Music in the Park

Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM

July 2024

City Council Meeting*

Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Music in the Park

Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Movie in the Park

Friday, July 19, 2024 at 8:45 PM

3rd Lair Summer Series Contest

Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM

RecFest

Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM

August 2024

Milaca Municipal Airport Fly-In

Sunday, August 4, 2024 at 8:00 AM

4th Annual Kids Hands-On Event

Saturday, August 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Primary Election

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 AM

City Council Meeting*

Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Homegrown Music Fest

Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Movie in the Park

Friday, August 23, 2024 at 8:50 PM

September 2024

City Offices Closed - Labor Day

Monday, September 2, 2024

Rotz Camp & Jam

Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 9:00 AM

RRLCC Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 1:00 PM

City Council Meeting*

Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Runnin' in the Ruff

Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM

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