

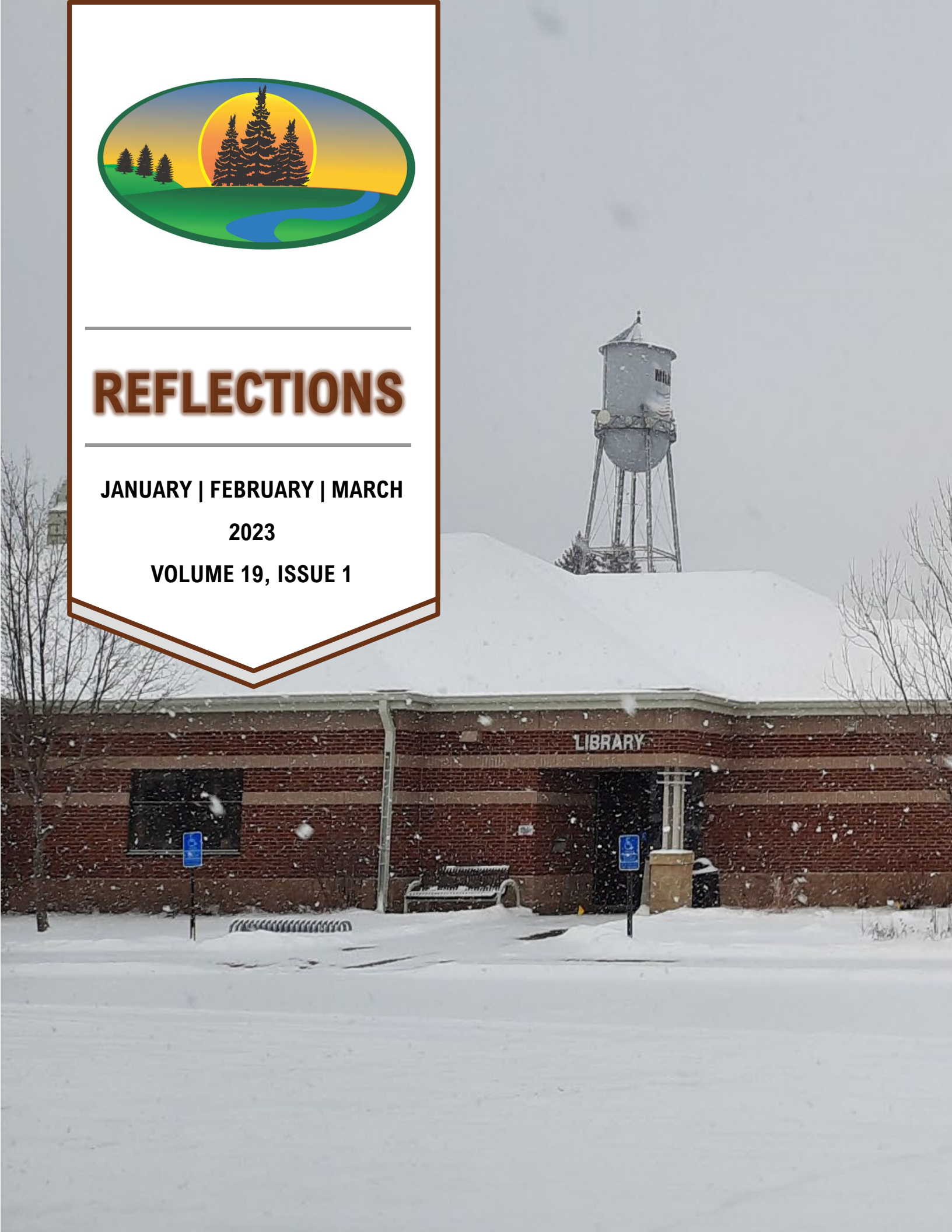


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City Hall Notes

Final 2023 City of Milaca Budget

As voted upon at the December 14, 2022 Milaca City Council meeting, the 2023 Budget is approved.

CITY OF MILACA 2023 FINAL BUDGET

SUMMARY ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Enterprise Funds	Custodial Funds Deputy Registrar	Total 2023 Budget	Total 2022 Budget
REVENUES							
Taxes	\$ 724,149.00		209,642.00			\$ 933,791.00	950,000.00
Tax Increment			42,000.00			\$ 42,000.00	42,000.00
Taxes Other	21,448.00	27,500.00				\$ 48,948.00	21,450.00
Franchise Taxes	\$ 12,000.00					\$ 12,000.00	12,000.00
Special Assessments	\$ 7,250.00		14,500.00	2,500.00		\$ 24,250.00	16,876.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$ 63,235.00					\$ 63,235.00	54,615.00
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,355,814.00					\$ 1,355,814.00	1,165,832.00
Charges for Services	\$ 193,199.00			900,100.00		\$ 1,093,299.00	1,197,451.00
Fines	\$ 15,000.00					\$ 15,000.00	27,539.00
Interest Income	48,000.00	6,995.00		30,800.00	50.00	\$ 85,845.00	53,392.00
Contributions/Donations		131,000.00				\$ 131,000.00	26,250.00
Miscellaneous	30,000.00		24,000.00	50,200.00	1,000.00	\$ 105,200.00	203,029.00
Sales				3,024,000.00	221,540.00	\$ 3,245,540.00	2,861,318.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,470,095.00	\$ 165,495.00	\$ 290,142.00	\$ 4,007,600.00	\$ 222,590.00	\$ 7,155,922.00	\$ 6,631,752.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS IN	\$ 333,000.00	\$ 11,500.00				\$ 344,500.00	371,816.00
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,803,095.00	\$ 176,995.00	\$ 290,142.00	\$ 4,007,600.00	\$ 222,590.00	\$ 7,500,422.00	\$ 7,003,568.00
EXPENDITURES							
General Government	675,662.00					\$ 675,662.00	783,255.00
Public Safety	1,006,592.00					\$ 1,006,592.00	1,021,792.00
Public Works	345,489.00					\$ 345,489.00	428,613.00
Parks and Recreation	185,154.00					\$ 185,154.00	243,190.00
Library	27,200.00					\$ 27,200.00	45,525.00
Airport	89,448.00					\$ 89,448.00	87,038.00
Capital Outlay	473,550.00	9,000.00		261,750.00	7,500.00	\$ 751,800.00	
Debt Principal			304,000.00	167,000.00		\$ 471,000.00	560,872.00
Debt Interest & Other Charges			59,019.00	16,228.00		\$ 75,247.00	57,424.00
Miscellaneous			2,140.00			\$ 2,140.00	34,437.00
Operating Expenses		31,005.00		3,786,406.00	215,090.00	\$ 4,032,501.00	3,694,514.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,803,095.00	40,005.00	365,159.00	4,231,384.00	222,590.00	\$ 7,662,233.00	\$ 6,956,660.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT		144,500.00		200,000.00		344,500.00	371,816.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,803,095.00	\$ 184,505.00	\$ 365,159.00	\$ 4,431,384.00	\$ 222,590.00	\$ 8,006,733.00	\$ 7,328,476.00
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	-	(7,510.00)	(75,017.00)	(423,784.00)	-	(506,311.00)	(324,908.00)

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 sign up!) or to pay with your credit/debit card (minimum \$3 convenience fee). Both can be accessed at <https://www.cityofmilaca.org/payments>. Or just drop off your payment at City Hall! If you have any questions about your bill, give us a call at (320) 983-3141.

Liquor Store Notes

Vicki Jeys, Manager — (320) 983-6255

Happy New Year Everyone!

We have new store hours until April 1, 2023.

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Discount Days

Monday Military Day: 10% Off Cash Sales; 5% Off Debit/Credit Card Sales

Tuesday Cash Discount Day: 13% Off Cash Sales

Wednesday Senior Day: 10% Off Cash Sales; 5% Off Debit/Credit Card Sales



Parks & Public Works Notes

PARKS

Rec Park

The hockey rink and free skate area at Rec Park are officially open! Skating hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. In the event of snow, we ask that you do NOT shovel the hockey rink. This can cause berms to freeze to the ice, which means Public Works will have to close the rink to fix it. The warming house open schedule will be posted on cityofmilaca.org and on the City of Milaca Facebook.

PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Parking

Per ordinance, parking is prohibited on any street from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., November 1 through April 1. Please adhere to this rule to make sure our streets can be plowed thoroughly.

Snow, Ice, Dirt, or Rubbish

Per ordinance, all snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish must be removed from public sidewalks. The owner and/or occupant of any property adjacent to the walk has 24 hours to remove it.



Photo courtesy of Shelly Kilker

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. 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!

Please be advised that if you are coming from out of state, you are required to do a written test before switching to MN. Make a new to MN appointment for this option on the website.

The state is offering road tests at this location now on Thursdays. You do have to make an appointment for the road tests and they must be done online at drive.mn.gov or if you need assistance, you can call the state at [\(651\) 284-1234](tel:6512841234). Be aware that they are only opening two weeks at a time for this location. 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.

We appreciate all of our customers, so thank you for trusting us to serve you! Stay healthy and happy throughout the New Year! We hope to see you soon!

— Amy, Audra and Julie





Fire Department Notes

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

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

Prepare Your Car

1. Test your battery; battery power drops as the temperature drops
2. Make sure the cooling system is in good working order
3. Have winter tires with a deeper, more flexible tread put on your car
4. If using all-season tires, check the tread and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch
5. Check the tire pressure; tire pressure drops as the temperature drops
6. Check your wiper blades and replace if needed
7. Add wiper fluid rated for -30 degrees
8. Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze
9. Remember to keep your car's emergency preparedness kit fully stocked, too.

Before You Start Out

1. Clean your car's external camera lenses and side mirrors
2. Remove dirt, ice and snow from sensors to allow the assistive-driving features, like automatic emergency braking, to work
3. In frigid weather, you may want to warm up the car before you drive
4. To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, never leave a vehicle running in your garage – even with the garage door up
5. If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm; if you must travel, share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave

How to Avoid a Crash

1. Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions
2. Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don't have to overcorrect to stay in your lane
3. Accelerate and decelerate slowly
4. Increase following distance to 8 to 10 seconds
5. If possible, don't stop when going uphill
6. If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve. Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can't see yours on the shoulder.
7. If you see emergency vehicles on the side of the road slow down and pay attention to your surroundings. If you have an emergency vehicle behind you or coming at you, pull over and STOP and then stay at least 500 feet back from that vehicle. Not only is this the law, but it keeps everyone safe.





Put a **FREEZE**
on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



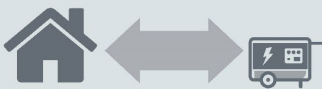
Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involves heating equipment.



Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.



Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

Milaca Chamber of Commerce Notes

Shannon Milender, Executive Director — (320) 983-3140

SUPPORTING MILACA, PEASE, BOCK, AND FORESTON

The Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce supports the economic growth and development of our business communities.

The year kicks off with Morning Perk on Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Calibration Financial will be hosting this networking event. February 9, 2023 from noon to 1 p.m. will be the first Lunch and Learn, and has Tax Preparation as the topic. The latest Chamber event information can be found on our website at milacachamber.com/events. If you would like to host one of our events for the year and showcase your business, please contact Shannon to learn more about this excellent promotional opportunity. We would welcome volunteers to get in touch with us to support and promote our community events.



Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce
Helping the Milaca Area Grow and Prosper all Seasons

CITY CALENDAR*

**Please remember this schedule is subject to change or cancellation.*



January 16, 2023

City Offices Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18, 2023

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

February 16, 2023

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

February 20, 2023

City Offices Closed – President's Day

March 16, 2023

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

**All Open City Council Meetings are live streamed on our Facebook page*

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