

CITY OF MILACA

REFLECTIONS



JULY 25th - 28th 2019

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This is Milaca's annual bluegrass festival 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, food and beverage vendors.

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!

CAMPING

Make plans to "PLAY N' STAY". Overnight onsite camping is available for the weekend. These primitive sites are located along the banks of the Rum River with access to over 14 miles of hiking and biking trails and scenic woodlands. Sites are within walking distance from the band shell. Campfires are allowed in approved fire rings and designated areas.

Showers will be available on-site.

2019 Weekend Camping Rate (prices listed are for the entire weekend)

\$30 RV (\$10 per add-on tent to any site)

\$20 Tent

For reservations call Pete: 320-237-2657 or email: info@milacarecfest.com

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NEW EVENTS COORDINATOR AND TOURISM COORDINATOR FOR CITY OF MILACA, ASHLY HUGHES

Welcome Ashly Hughes to the City of Milaca. Ashly has accepted roles in our community as Community Events Coordinator and Tourism Coordinator. She is an Isanti native, joining the Princeton community in 2011 to take care of her grandfather, "the rest is history," Ashly says. In or near Princeton will forever be home to Ashly and her family. She is a mom of 3 children ages 4, 2, and 1 – you may catch her busy with her kids or running about for work as she greatly enjoys staying busy with the kiddos and being a working mom. Ashly has a background in events coordination working with several cities independently.



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CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

- ♦ THURSDAY JULY 4
- ♦ FRIDAY JULY 5
- ♦ MONDAY SEPT. 2

Bandshell Performances

Workshop Schedule



Thursday

7:00 to 7:45 Cross Country
8:00 to 8:45 FlattGrass Revival
9:00 to 10:00 Bandshell Jam



Friday

Tent #1

12:30 Vocal - Singleton Street
1:45 Bass - Singleton Street
3:00 Mandelin - Singleton Street



Friday

1:30 to 2:30 Campfire Bands
2:45 to 3:45 FlattGrass Revival
4:00 to 5:00 Maria & Marcelo
5:15 to 6:15 Tony Rook
6:30 to 7:30 Singleton Street
7:45 to 9:15 High 48's



Tent #2

12:30 Banjo - Tony Rook
1:45 Guitar - Tony Rook
3:00 Fiddle - Paul Blondell



Saturday

1:00 to 2:00 Harper's Chord
2:15 to 3:15 Silver River Band
3:30 to 4:30 Tony Rook
4:30 to 5:00 Dinner Break
& Wine Tasting
5:15 to 6:15 Singleton Street
6:30 to 7:30 Offbeats
7:45 to 9:15 Shaffer's Lost 40



Saturday

Tent #1

10:00 Banjo - Silver River Band
11:15 Fiddle - Silver River Band
12:30 Guitar - Lew Tousignant
2:15 Song Arrangement - Singleton Street



Sunday

10:00 to 10:45 Gospel Jam
11:00 to 12:00 Off Beats
12:15 to 1:15 Silver River Band
1:30 to 2:30 Mystery Mountain Boys



Tent #2

10:00 Mandolin - Tony Rook
11:15 Uke I - Bartig Brothers
12:30 Beginner Jam - Bill Cagley
2:15 Uke II - Bartig Brothers
3:30 Intermediate Jam - Bill Cagley



THANK YOU 2019 WORKSHOP SPONSORS!



2019 Gate Admission

\$30 - Weekend Pass (Fri, Sat & Sun)

\$20 - Friday & Saturday

\$10 - Sunday

\$10 - Youth Ages 13 - 18

Kids 12 and under are FREE with an adult admission.



facebook

Go to www.milacarecfest.com for more information. All events are held at the historic Rec Park Band Shell, 450 2nd St NW, Milaca MN 56353.

You may also email for more information at info@milacarecfest.com or call Pete Pedersen at 320-237-2657.

<https://www.facebook.com/MilacaRecfest/>

Events Coordinator Ashly Hughes, Continued

A few you may know: Wahkon, Albertville and Princeton. But her independent work doesn't end there. Being a successful small business owner since 2013 means Ashly understands business dynamics locally while understanding support needed to thrive in a small community.

Ashly is the mastermind behind putting together the DiscoverMilaca.com website, a bridge between community and events in Milaca.



Visit
www.discovermilaca.com
for events

Ashly has been working hard getting to know Milaca as a whole and adding new ideas to what currently exists such as additional Gateway to the Northland Events.

Ashly mentions she would LOVE it if we could get a ton of Facebook shares on these events as it was planned last minute with her coming on board at the beginning of April.

Be on the lookout for exciting things happening in Milaca this year, Milaca's Homegrown Music Fest,

the Milaca Fly-In grows with a STOL competition, band, plane rides and MORE.

If you haven't met Ashly yet, stop in at Milaca City Hall and say hi. She will appreciate getting to know you and the ideas you can bring to the table.

MILACA FINE ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES MUSIC IN THE PARK SCHEDULE

2019 Music in the Park

- June 13 - Everett Smithson Band
- June 27 - Hitchville
- July 11 - Powderfinger
- July 18 - Jah People

Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm | Rec Park - Milaca, MN

Brought to you by the Milaca Fine Arts Council and local sponsors. Thank you COMMUNITY for your support!

Find more info at:

MilacaArtsCenter.org &





RecFest & Rummage

July 25-27, 2019
8:00am-5:00pm



Milaca's Rummage will run in conjunction with RecFest!

Are you looking for an opportunity to de-clutter and earn some cash, or are you a dedicated garage saler? If so, mark your calendars as you won't want to miss this.

Come out and meet your neighbors, find bargains, and rummage through miscellaneous treasures.

Residents wishing to participate should submit a Milaca's Rum-

mage Registration Form found at the website www.discovermilaca.com or by calling Ashly at 320-983-6750 or email her at ahughes@milacacity.com.

Sales must be registered by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2019 in order to be included on the map.

A final map and list of all registered garage sales will be posted on our website www.discovermilaca.com by 4:30 p.m. on July 23, 2019.

Cancellations:

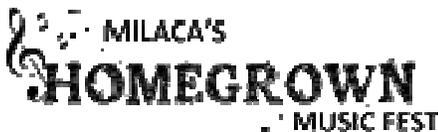
Please email ahughes@milacacity.com as soon as possible should you need to cancel your garage sale.

SIGNAGE: We are encouraging residents to be creative and make your own sign(s). Show your community pride by helping to promote Milaca's RecFest & Rummage. *Please be courteous and remove any garage sale sign you may have on display at the end of your sale.*

SAVE THE DATE

May 7-9,

Milaca's City Wide
GARAGE
2020 Sale



Saturday, August 24, 2019

Welcome to Milaca's First Annual Homegrown Music Fest. We have combined some of our favorite area bands into an all-day experience this community will not forget! Homegrown doesn't end there. We are also bringing some of your favorite local food venues to Rec Park for paid concessions worth the home-grown taste!

Noon to 10:00pm
Recreation Park Milaca, MN

Go to www.discovermilaca.com for admission prices and more information.



Be sure to join us at the Milaca Fly In August 3-4, 2019. There are many events planned for this event!

On Saturday, August 3 at 10 am, the Sodbusters Short Takeoff Landing (STOL) Competition begins. There will also be some air rides provided by Alexandria Aviation. There will also be food trucks with burgers, brats, walking tacos and more!

Then from 1-3 pm the North Memorial Helicopter and State Patrol will be present.

At 4 pm there will be an awards ceremony followed by a band and pig roast and beer garden!

As in the past, the American Legion in conjunction with the Boy Scouts will hold a flag retirement ceremony.

Don't forget about the American Legion Breakfast on Sunday, August 4. Breakfast will be served from 8 am to Noon. Pancakes, sausages, ham, eggs, juice, coffee and milk are the menu items. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for kids 6-12 years of age. Kids 5 and under eat free. This is an all you can eat event!

So, you're asking yourself, what is a STOL competition? STOL is an acronym for a short takeoff and landing. Pilots will try to land and take off as slowly and accurately as possible, doing their best to establish the shortest combined distance. The winner is defined by adding together take-off and landing distance.

The take-off distance is measured from the aircraft stop to the point at which the main wheels leave the ground the final time. The landing is the distance measured from the main wheels of the aircraft at a complete stop from the arrival line. If the aircraft touches before the arrival line, then the run is void.

So, why not come on out and join us for this fun-filled event. Click on the following link to read more about the STOL competition coming to Milaca: https://www.flyingmag.com/new-stol-competition-to-launch-in-minnesota?cmpid=ene20190416&fbclid=IwAR2s1yKZN_KIN5p-nmvqhgAPN9KoSLaHq0zKOIWuUO7vJKY02btYkbEKppY

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



Before hiring a contractor, visit our 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/workers/homeowners.

HAVE YOU NOTICED. . .

Our new digital sign? The City of Milaca has a new community board sign. It is at the same location right on Central Avenue by the Milaca Historical Museum. It is a bright, new digital sign! Can't miss it.

Event notices for the Milaca community will be posted for up to 2 weeks in advance.



Check out our new digital sign!

city council meetings and other meetings .

With this new technology, we will be able to post more colorful and lively pictures.

Be sure to check out this new sign regularly as notices and events will be changing.

We hope this will be another way of communi-

We will also be posting dates of cating with our residents.

To put up a notice, please contact Deloris at city hall at

dkatke@milacacity.com with your information. Or, you may drop off your written request at city hall. Form for written request can be found at our website: www.cityofmilaca.org.

All requests must be made in writing (no verbal information). This is to ensure information is received correctly.

NEW EVENTS WEBSITE

You may have noticed all the event ads in this newsletter article. You may have also noticed the same website repeated throughout this newsletter.

This new website, www.discovermilaca.com has been designed by our new Events Coordinator, Ashly Hughes.



Check out this new website for all our local events throughout the year.

If there is an event you would like to see Milaca host, please let Ashly know and we will see what we can do to get that event to Milaca.

Ashly's contact information is:

ahughes@milacacity.com

320-983-6750 Office

Enforcement actions: Unlicensed contractor fined \$20,500

- An unlicensed Maple Grove contractor contracted with multiple homeowners to perform remodeling projects, including plumbing and electrical work. In addition, the unlicensed contractor fraudulently used the license number of a similarly named residential building contractor to obtain permits. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from unlicensed residential building, electrical and plumbing contractor activity and fined \$20,500.

- A licensed Apple Valley residential building contractor performed unlicensed plumbing work during a kitchen remodel. The contractor agreed to be censured, cease and desist from unlicensed plumbing work, and pay a \$2,000 fine. An additional \$5,000 fine was stayed on the condition of no future violations.



- An unlicensed St. Cloud contractor was found to have engaged in unlicensed residential building contractor, plumbing and electrical work. The contractor was ordered to cease and desist from unlicensed activity and fined \$7,000.

View summaries of enforcement actions at www.dli.mn.gov/workers/homeowners/.

2020 CENSUS



Earn extra income while helping your community.

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count.

The 2020 Census jobs provide:

- ◆ Great pay
- ◆ Flexible hours
- ◆ Weekly pay
- ◆ Paid training

We are hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. Candidates must complete an online job application. The application includes assessment questions about your education, work, and other experience.

Positions for the 2020 Census are located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Explore our interactive map to find the pay rates in your county or city.

Go to www.2020census.gov for more information.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR NOTES

The office provides customer assistance in registering and transferring motor vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, and trailers. In addition to the above services, customer service is also provided for driver licenses (new, renewal, duplicates, standard, Real ID and/or Enhanced). Make sure to arrive at the Deputy Registrar's office no later than 4:00 p.m. to ensure you are able to complete your transaction.

Enhanced driver's license applications will only be accepted from 8:00 a.m. - noon and 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4 AND FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019.

The Minnesota Drivers License Examiners administer the **written drivers license test on the 2nd Thursday** each month from 9:00 - 11:15 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at City Hall in Milaca. These are "open times" which means people can come in anytime between those hours.

Behind the wheel driving tests are held on the remaining Thursdays at City Hall by appointment only.

To schedule behind the wheel driving tests call the Cambridge Exam Station on Tuesday or Wednesday at 763-689-7078 or the St. Cloud Exam Station, Monday through Friday, at 320-255-3044. **The Deputy Registrar's office does not schedule driving exams.**

Have questions about Real ID/Enhanced Driver's Licenses? When to get one? What is needed? You can click on the link below to take you to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's website to get those questions and more answered. Remember your standard driver's license or ID card can be used until October 1, 2020.

 [Minnesota Department of Public Safety](https://dps.mn.gov/Pages/default.aspx)
<https://dps.mn.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

**DEPUTY REGISTRAR'S
OFFICE NOW OPEN
8 AM—4:30 PM
WE ARE OPEN DURING
LUNCH HOUR!**

320-983-3143

Governor

Tim Walz signed a new hands-free



**HANDS-FREE
MINNESOTA LAW**
HandsFreeMN.org

cell phone bill into law

April 12 to help further reduce distractions behind the wheel.

Starting Aug. 1, drivers will no longer be able to hold their cell phones in their hands.

They will be able to use their phones to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single touch activation without holding the phone.

Remember, hands-free is not necessarily distraction-free. We want Minnesotans to stay safe, stay alive and stay out of trouble under the new law.

Renewable Energy

Like many homeowners, you may be thinking about harnessing the 'free' energy of wind and sun to reduce your carbon footprint and utility bills. Good for you, and good for the planet! However, installing the equipment for these types of systems can be expensive and complicated. It's important to weigh expenses versus outcome, and to explore other less costly ways to save.

What's the Problem?

Before jumping into renewable energy there are three items to consider:

Location: Your home's location can be a show-stopper. Is there enough exposure to sun on your roof or yard? Your neighbor's garage or tree is not going to move. Also consider the growth of young trees or any planned building projects.

Project Priority: To make your home more comfortable and energy efficient, there are probably 20 easier, less expensive projects with higher monetary return that should be done first.

Technical Details: A successful renewable project involves many complex technical details. Do the right thing first. Hire a professional team with experience in your city.

The renewable energy equation differs for existing homes versus new construction.

1. For an existing home there are many variables that can't be changed. After making your home as efficient as possible you can then add a properly sized system (i.e. smaller). The process may require considerable yard space for equipment and/or roof reinforcement. However, energy needs can be partially offset with a less extensive system.
2. New homes can be built with a combination of energy efficient architecture, proper orientation to the sun, renewable energy systems and efficient appliances, lighting and electronics. These features may cost more than traditional new construction, but will save money (and the planet!) over time. Renewable systems might include solar photovoltaic cells, solar hot water and wind turbines.

Solving the Problem

If you own a home...

- First find all the ways your home may be wasting energy and eliminate them. Otherwise your renewable energy system will need to be larger and more costly to make up for the waste. A Certified Energy Professional can do a home performance assessment to uncover and solve energy waste and comfort issues. Look for an Energy Pro who can also assess the property for renewable energy opportunities.
- If you are planning a big remodel where walls will be opened up, make your home "renewable-ready" by running necessary wires and pipes from the roof to the mechanical room. A renewable system can then be easily added any time after the remodel.
- Community Solar Gardens are springing up! Buy shares and harness the sun without putting any equipment on your property. Check with city hall or your utility company for information.

If you are building a new home...

It's about location, orientation and selecting the right team (architect, builder, Energy professional, etc.) to turn your vision of an energy efficient, environmentally sustainable home into reality. If you can't afford the renewables at the time of construction, make certain you make the home ready for renewables.



MEETING DATES

CITY COUNCIL

July 18
August 15
September 19

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

July 8
August 12
September 9

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

PARKS BOARD

*July 9 @Rec Park
August 13

Park Board meetings are held the first Tuesday in the even months at 6:30 p.m. at Milaca American Legion

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

July 22
August 19
September 23

EDC meetings are held the Monday after city council meetings of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Milaca City Hall.

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. ***indicates a change in date.**



TALL GRASS COMPLAINTS

It's that time of the year when the City of Milaca gets complaints on neighbors not mowing grass and the seeds then germinating in the neighbor's yard.

What can you do to alleviate this problem? Simple. Keep your grass mowed and maintained. By doing this dandelions don't have a chance to seed out.

Another suggestion is if you know you are going to be gone for longer than a week, you may want to contact someone to mow your grass for you while you are gone. Chances are a neighbor or a neighbor's grandchild or friend, etc. would mow for you if asked. It's just what neighbors do.

Our building and zoning official, Marshall Lind, drives around and checks for tall grass. If your yard is in violation of our ordinance, you will be sent a courtesy letter advising you to mow your grass. This letter gives you another 5 days to take care of this issue. Keep in mind a couple of things, the letter he sends is a courtesy letter and by giving you an additional 5 days, your grass is pretty long by this time. If the city sends you a letter and you have mowed from the time of the inspection, then there is nothing more you need to do other than keep lawn maintained. If you have not mowed and you have received the letter, please mow your lawn. We are very proud of our city and we hope you will do your part to help keep your city looking good.



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 Stop in at city hall to pick up a copy.

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

www.cityofmilaca.org

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