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# REFLECTIONS

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Rasmussen**

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## Chief of Police Quinn Rasmussen

The City of Milaca is proud to introduce its new Chief of Police, Quinn Rasmussen. Quinn is replacing former Chief Todd Quaintance.

Quinn Has been a police officer in Milaca for five years as well as a Part-Time Mille Lacs County Deputy. Quinn has expressed his excitement for the new challenges ahead. He is also honored to serve the growing community, and lead an exceptional group of officers.

Quinn finds great value in the concerns of the community and also feels it is important for them to be aware of any ongoing issues within the city. If you have any questions or concerns for Chief Rasmussen, his contact information can be found on the city's website: <https://www.cityofmilaca.org/police>

**Milaca Police Department**  
“Serve with Honor – Protect with Courage”



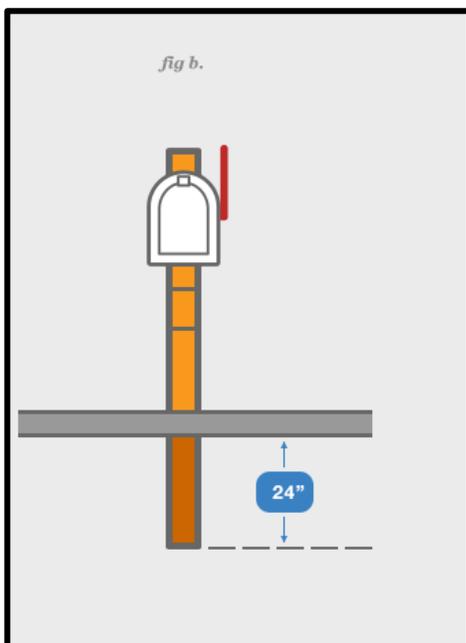
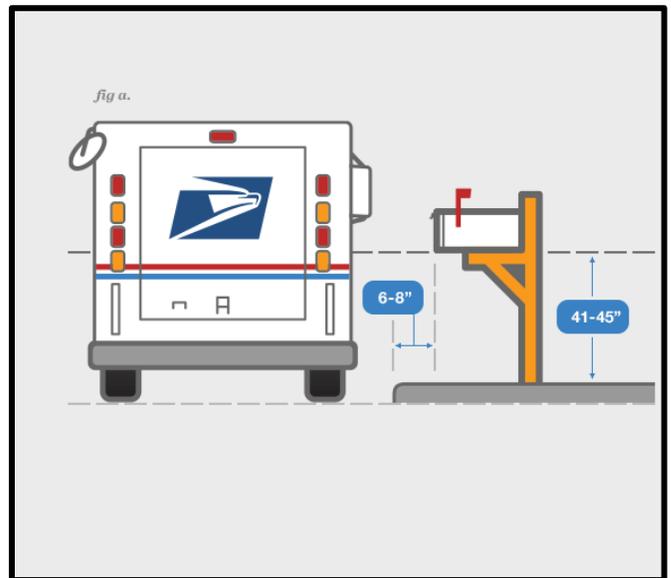
# Building & Zoning Notes

Marshall Lind, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer — (320) 983-3141

## INSTALLATION AND PLACEMENT OF MAILBOXES

*Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.*

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.
- Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.
- Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.
- If your mailbox is on a different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box.



The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. The Federal Highway Administration recommends:

- A 4" x 4" wooden support or a 2"-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.
- Avoid unyielding and potentially dangerous supports, like heavy metal pipes, concrete posts, and farm equipment (e.g., milk cans filled with concrete).
- Bury your post no more than 24" deep.

**Exterior Structure: Street Numbers**      **Ordinance 303.3**  
 Each structure to which a street number has been assigned shall have such number displayed in a position easily observed and readable from the public way. All numbers shall be in Arabic numerals at least 3 inches high and ½ - inch stroke.

**SHEDS, OUTBUILDINGS, AND STORAGE**

*The City of Milaca has specifically addressed any concerns regarding storage of your seasonal items.*

**Ordinance 156.102 Storage Standards**

- *Exterior storage.* All materials and equipment shall be stored within a building or fully screened so they will not be visible from adjoining properties, except for the following: laundry drying and currently licensed recreational equipment, construction and landscaping materials and equipment currently being used on the premises, agricultural equipment and materials if these are uses or otherwise regulated herein. Currently licensed boats, currently licensed unoccupied recreational vehicles and currently licensed fish houses are permissible if stored in the rear yard not less than five feet distant from any property line.
- No RVs, campers, travel trailers, motor homes, tents, fish houses or other recreational vehicles may be occupied or hooked up to utilities in any zoning district for more than five days in a 30 - day time frame except in a designated campground area.

**Ordinance 156.057 Accessory Buildings, Structures, And Uses**

- No accessory building or structure other than a fence or a temporary construction office shall be permitted on any lot prior to the time of construction of the principal building.
- No detached accessory building shall be located in the front yard.
- A detached garage or utility building shall meet the following requirements:
  - a) Side yard setback shall be a minimum of five feet from the side lot line.
  - b) Rear yard setback shall be five feet from the rear lot line.
  - c) An accessory building shall not exceed 20 feet in height.
  - d) Accessory building shall not be larger or taller than the principal building.
- The architectural design and appearance of all buildings in the residential zone must have residential type siding as determined by Zoning Administrator.
- **No tarp like structures allowed;**
- No corrugated metal.

## Liquor Store Notes

Vicki Jeys, Manager — (320) 983-6255

If you have not been in for a bit, stop on over and check out our clean, organized store. We are keeping your health in mind as we make sure everything is disinfected!

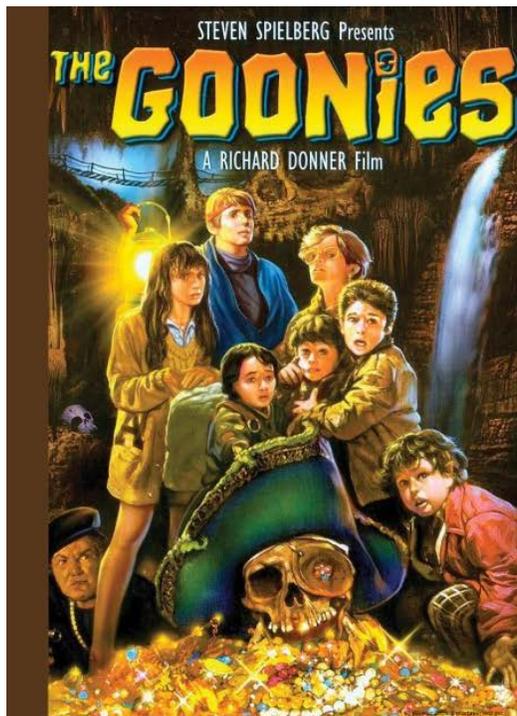
We have a huge variety of beer, liquor, and wine! We also have monthly specials, and there's always a great bargain in our close-out section.

Our summer hours are:

- Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

I hope everyone has a great summer!

Remember — Milaca is a great place to live, work, and play!



## MOVIE IN THE PARK

**THURSDAY, JULY 16**

**Movie starts around 9:30 p.m.  
at the Rec Park Bandshell**

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# Deputy Registrar Notes

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

## NEW HOURS, NEW PROCESSES

Covid-19 has changed many day-to-day business procedures. Read on for information regarding Milaca's Deputy Registrar.

The Deputy Registrar is back open! Our hours have changed due to current events. Monday and Friday we are closed to the public for dealer work and drop box work. We are open to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. by appointment only. Appointments can be made on our website [www.cityofmilaca.org/registrar](http://www.cityofmilaca.org/registrar) or by calling. We are trying very hard to help everyone, so please be patient with us. We appreciate all of our customers and we want to make sure everyone gets what they need in a timely manner.

We do welcome everyone to utilize the drop box, located by the entrance, for tab renewals, DNR transactions, and even title transfers! We check the box every day and complete the work as quickly as possible. Please fill out the provided form to go with the paperwork dropped off.

If you need a driver's license, please make an appointment as soon as you can. Any license that expired from March 13 through the end of the peacetime emergency is valid until 60 days after the last day of the emergency. The peacetime emergency is currently set to expire on July 13<sup>th</sup>, extending the expiration date for driver's licenses, ID cards and permits to September 30.



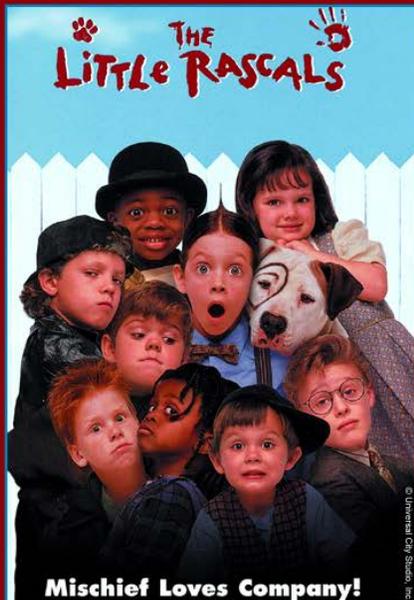
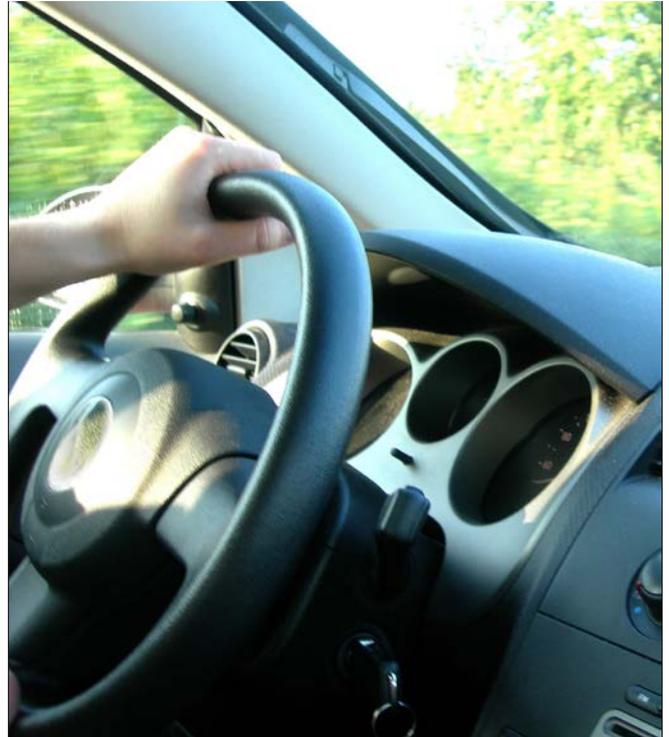
If you want a Real or Enhanced driver's license, please read the requirements on the website [drive.mn.gov](http://drive.mn.gov) before you come in for your appointment. The new license options are NOT required unless you want to fly domestically in the United States, go into Federal buildings that require ID checks, or into military bases. You can also use a passport book or passport card for all of the above.

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Please be aware that our office is not currently doing road tests or written tests at this time, as DVS examiners are staying at the exam stations. The closest to Milaca is the St. Cloud exam station – (320) 407-8888. They are offering walk-ins for written tests, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Any road tests will need to be scheduled online at [drive.mn.gov](http://drive.mn.gov).

If you have any questions for us, feel free to call us at (320) 983-3143, leave a detailed message, and we will call you back as soon as we can!

We are so thrilled to be back open to the public! We appreciate all of our customers, thank you for trusting us to serve you! Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you soon!



## Movie in the Park

**Thursday, August 6**

**Movie starts about 1/2 hour after  
sunset at the Rec Park Bandshell**

## CITY OF MILACA ORDINANCES ON ANIMALS

Keep reading to see if your furry little buddy is breaking the law.

### Ordinance 95.02 Dogs and Cats

#### — License Required

- All dogs over the age of four months kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the city, shall be licensed and registered with the city. Dog licenses shall be for a period of two years, and shall be issued by the City Manager-Clerk upon payment of the license fee as established by Chapter 34 of this code (\$15 for first dog, \$15 for second dog, \$30 for third dog), as it may be amended from time to time. The owner shall state, at the time application is made for the license and upon forms provided, his or her name and address and the name, breed, color, and sex of each dog owned or kept by him or her. No license shall be granted for a dog that has not been vaccinated against distemper and rabies, as evidenced by a certificate by a veterinarian qualified to practice in the state in which the dog is vaccinated.
- Cats shall be included as controlled by this division insofar as running at large, pick-up, impounding, boarding, licensing, and proof of anti-rabies vaccine is concerned. All other provisions of this section shall also apply to cats unless otherwise provided.

#### — Vaccination

- All dogs and cats kept, harbored, maintained, or transported within the city shall be vaccinated at least once every three years by a licensed veterinarian for:



- Rabies, with a live modified vaccine
- Distemper
- A certificate of vaccination must be kept on which is stated the date of vaccination, owner's name and address, the animal's name (if applicable), sex, description and weight, the type of vaccine, and the veterinarian's signature.

The complete text of each ordinance can be found at:  
<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/milaca/latest/overview>

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**Ordinance 95.05 Kennels**

The keeping of four or more dogs or no more than four domestic animals on the same premises, whether owned by the same person or not and for whatever purpose kept, shall constitute a kennel; except that a fresh litter may be kept for a period of three months before that keeping shall be deemed to be a Kennel.

- Because the keeping of four or more dogs or four or more domestic animals on the same premises is subject to great abuse, causing discomfort to persons in the area by way of smell, noise, hazard, and general aesthetic depreciation, the keeping of four or more dogs or four or more domestic animals on the premises is hereby declared to be a nuisance and no person shall keep or maintain a kennel within the city.

**Ordinance 95.03 Non-Domestic Animals**

It shall be illegal for any person to own, possess, harbor, or offer for sale any non-domestic animal within the city.

NON-DOMESTIC ANIMALS shall include:

- Any member of the large cat family (family Felidae) excluding commonly accepted domesticated house cats;
- Any naturally wild member of the canine family (family Canidae) excluding commonly accepted domesticated dogs;
- Any crossbreeds such as the crossbreed between a wolf and a dog, unless the crossbreed is commonly accepted as a domesticated house pet;

- Any member or relative of the rodent family including any skunk (whether or not descended), raccoon, squirrel, or ferret, but excluding those members otherwise defined or commonly accepted as domesticated pets;
- Any poisonous, venomous, constricting, or inherently dangerous member of the reptile or amphibian families including rattlesnakes, boa constrictors, pit vipers, crocodiles, and alligators; or
- Any other animal which is not explicitly listed above but which can be reasonably defined by the terms of this section, including but not limited to bears, deer, monkeys, and game fish.

**Ordinance 95.04 Farm Animals**

Farm animals shall only be kept in an agricultural district of the city, or on a residential lot of at least ten acres in size provided that no animal shelter shall be within 300 feet of an adjoining piece of property.

Those animals commonly associated with a farm or performing work in an agricultural setting. Unless otherwise defined, FARM ANIMALS shall include members of the equestrian family (horses, mules), bovine family (cows, bulls), sheep, poultry (chickens, turkeys), fowl (ducks, geese), swine (including



Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs), goats, bees, and other animals associated with a farm, ranch, or stable.

## NEW FACES IN THE CITY

Please welcome these new employees of the City of Milaca.

### Diana Klages — Deputy Registrar

- Diana started as part-time Motor Vehicle Clerk in March, moving to full-time at the end of May. She brings three years' experience as Property and Records Clerk with Mille Lacs County, and has quickly become a significant asset to the City of Milaca.

### Troy Roelofs — Public Works

- Troy started with the City of Milaca at the end of June. Prior to his employment with Public Works, he was Master of Technology with Zylstra Harley-Davidson for 14 years.

## CITY CALENDAR\*

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

### July 16, 2020

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Movie in the Park: The Goonies (PG) 9:30 p.m. Rec Park

### August 6, 2020

Movie in the Park: The Little Rascals (PG) 9:00 p.m. Rec Park

### August 11, 2020

Primary Election Day

### August 20, 2020

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### September 7, 2020

City Offices Closed

### September 17, 2020

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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