



REFLECTIONS

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER
2020

VOLUME 16, ISSUE 4

**General
Election
November 3,
2020**

A circular graphic with a white border, filled with a pattern of vibrant autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow.

**Liquor
Store
Notes**

A circular graphic with a white border, filled with a pattern of vibrant autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow.

**Fire
Prevention
Week &
more!**

A circular graphic with a white border, filled with a pattern of vibrant autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow.

General Election November 3, 2020

This year's general election is not just a presidential election; there's also local and state candidates running for a variety of roles within the area. In addition to City Council and Mayoral races, there are positions with both the U.S. and State Senate and House of Representatives. The School Board race is also a place where you'll want your voice to be heard.

City Hall is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for in-person voting. If you're not comfortable with that, you can request an absentee ballot.

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State website (<https://www.mnvotes.org>) has all the information you'll need to request an absentee ballot. You can also see a sample ballot for your precinct. Locally, information can be obtained from the Mille Lacs County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at (320)983-8310.

Let's keep Minnesota as one of the highest voter turnout states while making sure to #StaySafeMN.



2020 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Rec Park Benefits from Troop 19 Boy Scouts



Aiden Staup, for his Eagle Scout project, created a community firepit at Rec Park. As shown above, the project also included three benches and two side tables.

Building & Zoning Notes

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

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

This colorless, odorless, tasteless gas, when inhaled, prevents blood from absorbing oxygen. Read on to learn more about carbon monoxide as you get your HVAC ready for Fall and Winter.

How can I tell if CO is present?

- Unusually high indoor humidity with persistent heavy condensation on walls and windows.
- Stuffy or stale indoor air, soot or water collecting near a burner or vent.

What are the signs of CO exposure?

<p>Mild exposure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slight headache • Vomiting • Nausea • Fatigue • Blurred Vision • Flu-like symptoms that disappear when the person breathes fresh air 	<p>Medium exposure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowsiness • Confusion • Severe headache • Rapid heart rate 	<p>Severe exposure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convulsions • Unconsciousness • Cardiac/respiratory arrest • Even death
--	---	---

Treatment for CO exposure is fresh air or oxygen. Severe exposure requires medical attention.

What do I do if I suspect CO is present?

1. Open windows to ventilate the area.
2. Shut off your furnace and other fuel-burning appliances.
3. If you're experiencing physical symptoms, get everyone, including pets, out of your building.
4. If you have an attached garage, open the largest garage door.
5. If you suspect problems with your appliances, call your gas appliance dealer or CenterPoint Energy's Customer Service.
6. If CO is discovered, don't return to your building until the source is found and the problem corrected.
7. **Get to fresh air and call 911.**

How do I stay safe?

Purchase a CO detection device with an audible alarm and a digital display, installed near bedrooms for added protection. Look for the Underwriters Laboratories Standard 2034 (UL) stamp on the box and carefully follow the manufacturer's directions for operation, placement, and maintenance. See more at: <https://www.centerpointenergy.com/en-us/residential/safety/carbon-monoxide?sa=mn>

WHO NEEDS A LICENSE TO BUILD, REMODEL, OR RE-ROOF?

A building contractor, remodeler, or roofer license is required for anyone who contracts directly with a homeowner to provide building construction services in more than one skill area.

What's the difference between a residential building contractor license and a residential remodeler license?

A residential remodeler can only perform work on existing structures; they cannot build new homes or detached garages. A residential building contractor can perform all of the work that a residential remodeler can plus they can build new structures.

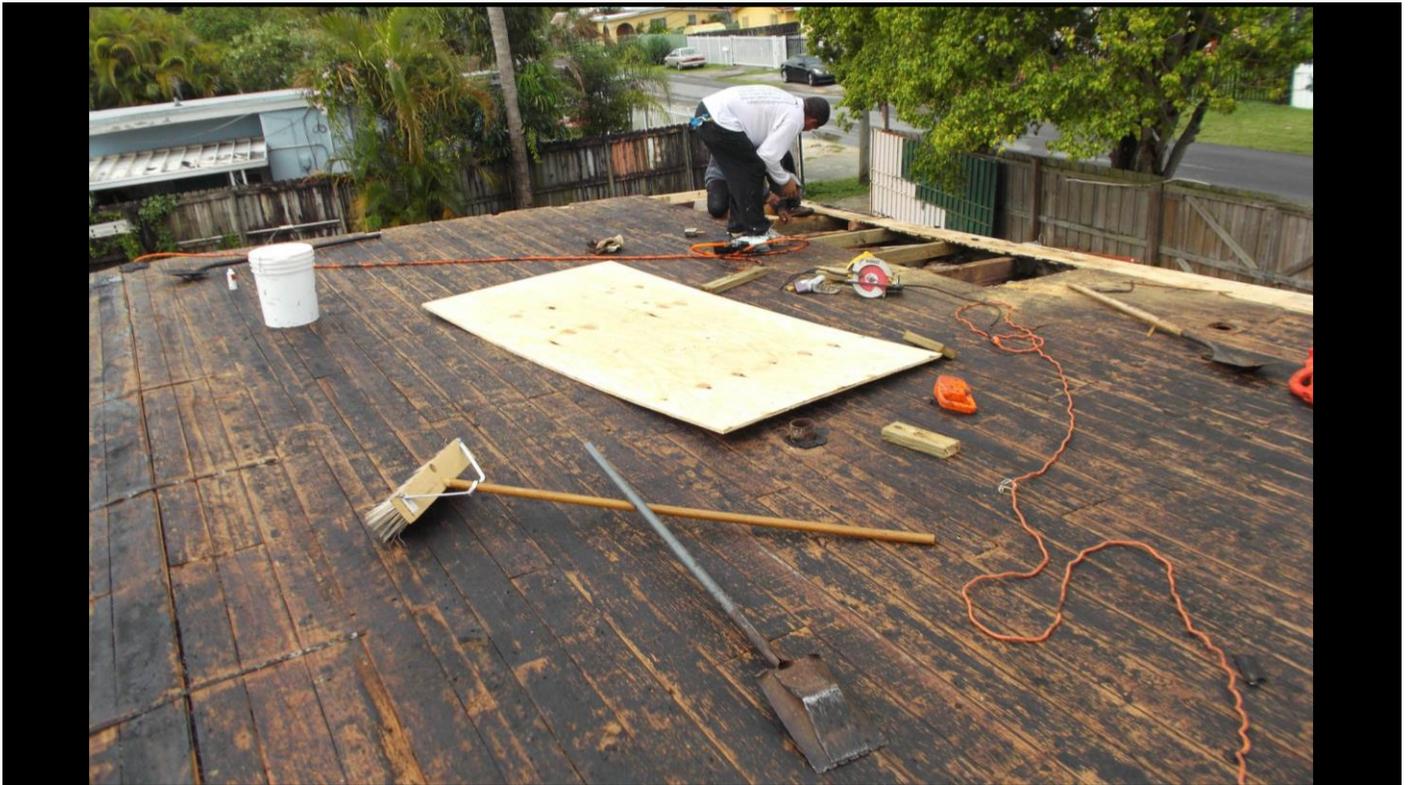
What is a special skill area?

A contractor who provides services in more than one special skill area must be licensed. Specialty contractors who provide only one special skill are not required to have a state license ([except residential roofers](#)).

Special skill means one of the following eight categories

- Excavation
- Masonry/Concrete
- Carpentry
- Interior Finishing
- Exterior Finishing
- Drywall and Plaster
- Roofing
- General Installation Specialties

The website of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (<https://www.dli.mn.gov/>) has all this information, plus much more if you're interested.



Liquor Store Notes

Vicki Jeys, Manager — (320) 983-6255

Well, to say the least, this has been a very interesting 2020. We are continuing to try to keep everyone safe, as well as keeping you happy.

Please stop by and say Hello to our friendly staff — we always try to have a smile for you! We are open from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and open Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fall is in the air, so we can start planning camp fires and Holiday parties. Let us help you pick out something fun and tasty to make your party great! We have many Oktoberfest beers, pumpkin liqueur, Baileys Apple Pie, and O'Reillys Peanut Butter Country Cream.



Brew Fest 2020 will be on Friday, October 2, 2020 at Stones Throw Golf Course from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 at the door. We will have a variety of fall-inspired brews and some wines and liquors, including creams, whiskeys, and Bloody Marys, just to list a few.

Remember Military Monday and Senior Wednesday both are 10% off regular priced purchase.

For Halloween we will be giving out Adult and Child treats from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 30th as part of Milaca's Daytime Trick-Or-Treat: Jack-O'-Lantern Trail.

Thank you to all of our wonderful customers; we could not have survived this season without your support.



MILACA'S DAYTIME TRICK OR TREAT EVENT:

THE JACK-O'-LANTERN TRAIL!

Friday, October 30, 2020, 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Deputy Registrar Notes

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

From REAL ID to appointment hours to system upgrades, the Milaca Deputy Registrar is here to help you out.

We are now offering appointment times on Monday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., along with our Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. appointments. Monday afternoons and Fridays, we are closed to the public to do dealer work and drop box work.

Appointments can be made on our website cityofmilaca.org/registrar. We are trying very hard to help everyone, so please be patient with us. We have opened up more time spots due to more staffing, so we are about a month out for most new appointments, but always be on the lookout for cancellations and for new spots opening. We appreciate all of our customers and we want to make sure everyone gets what they need in a timely manner.

Please utilize the drop box in front of our door for tab renewals, DNR transactions, and even title transfers! 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. 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.

If you want a Real or Enhanced driver's license, please read the requirements on the website 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.



Please be advised that if you are coming from out of state, you are required to do a written test. We have had a lot of people making an appointment with us, then showing for their appointment without doing the written test, and then having to make yet another appointment for the written test at an exam station. Again, this is only for out of state drivers and reinstatement requirements.

In other news, the state is getting an updated system that will combine our driver license and motor vehicle systems together. The new system rollout date is Monday, November 16, 2020. We have very high hopes for it, as it is basically an upgraded version of our current driver's license system. We will be closed from Wednesday, November 11th – Friday, November 13th for the switchover to the new system.

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

We appreciate all of our customers, so thank you for trusting us to serve you! Have a wonderful Fall! We hope to see you soon!

Fire Department Notes

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

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND OPEN HOUSE

October 4, 2020 Begins Fire Prevention Week

- Test smoke detectors and replace batteries when you change your clocks for the end of Daylight Saving Time.
- Make sure your family has a designated meeting place if they have to leave the house due to a fire.
- For a full run-down on fire preparedness, go to this webpage:
www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week/About

**2nd Annual
MILACA FIRE AND RESCUE
OPEN HOUSE**

*October 24th
11:00am - 4:00pm*

**MILACA
FIRE
Est. 1896**

**COME MEET YOUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS,
SEE THE FIRE TRUCKS, GEAR, AND TOOLS USED!**

**OCTOBER 24TH
11:00AM - 4:00PM
MILACA FIRE DEPARTMENT
1005 CENTRAL AVE N
MILACA, MN 56353**

**ENJOY GREAT FOOD, GRAB A PUMPKIN,
AND HAVE FUN WITH GAMES & ACTIVITIES.
(FREE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)
COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE.**

FOLLOW US ON

WINTER WEATHER APPROACHES

Ordinance 71.36 Parking Restrictions

(A) In order to facilitate snow removal from the public streets of the city from November 1 through April 1 of each year, no vehicle shall be parked upon any public street in the city between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Violation of this section shall result in a fine. If the fine is not paid within ten days, the fine shall increase. (Ord. passed 10-20-94)

(B) No person shall park any motor vehicle on any street for a period of time that results in the vehicle being plowed in by a city owned or contracted snow removal vehicle. A vehicle plowed in shall be in violation of this subchapter. Violation of this section shall result in a fine. If the fine is not paid within ten days, the fine shall increase. (74 Code, § 720:05) (Ord. passed 4-20-95)

(C) The Engineer or Superintendent of the Street Department is hereby authorized to post No Parking signs for snow removal along streets where snow removal operations will require the use of the entire width of the street by snow plowing and snow removing equipment. These signs shall be posted at frequent intervals at least four hours prior to the time when snow removal commences on the street so posted, and the signs shall be removed promptly after completion of the snow removal operation. Snow removal shall be done on any street so posted as soon as possible following a lapse of four hours after posting the signs. No person shall park any vehicle, nor leave any vehicle which was parked at the time of posting for a period of more than two hours thereafter, in any block on any street so posted during the time the signs are posted thereon, and it shall be unlawful for any person other than an authorized representative of the Street Department or Police Department of the city to remove these signs. (74 Code, § 700:169.34) Penalty, see § 10.99



Please be sure to notify your tenants if you have a rental property and please notify any visitors you may have during these months. This Ordinance applies whether it has snowed or not. If you have any questions regarding winter parking, please call Milaca Police Department at (320)983-6166.

STAY SAFE MN

COVID-19 GRANTS & LOANS

CARES Act Funding

City of Milaca COVID-19 Economic Relief Grants are available in amounts up to \$10,000.

COVID-19 Business Assistance Loan Program - EDC

The City of Milaca Economic Development Commission aims to provide emergency financing for businesses that are experiencing financial hardships due to the executive orders related to COVID-19 business restrictions, and has allocated up to \$20,000 for an emergency assistance fund.

Please check our website for guidelines and applications for each of these programs.
<https://www.cityofmilaca.org/covid19business>

NEW FACES IN THE CITY

Please welcome these new employees of the City of Milaca.

Milaca Municipal Liquor Store

- Jaysen Fern started part-time in July
- Wallace Stockley started part-time in August



Once again, the City of Milaca is hosting a daytime trick-or-treat activity. Parents and caregivers of young children will tour Milaca businesses to trick-or-treat. Treats can include candy, as well as promotional material directed towards spreading the amenities of your business. For more information go to:

<https://www.cityofmilaca.org/JOLT>

CITY CALENDAR*

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

October 15, 2020

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

October 30, 2020

🎃 Daytime Trick or Treat: The Jack-O'-Lantern Trail 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. 🎃

November 3, 2020

🗳️ General Election Day 🗳️

November 11, 2020

🇺🇸 City Offices Closed – Veterans Day 🇺🇸

November 19, 2020

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

November 26 – 27, 2020

🐓 City Offices Closed – Thanksgiving 🐓

December 17, 2020

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

December 24, 2020

🎅 City Offices Closed at 1:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve 🎅

December 25, 2020

🎄 City Offices Closed – Christmas Day 🎄

ADMINISTRATION ☎ (320)983-3141

City Manager Tammy Pfaff tpfaff@milacacity.com
 City Treasurer Jackie Ness jness@milacacity.com
 Assistant City Clerk Deloris Katke dkatke@milacacity.com
 Building & Zoning Official Marshall Lind
 mlind@milacacity.com
 Administrative Assistant Mary Mickelson
 mmickelson@milacacity.com

DEPUTY REGISTRAR ☎ (320)983-3143

Amy Cain depreg@milacacity.com
 Sue Rutherford
 Cynthia Johnson
 Diana Klages

MILACA OFF SALE ☎ (320)983-6255

Vicki Jeys, Manager liquor@frontiernet.net

POLICE DEPARTMENT ☎ (320)983-6166

Chief Quinn Rasmussen qrasmussen@milacacity.com
 Officer Jeff Shaw jshaw@milacacity.com
 Officer Mike Barros mbarros@milacacity.com
 Officer Jake Isaacson jisaacson@milacacity.com
 Officer Craig Elgin celgin@milacacity.com
 Officer Henry Harris hharris@milacacity.com
 Becky Porter, Office Administration rporter@milacacity.com

PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS ☎ (320)983-6547

Gary Kirkeby, Public Works Supervisor gkirkeby@milacacity.com
 John Oldenburg
 Jake Weinreich
 Mark Wubben
 Warne Johnson
 Troy Roelofs



Reflections is produced every three months.

If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please contact city hall via phone or email and we will send a pdf copy to you of **Reflections**.

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

www.cityofmilaca.org/newsletter

Next issue will be available in January 2021.

**CITY OF MILACA
 255 1ST ST E
 MILACA MN 56353**

**(320) 983-3141
 (320) 983-3142 FAX**

www.cityofmilaca.org

CITY COUNCIL DIRECTORY

Mayor Harold "Pete" Pedersen	(320)982-2340
Councilmember Dave Dillan	(320)983-3204
Councilmember Norris Johnson	(320)983-6837
Councilmember Lindsee Larsen	(320)982-1088
Councilmember Cory Pedersen	(320)982-1938