

JULY 3, 2018

Milan City Hall

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

BW BEASLEY

Welcome to Summertime Folks. In case you have not noticed, the temperatures are rising, grass is growing, flowers are blooming and the mosquitoes are working overtime this year. I love getting out in the summer evenings to see all that is happening in our town. The ball park is filled with all kinds of tournaments and family reunions. The playgrounds and pool are full of families enjoying time off from their hectic school schedules.

Economic progress is being

made as Global Track has starting hiring and has put up new signs at the facility. Our downtown Bed and Breakfast is making great strides as they prepare for a late fall opening. If you have not driven by this area, please get out and see the beautiful work that is happening there. The Farmers' Market is operating out of the CSX parking lot next to City Hall. Please come out and support your local farmers, gardeners and artisans on Friday's and Saturday's (starting at 7:00 am).

Wendy's has made a nice improvement to their current location and ready to serve you at their remodeled building. Advance Financial has opened their doors and built a very nice business. Leaders Credit Union is close to opening for business and what a great addition this is to our City. I encourage all of you to support your local businesses and shop at home every opportunity you can.

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I love this city and all that it has to offer. I am passionate about my role in seeing us succeed and grow as we become a leading City of West Tennessee. Join me in this mission as we continue to grow and prosper. Wishing you and your family the best summer. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Mayor B.W. Beasley

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NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

MILAN SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

We hope to see you for some, if not all, the great activities we offer here at your Senior Citizen Center. Our goal is to give you a place to come for fun and fellowship with other senior citizens instead of sitting home alone. We also work hard to keep you active as long as possible. Come on down and check us out, you may just get hooked!!!

We will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day!

Please be sure to keep up with our monthly events by visiting the City's website, or you can click here.



MILAN PUBLIC WORKS

Claw truck Service

As mentioned in last quarter's newsletter, as a result of more restrictive regulations from TDEC (Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation), the City curbside claw-truck service has been modified. The

only items allowed to be burned in the City Air Curtain Destructor (Pit burner) are clean brush and wood. As a result, all citizens have been required to separate their claw truck debris into two separate and distinctive piles in their yard. Any brush and clean wood in one pile and other acceptable debris in the second pile. These piles are being collected on different days of the month to allow us to follow the stricter TDEC regulations. Clean wood and brush are being collected on weeks one and three and all other acceptable debris on weeks two and four. We hope every citizen received the set of MPW policies with your utility bill concerning the start up of this new policy and all other MPW policies. If you have any issues with your claw truck service or any other MPW service please feel free to contact us at the Milan Public Works office (731) 686-1611.

Drainage Improvements

The heat is on and so are the summer opportunities to work on projects without as much threat of rain. We have recently rebuilt a drain box on Meadowbrook and replaced a portion of culvert that a tree damaged. We are currently working on deteriorated drain boxes on Garmany Street near the old Seagull building. We have plans to replace some deteriorated culverts on Caldwell Street in the near future.

Paving

PRi patched the following locations in the past quarter



where asphalt had failed: Hayes, Culpepper, Meadowbrook, Meadowbrook Cove and Lusk streets. Martin Paving also did some overlay repair in a few locations: Fairfield Dr, Salem St, Algee Ln, Oakwood Dr, Smith/E. Jackson intersection.

Downtown

Summer flowers are blooming and the downtown area looks great. Recently we opened up the courtyard area just north of the MSSD administration building to allow access to the large city owned parking lot behind LA Realty. Landscaping has been trimmed and everything freshly mulched. Our recent Food Truck Friday next door to City Hall was a tremendous success and we learned we need more vendors to support the great turnout. Thank you for the support and please help us grow this great event going forward as more dates are scheduled.

City Park

The hot weather is here and so is the summer crowd at the Park. The pool has been packed daily! Spring sports have officially ended, but church league softball has now begun. The Saddle Club recently had a



very successful event with an even larger event scheduled for July 20-21. Our first county-wide Relay for Life event was awesome! Our first Movie in the Park of the year brought hundreds to our beautiful park and the second Movie in the Park (The Lion King) has been rescheduled for July 27th. We will continue as planned to show "Wonder" on July 6th. The new park campground is fully functional and being utilized even more than we imagined. This is providing a new revenue source for our park. Pavilion rentals are up and park activities are in full swing. If you need info on a sporting event, pavilion rental, campground reservation or anything else about the park please give us a call at MPW 686-1611.

From everyone at Milan Public Works and Park/Rec...We hope everyone has a great summer!!

MILAN PUBLIC UTILITIES

MPU recently completed replacement of power lines and poles on Parker Lane and some of Germantown Road which is another step in our efforts to replace aging

electric infrastructure to improve reliability.

We have had great response from our customers affected by our power line upgrade on Spring Creek Hwy and Roy Hargrove Road as we completed make ready work for Jackson Energy Authority's request to provide multi-phase service to a wastewater lift station in that area. The Gibson County Highway Department staff helped us tremendously on this project. THANK YOU to these fine public servants!

Tree trimming contractors are very close to finishing the Hwy 220 and Hwy 104 area in Carroll County and the north side of the Milan City Limits. Their work is a major part in MPU's efforts to be a more reliable and resilient power provider.

Summer Energy Saving Tips

- Take a break: Surprisingly, running your dishwasher instead of washing dishes by hand actually saves water.
- Enjoy the season: Instead of putting your clothes in the dryer, take advantage of the warm weather and line dry your garments.
- Keep it cool: Use the cold water setting when washing clothes. This can cut your bill by 4%.
- Cover up: Keep windows covered during the day by closing blinds or drapes to

keep out solar heat.

- Insulate it: Prevent the heat building on top of your house from filtering down into other areas by insulating your attic.
- Change it up: Switch the direction of airflow on ceiling fans. The blades should spin counterclockwise during the summertime.
- Ditch the oven: Microwaves not only get your food on the table faster, but they also generate less heat.
- Made in the shade: Keep your air-conditioner shielded from direct sunlight.
- Weather-strip and caulk: Taking the time to do this around doors and windows keeps the cool air in and hot air out.
- Try a fan: Whole house fans work to cool your home by driving cold air through the house and draining warm air through the attic.
- Unplug: Turn off power strips or unplug devices to eliminate phantom power usage and reduce the heat these products generate.
- Let it shine: Install compact fluorescent lightbulbs in your most used fixtures for big savings.



MILAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A Day Spent with Veterans

A few MPD officers spent their Tuesday hanging out with some of the Veterans from the TN State Veterans Home in Humboldt. They really enjoyed getting to go to the firing range and doing a little target practice. One of the gentlemen even said "This is the first time I've shot a gun in 40 years." Thank you to the Milan Arsenal Gun Shop, Chow Wagon and Food Giant of Medina for their donations to make this happen.



Citizen's Police Academy

We have finished up our 3rd session of Citizen's Police Academy and have 9 new graduates! Congrats!!



MES Summer Reading Camp

Lt. Nick Glenn, Lt. Kelvin Whitney, Lt. Chris Vandiver, Lt. Jason Williams went to speak to the Milan Elementary School Read to be Ready Camp Aloha to teach them about daily duties of our police officers.

New Police Officers

We would like to congratulate our two newest officers, Dominique Moore and Robert Burleigh, on graduating from the TN Law Enforcement Training Academy.



Fireworks

It's that time of year again! From June 20th through July 5th, permissible hours to shoot fireworks are 3pm to 10pm. The only exception is July 4th for which the hours will be 10am to 11pm.

Please follow these safety tips when using fireworks:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made

for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.

- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

MILAN CITY COURT

The Milan Drug Recovery Court has been giving back to the community by supplying Emergency Kits to the Milan Fire Department and the Milan Police Department to be distributed to individuals who are the victims of fires and involved in traffic accidents.

In addition to the emergency kits the participants have donated dog food to help feed the dogs that have been picked up by the Milan Animal Control officer and are being kenneled at the Milan Police Department. The Milan Recovery Participants have also donated juice boxes and diapers to the local churches to help with their pre-school programs and school supplies to the Milan Elementary School.



MILAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Since our last newsletter the Milan Fire Department and the City of Milan has hit a new milestone. Our city has been nationally recognized as a Firewise Community by the National Fire Protection Association. To achieve this milestone we had to complete a community risk survey. From the information that was gathered from the survey, we then formulated a Community Risk Reduction



Plan and put it into action. In this plan one thing that we have highlighted was education of the public. To achieve this goal we have set up several times around our community to speak with citizens and give away information on how to make our residential property safer. Our next phase we will incorporate into the program is our Firewise community

work days which will come about this fall. We will be working with homeowners and volunteers to make our community safer from woodland fires. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Fire Chief Steven Dillard @ 731-487-6815.

MILDRED G. FIELDS LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program
Summer Reading has gotten off to a great start with visits from PBS's Martha Speaks, Kevin Kidd, magician Scott Humston, and Reelfoot State Park's Birds of Prey. Drums Alive with the YMCA was a smashing success so there will be another one in July! Watch our [web site](#) and [Facebook](#) for registration.

We have many more programs scheduled in July with an end of summer party on July 18th. The Milan Fire Dept. will be here with the trucks and we'll have prizes, jumpers, and shaved ice treats! Thanks to all of our sponsors!!!

All 2016 property taxes can be paid Chancery Court in Trenton.

TAXES

2017 property taxes can still be paid at Milan City Hall. 2017 taxes started accruing interest as of March 1st and will accrue an additional 1.5% at the beginning of every month. (Example: July 7.5%, August 9.0% and so on.)

Travel Talk

Robert and Linda Kilburn are retirees who love to travel. Join us as we hear about their adventures in Australia. They will be also serving a tasty treat from down under. August 20th at 5:30 pm.

Book Reviews

Book reviews are held at the MGF Library on the last Thursday of the month at noon during January-May and August-October. Originally set for March, we will host author of the Cherry Cola Book Club series, Ashton Lee, on August 30th. *Book Club Babies* is the last book of the series featuring librarian, Maura Beth McShay. Mr. Lee will have books available for sale/signing.

Milan's own Robin Sellers will be our speaker on September 27th. Ms. Sellers lives in Milan and is a Milan High School graduate, receiving her Bachelor's Degree from MTSU. She enjoys reading, spending time with her family, and traveling. Robin serves on the MEGA Board, and is very involved in Nite-Lite Theatre of Gibson

County where she has loved being on stage for many plays.



Job Seeker Series

In September, we will once again offer our Job Seeker Series made possible through a grant received from the TN State Library and Archives. The grant allowed for the purchase of laptops which are being used to assist patrons in creating resumes, searching for jobs, and submitting applications. Classes will cover these topics as well as basic computer and interview tips. This project aligns perfectly with the library's mission, "to be the center of information and discovery in the community."

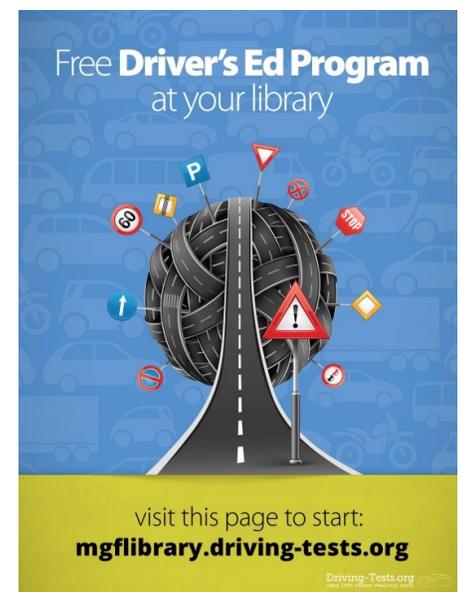


Driver Testing Program

The MGF Library, in partnership with Driving-Tests.org, is now offering a free driver's ed program. The program is designed to prepare aspiring

as well as more experienced drivers to pass their DMV knowledge exam. It includes unlimited access to the official state driver's manuals, practice tests for car, motorcycle and commercial driver's license (CDL), an exam simulator, and a DMV-related FAQ.

For more information about this or other library programming visit our web site at cityofmilantn.com/library or follow us on social media @mgflibrary.



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at your library

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(731) 686-3309

Milan Fire Department:

(731) 686-3996

Milan City Hall:

(731) 686-3301

Milan City Court:

(731) 686-0985

Milan Public Utilities:

(731) 686-1537

Milan Public Works:

(731) 686-1611

Building & Codes:

(731) 686-0774

Milan Senior Citizens Center:

(731) 686-0851

Mildred G. Fields Library:

(731) 686-8268

Milan Chamber of Commerce:

(731) 686-7494



If you see your Alderman around town, please be sure to thank them for serving our city and ensuring our continued success.

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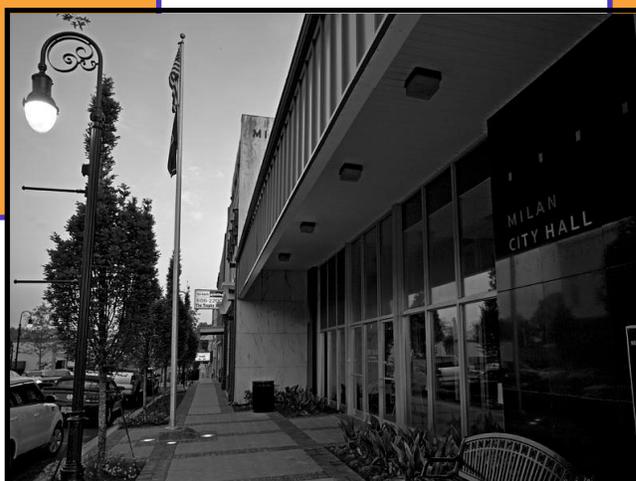
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JULY 3, 2018

Concert & Fireworks in the Park

(7:00pm)

JULY 6, 2018

Movie in the Park featuring "Wonder"

(7:00 pm)

JULY 20, 2018

Food Truck Friday & Gibson County Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

JUNE 27, 2018

Movie in the Park featuring "The Lion King"

(7:00 pm)

AUGUST 17, 2018

Food Truck Friday

OTHER DATES TO KNOW:

July 3: Concert & Fireworks at Milan City Park

July 4: City Hall Closed

July 6: Movie in the Park

July 10: City Board Meeting

July 20: Food Truck Friday & Gibson County Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

July 27: Movie in the Park

August 6: Planning Commission Meeting

August 14: City Board Meeting

August 17: Food Truck Friday

August 25: Chamber Dawg Daze Festival

September 3: Labor Day/City Hall Closed

September 11: City Board Meeting

If you have any suggestions on what you'd like to see included in our newsletter, please contact Allyson Wadley at Milan City Hall by calling (731) 686-3301 or emailing awadley@cityofmilantn.com