

OCTOBER 1, 2019

# Milan City Hall

## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR BW BEASLEY

Happy Fall Everyone. I hope everyone had a great summer. Now it's time to enjoy fall sports, pumpkin patches, Milan's Fall Festival, hayrides and all the fall fun activities. As I drive around our City, everywhere I look the City and its employees are working hard to make Milan a great and safe place to live and raise your family.

I am delighted to say that progress is continuing all over our City. New industrial growth continues to appear and expansions of current businesses are happening such as the Love's Automotive Group announcement of a \$9 million dollar investment and 80 jobs, an expansion at PRI, Dale's Recycling with a significant capital investment in a shredding system, Simon and Schuster staying in Milan and saving jobs.

With the retail and new businesses of The Caldwell Inn, Security Bank, expansion of Dogwood Pointe, and Factory Connection, the town is growing and thriving. New homes are being built and sold before they are finished. So many great things are

happening in Milan, the best town in West Tennessee.

We are continuing to work hard to provide family events that people of all ages can enjoy. Our Movies in the Park, Fall Festival, Trunk or Treat,

Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade continue to be highly popular and we are still creating events to bring people to our town to visit and spend time.

It was a great summer for our vendors and participants as the Farmers Market found a home next door to City Hall. There were several Fridays and Saturdays where 300 or more people attended our market. The new Dog Park has been a hit for animal lovers like myself.

As I close out another summer and move into fall, I encourage you to enjoy our beautiful City. Take a walk at the park, attend an event at the new Caldwell Inn, and make plans to spend the day with us for our Fall Festival, come and meet your neighbors as we welcome everyone to share in a meal of thanksgiving and gratitude at our One Table Milan event. I am thankful for all of you and everything you do to make our City of Milan a city to be proud of and the place we call home.

With my deepest gratitude, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve as your Mayor. It is one of my greatest joys to serve this town that I love so much.

Mayor B.W.  
Beasley

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# NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

## Milan City Court

### Drug Recovery Program

On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, Judge Collins Bonds was honored with a proclamation from Mayor Beasley in

recognition of his dedicated service to the Milan Recovery Court.

Ms. Patsy Bradley was also

honored for her dedicated service to the Milan Recovery Court.

In recognition of Recovery Month, Milan Recovery Court



participants brought in posters showing what their recovery journey has meant to them.

## Milan Public Works/Park

### Leaf collection

The Autumn season is upon us and soon fall yard cleanup will be in full swing. As usual MPW will begin its leaf routes running two crews when the leaves begin to show up on the streets. This usually occurs near late October or early November. Please keep your eyes out in the newspaper, on the city website and signs around town that will give more information concerning leaf season.

### Drainage Improvements

MPW has been extremely busy this quarter with several drainage improvement projects. The summer rains hampered us, but with the recent dry weather we have been able to work on catching up. One of our most recent projects was the installation of culverts and drain boxes along Pope Street near the intersection of Ellis Street. This eliminated an ongoing erosion issue and increased safety and traffic flow at the intersection. Other drainage projects completed in the third

quarter of the year include culvert replacement and drainage basin construction at Maple Street, Windsor Drive, Bryant/ Peoples Streets, Collins Street and Meadowbrook Drive.

### Road and Right of Way improvements

During this last quarter, MPW has trimmed limbs and cut trees along the right of ways of city streets in at least 15 different locations trying to improve visibility and safety. In addition to this, we have patched more than 50 potholes and also had PRI (Pavement Restoration Inc) help to improve multiple locations. MPW has replaced or repaired 20+ street and/or stop signs at our intersections in town. We have jetted culverts in multiple locations, predominantly in the 4th ward. Other miscellaneous repairs around town consist of curb repair at Denny Drive and sidewalk repair on East Van Hook. In addition to this, we have demolished four houses and two buildings located at SW Front, Ellis, Kestner, Culpepper and College Streets. We've had a very busy few months!!

### City Park

Fall sports are underway and we are in the process of planting

Property Taxes can be paid by cash, check, or money order at Milan City Hall or you can mail payment to 1061 South Main Street - Milan, TN 38358. Please make checks payable to City of Milan.

You can pay online at [cityofmilan.tennesseetrustee.org](http://cityofmilan.tennesseetrustee.org).

To avoid interest, please have your property taxes paid by February 28, 2020.

# TAXES

our annual fescue and rye grass seed in the park. This is what makes the park look so green throughout the year, especially in the more wooded areas of our park. This program, along with the expansion of our turf program, continues to make our park more attractive and pleasant to enjoy. The park staff does a great job in managing our turf



program and the grass everywhere in the park, from the ball fields to the soccer field to the common areas. We continue to improve each year! The new dog park has been a hit with a lot of use and plenty more to come as the weather cools down.

The RV campground continues to be a success. It has been a tremendous hit with anyone who has enjoyed it. We have had rave reviews from the campers. This has been an extremely successful endeavor.

We are undertaking a new project at the park this fall. We are beginning phase I of lighting the back part of our recreational trail. Phase I will

light the trail from the wooded area near the saddle club all the way around to the

pond on the back side of the park. We are hopeful this creates a more secure atmosphere for those who frequent our trail in the early morning and late afternoon.

The most exciting addition to our park this fall is the addition of Allyson Harris to our park staff as Community Development/ Recreation Coordinator. As we all know, Allyson has done an outstanding job with community events and she will now be helping with improving our recreational leagues at the park as well as work on grants and other ideas to help fund new projects for our city. Welcome aboard Allyson and we are so thankful to have you!

### Downtown

With the arrival of fall we will soon be putting up our fall banners and decorations downtown. Soon our fall pansies will be planted in select areas downtown and at our welcome signs entering town. These will be in place to add to the beauty of our downtown and in time for our upcoming Fall Festival. From everyone at Milan Public Works and Parks and Rec we wish everyone a great autumn season.

## Milan Public Utilities

### MSSD 7th Graders Visit

### MPU's WWTP

Milan 7th Grade Science classes recently visited MPU's

Wastewater Treatment Plant to learn about "separation."

Morris Chandler, Joe Waldrup, and Chris Treadwell educated students on three different stages of separation at the wastewater plant. Students were able to see practical applications of "separation" in a real world environment.



### Fall

### Energy-Saving Tips

*Keep costs down this fall with these easy steps*

#### \*Insulate:

- Wrap a water-heater blanket around your water heater and insulate water pipes. This keeps your hot water hot, which can add up to big savings as it takes about 14 percent of your overall utility bill to provide hot water.

- Check your attic. Since warm air rises, you want to be sure it is adequately insulated. You'll know it needs more insulation if you can see your ceiling joists.

- Bundle up! Lower the temperature in your home and put on an extra layer. You save about two percent off your heating bill from every degree you lower your thermostat.

#### \*Minimize heat loss:

- Seal leaks around doors, window and electrical outlets

to ensure that your warm air is staying in and the cool air is keeping out.

- Install foam gaskets behind electrical outlets, light switches and light fixtures to reduce heat loss, or install plastic security caps.

- For those with single-pane windows, add storm windows and slice your heat loss by as much as 50 percent.

\*Save in the kitchen:

- Use glass or ceramic pans when cooking in an oven. Your food cooks just as quickly and you can reduce the cooking temperature by 25 degrees.

- Make sure your refrigerator door closes tightly. To check, put a dollar bill in the door as you close it. If it doesn't hold securely, replace the seal.

- Compost instead of using the garbage disposal and save gallons of water- and money!

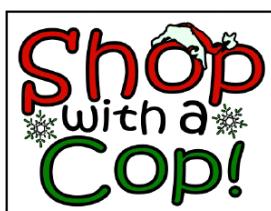
## Milan Police Department

### Back to School Bash

The Milan Police Department had a great turnout for the 2019 Back to School Bash. We were able to make sure the children of Milan had plenty of school supplies. We would like to thank our community partners, First Assembly of God, Main Street Church of Christ, Polk Clark Enrichment Center and Mayor Beasley for helping make this day a success!

### Shop With a Cop

The 2019 Shop with a Cop event is now in full swing. This program is designed to help under privileged children in our community during the Christmas holidays. For the last 13 years we have been



successful in providing clothes, school supplies and toys to less fortunate children in our area. We are currently accepting donations and applications. The event is scheduled for December 10th.

## Milan Fire Department Burn Ban

As everyone knows fall is here! Along with Fall we look forward to cooler weather and football! However, as I am writing this we find ourselves with 25+ days with no rain and very warm temperatures. With this being the case, we have enacted a "Burn Ban" until we receive an ample amount of rain. You may still use your burn pits, but we ask that you use extreme caution in doing so. Please have a garden hose readily available.

### Fire Wise

This time of year is also Fire Wise community project time. This is the time of year that the Milan Fire Department partners with property owners to make their homes and property more fire safe. Fire Wise strictly deals with the outside of the home. The fire department has tools

and equipment that we can bring to you and work alongside you to make our community more safe! We would love to come to you and give you a free survey of your home or property to see where we can improve the safety of your home. Please call the Milan Fire Department to set up your free survey. You can reach Chief Dillard at 731-686-0441 or 731-487-6815.

## Mildred G. Fields Library

### Banned Books Display

Every year, during the last week of September, the MGF Library celebrates National Banned Books week. This year, staff member Jessica White, improved on the display by adding a description to the front covers stating the reason why each item had been banned. The display, which was posted to social media, came to the attention of WBBJ, prompting a story on the local news station. Banned Books Week is promoted to encourage people to not only read, but to think, and exercise their right to intellectual freedom.

### Imagination Library Week

Imagination Library Week was also celebrated in September. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program promotes early childhood literacy by ensuring that all TN children, from birth to age 5, have access to quality literature in their homes. The workforce development impact is that students reading

proficiently by 3rd grade are 7 times more likely to finish high school. (Statistic from Governor's Books from Birth Foundation.) If you'd like more information, including how to support this program, please visit [GovernorsFoundation.org](http://GovernorsFoundation.org).

### Upcoming Computer Classes

**Oct 1 @ 2 pm:** 10 Secure Computing Tips

**Oct 8 @ 2 pm:** Library Resources

**Oct 15 @ 2 pm:** Create a Facebook Account

### Fall Hours

## MGF LIBRARY FALL HOURS

MON | 9 am-8 pm

TUE | 9 am-6 pm

WED-FRI | 9 am-5 pm

SAT | 9 am-12 pm

HOLIDAY CLOSURES | 11.28-30 | 12.12 | 12.24-25 | 1.1  
Closing early at 5 pm on 12.23 | 12.30-31

731.686.8268  
[cityofmilantn.com/library](http://cityofmilantn.com/library)

### YMCA Partnership

In a new partnership with the Milan Family YMCA, the library is now loaning out YMCA passes. As with personal hotspots, the Y passes loan out for one week and one needs to be a patron in good standing with the library.

There are two individual passes available for checkout as well as a family pass for up to four members of a household. Thanks to the YMCA for this great community offering!

### You're Invited!



hooked!!!

November 7th and 8th, we have Medicare Open Enrollment from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Please call (731) 588-1434 to schedule an appointment.

December 13th at 10:30 am, we will have the Tip Top Tappers here for our Christmas add-a-dish!

We will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, for Thanksgiving. We will also be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24-25 to celebrate Christmas with our families.

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

## Milan Senior Citizens Center

We hope to see you for some, if not all, the great activities we offer here at your Senior Citizens 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

Early voting will be at Milan City Hall Board Room on the following dates:

Thursday, October 17th: 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 19th: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, October 22nd: 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 24th: 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 26th: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, October 29th: 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 31st: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

# EARLY VOTING AT MILAN CITY HALL

## Important Phone Numbers

**Police & Fire Emergency:**

9-1-1

**Milan Police Department:**

(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



### **Board of Mayor & Aldermen**

Seated: Jack Cunningham, Vice Mayor James Fountain, Mayor BW Beasley, Lee Alexander & Jeff Lifsey.

Standing: Hal Holmes, Richard Adkisson, Jay Black & Tammy Wade.

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

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### **Board of Alderman**

**Jack Cunningham, Ward 1**

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**Jay Black, Ward 1**

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**Hal Holmes, Ward 2**

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**Lee Alexander, Ward 2**

(731) 225-9635

**Jeff Lifsey, Ward 3**

(731) 487-5646

**James Fountain, Ward 3**

**Vice Mayor**

(731) 723-5677

**Tammy Wade, Ward 4**

(731) 686-9712

**Richard Adkisson, Ward 4**

(731) 686-3837



# CITY EVENTS

## MILAN FALL FESTIVAL

**70+ Vendors, Great Food, Arts & Crafts, Trademark Brands, Local Businesses, Kids Activities, Live Music, TN Vols vs. MS State on the BIG Screen, and much more!**



## OTHER DATES TO KNOW:

October 7 - Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting (5:20 pm)

October 7 - Planning Commission Meeting

October 8 - City Board Meeting

November 4 - Planning Commission Meeting

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 12 - City Board Meeting

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

December 2 - Planning Commission Meeting

December 10 - City Board Meeting

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 31 - New Year's Eve

### OCTOBER 12, 2019

Milan Fall Festival  
Downtown  
10am - 4pm

### OCTOBER 31, 2019

Trunk or Treat with MPD  
Milan City Park  
5pm - 8pm

### NOVEMBER 23, 2019

One Table Milan  
Downtown Milan  
11:30 - 1:30

### DECEMBER 3, 2019

Christmas Tree Lighting  
Downtown Milan  
6:00 pm

### DECEMBER 5, 2019

Christmas Parade  
Downtown Milan  
6:30 pm

If you have any suggestions on what you'd like to see included in our newsletter, please contact Allyson Wadley Harris by calling (731) 238-3064 or emailing awadley@cityofmilantn.com.