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City Hall Notes

Tammy Pfaff, City Manager — (320) 983-3141

UTILITY BILLING UPDATES

Service Line Material Notice

The City of Milaca has completed and submitted our service line materials inventory to the Minnesota Department of Health. Your service line material will be indicated on your next bill in the upper right corner along with corresponding URL to view the material notice.

SERVICE PIPE TYPE: Non-Lead

View your service line material notice at:

Galvanized: cityofmilaca.org/galvanized

Unknown: cityofmilaca.org/unknown

Non-Lead: No action required

Daytime Trick or Treat -- October 31, 1pm-4pm

City Hall will be closed November 11, 2025

Auto Pay Sign-Up

No more late fees and no more credit card surcharge fees. Find the form at our website <https://www.cityofmilaca.org/water-utilities> or come into City Hall.

Utility Bill Email

If you would like to start receiving your water/sewer utility bill via email, please sign up via the link at <https://www.cityofmilaca.org/water-utilities>. Emailed bills will be received prior to the end of the month. Remember that only property owners receive utility bills.

Police Department Notes

Quinn Rasmussen, Chief of Police — (320) 983-6166

Winter Parking

November 1st marks the beginning of winter parking restrictions, ending April 1st. Per 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.

Please note that failure to abide by this ordinance can result in fines. Overnight parking infraction fees include:

- City Administrative Citations \$15 - \$35
- Impound Fees \$200+





Dog Tags

Dog license renewals are due by December 31, 2025. Reminders will be mailed out to dog owners who currently have their pets licensed. Please keep in mind that lack of renewal notice does not exempt you from getting a license for your canine friend.

Proof of up-to-date distemper and rabies vaccinations is needed for a license. License fees are \$15 for first dog, \$15 for second dog, and \$30 for third dog.

Licenses are purchased at the Milaca Police Department, located inside City Hall. Call (320) 983-6166 with any questions.

Liquor Store Notes

Vicki Jeys, Manager — (320) 983-6255

Holiday Shopping!

Wine, whiskey, bourbon, and brandy as well as gift certificates are available for all your gift needs including Christmas! There's also a fine selection of wine and liqueurs for any holiday party or hostess gift.



2025 Liquor Store Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving

Closed

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Christmas Day

Closed

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

New Year's Eve

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 2026

New Year's Day

Closed



Parks & Public Works Notes

City Ordinances – Fall & Winter

As the end of the year approaches, it's time for your annual reminder of street and sidewalk safety. No overnight parking begins November 1st, raking/blowing of leaves into the street is prohibited, and snow removal from the sidewalks on your property is required.

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§ 94.18 PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING PEACE AND SAFETY.

The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace and safety:

- (A) All snow and ice not removed from public sidewalks 24 hours after the snow or other precipitation causing the condition has ceased to fall;
- (R) Obstruction to the free flow of water in a natural waterway or a public street drain, gutter, or ditch with trash or other materials;

EVENTS CALENDAR

October 2025

Daytime Trick or Treat

Friday, October 31, 2025 at 1:00 – 4:00 PM



November 2025

City Offices Closed - Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

City Council Meeting*

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM

City Offices Close Early - Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 12:00 PM

City Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday & Friday, November 27 – 28, 2025



Community Tree Lighting

Friday, November 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM

MAC the Halls

Friday, November 28, 2025 at 4:00 PM

December 2025

City Council Meeting*

Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

City Offices Close Early – Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 12:00 PM

City Offices Closed - Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Deputy Registrar Notes



Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services

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

The Deputy Registrar is open to the public Monday through Thursday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm and Fridays 7:30 am – 12 pm. If you have a transaction that is going to take longer, try to be here at least 15 minutes before we close. Initial or change of address for Real or Enhanced Driver's licenses will not be processed after 3:30 pm Mondays –Thursdays and after 11 am on Fridays. The knowledge test is offered here on a computer in the office. It can get a bit noisy in here, so if you need to bring ear plugs, they are allowed. The test is by appointment only and the fee is \$10. Knowledge test appointments can be made on our website cityofmilaca.org/registrar. We try very hard to help everyone, so please be patient with us!

The state offers road test appointments on Thursdays. Appointments can only be made online at <http://www.drive.mn.gov> or if you need assistance you can call State at (651) 284-1234. Be aware that appointments are limited, so it may say no availability. Any questions about the road tests need to be answered by state, as we have nothing to do with them.



If you need a question answered right away, please email us at depreg@milacacity.com and we can answer your questions. If you need anything looked up that is not public information, you do have to come in to the office due to data privacy. We also welcome everyone to utilize the drop box for tab renewals, DNR transactions, and even title transfers if completed! We appreciate all of our customers, so thank you for trusting us to serve you! Have a wonderful fall and upcoming holiday season!

— Amy, Julie, Myla, and Audra

Need to let your out-of-town friends & family know what's going on in Milaca?

DiscoverMilaca.com

MILACA AREA
TOURISM BUREAU



DiscoverMilaca.com has all the info on local events, dining, drinking, and shopping!

Fire Department Notes

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



CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Safety Tips

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

FACTS

- ❗ A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ❗ In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.

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