Important Dates to Remember!

05/01 Tax bills mailed
05/02 Business & Rental License Renewals mailed.
06/01 Gross Rental Tax payments due.
06/01 Business License & Rental License Renewals due.
06/06 Farmer's Market begins
07/04 July 4th Holiday
07/31 Tax Bills Due
09/02 Labor Day Holiday
09/12 Farmer's Market closes
10/05 5th Annual Pumpkin Festival
10/14 Columbus Day
11/11 Veteran's Day
11/28 Thanksgiving Holiday
11/29 Thanksgiving Holiday
12/7 1st Annual Holiday Festival

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Reminder… Every Thursday is Farmer's Market day in Millville...

Pumpkin Festival

October 5, 2013

10 a.m.— 2 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Jon Subity, Event Coordinator

LAUGH FILES

What did Tennessee?
The same thing Arkansas!
What did Delaware?
Her New Jersey!
Haha !

Famous Delawareans Who've Made a Difference!

George Thorogood, rock n' roll/blues musician, was born February 24, 1950, in Wilmington, Delaware. When he and his band debuted, they were called The Delaware Destroyers. Their first album was released in 1977, with a song entitled "Delaware Slide." His hits include "Bad to the Bone," and covers of "Who Do You Love?," "Move it On Over," and "One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer."

In 2012, Thorogood was named by *Delaware Today* as one of The 50 Most Influential Delawareans of the Past 50 Years.

What is Call-Em-All?

Call-Em-All is a service the Town of Millville is using that provides on-demand automated voice broadcasting. Many of you have received messages regarding storms, special events, payment reminders, and other timely announcements.

Many industries including churches, sports teams, schools, restaurants, temporary staffing agencies, and more use Call-Em-All to contact their members and employees.

If you are not on our Call-Em-All list, and would like to be, please contact Matt in the office.

CAMP BARNES

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Frankford, DE 19945
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THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE DELAWARE

The Mill Wheel

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M - F 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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2nd Tues @ 7 pm
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Hometown Events are How Memories are Made

By Debbie Botchie

Often times when I listen to the area's "born & bred here" residents, like myself, and they talk about the yearly annual events that were held during an era so dear to them, my heart says, that's what I want back for Millville and I believe we're on the right track!

The Town of Millville had this dream….. *If you build it, they will come.* Meaning, if we want to showcase the Town of Millville, it's businesses and developments and all the Town has to offer, then we have to bring the community together for a day of fun, laughter and good 'ole fashioned camaraderie.

This was the basis for the creation for the "Millville Great Pumpkin Festival." The Town will be entering into their 5th year of hosting this amazing festival, which has overwhelmed us each year by the support of our community and neighboring communities as well. (see insert Letter to the Editor) How can this event get any better? Guess you'll have to attend the 5th annual festival on Saturday, October 5th to see.

Another event that is hosted by the Town is the "Millville Farmer's Market" which kicked-off in June of 2012. This event also demonstrated that *if you build it, they will come.* The first year was profitable for our market vendors and it brought together many neighbors in our community as well as our neighboring communities and the many visitors from the whole area. Our 2013 season will begin June 6th and end September 12th. See all y'all at the market!

New for 2013! The Town's first "Holiday Market", which will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 12 noon till dusk. The Town Hall will be beautifully decorated this Holiday Season and it is our hope this new event will give people of all ages a good memory of their hometown Millville!

Farmer's Market

By Linda Kent, Market Manager

The first Millville Farmers Market in 2012 was extremely successful, thanks to the patrons who shopped weekly, the 13 vendors, and the volunteers and town employees. The total produce sales were $15,015.05 and everything else was $11,498.50.

Our 2013 market is shaping up to add variety for all ages. Our vendors thus far are: **Beach Sweets** baker, **Bennetts Orchard** with blueberries and peaches, **Celtic Acres** will have eggs and produce, **Gelato Gal** will offer chocolate, smoked meats and gelato, **Good Earth Market** will offer sandwiches, organic produce and plants, **Herbs, Spice & Everything Nice** will offer organic veggies and herb plants, **Hopkins Creamery** will be selling ice cream, **Natural Creation Garden Center** will sell plants for all seasons, **Szugaj Farm** will sell vegetables, **TS Smith & Sons** will sell fruits and vegetables, and finally, **Tumbleweed & Eddies, Natural Pet Treats** will delight "man's best friend." Beebe Hospital will be doing blood pressure checks and DNREC will have a booth on recycling in DE. We will be hosting several "cooking demos" this year! The market will start on June 6 and end on September 12; hours are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and we are located behind Town Hall on Clubhouse Road. If you have any questions: call Linda Kent, Market Manager, 302-539-1358, Lindalkent34@hotmail.com

Town Population (Full-Time Residents)
544
(from 2010 census)

Fiscal Facts

by Betsy Christian

Welcome to all our new property owners, welcome back to our summer residents, and hello again to our year round residents! Thank you all for helping us achieve a tax payment rate of over 99%.

The new fiscal year started May 1, 2013 and runs through April 30, 2014. The current year's budget can be found on the Town's web site.

As a cost savings measure, our Town newsletter was enclosed with your annual property tax bill. Property taxes are due **July 31, 2013**; late charges will be assessed after that date. If your mortgage company is escrowing for your taxes, please forward the bill to them for payment. (Per the Town Charter, we must bill the property owner.) This will avoid duplicate payments and the need to process refunds. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If your billing address has changed, please notify Town Hall in writing as soon as possible. Post Office forwarding addresses cover only a limited time frame.

If you had a commercial or residential rental license last fiscal year, the semi-annual gross rental receipts report for the period October 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 is due on **June 1st**. If you have not already done so, please submit your report and any tax due as soon as possible. The gross rental receipts form was mailed along with your license renewal application and invoice. These forms can also be found on our web site under General Information, Forms & Applications, Gross Rental…Winter

"When you can't change the direction of the wind, adjust your sails."
— *H. Jackson Brown Jr.*

Millville Volunteer Group (MVG) ... *by Linda Kent*

The 2013 MVG is 23 members strong and growing. We help out in Town Hall and at various events in surrounding communities. This year we will have volunteers working in the schools with the mentoring program and Read-a-Loud program; running a clinic for seniors on balance; working at the Ocean View Homecoming, County Library, Millville Farmers Market, Millville Pumpkin Festival and the new Holiday Market, patrolling the Town in the Neighborhood Watch Car, and working at Camp Barnes (see photo on back of newsletter). The goal for this year is to raise money for 60 new mattresses for Camp Barnes. WSFS Bank has already generously donated $1000 towards the cause. We will have a jug at the farmers market for donations and in the fall the MVG will hold a dinner fund raiser for this cause as well . On April 20, 2013, the MVG helped with the Town wide clean up and worked with the State Police in cleaning up Camp Barnes for their upcoming new season.

For the past few years now, the volunteers have spent a great deal of time at Camp Barnes doing clean-up or repairs. During Special Olympics, we assist camp counselors by allowing them a chance to get much needed sleep after a long day. I was very surprised when I learned many people have no idea what Camp Barnes is all about. So let me share! Please check out their website to get a better understanding about the camp and their mission. www.campbarnes.net

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Linda Kent at 302-539-1358 or Lindalkent34@hotmail.com .

Building & Code Notes *by Eric Evans*

What a winter. I think we would still be shoveling if all that wet stuff was snow. That being said, I would like to remind everyone that the Town does have a grass and vegetation ordinance. Chapter 111 of the Town Code states: "No person, being the owner, or possessor or occupier of land or improved premises, shall permit upon such land or improved premises or any sidewalk abutting such land any unregulated growth of grass, weed or other vegetation to grow in excess of eight inches high." So I ask that while you and your neighbors continue to beautify your yards with flowers and landscaping, please do not forget to keep the other vegetation cut as well.

With all the construction going on here in Millville, please let me try and fill you in on the happenings. DelDOT is busy working on the alternate routes for their Route 26 (Atlantic Ave) project. The project is scheduled to start in the fall of 2013, however, you may notice utility work and tree removal work being performed at this time along the Route 26 corridor. I was informed that Windmill should be widened and paved by the end of May. This paving will help both the developments and builders in the area. Windhurst Manor is almost built out and Ryan Homes only has 3 buildings left before completion. Beazer Homes has started construction in the Bishops Landing Subdivision; they have 130 + lots available in Phase 1, plus an Amenity Center. Miller and Smith have started work in Millville by the Sea Phase 2 and the Amenity Center. Phase 2 has 50+ lots available. They are also working on 3 additional phases, which may have up to an additional 200 lots or so. Gulfstream Homes has continued to construct homes within the Coventry Subdivision and the development has opened up 10 additional lots around the pond area — this will give them about 25+ lots before they open up phase 2. The Meadows has seen activity after being dormant for some time and Insight Homes has completed 4 homes in this quaint little development, which only leaves about 10 or so lots available. All that being said, for your peace and tranquility, the Town does have construction hours in place. However, it does not cover infrastructure work. Construction hours for building homes are Monday through Friday, September 1 through May 15, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and May 16 through August 31, 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturdays all year long, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; no work should be performed on Sundays or Holidays except by the property owner.

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FYI

If you rent your property you need a Town Rental License.
If you do business in town you need a Town Business License.
If you are planning to build or renovate you need a building permit.
Clean up after your dog during walks.
If you have an EMERGENCY dial 911!

reminder

Georgetown - Sussex County reminds dog owners that March 1 was the deadline to obtain licenses for dogs 6 months and older. For spayed and neutered dogs, the annual cost is $10; for non-spayed and unneutered dogs, the cost is $15 yearly. Licenses must be obtained by March 1 each year. Call 855-7380 for more info or visit www.sussexcountyde.gov/doglicenses

SR26/Atlantic Avenue Web Site:
Delaware's Department of Transportation (DelDOT) has a web page for articles and posts related to the Route 26 expansion. The page can be found at http://blogs.deldot.gov/category/route-26/

THE WAY WE WORKED

On Saturday, May 18, 2013, *The Way We Worked*, a traveling Smithsonian exhibition, will be open to the public. Based on photographs from the National Archives, the exhibit explores the importance of work in American culture over the past 150 years. Along with the exhibit are displays and artifacts of our local work culture in southeast Sussex County. A look at salt making, chicken farming, life saving, and the rise of tourist economy are presented by the historical societies of Millville, Fenwick, South Bethany, Bethany, and Ocean View. The exhibit will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3p.m., May 18 to June 23, 2013 at the old Town Hall in Ocean View, 32 West Avenue. Please contact Debbie for more information.

Join Us for Millville's 1st Annual Holiday Market

Saturday, December 7, 2013

12 Noon till 4 p.m.

Prepare for the holidays this year by shopping at the Millville Holiday Market. Holiday gifts at the market include: seasonal produce, holiday greens, wreaths, wares sold by our Town businesses, hot chocolate, hot cider, homemade baked goods, fudge and much more! Food will be sold by the Town's restaurateurs.

Enjoy local talent throughout the day singing songs of the season.

Putting Millville on the Map ... *by Bob Linett*

The last issue of the *Mill Wheel* provided a brief sketch of 1870's Millville, including listing the occupations of a subset of residents found in the 1870 census. Among those residents was 22-year-old Cyrus Holt, identified as a "sawyer, steam mill." That census also listed 23-year-old John Townsend as "engineer, steam mill." With the introduction of the Holt & Townsend steam mill, (which appears on the Beers Map of 1868) the Town experienced commercial growth and the infrastructure essential to success. 1876 tax records value the steam mill at $1,500.

Thomas Scharf's *History of Delaware: 1609-1888* reports that E.C. Dukes established a post office at Millville in 1886. Shortly thereafter, in April 1887, the State (*Laws of Delaware*, Chapter 124, p. 188) authorized the consideration of a new public road to be built from Thomas Steel's landing on White's Creek "…to the school-house lot in Millville, and across said school-house lot to the public road leading from Ocean view to Frankford."

An 1887 map shows the broad contours of that road. (See the 1887 map at http://millville.delaware.gov/files/2013/04/1887-Map-1.jpg and http://millville.delaware.gov/files/2013/04/1887-Map-2.jpg). The school house appears in the lower left of the map, and stood where the Millville United Methodist Church is located today. Presumably, the road was used to transport timber and other products from the Holt and Townsend steam mill on County Road (now Atlantic Avenue) to the landing on the upper right hand corner of the map. The pictured intersecting road is Old Mill Road. Note that it crosses White's Creek at Derrikson's Millpond dam. That crossing remains today.

The 1888 tax records lists a steam mill owned by the Holt family at $500. According to those same year's tax records, George Townsend purchased a steam mill from Peter Townsend valued at $300.

In 1893, Cyrus Holt commented on the health of Millville's economy in the November 23 issue of "*The American Economist*." He wrote: "*The stagnation of the business world does not seem to affect us at this place as yet. There seems to be plenty of work. Labor is scarce and wages are as good as they were in 1892. Three of our steam mills stopped last week, but they started again to-day…*" Holt was apparently referring to the Panic of 1893, an economic depression caused by railroad overbuilding, shaky railroad financing, and bank failures.

Shipping also played a role in Millville's commercial growth. In 1894, the Department of Treasury's Bureau of Navigation published its "Annual List of Merchant Vessels." The Bureau listed the schooner "Emily Belle" out of Millville, Delaware.

An 1895 map (http://millville.delaware.gov/files/2013/04/1895-US-Atlas-DE-Shows-Millville.jpg) shows another road, now known as Dukes Drive, leading from what is now Windmill Road, through the lands of Steel, Furman, and Dukes to the Dukes Store, which also housed the post office. Tax records list George Townsend's steam mill in operation in 1896, closing in on the turn of the century.