

<b>Important Dates to Remember!</b>	Town of Millville 36404 Club House Rd Millville, DE 19967	First class Postage
05/02 Business & Rental License Renewals mailed.		
05/05 Tax bills mailed		
06/01 Gross Rental Tax payments due		
06/01 Business License & Rental License Renewals due.		
06/05 Farmer's Market begins		
07/04 July 4th Holiday		
07/31 Tax Bills Due		
09/01 Labor Day Holiday		
09/11 Farmer's Market closes		
10/04 6th Annual Pumpkin Festival		
10/13 Columbus Day		
11/11 Veteran's Day		
11/27 Thanksgiving Holiday		
11/28 Thanksgiving Holiday		
12/6 2nd Annual Holiday Festival		

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

**Famous Delawareans Who've Made a Difference!**



Annie Jump Cannon, astronomer, was born December 11, 1863, in Dover, Delaware, and attended Wilmington Conference Academy (now Wesley College). Cannon's cataloging work was instrumental in the development of contemporary stellar classification. Along with Edward Pickering, she is credited with the creation of the Harvard Classification Scheme, which was the first serious attempt to organize and classify stars based on their temperatures.

Cannon died on April 13, 1941 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the age of 77. The American Association of University Women presents the Annie J. Cannon Award annually to female astronomers for distinguished work in astronomy.

LAUGH FILES

Be nice to your kids...They will pick out your nursing home. *Haha!*

**this&that**

- ◆ **May 10** – Ocean View Homecoming at John West Park (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- ◆ **May 15** – Parking meters open & permits take effect in Bethany Beach
- ◆ **June 7** – Bethany Beach Seaside Craft Show (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- ◆ **June 14-15** – Ocean City (MD) Air Show

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**

**Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica.**

45 volumes.  
Excellent condition.  
**\$1,000.00 or best offer.**  
No longer needed.  
Got married last weekend.  
Wife knows everything.



*There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt!*

~ Debbie



THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE DELAWARE

*The Mill Wheel*

<http://www.millville.delaware.gov>

Newsletter Date May 1, 2014

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- Deputy Mayor  
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- Secretary  
**Harry Kent**
- Council Member  
**Steve Maneri**

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- Town Manager  
**Deborah Y. Botchie**
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Office Hours:  
M - F 9:00 am—4:00 pm  
**Town Council Meetings:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tues @ 7 pm  
**Workshops:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues @ 7pm

**A PROUD HERITAGE**

BY DEBBIE BOTCHIE



Hopefully most of our residents and property owners saw the article published with the picture in the Coastal Point regarding the Town's new seal. For those who didn't, let me share the significance behind the new Town seal; the mill wheel, sloop (boat), fish, Indian artifacts and pumpkins!

The mill wheel depicted on the seal denotes that "Millville" received her name from the "steam mill (sawmill)" that she grew up around. We have a map showing the location of one steam mill that was operated by Capt. Peter Townsend in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

Poor roads and the high railroad rates imposed by the railroad barons drove the locals to look for alternative shipping routes like White's Creek in Millville. Because the waters were so shallow for navigation, "sloops and small schooners" were built, and we do know of one sloop that was built locally by Elisha C. Dukes (our very own Ms. Grace Wolfe's grandfather) which he dubbed the "Ethel Dukes" in 1888.

Before the poultry industry put our area on the map, as Ms. Wolfe has described to me in the past, people worked the dirt to get crops; however, they also fished a lot to set the table! Fishery is still a huge part of the Town's culture, either for profit or just plain fun. Hence, the fish!

Many beautiful Indian artifacts have been found along White's Creek right here in Millville when they were excavating to put in the current Creekside development. I've never seen those artifacts; however, I have seen the pictures and I was very taken back just thinking about its [artifacts] historic significance to Millville. What the Town does have now is a box full of Indian artifacts that were excavated near the waterways on a parcel located at the Millville by the Sea development. Mr. Chuck Ellison of Miller & Smith graciously donated these artifacts to the Town and I will be working on preserving these remarkable pieces that were hand crafted by an extraordinary culture of people and hopefully get them displayed in the Council Chambers.

Last but not least, the pumpkins. One could say the pumpkins represent the agriculture in our area, OR one could say the pumpkins represent the "Millville Great Pumpkin Festival"..... I'm going with the latter!

We wanted a Town Seal that would embody the Town and its history ... I think we pulled that off.



**LOOK WHO MADE THE NEWS!**

Our very own resident Susan Lyons who is the publisher and owner of the Coastal Point newspaper was showcased in the December issue of Delaware Today. The article was entitled "Women in Business" and Susan was 1 of 33 incredible leaders chosen from the State of Delaware. The Town can say that Susan is an extremely intelligent, caring and loving woman, and we're proud to call her our friend. Kudos to you, Susan, from the Town of Millville!

# Fiscal Facts

by Betsy Christian

## PROPERTY TAX

Our new fiscal year started May 1, 2014 and runs through April 30, 2015. Annual property tax bills were slated to be mailed on May 5<sup>th</sup> and payments are due on or before **July 31, 2014**. Please make your check payable to The Town of Millville. We are not equipped to take bank card or credit card payments. Late charges will be assessed after the due 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 annual property tax bill was mailed to the address on file at Town Hall. 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.

## SUPPLEMENTAL PROPERTY TAX

If you purchased a "new construction" home or built a new home on a previously vacant lot after our billing date of May 1, 2013, you should have received a *prorated* property tax bill for 2013 in early January 2014. Your 2014 property tax bill will be slightly higher since it covers the full twelve months of the new tax year.

## GROSS RENTAL RECEIPTS REPORT / TAX

The semi-annual gross rental receipts report for the period October 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 is due on **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. You should have received a gross rental receipts form along with your rental license renewal application and invoice. These forms can also be found on our web site at [www.millville.delaware.gov](http://www.millville.delaware.gov). Please note that forms for the period May 1 through September 30, 2014 will be mailed out in mid-September.

## 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.

## Ordinance & Resolution Review

- ◆ **Resolution 14-01** - A resolution of the Town of Millville Authorizing Execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Town and Mediacom Delaware, LLC. Adopted July 9, 2013.
- ◆ **Resolution 14-02** - A resolution of the Town of Millville authorizing the Town Manager to Authorize Certain Contracts and the Payments Therefor. Adopted August 13, 2013.
- ◆ **Resolution 14-03** - A resolution of the Town of Millville to Establish a Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015. Adopted March 11, 2014.
- ◆ **Ordinance 14-01** - An ordinance to amend Chapter 48, § 48-1 of the Town of Millville Code to adopt the building construction standards in the International Building Code 2012 Edition and the International Residential Code 2012 Edition, with exemptions. Adopted July 9, 2013.
- ◆ **Ordinance 14-02** - An ordinance to amend the Town of Millville Code at Chapter 155 at: Article VI "District Regulations", § 155-10. R-Residential District, C. Permitted accessory uses; § 155-13. C1-Route 26 Corridor/Town Center Commercial District, C. Permitted accessory uses; Article VII "Supplementary District Regulations", § 155-17 Appurtenances, C. Accessory structure and uses; § 155-79. Definitions and word usage; Article XIV "Terminology". Adopted January 14, 2014.
- ◆ **Ordinance 14-03** - An ordinance to create a new Chapter in the Municipal Code of the Town of Millville, Delaware, relating to Public Records and the Delaware Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Adopted March 11, 2014.

## Millville Volunteer Group (MVG) ...

The Millville Volunteers are a vital part of The Town. We have three dedicated women who work a total of four days at town hall answering phones and doing filing for various employees. We help ready the tax bills for mailing, work at Ocean View's Homecoming, help clean up Camp Barnes every spring, work at the County Library, mentor children at various schools in the area, conduct the Matter of Balance Program for seniors and one of the faithful members takes the Town Watch Car out on a weekly basis throughout the town. The volunteers also help at the farmers market and holiday market. If you have extra time and enjoy helping others, call Linda Kent at 302-539-1358 for more information and registration

**"Be who you are and say what you feel,  
because those who mind don't matter and  
those who matter don't mind."**

— Dr. Seuss

**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/>



On Saturday, May 18, 2013, *The Way We Worked*, a traveling Smithsonian exhibition, was opened to the public. Based on photographs from the National Archives, the exhibit explored 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 were presented by the historical societies of Millville, Fenwick, South Bethany, Bethany, and Ocean View. The turnout was a big success with many crowds coming out to learn about Sussex County's history.



**Pumpkin Festival  
October 4, 2014  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Town Manager  
Debbie Botchie,  
Event Coordinator**

## Join Us for Millville's 2nd Annual Holiday Market

Saturday, December 6, 2014

10 a.m. till 2 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. Last year's market was a success and the Town of Millville is looking forward to another great year! Come support your local businesses and business owners!



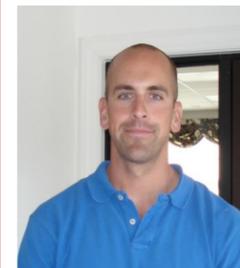
## Farmer's Market

By LINDA KENT, MARKET MANAGER



On June 5, 2014, our farmers market will start its third season. From flowering plants to fresh blueberries to goat milk soap, these are just a few of the items that will be sold at the farmers market this season. The Beazer Corporation has generously donated more re-usable shopping bags for the Millville Farmers Market and they will come in handy for you as you make your selections at the vegetable vendors and the delicious homemade desserts from our Beach Sweets vendor. We will be open from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Thursdays through September 11, 2014, and we are located directly behind Town Hall on Club House Road. Parking is once again in the Methodist Church parking lot and helpful Millville Volunteers will safely see you across the road. Come out and pick your fresh vegetables, eggs and so much more. For more information contact Linda Kent, market manager, 302-539-1358, [Lindamkent64@hotmail.com](mailto:Lindamkent64@hotmail.com)

## MILLVILLE SAYS GOOD-BYE TO DEPUTY MAYOR JON SUBITY AND HELLO TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE MANERI



right).

Subity will be greatly missed as he had served on Council for six years, and the Town is grateful for his service. The Town is thankful to have Maneri, who comes to Delaware from Monroe, New York.

