



We've been busy in the Code & Building Department since our last newsletter in May.

BUILDING PERMITS

For the last six months, residential construction has been on the fast track and it's not slowing down anytime in the near future. From May 1st to November 1st the Town has issued 186 building permits. Of the 186 building permits issued, 43 were for single family homes, 38 townhome units and 3 commercial. 102 permits were issued for pavers, decks, fences, screen porches, all season rooms, etc. The breakdown for the residential building permits issued are: Bishops Landing-100, Millville by the Sea-55, Coventry-14, Deer Haven-2, Denton Mills-1, Villas at Cedar Cove-1, Windhurst Manor-3 and Meadows at Woodcrest-2.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

- Millville by the Sea's Sand Dollar and Summerwind Villages are working toward turnover to property owners. Lakeside Village pulled their last permits and should be completed by the end of January. The newest phase Sea Star Village is underway with the infrastructure almost completed in phases 1 & 2 and phase 3 was reviewed at a public hearing in November.
- Bishop's Landing has begun construction in Phase 5 and all townhouse units should be completed by May 2018.
- Dove Landing is being reviewed for final approval and could be going before Town Council in December or January.
- Peregrine Bay: Annexation of the property into the Town has been approved and they are in the process of obtaining final site plan approval for 92 upscale single-family homes.

CONSTRUCTION REMINDERS

- If you are planning a home improvement project, remember to check with the Town's Code & Building Department if you are not sure what improvements require building permits. We are here to help the you. Information can also be found on our website. And as always, check with Sussex County to see what their building permit requirements are.
- **NEW THIS YEAR** -The placement of paver patios, fire pits, sitting walls, outdoor living areas or anything pavers, NOW REQUIRES a town building permit. Due to the large volume of patios being installed and the various installation methods, we now require two inspections, FOOTER and FINAL. Contact the Code & Building Department to schedule your inspections. Please note that when installing pavers, concrete is prohibited and epoxy can only be used for the installation of the top caps.
- Check the Setbacks - One story open porches cannot project more than five feet from the rear setback.
- All contractors hired to work on your property are required to have business licenses from both the State of Delaware and the Town of Millville. Construction work is permitted Sept. 1 to May 15: Monday through Friday; 8:00 am to 7:00 pm; Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; May 16 to August 31: Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 7:00 pm; Saturday 8:00 to 5:00 pm
- No interior or exterior construction of buildings and dwellings shall take place on Sunday and the following holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Fourth of July; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.
- Homeowners can work within their own property boundaries, provided that such work is done by the resident and members of their immediate family and the property is used exclusively by him or his family and guests of the dwelling of the property.

LICENSE REMINDERS

- Business licenses are required for all business performing work or services within the town limits.
- Rental licenses are required for each rental unit rented or offered to rent. The gross rental receipt (GRR) is also required to be submitted for all rentals.

WINTER SEASON REMINDERS

- All property owners and tenants are responsible for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of your property within 24 hours after a snowfall has ended. The use of rock salt is not recommended on sidewalks or driveways as it damages the concrete.
- If you can, check on your neighbors who are elderly, disable or otherwise homebound.
- Part Time Residents: To help prevent the pipes in your home from freezing and causing damage to your home, keep the thermostat on and set to the same temperature both during the day and at night at around 50° F.
- When leaving your home for long periods of time do not turn off your heater just turn it down to around the 50°.

Services, Business Cont'd

◇ **BARBER SHOPS/
HAIR SALONS/SPAS**

- Afterglo Salon & Spa
- All About U Salon & Spa
- Golden Scissor Barber Shop
- Hair Cuttery
- The Hair Snippery
- Millville Barber Shop
- Venus Nails

◇ **ENTERTAINMENT**

- Clayton Theater
(www.theclaytontheatre.com/)
- Dicken's Parlour Theatre
(www.dptmagic.com/)

◇ **VARIOUS SERVICES &
SHOPS**

- A Shade Above (302-537-9407)
- AT&T Authorized Retailer (302-537-9000)
- Atlantic Auto Repair (302-829-1446)
- Banks Wines & Spirits (302-537-8008)
- Capital Asset Management Group (302-537-8505)
- Jacuzzi Hot Tubs Of Delaware (302-537-5525)
- Law Office Of Susan Weidman (302-539-1388)
- Lord's Landscaping (302-539-6119)
- Mattress Warehouse (302-539-7524)
- McAllister & Sons Custom Tileworks (302-539-8025)

- Michael McCarthy Stones (302-539-8056)
- Miken Builders (302-537-4444)
- Miller's Creek store (302-539-4513)
- Millville Mini Storage (302-539-6556)
- Millville Pet Stop (302-539-9382)
- Moon Cleaners (302-539-6585)
- MyEyeDr. (302-537-0234)
- Patti's Hallmark Store (302-539-1115)
- Petco (302-829-9010)
- Reflections Antiques (302-537-2308)
- Solutions Plus (302-539-6421)
- The T-Shirt Guy (302-539-6170)



Millville Volunteers ready another shipment to the Stockings for Soldiers program! Pictured l. to r.: Maggie King, Trudi Lombardi, Linda Kent, Bill McClane, Patricia Molder, Sharon Brienza, Kathy Morrison



Town of Millville Volunteers

It's been quite a year for our Town Volunteers! The group, which consists of several residents and non-residents above the age of 55, takes on a broad range of duties, from working at Town Hall, to working at South Coastal Library, Meals on Wheels, and the Atlantic Community Thrift Shop (ACTS), just to name a few! The most notable events of which the Volunteers have worked on collected more than 35 backpack care packages for local foster children, ages 10 to 15, which was done in June 2017; and the Stockings for Soldiers, which was completed by November 1, 2017. Behind the scenes, Volunteer Chairperson and Town resident Patricia Molder rallies the volunteers to find — and work on — the next project to benefit the community. What these volunteers do for the community and the Town is priceless and we are very grateful for any and all time and attention they donate toward the Town and other worthy causes! To be a Millville Volunteer, or if you'd like more information about the group, please call (302) 539-0449 or go to the Town website: www.millville.delaware.gov/millville-volunteer-group/. Remember what Australian Elizabeth Andrew said: "Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, they just have the heart!"

'Tis the Season ... All Year Long!
by Matt Amerling

This time of year, around the holidays, one begins to notice something in the air — and I'm not talking about the Christmas decorations, Christmas music, the mad rush of shoppers, or the cold haze of weather! Rather, one notices people's moods lighten — they are more generous, more kind and, for the most part, more polite than usual. It's a big part of why most people enjoy this time of year. And while it's a nice aspect of the holidays, there should be a striving for that type of kindness all year 'round.

During these recent times of division and tragedy throughout the country, it is especially important to remember that despite our differences in religion, race, creed, or gender, we all experience defeat, tragedy and loss. We are all human. And it is our interactions with others, no matter who they identify as, that will truly speak to who we are as a person. There is a quote by American attorney, soldier, writer, and Freemason, Albert Pike, that better expresses this: "What we do for ourselves, dies with us; what we do for others and the world, remains and is immortal."

You may ask, "But how do I do this?" Next time you are getting rid of clothing or household items, take the extra time to donate to shelters such as the Crisis House Shelter in Georgetown (302-856-2246), the Catholic Charities Casa San Francisco in Milton (302-684-8694), or the Diakonia Emergency Shelter & Food Pantry in Ocean City, MD (410-213-0923). Find a local charity that could use your help, even if it means just passing out flyers. As we all have flaws, bad days & interact with difficult people, it is challenging to try to be consistently nice and patient, but keep in mind you never know what others are going through. A bit of patience and empathy per day can go a long way!



The photos on this page and page 5 show the highlights of the new municipal building attached to Millville Town Hall! The building was officially completed at the end of July 2017! This building will serve as a stopping point, training center, and shelter for the Delaware State Police (DSP). Included on this page are the new building, the entryway, the foyer (with elevator), and the classroom/kitchenette. On page 5 are the two bunk rooms, two offices, office hallway, and the garage wash bay.

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