

Town of Millsboro

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Nature always wears the colors of the spirit.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



As the echoes of laughter and the warmth of community lingered from our town Christmas parade that took place on Saturday, December 2nd, we want to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to and attended this joyous event.

The sense of togetherness and community embodies the true spirit of the holiday season. As we reflect on the success of the Christmas parade, we are reminded of the strength and warmth of our community.

Thank You for being an integral part of this wonderful celebration, and for contributing to the magic of the holiday season.

Thank You to the Millsboro Fire Department Ladies Auxillary and Lewes Dairy for the donation of the cookies and milk that were provided to our community during the tree lighting and caroling at Millsboro Town Center, and to M & T Bank for providing an area for parade staging!

Do you have any questions and/or need to meet with Town Staff?

Contact Us!
town@millsboro.org



WHEN DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?



Obtaining a Town of Millsboro building permit prior to constructing, enlarging, altering, repairing, moving, demolishing, and/or changing the occupancy of a building or structure is important and required by the Town. The permit process serves various essential purposes related to safety, legality, and community planning. Submittal of a permit application is required to review projects and verify that they comply with the requirements set forth in the Town Code, the International Residential Code (IRC), and the International Building Code (IBC). Building permits are designed to ensure that projects comply with local building codes and regulations. These codes are in place to ensure the safety of occupants and the surrounding community. Compliance with these codes helps prevent accidents, structural failures, and other potential hazards.

Starting a project before obtaining a Town of Millsboro permit will result in the project being issued a Stop Work Order. This will also result in being charged a double permit fee upon permit application submittal. Denied permit applications for projects started prior to permit application submittal could result in condemnation, demolition, and lost time and/or money. Projects constructed without proper permits may face challenges when it comes to selling or refinancing the property. Potential buyers or lenders may be hesitant if they discover that the property has undergone unpermitted construction, as it could indicate potential issues. We do not want any of the above repercussions to happen to any of our property owners, and ask you to abide by the permitting process to avoid such situations from occurring. We want to see your desired projects succeed, and following this process will assist in that.

Building Permits are required for:

- New Construction
- Accessory Buildings
- Additions
- Renovations
- Decks
- Porches
- Fences
- Pavers
- Pools
- Solar Panels
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Irrigation Work
-and more.



Please contact Millsboro Town Hall to inquire if your project needs a permit prior to work beginning.

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in the news

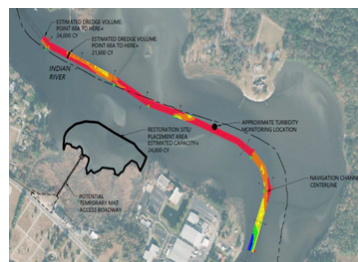


Town of Millsboro Police Department construction is well underway for the new police station that will be located on Railroad Avenue Ext., and Ellis Street. We are hopeful to be up and running in the new building within the next couple of months.

The DELDOT Millsboro Bypass Project is well under way, and starting to take shape. Per DELDOT, the project is expected to be completed by Memorial Day of 2025, likely with a ceremony.



Dredging is set to begin, per DNREC. Work is set to begin on dredging the navigational channel along the Indian River. The material dredged from the channel will be used in a marsh enhancement project to restore a local wetland area. The project goals include maintaining a navigable waterway and wetland restoration.



Project overview map: Navigational channel (colored) to be dredged and restoration site/placement area (outlined)

welcome



Nectar currently has a location in Lewes, and owner, Lisa McDonald, joined us by opening a location here in downtown Millsboro as well! Nectar is a place of whimsy, delicious indulgence and breakfast that lasts all day long. The cafe/juice bar specializes in signature and healthy fresh-pulped juices, crafted coffees, creative eats and treats and the aforementioned breakfast.

New Location: 226 Main Street



Kaisy's Delights currently has a location in Lewes, just closed a location in downtown Rehoboth Beach, and will be joining us downtown Millsboro in the coming months. Kaisy's Delight says "Check our menu. You will relish into yesteryears, when the real family's treasure was Grandma's cookbook."

New Location: 303 Main Street

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



- Town water/sewer bills are mailed via USPS for the quarterly billings in January, April, July and October.
- Town property tax bills are mailed in July.
- You can pay your water/sewer bill on our Town website (www.millsboro.org), in person, or via mail.
 - Cash, check and money orders are accepted at Millsboro Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8-4:30 (holidays excluded). A drop box is to the right of the drive-thru window, and is available 24/7.
 - Credit/Debit cards and ACH payments are accepted for a nominal fee at www.millsboro.org.
- Payment is due upon receipt. Late fees and penalties are posted to the account on the first day of the following month (i.e. Late fees and penalties for the January billings are posted on February 1st).
- The minimum charge for water/sewer bills is 7500 gallons per quarter. Usage of 7501 gallons and above is charged at 100-gallon increments.
- All accounts/bills must remain in the name(s) of the property owners and can not be changed to renters' names.



Please ensure your meters are accessible to the Town of Millsboro Public Works

**If you have any questions or concerns
about your bill, please reach out to us at
Town Hall as soon as possible.**

We are here to help

(302) 934-8171

Thank You!



Happy Birthday, Delaware!
December 7, 1787 Delaware became the first of
the 13 original States to ratify the
U.S. Constitution





Winter Safety Tips



DRESS IN LAYERS

Wear multiple layers of clothing to stay warm, and choose fabrics that wick moisture away from the body.

PROTECT EXTREMITIES

Wear a hat, gloves, and insulated, waterproof boots to protect against frostbite and slipping on icy surfaces.

PET SAFETY

Keep pets indoors during extremely cold weather. If they must go outside, ensure they have a warm shelter and access to unfrozen water.

AVOID OVEREXERTION

Shoveling snow and other winter activities can be physically demanding. Take breaks, stay hydrated, and avoid overexertion to prevent injuries.

CHECK SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are functioning properly. Winter heating methods can pose an increased risk of fire and carbon monoxide leaks.

PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE

Check your vehicle's tires, brakes, fluids, and battery before winter starts. Keep an emergency kit in your car with essentials like blankets, a flashlight, and non-perishable snacks.

HEATING SAFETY

Wear a hat, gloves, and insulated, waterproof boots to protect against frostbite and slipping on icy surfaces.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Have an emergency kit at home with essentials like water, non-perishable food, medications, blankets, flashlights, and a battery-powered radio.

BE MINDFUL OF HYPOTHERMIA

Learn the signs of hypothermia, such as shivering, confusion, and slurred speech. Seek medical attention if you suspect someone is experiencing hypothermia.





By taking the following precautions, you can help safeguard your water pipes during cold weather and reduce the risk of freezing and damage:

INSULATION: Insulate pipes, especially those in unheated areas like basements, crawl spaces, and attics. Pipe insulation sleeves or wraps can be used for this purpose.

SEAL LEAKS: Seal any gaps or cracks in walls and foundations near pipes to prevent cold air from reaching them.

DISCONNECT HOSES: Disconnect garden hoses and, if possible, shut off outdoor water valves. Water left in hoses and pipes can freeze and cause damage.

KEEP INTERIOR DOORS OPEN: Keep interior doors open to allow warm air to circulate freely, especially in areas where pipes are located.

HEATING: Ensure that all areas with pipes are adequately heated, and if possible, keep the thermostat set to a consistent temperature day and night.

EMERGENCY SHUT OFF: Know the location of the main water shut-off valve in case of a pipe burst. If a pipe does freeze, shutting off the water supply promptly can minimize damage.

PIPES ALONG EXTERIOR WALLS: Pay special attention to pipes located along exterior walls, as they are more susceptible to freezing. Insulate them properly and take additional precautions.

PIPES UNDERGROUND: For pipes located underground, consider adding extra insulation and keeping the surrounding soil well-drained.

MONITOR WEATHER FORECASTS: Stay informed about upcoming weather conditions. Take extra precautions during extremely cold spells, and be proactive in implementing protective measures.

EMERGENCY KIT: Have a winter emergency kit ready, including a pipe insulation kit, heating tape, and tools for emergency repairs.

PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION: If you're unsure about the condition of your pipes or if your home is adequately prepared for cold weather, consider hiring a professional plumber to inspect your plumbing system.



Christmas Word Search

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| SANTA | CELEBRATE | BELLS | RUDOLPH |
| MISTLETOE | STOCKING | CANDY CANE | FROSTY |
| REINDEER | WREATH | ELVES | CHRISTMAS |
| TREE | JOLLY | HOLIDAY | SLEDGE |

Santa was having problems with his legs and couldn't walk so he went to the hospital to ask the doctor if he could recommend something for him.

What did the doctor give to Santa to help him to walk?

Answer: A candy cane



As we bid farewell to another remarkable year, we reflect on the strength and resilience that defines our wonderful community. Together, we faced challenges, celebrated triumphs, and forged lasting connections that make the Town of Millsboro truly special.

As the New Year unfolds, let's embrace the opportunities for growth, unity and joy that it brings. May 2024 be a year of prosperity, good health, and shared achievements for each and every one of us .

May the coming year be filled with warmth, laughter, and moments of shared happiness. Let's continue to support one another, nurture our community spirit, and make the Town of Millsboro an even better place to do business and to call home.

**Thank You for being an integral part of our journey.
Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy New Year filled with love, success, good health, peace, and all of the wonderful things life has to offer.**

Here's to a fantastic 2024!

**With heartfelt wishes,
-Town of Millsboro Staff-**

**Share your New Year's Resolutions with us!
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