



Milford Celebrates its 375th Year!

The City of Milford is celebrating its 375th Anniversary in 2014 with a year long celebration including Celebration Week from Monday June 9th through Sunday, June 15th.

The Board of Aldermen formally approved Milford's 375th Anniversary Committee at its recent meeting. The committee has been working for the past few months, getting ready for a celebration in 2014.

It was the summer of 1637 when Connecticut and Massachusetts militia were pursuing the Pequot tribe along the Connecticut coast. Most of the soldiers were interested only in spotting Native Americans, but Sgt. Thomas Tibbals noticed the

area near the mouth of the Wepawaug River, where there was forest, game, rivers to power mills, a harbor, and beaches abundant with clams.

In 1639, this land was purchased from the Paugussett Tribe and became Milford.

Milford's histories tell much about the founders and how they settled in Milford almost 375 years ago.

"On Feb. 12, 1639, Edmund Tapp, William Fowler, Benjamin Fenn, Zachariah Whitman, and Alexander Bryan from New Haven, journeyed to the Wepawaug and purchased land from Ansantawae, a sachem of the Paugussett Tribe who had a village on the banks of the river," according to *History of Milford, Connecticut*.

The price was six coats, 10 blankets, one kettle, 12 hatchets, 12 hoes, two dozen knives, and a dozen small mirrors.

Although **Celebration Week** will be the anniversary highlight — complete with fireworks and pomp — additional special events will take place throughout the year. The First Church, the Milford Historical Society and many other community groups will host festivities that commemorate the anniversary.

More information and a complete list of events can be found at milfordct375.org.

Curb Appeal...if someone asks you to describe it, what would you say? It can be hard to put into words, but when a home's got it, it's easy to spot. Houses with curb appeal draw you to look at them when you are in the neighborhood.

Here are some quick and easy ways to add curb appeal to your home.

- **Paint your front door a bold color.** Doors can be time consuming to paint so to be sure you've chosen the right color before painting the whole thing, here's a trick. Paint a couple of large pieces of cardboard, tape them to your front door and take a look from several feet away.
- **Exterior lighting can add a huge impact.** No need to call an electrician if you want the look but not



the expense. Most big box or hardware stores sell lighting kits that are easy to install.

- **Plant topiaries.** They add loads of style to the front of any home.
- **Plant a flower garden along the front of your home.** Choose long blooming perennials and they will come back year after year.

Other ways to improve the look of your home (and, perhaps add value)

include adding a front porch or deck, installing a new fence, putting up shutters and/or window boxes or installing a new walkway.

Interested in taking on a larger home project, maybe one of the ideas listed above? Wondering how to finance it? A Home Equity Loan or Home Equity Credit Line might be the answer. Interest rates are very low and interest payments may be tax deductible. (Contact your tax advisor for details.)

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Special Notice:



The Department of Banking has received reports that Connecticut residents are the targets of a telephone scam requesting private account information.

"It has come to my attention that Connecticut residents have received automated telephone calls that appear to be from a bank indicating that their debit card has been frozen," stated Banking Commissioner Howard F. Pitkin. "This is a scam, and anyone who receives such a call should immediately hang up the phone."

The voice on this "robocall" then asks whoever answers the call to press one, at which time they are led to believe they have reached the Security Department of the bank. At this point they are instructed to enter their private debit card number and additional information about their account. Commissioner Pitkin advised, "Financial institutions would never call you ask you to provide such personal information over the telephone, and certainly not with an automated call. If you are unsure, hang up and call your bank directly using the number provided on your card."

If you believe you were a victim, contact your bank or financial institution immediately. Contact the Department of Banking, Consumer Affairs Division, at 1-800-831-7225, or ct.gov/dob for more information about banking scams and fraud.

"People might hear your words, but they feel your attitude."

- John C. Maxwell

Congratulations!

Jay Hegener has been named Milford Bank's Employee of the Year for 2013!

Jay has been with The Milford Bank since April 2012. He works in our Information Technology department as a Network Software Specialist. Jay helps employees when they have problems or are locked out of their computers, he does software and hardware updates, and anything else needed to help keep the Bank's computers up to date and functioning smoothly.



Some offbeat days to celebrate in May....

May 4th—Star Wars Day, May the 4th be with you!

May 10th—Clean up Your Room Day, also known as every child's least favorite day of the year, right behind Eat Your Brussels Sprouts Day and Do Your Homework Week.

May 13th—Frog Jumping Day, One of Mark Twain's first short stories introduced the image of the "jumping frog" into the collective consciousness of America. How this ties to this specific date is unclear, but do you really need a clear reason to jump around like a frog?

May 30th—My Bucket's Got a Hole in it Day, somewhat inspired by a folk song of the same name. My Bucket's Got a Hole in it Day, or MBGHD, does not dictate any formal observational traditions. We suggest putting a positive spin on a crisis, and taking the day to reflect on how things could be worse. Unless, of course, you're a bucket.

Upcoming Bank-Sponsored Events:

May 4: **Milford Harbor Duck Race**, Milford Harbor

May 10: **Milford Garden Club's May Market**, Fowler Field Pavilion

June 1: **Jr. Women's Club of Milford Touch a Truck**, Eisenhower Park



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