

## KNOW YOUR DISTRICT

Milford has voting, school, zoning districts and several special feature districts such as historic. Find out more about districts in Milford here: [www.ci.milford.ct.us](http://www.ci.milford.ct.us)



### You Can Make A Difference When You...

Use the power of your vote.

Communicate your views to your elected officials.

Organize with others around concerns that are important to you.

**You Can Effect Change!**



Milford Speaks Out is an advocacy group dedicated to bringing about a fair and just community and society.

**Meetings held the  
second Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM**

**Fowler Building, 45 New Haven Ave., Milford, CT**

Sign up for email updates at  
[milfordspeaksout@gmail.com](mailto:milfordspeaksout@gmail.com)

Facebook: MilfordSpeaksOut

Webpage: MilfordSpeaksOut.org

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Anne Frank

## Milford Speaks Out Guide to Citizenship in Milford

"The most important political office is that of the private citizen." -Louis D. Brandeis



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[www.ci.milford.ct.us/registrars-of-voters](http://www.ci.milford.ct.us/registrars-of-voters)

If you don't vote, you're letting others choose who will make the decisions about your life.

You have the most impact on your local government. Those elected to local office are your neighbors, people who live in your community. There is inter-connectedness among the various Boards, Commissions and other elected officials.

Government is meant to be an open and public process. There are rules and laws that must be followed. Public engagement with community leaders on all levels is essential to a healthy democracy.

Communicating with your representatives provides them with various perspectives so they can make informed decisions.



**The City of Milford's website:**

[www.ci.milford.ct.us](http://www.ci.milford.ct.us) tells you who the elected and appointed leaders are, when they meet for public meetings and how to contact them.

**ELECTED VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND MAYOR**

**Mayor**

The Mayor is the city of Milford's chief executive. He/she is permitted to propose legislation to the Board of Aldermen and introduces the city budget, but possesses no veto power over what the Aldermen choose to pass.

**Contact the mayor @ City Hall:**

**Phone:** 203-783-3201

**Address:** 110 River St.

**Email:** [bblake@ci.milford.ct.us](mailto:bblake@ci.milford.ct.us).



**Board of Aldermen**

Milford has 15 elected Aldermen, 3 from each of the 5 Districts. The primary responsibilities of this board are to carry out the legislative duties of the city. Aldermen determine how and when your tax dollars are spent. They design local ordinances. Aldermen are your representatives to contact about ordinances and issues concerning how the City of Milford operates.

**Meetings are held the first Monday of each month, 7:30pm, Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall.**

At the regular monthly meeting, residents, taxpayers, or electors may speak for 3 minutes, on issues concerning the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen.



**Board of Education**

The 10 elected members (2 from each District). This board has three areas of responsibility: 1) policy, 2) budget and 3) hiring and oversight of the Superintendent of Schools.

**Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month except July and August, when they meet only on the second Monday.** Meetings are at 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Meeting Room, Parsons Government Center.

The public is free to comment on any educational issue at the business meeting, which is the first meeting of the month. Public comments on any agenda items may be made at the second meeting called the Committee of the Whole meeting. Comments about individuals are not allowed at any meeting.



**Planning and Zoning Board**

The 10 elected members (2 from each District) on this board are empowered with the duties and responsibilities of land use planning, zoning and regulatory action necessary to maintain, change, repeal, update and enforce local regulations and state statutes. Board Members are assisted by the Staff of the Planning and Zoning Department and advised by the City Planner.

**Meetings are held at City Hall, first and third Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM.** One meeting a month is reserved for public hearing, the other is a regular meeting.

Public hearings are required for all special permits and special exceptions. Public Hearings are for specific applications only. Comments by Milford residents are restricted to 3 minutes.

**Note:** The *Zoning Board of Appeals* and the *Planning and Zoning Board* are separate entities. The function of Zoning Board of Appeals is to hear and decide appeals where it has been alleged that an error was made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Zoning Board of Appeals is an appointed Board.

**APPOINTED VOLUNTEER BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Each of Milford's 35 Volunteer Boards and Commissions has meetings that are open to the public. Find out more here: [www.ci.milford.ct.us/home/pages/boards-commissions](http://www.ci.milford.ct.us/home/pages/boards-commissions)

Agendas and Minutes for each Board and Commission meeting can be found here: [www.ci.milford.ct.us/minutes-and-agendas](http://www.ci.milford.ct.us/minutes-and-agendas)

**MGAT - Milford Government Access Television** has a YouTube channel with recordings some City meetings: [www.ci.milford.ct.us](http://www.ci.milford.ct.us)

Under Boards and Commissions, click on the 'Milford Government Access Television Committee', and then click on the broadcast link.

MGAT also shows some City meetings live on Channels 78 and 79 on the Optimum cable service.



**YOU CAN SPEAK AT MEETINGS**

Residents of Milford can speak during the public comment session at Board and Commission meetings at the discretion of the chairmen.