

**A Few of the Many Successes of the City of Milton  
Presented by Councilmember Tina D'Aversa District 5  
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Following are points of interest. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you or attend your next HOA meeting.

Please visit the City of Milton Web Site at [www.cityofmiltonga.us](http://www.cityofmiltonga.us) for additional information and every city council meeting agenda and complete specific city contact information.

In the nine months since the City of Milton became incorporated, we've had many accomplishments. **The creation and launch of the City's public safety department brought local fire and police services to Milton residents.** This deployment of complete services is unprecedented among new cities. We have a top-level team of experienced officers and staff. The entire city staff is top-level and doing an outstanding job developing a brand new city with little outside support.

- The Community Development Department is currently working on the **Comprehensive Plan**, and a six-member committee has been appointed. The City is in the process of interviewing firms for development of the plan. Citizens are invited to get involved in the process, and can access an interactive area on the City's web site where they can share comments and feedback as this process moves forward. Our staff leading this effort is top-level – the best in the region. Director, Deputy Director and Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee members attended a day long ARC Comprehensive Plan Workshop – *Getting the most of your plan*
- The City released a news announcement yesterday proposing **no change in the millage rate for 2007 property taxes.** Fulton County rolled the millage rate back in 2006 as a political move to stop the city incorporation. The millage rate adopted by the city is in the city charter.
- **The tax rate is unchanged from the original rate adopted from Fulton County.** While the tax rate remains unchanged, please be aware that if your assessed property value increased during the year, you may see an increase in taxes, as your taxes are based on assessed property value minus the city's applicable homestead exemptions. Property tax bills will be sent out around September 1, and payments are due 60 days subsequent to billing.
- Also, please be aware that the process is not yet set up to automatically send property tax bills to the mortgage companies. This means that if you have a mortgage, you will need to forward your 2007 property tax bill to your mortgage company.

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- The City Manager has posted a letter to citizens regarding the Insurance Premium Tax. If you have any questions about this issue, please visit the City's web site and review this document. Mayor Lockwood met with the Insurance Commissioner on August 9<sup>th</sup> and the city is in the process of determining how we will collect this money. The press has printed that the money is lost however the Mayor and City Council are working diligently to make sure this unbudgeted money comes rightly to the City of Milton.
- The City Manager resigned this month to pursue another opportunity amidst the Insurance Premium Tax issue. **The acting City Manager is Public Safety Director, Christopher Lagerblom.** We all wish Aaron Bovos the best in his future endeavors.
- We're excited about the upcoming arrival of the City Fire Services Ladder truck, which should be arriving in September. This dual-purpose vehicle, which has both a ladder and water storage tanks, will primarily be used in the commercial areas where the need is greatest.
- **The City Council Meets nearly every week on Thursday nights.** We have workshops beginning at 5:30 and on most alternate Thursdays; we have the formal Council Meeting at 7:00. You can visit the web site for our calendar. You may speak to the council at during our meetings or just come to hear all that is happening with your city. I am available to speak with you by appointment as well.
- The City Council is working diligently to ratify ordinances and resolutions that protect our city including a comprehensive sign and noise ordinance. We have held a couple of working retreats where the council rolled up shirt sleeves to work hard for the city. While I did not support the hiring of a psychologist to interview the city council, several council members felt strongly about it and we will make the best of the decision and use the information presented to help guide our communication efforts.

City Council Members will not always agree which is the basis for our democratic society. Seven members, seven votes. Your input is critical. When you have an interest in an item that impacts you and is before the council, do not hesitate to make your thoughts known.

- I met with our staff and Fulton County Commissioner Lynn Riley's staff last week to pursue the purchase and **reopening of Providence Park.** The Fulton County staff is working diligently with the City to make this happen so that portions of the park can be reopened soon. We expect additional information in the next week.

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- Council approved a storm water resolution this week.
- Several council members rode in the Old Soldier's Day Parade August 4<sup>th</sup> to support our troops. It was an exciting day for all of the cities participating. If you didn't get a football, send me an email and I will make arrangements to throw one to you.
- **SAVE THE DATE AND MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!**  
The first Milton Roundup will be held September 29<sup>th</sup> at Birmingham United Methodist Church from 3:00 until 8:00. Please plan to come and bring the entire family.

I look forward to meeting you around town! Contact me at [tina.daversa@cityofmiltonga.us](mailto:tina.daversa@cityofmiltonga.us).



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