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# MICHAEL'S ANNOUNCES NEW MILFORD STORE

Michael's Arts and Crafts was transformed into a chain under Dupey Enterprises who controlled the retail company for 10 years when it was purchased by Sam Wyly. Today, Michael's has over 1,200 stores in the United States and Canada.

"We are always looking to bring Michael's and the joy of creativity to more communities and found that Milford was a great fit for a new, smaller format store," Peterson said. "The new store will be a sleeker, simpler Michael's featuring self-checkout registers, a Michael's Custom Framing center, and a curated assortment of our seasonal décor and the most popular supplies and componentry across arts, crafts, framing, floral, kids'

crafts, DIY, yarn, beading and scrapbooking products to inspire creativity in the surrounding area."

Peterson explained that the store would be hiring dozens of temporary, full- and part-time roles over the course of the year. Anyone interested can learn more by visiting [www.michaels.com/jobs](http://www.michaels.com/jobs).

"We will release more details as we begin hiring and get closer to opening," Peterson said.



BY TERRY ROGERS

Rachel Peterson, head of Corporate and Product Communications for Michael's announced on April 20 that they will be bringing a new store to Milford. The new craft store will be located next to Harbor Freight in the former Peebles department store building.

"We are thrilled to confirm that we plan to open a new location in Milford, later this year," Peterson said. "We are still some months away from opening but hope to be serving the community in time for the holidays."

Michael's was founded in 1973 by Dallas businessman Michael J. Dupey in Dallas, Texas. At the time, Dupey renovated a failing department store to create the new company which operated under Dupey Enterprises, a company owned by Jim Dupey, Michael's father.



# CULTURE



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# DOGFISH HEAD'S BEER AND SPIRIT FESTIVAL COMING MAY 5-7

BY JAREK RUTZ

Craft beer lovers will have a field day—well, field weekend—as Dogfish Head hosts its annual beer festival May 5-7 in Sussex County. The event, dubbed the “**Weekend of Compelling Ales**” will feature the local brewery’s unique ales and spirits along with delectable food pairings.

The weekend will start with a kick-off party, a walking and tasting experience, and brunch. It will also feature the debut of the Summer’s Cauldron, a new Limoncello-style gin, which was created in a partnership with New Hampshire’s **Fabrizia Spirits**. The newly-released unfiltered gin is 46% ABV and distilled with Sicilian lemons from Fabrizio’s own lemon grove in Italy, along with juniper, lemon drop hops, lavender, and pink and Timur peppercorns.

Cocktail expert and television personality Mia Mastroianni, who appears on the reality show *Bar Rescue*, will be mixing up some new cocktail recipes for attendees to try.

Here’s the schedule of events:

### **Kick-off party at Rehoboth restaurants**

The weekend starts at 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, with an all-you-can-eat meal and drink menu at **Brewings & Eats** and at **Chesapeake & Maine**.

Brewings & Eats will have a slider bar, build-your-own-pasta bowl and pub fare options. Chesapeake &

Maine will be the place to be for seafood lovers, with dishes like seafood paella and raw bar offerings. Both restaurants will have plenty of dessert options served in the courtyard between the two restaurants, which are located at 316 & 320 Rehoboth Avenue in Rehoboth. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased **HERE**.

### **Walking and Tasting Experience at Milton Tasting Room and Kitchen**

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, attendees can have a unique self-guided walking and tasting experience. Guests can explore the Dogfish Head’s Milton Brewery & Distillery, which includes 12 unique stations where they will be greeted with sample pours of beers, spirits or cocktails and some quick bites paired with them. Tickets are \$65 and can be bought **HERE**.

Each patron is guaranteed 12 rare beer and spirit samples with 12 food samples, a souvenir glass and a tasting card. The event takes place at 6 Cannery Village Center in Milton.

Designated driver tickets are \$35 and can be purchased **HERE**. The DD tickets include 12 food pairings, the glass, and 12 non-alcoholic beverages.

Once registered, patrons will be given a designated time slot for the walk-and-taste experience.

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### Brunch at Dogfish Head's Chesapeake & Maine

The weekend will wrap-up with a brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chesapeake & Maine. The full menu has yet to be finalized, but will include cocktails and beers. Those interested must make reservations by calling (302) 226-3600.




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# BUSINESS



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had done it any other way except for Your CBD store, she wouldn't have done it, but because it's scientifically based, they test you know all the products in the middle and then the end. It's just a really good company that is out to help people. So that was a big one for me."

Your CBD Store is the largest brick-and-mortar CBD chain in the United States and Sunmed is their premium, hemp-based line of wellness products. The company was created to change lives and help them live better lives each day. The company does not make false claims or promote products that are not science-based, something that was important to Spencer when he and his wife decided to open their store. The founder of Your CBD Store, Rachael Quinn, was looking for a way to deal with her own health issues and discovered CBD. She opened her first store in 2018 in Florida.

"We're at, I think 500 stores across the country. And it's more of a we're trying to bridge the gap and help people more than just the recreational side. We have both but about three-fourths of the store is fundamental products like water solubles, we have oil tinctures, creams, topicals. In fact, we have the number one topical in the country," Spencer said. "And then we have pet things, treats for pets. And then beauty products, massage oils. There are a lot of different products that we offer. We have seltzers and vapes, a little bit of everything when it comes to CBD. And, in our products are

**BY TERRY ROGERS**

Sunmed Your CBD Store recently opened in Milford Commons Shopping Center, located at 963 N. Dupont Boulevard. The store offers a variety of CBD products as well as education regarding how CBD works and its benefits on overall health.

"I have lived in Delaware my entire life and I was on four of five different medications," Bobby Spencer, co-owner of the store said. "I was tired of the side effects from the medication, so I went into the Your CBD Store in Dover. She got me on a great regimen and now I'm off all of my medicines. So, for me it was like a life changing event that took place with me. My wife's an RN and she's a partner here as well. I pitched it to her and she did a lot of research before we invested. If we

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we don't use isolates like other companies. That means whatever you take today will be the same effect that you'll get three years from now."

In addition to sales of products, Spencer offers education about how CBD works. His wife has also educated groups on receptors in the body and which products benefit what medical issues someone may be facing. Spencer and his wife plan to be at various festivals as well as at the library offering additional education about their products.

"We don't make claims directly about what CBD can help with as there are still studies being done," Spencer said. "But it truly does help with anxiety and depression. I can speak wholeheartedly on that. I was on Xanax, Prozac, everything you can imagine, and I don't take any of that now because of CBD. People come in here all the time for pain and our topical is awesome as you are getting direct contact. It's really an effective tool, but we also partner it with other treatments, like physical therapy and meditation."

According to Harvard Healthy, there have been studies that show CBD, which stands for cannabidiol, offers some medical benefits. It has been used successfully in the treatment of childhood seizure disorders. Studies have also found that CBD may reduce anxiety and insomnia. An animal study conducted in Europe found that CBD applied to the skin directly reduced pain from arthritis while others have found it helpful in the treatment of neuropathy. While CBD is an essential component in medical marijuana, it is actually derived from the hemp plant and manufactured in laboratories.

CBD does not cause the "high" reported from marijuana use although Spencer warns that those who must undergo drug tests should be sure to use broad spectrum CBD products rather than full spectrum.

"Broad spectrum hemp products are non-detectable," Spencer said. "Half of our products are broad spectrum while the other half are full spectrum. When CBD is paired with physical therapy and meditation, it is an amazing alternative to big pharma."

Sunmed Your CBD Store is currently open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. They plan to hold a grand opening celebration on May 6 starting at 10 a.m. with food provided by My Sister's Fault. Dane Melvin from UNITED Church will play guitar and sing at the event. There will also be a spin-wheel giveaway where someone can win a basket containing products, gift cards from area businesses and more, valued at \$500.



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# GOVERNMENT & POLITICS



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## COUNCIL DISCUSSES STRATEGIC PLAN

BY TERRY ROGERS

At a recent workshop, Milford City Council learned more about community comments regarding their strategic plan from Bill McGowan of the University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration. McGowan was part of a process that began in November 2022 with community conversations and workshops held over a period of months.

“What we heard during the process was that growth is an issue,” McGowan said. “Residents want to see controlled growth and limited sprawl, but they also want more stores and amenities. You do have a good

comp plan and a planner, so you are in good shape.”


Housing was another area where the community expressed concern with many wanting a variety of new housing provided as well as more attention paid to the price of new and existing housing. Some who responded at the meetings expressed skepticism about the role developers played in the type of new housing built.

“Housing, always, always, always in every small town, housing is a huge issue. How can I afford it? What does it look like? How do I take care of it? Housing in

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Milford not only is housing the place to live, it also speaks to the character of the town. It's a beautiful town," McGowan said. "You still have trees, you still have beautiful architecture. You need to pay attention, because that too can go away."

McGowan explained that the majority of those who responded were proud of Milford and felt it was a beautiful town. However, many also expressed that more code enforcement was necessary.

"Folks are gonna look at code enforcement and less litter, it is all fairly common sense," McGowan said. "This is the other piece, activities amenities. It's kind of a secret piece of successful communities. And that's an engaged and active citizenry, not by coming to public meetings, but do they show up at the sports leagues, do they go to the theater? Do they walk on the Riverwalk on a regular basis? These are kind of the subtle things that speak to a successful community. Particularly the idea that you need a public bathroom and I think you've got that all right. So that's community neighborhoods, economic development, a better mix of businesses."

In addition, McGowan pointed out that there was a perceived issue of homelessness in the downtown area and that downtown seemed to lack connectivity to the larger region. Some residents did not like the large state agency presence in downtown while others felt parking was inadequate. There were comments that the business permitting process was too slow and that a lack of jobs for younger people was a deterrent. When it came to public safety, residents mentioned high rates of youth crime, a lack of community policing, homelessness and

code enforcement as problems in the downtown area.

"You have a fairly new police team, so a lot of these rated this lack of community policing. And I don't want to get into this because the police chief, I think reports to the council. And I know this chief comes out of Wilmington and she does have a strong community policing background," McGowan said. "If I'm not mistaken, because there's a whole language around community policing, the whole philosophy and this chief of police gets it."

Many of the people who live in Milford do not shop or play in town, according to responses at the meetings. A lot of residents go to the beach areas for recreation and shopping. Those that do shop in Milford are coming from Greenwood, Harrington and Felton, McGowan explained.

"So, folks that are moving to Milford and coming here with a little bit more wealth are not spending their money here," McGowan said. "These are things you need to address with economic development."

Residents expressed an interest in cycling and walking around Milford. However, many felt it was unsafe to do so without separate bike trails. Residents also were concerned about large truck traffic and would like to see additional public transportation options. Residents also felt that there needed to be better communication from local government and would like to hear more success stories about Milford.

"Milford is at a critical identity crossroad," McGowan said. "Even with its location near resorts, affordability

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and the small town feel, it is not viewed as a destination to live, work and play. That's a little harsh, but that's what is going on."

As a result, McGowan offered three plan changes for the strategic plan that could help improve how Milford was viewed. One was to separate community engagement from fiscal responsibility to create priority areas. The second was to focus more attention on the Downtown River Rebirth Plan as well as the bicycle master plan. Finally, he recommended the city add an easy-to-use matrix as a pathway for progress.

"What I find is that all the different events that we have in this town, it's the same people who volunteer, your same core volunteer base," Councilwoman Katrina Wilson said. "I've been trying to figure out how to pull more people to come in."

Councilman Todd Culotta pointed out that Milford's downtown area needed to be a destination to draw people in.

"I'm not even talking about events," Councilwoman Wilson said. "You were mentioning that Little League is a gathering place. I find it very difficult to bring minorities in those areas. Now, I know why they're not going into Milford Little League because they can't afford it. Milford Little League has out priced itself to the point where most of the minorities, most of the lower income families, they're not going to go because their kids can't afford to participate. So, we've priced out."

Councilman Jason James stated that council needed to figure out how to take the ideas from paper and get them in place.

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“I’m yearning for that because we have opportunity to get people really involved and really engage and I know events are very important because it’s it that’s when you see everybody come together and sometimes the only time you see everybody comes together,” Councilman James said. “But if you don’t have economic development, the events just don’t have the draw. Because people are begging for more things like fondue, but that is a private industry owned by private business owners. But are we doing enough to promote those types of things, to attract those types of things?”

Councilman Todd Culotta agreed with Councilman James.

“Where we’re investing in, we attract the businesses that attract the jobs that attract the salaries. That money gets spent in the community, which creates better housing creates better events, creates better schooling, which then feeds back in to supporting those industries and businesses that continue to grow,” Councilman Culotta said. “So it all starts with economic development. Then we have to decide what does that mean. Is economic development getting fondue down here? Or is fondue a result of something like nationwide coming, taking over the hospital, creating jobs that offer average salaries of over \$80,000? That to me is where we’re at, is where the focus is right now.”

Councilman Culotta continued, using his own business as an example.

“Like I’m a contractor. Let me line up with that. When you build a house, the nice part of the house is the kitchen countertops and cabinets, the bathrooms, okay, that’s what you see,” Councilman Culotta said. “That’s

the restaurant. That’s the things to do. But you need the HVAC, you need electric, you need the plumbing. That’s the industry right? So we’ve got to put all that in first before we can enjoy the kitchen and the things on the end. So that to me is like that is where is where that focus. So we bought this. We borrowed from ourselves to buy this land to build this business park where we have it that should be our laser focus, then all this stuff. And I’ve seen it happen.”

The next steps in the strategic planning process will be to incorporate council comments and finalize a plan. Once the plan is finalized, a public hearing will be held before council votes on the new plan in June.



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# EDUCATION



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# EDUCATION TOWN HALL FOCUSES ON WOKE AGENDAS, PARENTAL RIGHTS

BY JAREK RUTZ

Speakers at a town hall on April 18 said Delaware’s education system is in crisis, Delaware’s students are being indoctrinated by the woke agenda and that America is falling behind in international comparisons. About 30 people attended the Save Our Schools Town Hall in Dover sponsored by **Citizens for Delaware Schools**. It is the first of three offering conservative views on education designed to help residents make an informed decision when they go to the polls for the May 9 school board elections.

Elana Fishbein of the national nonprofit **No Left Turn in Education** is an immigrant from Israel who said in the meeting that America is the shining city on a hill because people’s rights and freedoms are protected by the constitution. People risk their lives to enter the United States “because they know they have rights in the country, and they are protected.”

One of those is allowing parents to be the primary authority in their children’s education, an idea she thinks has been lost.

### Parental rights

Fishbein joked that she “interrogates” her son when he gets home from school, going class by class and asking him what he learned. When she hasn’t been okay with aspects of his classes, she’s called the school administration to exempt her child. She encouraged the crowd to do the same.

Once, her son came home and told her that his teacher was talking about transgender people. She was sure he’d never heard that word at home.

“I know that an eight-year old is still figuring out their own identity and their brain is still developing and they’re not really understanding what’s going on with their life,” she said.

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She wrote a letter to her son's superintendent and school board in 2020 about lessons she thought were inappropriate, and she has still not heard back. Schools don't adequately communicate with parents about their children are studying, she said.

Fishbein read an excerpt from the 1979 law that established the federal Department of Education, which said "parents have their primary responsibility for the education of their children, and state, localities and private institutions and the primary responsibility for supporting that parental role."

She believes reducing parental influence in schools has led to America's waning global dominance.

"We dropped from being leaders in the world to starting to be at the bottom of the barrel," she said.

### Test Scores

Tanya Hettler, director of the Center for Education Excellence at the [Caesar Rodney Institute](#), a conservative Delaware think tank, focused on student test scores.

Delaware's students perform on standardized tests such as the SATs, the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Delaware pays for all high school juniors to take the SATs. It uses the Smarter Balanced Assessment to test third through eighth graders each year. Every two years, fourth and eighth grade students from every state take the National Assessment.

Delaware had the fourth worst overall test scores on the National Assessment in 2022 when averaging those rankings for fourth and eighth grade math and reading, she said.

At the same time, she said, the First State is ninth in the nation in spending per student, at about \$18,000 per student.

Only a quarter of students are proficient in English language arts and math according to those assessment tests, she said. Virtual classes and other stresses caused by COVID-19 certainly made matters worse, she said, but scores have been on the decline for years, she said.

Although students performed better on the Smarter Balanced exam for 2022, less than half of the students were proficient in math and reading, she said.

"This is not okay," she said, "So, please come out to vote on May 9, and tell others this information and get them to come out with you."

### Discipline in schools

The third speaker was Beth Conaway, a retired teacher and administrator of 31 years, who was a former principal of Milton Elementary School. She said schools lack discipline and restorative practices like counseling don't punish a student who misbehaves.

She acknowledged that she doesn't want students missing class time, but said keeping a misbehaving student in the class is a detriment to good students and teachers.

"We know children are coming to school with trauma, living in homes that are difficult and as a result they're acting out," she said. "A lot of times it's because they have no control in their own lives."

Codes of conduct need to be enforced, she said, but often aren't. Students need to feel safe physically, emotionally and socially, she said, but sometimes suspension

and discipline is necessary to protect the students who are trying to learn. The lack of disciplinary actions creates even more stress for teachers, who don't want to work in a chaotic environment.

### Teacher shortage

The final speaker, Celeste Bunting, director of personnel at the Indian River School District, said people are simply not applying to teacher jobs anymore.

"There are fewer people going into education," she said. "I've attended probably 200 to 250 career fairs since I've been a personnel director. I've been at career fairs when you have 1,000 applicants, and in the last couple of years you may have 200."

Potential teachers need additional pathways to become certified, she said, because there aren't enough majors and programs at Delaware's colleges for students to pursue teaching.





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# HEALTH



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# GOVERNOR CARNEY DECIDES NOT TO VETO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BILLS



BY TERRY ROGERS

In a press release issued by the state of Delaware on Friday afternoon, Governor John Carney announced he would not veto nor would he sign two bills into law that would make recreational marijuana legal in Delaware. The laws also establish licensing and regulation in the cannabis industry. Last year, Gov. Carney vetoed a bill that would have legalized recreational marijuana and an override attempt was unsuccessful.

“In the coming days, I will allow House Bill 1 and House Bill 2 to be enacted into Delaware law without my signature. These two pieces of legislation remove all state-level civil and criminal penalties from simple marijuana possession and create a highly regulated

industry to conduct recreational marijuana sales in Delaware,” Gov. Carney said in the press release. “As I’ve consistently said, I believe the legalization of recreational marijuana is not a step forward. I support both medical marijuana and Delaware’s decriminalization law because no one should go to jail for possessing a personal use quantity of marijuana. And today, they do not.”

Gov. Carney has long been an opponent of legalizing the recreational use of marijuana. His strongest objection was highway safety as well as the lack of information on how marijuana use could affect young people.

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“I want to be clear that my views on this issue have not changed. And I understand there are those who share my views who will be disappointed in my decision not to veto this legislation,” the press release continued. “I came to this decision because I believe we’ve spent far too much time focused on this issue, when Delawareans face more serious and pressing concerns every day. It’s time to move on. I remain concerned about the consequences of a recreational marijuana industry in our state. I’m concerned especially about the potential effects on Delaware’s children, on the safety of our roadways, and on our poorest neighborhoods, where I believe a legal marijuana industry will have a disproportionately negative impact. Those concerns are why I could not put my signature to either House Bill 1 or House Bill 2.”

Gov. Carney recognized that other lawmakers may not agree with his decision to allow the bills to pass without his signature, but he felt there was no need to continue debating the issue.

“Delaware families want great schools for their kids. They want good jobs and affordable, safe communities free of crime. And they expect—rightly so—that we’ll spend taxpayer dollars in a way that’s both responsible and sustainable. That’s where we should focus our time and energy in the weeks and months ahead,” Gov. Carney said. “As we implement House Bill 1 and House Bill 2, we will do everything in our power to protect children from accessing marijuana and marijuana-related products; prevent Delawareans and Delaware

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visitors from driving under the influence of marijuana; and closely evaluate the placement of marijuana dispensaries and other businesses, to ensure they do not become a blight on already disadvantaged communities. My goal will be to ensure that Delaware has a robust regulatory system that protects the interests of the most vulnerable Delawareans, to avoid the many challenges we've seen in other states, and to get back to focusing on issues that are most important for Delaware families."

House Bill 1 removes all penalties for possession of up to one ounce or less of leaf or an equivalent amount of other products containing marijuana as well as any accessories related to using the substance. The bill also requires anyone using marijuana to be 21 or older. In addition, when transporting marijuana in a vehicle, the substance must be in a closed container. The bill passed the Senate with a vote of 16 to 4 with one absent and the House with a vote of 28 to 13.

House Bill 2 allows the state to regulate and tax marijuana for recreational use similar to methods used for alcohol. The bill passed the Senate with a vote of 15 to 5 with one absent and the House with a vote of 27 to 13 with one absent.



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# SPORTS



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## MILFORD LITTLE LEAGUE OPENS 2023 SEASON

BY TERRY ROGERS

Milford Little League opened its 2023 season with a parade and opening ceremonies on Friday, April 21. The parade began at the Milford Church of God on North Walnut Street with players, coaches and parents walking to the ballpark, escorted by the Milford Police Department and the Carlisle Fire Company.

“The parade winds up at our senior league field for our ceremony where teams line up along the base paths,” Kelly Greenly, president of Milford Little League, said. “This year, we had the Milford High School Chamber Choir sing the National Anthem and recognized the 2013 Senior League softball team that won the East Regional tournament. They were the first team from Milford Little League to do so and they went on to win the Little League Softball World Series in 2014.”

After recognizing the 2013 team, Aneurys Felix-Abad and Sylvia Wolfenden read the Little League International Pledge. Awards were given for baseball and softball volunteers.

“This year’s recipient of the William E. Morris Award for dedication to our baseball program was Michelle Eisenbrey,” Greenly said. “The recipient of the Jack Allen Award for dedication to our softball program is Nancy West who passed away this past December, so her family accepted the award on her behalf. Mayor Archie Campbell and former Rep. Harvey Kenton recognized Ed Huey for his dedication to the town of Milford and the Milford Little League.”

Huey also threw out the first pitch for baseball while Haylee Scruggs, who was on the 2013 Senior League

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team, threw out the first pitch for softball. A major league baseball and softball game was held Friday night while Tee-ball, pitching machine, minor league and softball games were held on Saturday. The league also held its annual chicken barbecue on Saturday to raise money.

“Children can start our tee-ball program at age four and can play up to age 16 in Senior League baseball and softball,” Greenly said. “Unfortunately, sign-ups ended on March 1 but sign-ups for next season begin in January 2024.”

Greenly explained that the league has the managers and coaches they need but are still looking for volunteers to umpire and help throughout the ballpark with maintenance and the concession stand. There is a volunteer form on the league website at [www.milfordball.com](http://www.milfordball.com). The form can be filled out online and emailed to the league at [milfordlittleleague.com](http://milfordlittleleague.com) or print it and bring it to the concession stand.

“The regular season will last until mid-June,” Greenly said. “All-Star and Special League games will start in mid-July. Milford Little League is hosting the District 1 Major League All-Star Tournament from July 12 through 18. We are also hosting the District 1 Senior League Softball Tournament from July 5 through 11 and the State Senior League Softball Tournament on July 15 and 16.”

Little League is a great program for children, Greenly stated, but the league does face challenges.

“It teaches socialization, teamwork and sportsmanship,” Greenly said. “Kids also learn athletic skills like running, throwing, catching and hitting a ball. Each year we struggle with finding umpires and coaches. You don’t need to know all the rules to fill those positions. You just must have a love for kids and teaching them to learn new skills.”



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