

# ***CITY OF MILLER NEWS TO KNOW***

## ***May 2026***

### **City Calendar:**

<b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Cruise-In at The Burger Shack (First Thursday of each month April 2, May 7, June 4, July 3, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1)
<b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Farmer's Market at Triple Deuce, every Thursday from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm (through fall)
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup></b>	City Wide Garage Sale
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup></b>	City Wide Clean-Up (15 <sup>th</sup> 8 am – 4 pm & 16 <sup>th</sup> 8 am – 12 pm)
<b>May 25<sup>th</sup> – Closed</b>	Memorial Day – City Hall will be Closed

**City Wide Clean-up** – Times for the Spring clean-up are: Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. The location will be at the old lagoon (off Sanders.) You will need to bring your city utility bill in order to utilize this service. The traffic pattern will be one-way. When you come in to the lagoon, please go to the right. You will be directed on which container to pull up to after you have shown your bill. Once you have used the dumpster, you will continue on around the lagoon.

**Prohibited Items:** Yard waste (you will be able to haul brush to the brush pile during the hours of the clean-up), hazardous waste (see below), oils, paints (unless completely solidified), car batteries, tires, asbestos, dead animal carcass, construction materials.

**Hazardous Waste Defined:** Pesticides, insect sprays, herbicides, rust removers, swimming pool chemicals, batteries, automotive chemicals, such as: waxes, polish carburetor cleaner, brake fluid, gasoline, antifreeze, gear oil, motor oil, transmission fluids, wood preservatives, corrosive chemicals, chlorine bleach, drain openers, lye, muriatic acid, hobby chemicals, lubricants, paint thinners, etc.

**Appliances:** Please call City Hall for the names and numbers of local scrappers.

**In the event it is raining or a threat of rain the lagoon will remain closed. You must call 417-205-5006 to coordinate a time to utilize the service during the times listed above for clean-up.**

**Limb Pick-Up** – What started to be a courtesy service for residents after a storm has morphed into something never intended. After April 24, 2026, the city will no longer pick up limbs or trees that have been trimmed or felled. Limb pick-up will only be done up to 10 days after a storm. The old lagoon is open from 7:30 am – 3:15 Monday through Friday for you to take your limbs to the burn pile. **This if for limbs, leaves and wood with no nails only.**

**Mowing Season** is upon us. A friendly reminder of a couple of ordinances regarding vegetation:

**Ordinance 215.020 Weeds, High Grass or Other Vegetation** states in section A, “All persons owning or occupying any lot or tract of land in the City shall keep the weeds, high grass and other vegetation growing on such property cut and removed. Whenever such weeds, high grass or other vegetation shall attain the height of six (6) inches, it shall be deemed a nuisance.”

**Ordinance 215.030 Maintenance of Rights-Of-Way** states in Section A, “Owners or occupants shall be responsible for maintenance of adjacent local road public rights-of-ways within the City of Miller, including:

1. Properly mowing the grassed or vegetated area.
2. Trimming around all vertical objects.”

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**Planning and Zoning** – Have you heard of the solar farm that will be built south of La Russell in Lawrence County? It will be used to provide energy to the Data Center that will be built across the county line in Jasper County (Sarcoxie). If you haven't heard about Data Centers and the impact they have on the area/residence surrounding them, I encourage you to research them. They have projected

2000 to 3000 new centers going up nationwide and 55 in Missouri. Depending on the size of data center, the amount of water used daily can be up to 5 million gallons of water a day, and consume an extreme amount of energy. The owners of these data centers are targeting rural counties where there is no zoning. They are exploiting loop holes.

You might wonder what that has to do with Miller? Currently, Miller has no zoning. We are looking for feedback from the community regarding zoning. When we worked with TREKK on the Comprehensive Plan, we included a land-use map that would be used if we implemented zoning (how property is currently labeled, i.e. residential, commercial, agriculture, etc.) We will be hosting a Town Hall meeting in June (date to be determined) to present the adopted Comprehensive Plan and to discuss Planning and Zoning. We will let you know once a date has been set. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am happy to have conversations with the residents of Miller on topics that affect us all.

**City of Miller Funding 101** – I wanted to take this opportunity to inform the public on how the City of Miller is funded. Restricted taxes can only be used for what the tax was passed. Example: Miller Fire Department Sales Tax collected can only be spent on fire department expenses. The General Fund Sales Tax is the only tax that is unrestricted.

All totals listed are tax and rate (sewer/water) income at the end of fiscal year 2024/2025.

- Capital Improvement Sales Tax .5% (voter passed in 2017) – Restricted fund. Total \$35,611.09
- Miller Fire Department Sales Tax .25% (voter passed in 2004) – Restricted fund. Total \$17,864.67
- General Fund Sales Tax 1.5% (1% voter passed 1979, .5% voter passed 2005) – Unrestricted fund. Total \$129,276.58
  - Property Tax (55% collected) \$32,159.64 - Unrestricted
- Law Enforcement (Police Department) – 45% of Property Tax collected for city (voter passed 2002). Restricted – Total \$26,312.44
- Street Fund – Restricted – Total \$75,396.54
  - Public Mass Transportation Sales Tax .5% (voter approved 1995) - \$35,728.76
  - MO Motor Fuel Tax (state) - \$28,410.34
  - MO Vehicle Fees Tax (state) - \$3,178.60
  - Mo Vehicle Sales Tax (state) - \$8,078.84
- Sewer – Restricted – Total \$228,370.94
- Water – Restricted – Total \$267,475.68

**Grand Total - \$812,467.58**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact City Hall at 417-452-3371.

**After hours water/sewer emergencies only 417-205-5006.**