

The weather is beginning to turn nicer, and it's that time of year where we start getting out of our homes. As I drive around our city, I see more and more people working in their yards, taking walks, and enjoying the parks. If you've been spending all your time in your yard and haven't made it over to Community Park yet, I'd like to point out a few new additions. There are five new benches from the top of the park to the bottom. And Cafe Elite is now open at the base of the park. It's time to get out and take a stroll in the park, perhaps watch the sunset on one of these beautiful evenings.

You may not realize it, but Community Park has not always been there. It is named Milton Community Park because the Park Board and other volunteers came up with the idea of a community park, and they diligently worked until they got it! Our volunteers, those who sit on our boards and commissions as well as those who help along the way, are a big reason why the city works. The community is truly the heart of the city. This last Earth Day was a great example of how much this community cares. Along with our Surface Water Compliance Inspector Jamie Carter and our Interim Public Works Director Mark Howlett, there were members from City Council and the Park Board, as well as other citizens, who came out to clean up around the stormwater pond and add some much-needed beautification. It was a great day and not just work – there was a lot of laughing going on as well! Thank you to everyone that participated – it really came out beautiful.

I've had several meetings lately regarding Milton Days – yes, it's getting to be that time as well. Talk about an event that brings the community together. I've been so overwhelmingly pleased with what the Event Committee has done every year, along with all the volunteers that have come out to help. This year is no exception. The plans are huge, and it sounds like there will be lots of fun! They are organizing the volunteer sheets now, so come one and get involved! The Event Committee meets the second and fourth Tuesday every month at 6pm in the Council Chambers – we'd love to see you there!

From the Milton Activity Center to the Park Board to the Planning Commission and Council meetings – there's a lot of things to do here in Milton!