

**Milton Days 2016** was really fun, and really, *really* hot!



Our Grand Marshal was our very own **Daniel Lyon**. We love it when Daniel is back in Milton – especially in his Milton Police uniform!

I would like to thank everyone that came out to enjoy this great community tradition, and I especially would like to thank all the vendors and volunteers who stayed the whole time. This must have been one of the hottest Milton Days we've ever had, but the heat didn't seem to stop anyone from participating and having a good time. There were misting stations for the little ones and bowls of water for the dogs, and several of you suggested that we have a water feature in Community Park, and more slides. Lots of park ideas – I love it! It's ideas like that and people coming together that created Community Park in the first place. This is what the city's volunteer Park Board is all about.

I would like to specifically thank the people who put on this event – without all the hard work of volunteers, Milton Days simply wouldn't be what it is. These people work tirelessly all year long to take care of every minor detail; their commitment is simply amazing. And this year's Milton Days showed it! First, thank you to the Chair of the Event Committee, April Balsley, who kept the group moving forward. Every member of this Committee took on a key component, and they worked together like a well-oiled machine. **A big THANK YOU to our Event Committee.**

April Balsley  
Debbie Hooie  
Mary Thompson  
Brandy Wade  
Christy Dean  
Alisha Bennest  
Betty Taylor  
Tiffany Harris  
Liz Dargie

I would also like to thank the Milton employees who supported the Event Committee. Lots of behind-the-scenes things happen, and they only happen with key employees dedicated to the task. First, one of our newest employees, Jill Schwerzler, and returning staff members Marci Mayer, Brent Thompson, and Nils Luckman, among many others, really help to bring it all together.

My favorite part of Milton Days is seeing everyone from our community, especially all the kids. My second-favorite thing is when everything is done, things are packed up, the lights are off, and a tired but fulfilled group of volunteers sits around a table basking in the success of Milton Days. You guys are awesome!

Well, with Milton Days over, it marks the end of the season, and it's hard to believe but it's Back

to School time. For us at the City, it's Back to Budget time. The budget season is simply a time of looking back to see how successful we were in our plans from the previous year, and looking forward to set our priorities again for the new year. The biggest priority in Milton doesn't change much – our Police Department is probably the most important thing to us all. Of course there are several other priorities, including parks. It's difficult to spread the money to meet all of our needs and wants. We have been working on a lot of new Economic Development that will help, especially with things like sidewalks and streets. We welcome all your comments and assistance during this budget season. After all, it's your city and, frankly, your money. Let's do this together.