



# Historic Downtown Milford Saturday, April 26, 2025

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Celebrate spring as the Bug and Bud Festival returns to downtown Milford on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. With food trucks, live entertainment, the annual parade, Kids' Zone, over 100 vendors and the delight of Milford's downtown shopping and dining district, this free festival invites people to shake off the winter and welcome spring.

It is hosted by volunteers with Downtown Milford Inc. (DMI).

New for 2025, the costume/bike/pet parade will begin at 11 a.m. instead of first thing in the morning, to make things more convenient for people. Adults, children and pets are welcome to dress up and participate in the walking parade. Aim to dress as ladybugs, trees, flowers and insects. Plus, decorated bicycles are part of the competition too.

"We're hoping to have the parade go right down the main drag of Walnut Street just for everyone to see all the kids,"

said organizer and DMI Vice President Neyda Albarrán.

Line up for the costume parade on N. Washington Street, behind Penny Square. The parade then heads south on Walnut Street to the Milford Public Library amphitheater. The costume competition will begin here immediately afterward. Prizes for best costumes will be awarded in the following categories: Baby/Toddler, Child, Adult, Pet and Bike.

"It is just a refreshing experience as the sun is out, the temperature has changed, the whole town comes out and you get to see a lot of people from out of town as well—and enjoy the quaint, beautiful downtown that we have," said Albarrán.

Also, food trucks will be more easily located in two main parking lots, instead of scattered around the festival. "They're all together and you can try a little bit of everything," said Albarrán. One will be behind the Mispillion Art League, and another next to the State building near River-

front Theatre. "There will be a variety of food as well."

Vendors and informational tables will include nonprofits, crafts and businesses. Live entertainment will be scheduled all day long, particularly at the library amphitheater, and the Kids' Zone always has games and activities for the younger crew. Plus, downtown organizations often piggyback off the main festival by hosting special activities, from art exhibits to dinner specials.

"This is a long standing tradition and celebration of our community, and it's an opportunity to greet, to see, to learn and speak with the different businesses and organizations that are at work here in Milford and beyond ... and to taste different foods as well," said Albarrán. "It's a very walkable downtown, we have the beautiful river. If you're into taking selfies, we've got so many spots that will be so picturesque. We're known as a river town, an art town and a hometown, and you get all the feels when you experience any of our festivals. It's going to be a fun time!"

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# Schedule of Events

## Saturday, April 26, 2025, 9AM-4PM

### 9AM-4PM

- Local Shops
- Kids' Zone
- Entertainment
- Food Trucks
- More than 100 Vendors



### 11AM

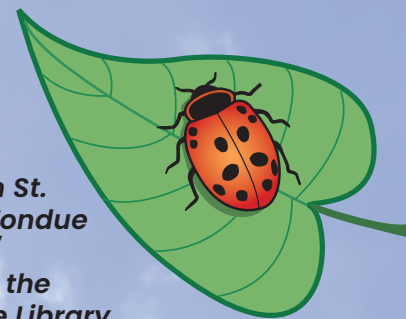
#### Costume/Bike/Pet Parade & Competition

- Dress like a bug, a tree, a flower, a plant
- Decorate your bike with bug colors or flowers

#### Categories:

- Baby/Toddler
- Child
- Adult
- Pet
- Bike

Starting on Washington St.  
behind Penny Square/Fondue  
at 10:45AM and march/  
ride down Walnut St. to the  
amphitheater behind the Library.



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