



# MILLIKEN MESSENGER

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**Message From the Mayor:** With the completion of the 2014 budget and a draft of Milliken’s strategic priorities for 2014-2015, we are optimistic and prepared for the challenges for the new year. As a result of citizen input and workshops this past quarter, we will concentrate on the following priorities:

Economic development—investigate and explore opportunities Milliken can take advantage of and tapping into all available resources.

Infrastructure—improvement of water systems; development and improvement of our existing parks; inventory sidewalks and trails to identify areas for improvement and completion as well as developing long range plans; survey the alley ways in town.

Begin one of the downtown projects which have the most immediate and beneficial impact for the town.

Complete existing projects that have been initiated over the past few years.

The Board is committed to improve the level of service, maintain an adequate fund balance while protecting the town’s finances and commitments, and to invest in the community to improve the quality of life for Milliken citizens.

Of special note is the grant from GOCO of \$315,000 for the Hillsborough Skate Park. This will be one of the immediate projects. Planning and design is to be completed this quarter with construction beginning in the second quarter. A tremendous amount of gratitude should be given to those people and businesses who contributed to make this project a reality. A special thank you to the school leadership group and to town employees Anne Best Johnson and Josh Roseberry for without their hard work, persistence, and leadership, none of this would have been possible.

Respectfully,

Milt Tokunaga, Mayor 970-744-3007, [Mtokunaga@town.milliken.co.us](mailto:Mtokunaga@town.milliken.co.us)



### **Message from the Clerk’s Office**



On Tuesday, April 1, 2014 the Town will be holding a Municipal Election for three (3) seats on the Milliken Town Board. “Due to changes in election law, the permanent mail in voter designation has been discontinued. Ballots will no longer be automatically received in the upcoming municipal election. If you wish to receive your ballot by mail, you will need to complete an Absentee Ballot Application. To receive an Absentee Ballot Application, please refer to the Town’s website at [www.millikenco.gov](http://www.millikenco.gov) or contact the Clerk’s Office at 970-660-5049 to request an application mailed to you. Thank you!

Cheryl L. Powell, Town Clerk

### **2014 Facility Closures**

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY– JANUARY 20

PRESIDENTS DAY– FEBRUARY 17

MEMORIAL DAY– MAY 26

INDEPENDENCE DAY– JULY 4

LABOR DAY– SEPTEMBER 1

VETERANS DAY– NOVEMBER 11

THANKSGIVING DAY– NOVEMBER 27

CHRISTMAS DAY– DECEMBER 25



### **TOWN OF MILLIKEN POLICE & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Emergency/Urgent Police Response (24/7)	911
Non-Emergency Police Response	(970) 356-1212x4
Crime Tip Line	(970) 660-5024
Police Department Administration	(970) 587-2772

### **SNOW REMOVAL**

The Public Works Department reminds residents to be aware of snow plows driving through on snowy days. On major streets, plows clear from curb to curb. We encourage residents cleaning off their driveways and sidewalks to please toss the snow into the yards, not the street. The extra snow will boost the lawn’s moisture level! Also, residents have 24 hours to remove snow from their sidewalks and driveways. For more information on the Snow Removal Process, check the Public Works Department section on the Milliken web page. Public Works thanks you!!

Town Hall (Admin., Water, Sewer, Street & Parks Emergency Issues)	
(M-F, 8am - 5pm)	(970) 587-4331
( After Hours & Weekends)	(970) 356-1212x4

### **Mobile Food Pantry**

The Town of Milliken is partnering with the Weld Food Bank to provide fresh produce and other grocery items to the community.

Next distribution date:

Wednesday, January 22nd

10:30 am-12:30 pm Town Hall Parking Lot



PLEASE remember to put your FULL UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBER on your check or money order. This ensures that your payment will be credited to the proper address. You can also pay your bill online at [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com). Thank you.

Friday, January 3, Historical Society, Town Hall 2:00pm

Monday, January 6, 13, 20, 27 Trash Pick-up

Monday January 6 & 20 Recycling Pick-up

Wednesday, Jan. 15 **Planning Commission**, Meeting House 7:00pm

Wednesday, Jan. 8 & 22 **Town Board Meeting**, Meeting House 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 14, Milliken Business Assoc. Town Hall 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 16, Milliken Housing Authority, Town Hall 8:30pm

Thursday, January 16, Bedtime Reading, Meeting House, 6:30pm

Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Town Facilities Closed

Friday, February 7, Historical Society, Town Hall 2:00pm



The Milliken Community Food Pantry opened it's doors on December 6th. They are operating out of the south west entrance of the Milliken Presbyterian Church at 201 S. Olive. The hours of operation will be January 6th & 20th from 1-3 PM and January 8th and 22nd from 4-6 PM. The Pantry is in the process of applying to become an alliance partner of the Weld County Food Bank but they are operating on a donation basis and hope to receive the same wonderful support from the community that they had during the flood. When you go to the grocery store, pick up a few nonperishable items and look for donation bins. Donations can also be dropped off at the church. Checks can be made out to the Milliken Presbyterian Church If you have any questions, please call Becky at 970-405-2506.

## GOCO grant to help upgrade Milliken Skate Park

DENVER – The Great Outdoors Colorado Board awarded the Town of Milliken a \$314,399 grant today to help renovate its Hillsboro Skate Park. Local youth skaters were involved in developing the design for the updated park. Milliken was one of 13 communities around the state to earn competitive GOCO local government grants this cycle. This fall's local government grant cycle was highly popular with requested funding exceeding available monies by more than a 4 to 1 ratio. GOCO received a total of 72 local government grant applications requesting \$12.1 million.

Milliken officials worked with area schools to develop the Skate Park Leadership Team, consisting of local skaters, families, business owners and skate park designers. Located next to Milliken Middle School, the current skate park has fallen into disrepair over many years, making it unsafe and in many places, unusable. In addition to expanding the skate park, the renovation will entail replacing the current wooden structure with durable concrete and installing a bowl, bars, ledges and stairs, among other skating features.

GOCO invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. GOCO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created by voters in 1992, GOCO has funded more than 3,500 projects in all 64 counties without any tax dollar support. The grants are funded by GOCO's share of Colorado Lottery revenues, which are divided between GOCO, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Conservation Trust Fund and school construction.

A big "Thank you" is extended to the Skate Park Leadership Team, GOMill, our fantastic school Principals, The Cracked Egg, Rubbin' Butts, El Mex Kal and the Burn Out Grill; and numerous volunteers who helped with the local fund-raisers. Thanks also to the local businesses who donated to our silent auctions. Look for an invitation to an Open House in January to celebrate the project kick-off.



## Kaiser Permanente Walk & Wheel Grant to help with active transportation and physical activity in Milliken

The Town of Milliken has been awarded a competitive grant for the Kaiser Permanente Walk & Wheel (Local Government) grant program in the amount of \$99,999. This grant award will help the Town with trail design and to identify and prioritize the gaps that exist in our Trail/sidewalks throughout Town, and opportunities to link all neighborhoods. The grant period will run from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

Milliken is one of nine local governments who received the award. The grant did not require a match and will provide technical support and expertise to local staff.

Kaiser Permanente Colorado is the state's largest nonprofit health plan, proudly working to improve the lives and health of Colorado residents for more than 40 years. Kaiser Permanente Colorado provides comprehensive health care services to more than 540,000 members through 26 medical offices and a network of affiliated hospitals and physicians. In 2012, Kaiser Permanente proudly directed more than \$92 million to community benefit programs to improve the health of all Coloradans. For more Kaiser Permanente news, visit [kp.org/newscenter](http://kp.org/newscenter) or follow us on twitter [@kpcolorado](https://twitter.com/kpcolorado) or facebook.com/kpcolorado.