

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

PUBLIC WORKS

Reminder that Milliken residents can place cut-up branches and yard waste in your poly carts and dispose of up to 10 additional bags of yard waste and 4 small bundles (6" in diameter by 3' long) of tree limbs per week with your normal trash pickup. If you have extra trash that you would like picked up then you need to call Waste Management ahead of time to set up additional pick up.

TOWN HALL

TRASH RATES TO INCREASE

Our contract with Waste Management has been renewed with a slight increase in rates (2.75%) for 2015. Effective March 1st, the 96 Gallon Container rate, which applies to the largest majority of our customers, will increase \$.30, to \$12.15 per month, and other solid waste disposal costs will increase approximately 2.75%. The good news is that the rate for Recycling will stay the same at \$2.75 per month, and we continue to encourage your participation in this important effort.

PARKS

Save the Date!!
Arbor Day Celebration
Friday 4-24-2015
Details in next months newsletter.

Comprehensive Plan

This year, the Town of Milliken will be updating its comprehensive plan, Envision Milliken, last updated in 2010. The entire community is encouraged to attend the first of three Community Workshops scheduled this year. It will be held on April 1, 2015 from 3:30pm-5:30pm in the Town Hall Community Room (1101 Broad Street). The meeting will give community members the opportunity to learn about the update process, to learn about and explore the trends and conditions affecting Milliken, to identify key issues and opportunities, and to evaluate and provide feedback on the vision and goals set forth in the current comprehensive plan. We hope to see you there!
Please contact Seth Hyberger (phone: 970-660-5038; email: shyberger@millikenco.gov) with any questions or concerns, or if you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to share your opinion. Keep an eye on the Town's website and Facebook page, as we will be posting updates and information about the process and about events related to the comprehensive plan throughout the year.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TELEPHONE SCAM

The Milliken Police Department has received reports related to a telephone scam in which the caller purports to be an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) representative. Using intimidation tactics, the caller tries to take control of the situation from the beginning. The caller advises the recipient of the call that the IRS has charges against them and threatens legal action and arrest. The caller will continue to use tactics to gain personnel information.

If you receive a call similar to this follow these tips:

- Resist the pressure to act quickly
- Use caution when asked to use a specific payment method. The IRS would not require a specific payment method such as a moneypak card or wire transfer
- If you feel threatened, contact the Milliken Police Department
- File a complaint at www.IC3.gov

If you have any further questions regarding this and/or other scams please contact Chief Benito Garcia at the Milliken Police Department (970) 587-2772 ext.5012

FINANCE/ UTILITY BILLING

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. Thank you

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

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, March 25th
10:30 am-12:30 pm Town Hall

TOWN OF MILLIKEN

POLICE AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency /Urgent Police Response (24/7) 911
Non-Emergency Police Response (970) 356-1212x4
Milliken Police (970) 587-2772 M-F 8am-5pm
Town Hall (970) 587-4331





Milliken Messenger

March 2015

WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Last month's newsletter highlighted the parks' improvements plans for 2015. In the article, I failed to acknowledge Josh Roseberry, Director of Parks. Last month Josh was invited to a Colorado Municipal League seminar to present Milliken's skate park project and its community involvement. Josh was instrumental in helping to secure a \$300,000 grant from the Great Outdoors Colorado on the first submission. He helped guide the process with a stakeholder engagement program that included students, parents, and organizations in the design process. The Hillsboro Skate Park has received much recognition from other municipalities (and usage) and has generated additional traffic for our local businesses. Thank you Josh for your involvement and commitment to Milliken.

Currently, the Board is addressing a number of water issues.

East Side Water Loop: The construction and installation of a water loop line on the east side of Town to provide sufficient line pressure to meet fire-flow requirements. This project will have beneficial effects for future developments. The project is dependent on a Department of Local Affairs grant as the cost is nearly \$3 million.

Refresh Irrigation Well: The completion of the refresh irrigation drilled this year on the east side of town provides non-potable irrigation during the "shoulder season" when ditch water is unavailable.

Centennial Bypass Line: The construction of this line will help fulfill the town's augmentation requirements during the periods when Centennial Lake is not full enough to provide the overflow needed to get water to the river.

Water rights acquisition: The Board has authorized funds to be used for the purchase of additional water rights to support projected growth. Hopefully the target shares will become available at favorable prices, but the cost of water shares appears to be increasing rather than stabilizing.

Our Town Administrator, Kent Brown, will continue to update us on the progress of our RO plant and outcome of negotiations with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Respectfully,
Milt Tokunaga, Mayor
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SPOTLIGHTS FOR MARCH

Easter Eggs-travaganza

The Town of Milliken's annual Easter Eggs-travaganza is here again! This year marks the 13th year, scheduled for **Saturday, April 4th** at Sappington Park, near Knowledge Quest Academy, 705 S. School House Drive. There will be an egg hunt for kids up to 12 years old. **The Easter Egg Hunt begins**



eggs-actly at 10:00am. (Please have children in the park a few minutes early.) Make plans to hop on down to join us! Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! **Bring your camera!** For more information, please call Maria Zuniga at 587-2772. In case of bad weather, the event will be held indoors at the KQA School.

CALENDAR

Mon, Mar, 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 **Trash Pick-up**

Mon, Mar 2 & 16 **Recycle Pick-up**

Mon, Mar 2, **Water Commission**, Town Hall 7pm

Wed, Mar 4 & 18 **Planning Commission**, Meeting House 7:00pm

Mon, Mar 9, **Historical Society**, Town Hall 6:00pm

Tues, Mar 10, **MBA**, Town Hall, 7:00pm

Wed, Mar 11 & 25 **Town Board**, Meeting House, 7:00pm

Thursday, Mar 19, **Milliken Housing Authority**, Meeting House 1:30pm

Thursday, Mar 19, **Bedtime Reading**, Theme Meeting House 6:30pm