

MILLIKEN MESSENGER

Town of Milliken - Celebrating 100 Years: 1910-2010

JANUARY 2010

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Message from the Mayor:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas. Whether it seems possible or not, the fact is, we are off and running into this new year.

January 6th is the official dedication of the new police department building. Have you been inside? I hope that, if you haven't, you will go soon and tour the building. It is truly a special and unique place. It was also exciting to learn that Milliken received a large grant that will allow us to finish the outside youth "workout" park on the southeast corner of the building where our officers, as well as Milliken kids, can "workout" together.

This year, 2010, marks an exciting date. Milliken will celebrate its Centennial this year. Many events are planned. The Centennial Committee is working very hard to plan many commemorative events. They have a calendar for sale that lists all the events plus something to do almost every day that will keep the Centennial in mind. If you would like a calendar, see a member of the Committee or go to the front desk at Town Hall to buy one. 2010 is a very important year for Milliken and I hope every one participates in these special events.

And what about those lights down Broad Street! Aren't they wonderful? I have gotten so many positive comments about them. The lights outlining the downtown buildings are added "cream on top." A huge thank you to all the Public Works folks who worked very hard putting up all those lights.



So, we begin a new year, our Centennial Year. Participate and Celebrate!

JOY!

Janie Lichtfuss, Mayor

TRASH COLLECTION RATE FOR 2010

Beginning January 1, 2010, residents will see an increase in their monthly trash collection rates of \$.25 due to an increase imposed by Waste Management. This will bring the monthly cost per residence to \$13.00 per month. The Town's \$1.00 per month or \$.50 per month (senior qualifying discount) administrative service charge stays the same to cover all administrative costs such as billing and mailing, bringing the monthly per residence rate to \$14.00 or \$13.50 for qualifying seniors 55 and over.

Included in your monthly service rates is one 96 gallon trash container, weekly collection of trash, one or more 18 gallon co-mingled recycling containers for bi-weekly curbside recycling collection, and participation in the Town's Annual Spring and Fall Cleanup Programs. Information on the Annual Cleanup Programs will be made available to residents in early spring and fall of each year. You may request additional 96 gallon trash containers at a rate of \$6.50 per month and you may set out additional bags for collection on trash day at \$1.75 per bag. Waste Management bills directly for additional bags and services. Your weekly trash collection day will remain the same, every Monday.

Keep Milliken Beautiful and the Town of Milliken encourages every residence to fully utilize the curbside recycling program and the Annual Spring and Fall Cleanup Programs in an effort to protect the environment and keep our town clean.

For additional information or questions, please call 970-587-4331.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SERVE YOU BETTER!



CATS

A reminder that our feline friends are required by town ordinance to stay home and not wander into neighbors yards and down the street. We have some feral cats in town and folks who let their cats cruise free around the neighborhood contribute to the problem. Thanks for your help!



Special events and dates this month:

- Wednesday, Jan. 6 & 20, **Planning Commission**, Town Hall, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 13 & 27, **Town Board Meeting**, Town Hall, 7:00pm
- *Monday, January 11 & 25, Recycling Pick-up*
- Tuesday, January 5, Centennial Committee, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- **Wednesday, January 6, Police Station & Meeting House Dedication & Open House, 11:30am - 2:30pm**
Centennial Commemoration - 12:30pm
Facility Dedication - 1:30pm
- Friday, January 8, Historical Society, Town Hall, 2:00pm
- Tuesday, January 12, Milliken Business Assoc., Town Hall, 7:00pm
- Monday, January 18, Milliken Housing Authority, Town Hall, 5:00pm
- Tuesday, February 1, Centennial Committee, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- Friday, February 5, Historical Society, Town Hall, 2:00pm



**STIMULATE
OUR LOCAL
ECONOMY:**

**SHOP
MILLIKEN
BUSINESSES -
THEY NEED
OUR
SUPPORT!!**



The Milliken Planning Commission will take public comments about the draft Comprehensive Plan – ‘Envision Milliken’- on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall, 1101 Broad Street. The draft Plan is a result of more than a year of work and input from residents and businesses in and around Milliken. The Plan is a guide for the Town’s growth for the next 20 years. The draft Plan is on the Town’s web site - www.town.milliken.co.us, just click on “Envision Milliken”.

**BRING ONE (CHRISTMAS TREE)
TO THE CHIPPER!!**

The Town will accept Christmas trees at the Tree Limb Diversion Center, located at 2951 Ash St. (next to the Public Works Maintenance Facility), starting Saturday, December 26th. Please remove all stands, plastic bags, ornaments and tinsel from your tree before bringing to the site.

In addition, good quality mulch is available at the site for free (you load and you may take as much as you wish). For more info, please call 970-587-4331.

**NEW HOME BUILDING
PERMIT FEES CAN BE
DEFERRED**

THE TOWN BOARD RECENTLY PASSED AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND TAXES TO BE DEFERRED FOR AS LONG AS 12 MONTHS, OR UNTIL A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED. THE AMOUNT OF THE DEFERMENT CAN RANGE FROM \$19,000 TO \$22,000 FOR A TYPICAL NEW HOUSE IN MILLIKEN.