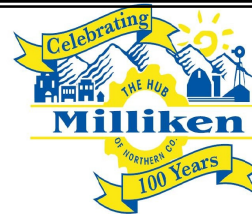


MILLIKEN MESSENGER

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS: 1910-2010

FEBRUARY 2010

<http://town.milliken.co.us>



Message from the Mayor:

As I write this, it is the middle of January already. It amazes me how quickly the time flies by. I believe the time passing is related to how busy we are and how much is going on in our lives.

Our new Police Station and Meeting House have been dedicated. That was a grand occasion with many people in attendance regardless of the snow! We had a number of dignitaries with us that day and it was wonderful to see so many of our residents there to tour the building and join in the festivities.

Besides the dedication that took place, that day was also the official beginning of our Centennial Year. Yes, 100 years! Again, it is amazing to think that Milliken is 100 years old. There are MANY events planned for the year. The Centennial Committee has put together a calendar that has all of the events listed. Of special note are the Winter Festival on February 27 at Sappington Park and Night of Wine and Jazz on March 20th. These are just two of the wonderful Centennial events. The calendar is for sale for \$10.00 at Town Hall. You might want to pick one up so you can know when these events will happen so you can participate in these once-in-a-lifetime events.

It is great to know that these articles are being read. I have received e-mails asking if I would mention some things. One e-mail concerned the free-roaming feral cats that seem to be in Milliken. This resident mentioned a local, low cost spay/neuter clinic that serves tame as well as feral cats. They actually offer a "Feral Cat Package" which includes spay/neutering, vaccines, etc. for \$15. This clinic is located in Fort Lupton. Their website is: <http://everycreaturecounts.org/spay.htm>. If you need a live trap to catch the cat so you can take it to the clinic, contact the Police Department who may be able to lend a trap. Residents are reminded that the Town prohibits cats-at-large, just as dogs are required to be on a leash or under immediate control. Spaying and neutering cats is definitely the more effective and humane method of reducing and controlling these populations.

I also received notice that Weld County will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2011. The County Commissioners are establishing a voluntary committee of citizens to advise the commissioners on how best to celebrate the event. Applications from Weld County residents interested in working on this advisory board are being solicited. Meeting times will be determined by the committee once it is organized. You can get more information or an application from Vicky Sprague at 970.335.7204 or vsprague@co.weld.co.us.

So, we are off and running in this new year. I hope that all of you will take these opportunities to come together and participate in these many events. Remember, too, I am still doing my "Mayoring By Walk-

MILLIKEN CENTENNIAL WINTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010 10:00AM TO 3:00PM SAPPINGTON PARK

(South of Highway 60 on Centennial Drive (east of Power Motive) to Trailblazer. Park is located next to KQA)

Join us for FREE family events all day!

- INTERACTIVE ICE CARVINGS
- CHILI COOK-OFF 12:30 TO 1:30
- STORY TELLING (11:00/12:30/2:00)
- FAMILY GAMES
- FAMILY CRAFTS
- BONFIRE
- MARSHMELLOW ROAST
- HORSESHOES
- CARRIAGE RIDES
- & MORE

4:00PM FREE MOVIE "ICE AGE" & POPCORN

THOMPSON RIVERS PARKS & RECREATION @ 110 CENTENNIAL DRIVE

Special events and dates this month:

- ◆ Wednesday, February 3 and 17, **Planning Commission**, Town Hall, 7:00pm
- ◆ Wednesday, February 10 & 24, **Town Board**, Town Hall, 7:00pm
- ◆ Monday, February 1, 8, 15, 22, **Trash Pick Up**
Monday, February 8 & 22, Recycling Pick Up
- ◆ Tuesday, February 2, **Centennial Committee**, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- ◆ Friday, February 5, **Milliken Historical Society**, Town Hall, 2:00pm
- ◆ Tuesday, February 9, **Milliken Business Association**, Town Hall, 7:00pm
- ◆ Monday, February 15, **Milliken Housing Authority**, Town Hall, 5:00pm
- ◆ Monday, February 15, **Presidents Day**, Town Hall Closed
- ◆ Friday, March 5, **Milliken Historical Society**, Town Hall, 2:00pm

Water Rates to Rise

Milliken's water rates are a direct reflection of the costs imposed by our water suppliers. Unfortunately our two primary sources, Greeley and Central Weld County Water District, hit the Town with substantial rate hikes this year. Greeley supplies about 47% of Milliken's water needs and increased costs to the town by 17% which came on top of an approximate 9% increase last year. Central Weld supplies about 25% of Milliken's water needs and increased their price by 33%. A significant component of water prices is the cost of power; Xcel Energy raised our rates 5%.

Our customers will see an adjustment to the base rate on the January bill and a change in the usage rate on the February bill. The Town is sensitive to the impact of increased utility costs on Milliken residents, especially in this challenging economic time. We do our best to keep rates down but this increase just reflects the increased costs of getting water to your faucet.

Thanks for your understanding.

CRIME, KIDS & CURFEW



The Police Department recently took a number of reports of night time trespasses to vehicles and garage burglaries in the Frank Farms and Walmar Subdivisions. The cars and trucks, parked on the street or in driveways, were unlocked, and garage doors were open. Please prevent these crimes: lock your car and secure your garage door at night.

Sometimes these crimes are committed by juveniles. As summer approaches, residents are reminded that **Milliken has a curfew ordinance. Children 17 and under must be in by 10pm on weekdays (including Sunday) and 12 Midnight on Friday and Saturday nights.** Please notify Milliken Police if you see juveniles on the street or in the park after-hours. Call 356-1212 *4 for the Weld County Communication Center. As a "Community Working Together" we can reduce crime.

Census Jobs!

On April 1 of this year the U.S. Census will take the census of Milliken and the entire nation. Census taker and other jobs will be available. To apply call **1-866-861-2010** or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.



2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

New Dog Park for Milliken?



The Town often gets inquiries about the need for a dog park in Town. If you are interested in helping to find funding, materials and a location for a dog park, please contact Melinda Meyerhoff at 970-587-5511, or melindameyerhoff@hotmail.com.