



## MILLIKEN MESSENGER

Town of Milliken - Celebrating 100 Years: 1910-2010



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### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

There are many things that I do as Mayor that I enjoy immensely but my “Mayoring by Walking Around” is one of my favorite activities. I cannot tell you how I enjoy meeting our residents as I go door-to-door.

During my time this past weekend, I had a wonderful conversation with a couple I met. They mentioned how much they liked the new Police Station and Meeting House. I mentioned something about the philosophy behind that building. They were not aware of such a philosophy, so I had a wonderful chance to tell them about it.

While I have mentioned this thinking in various writings and talks I have made and, certainly, our Town Administrator has been invited to a number of different cities to talk about this very thing, I think an article about just what makes these two buildings unique is appropriate.

I have to admit that this philosophy seems obvious to me as something that should be done, but it turns out this is a new idea and one looked at as a breath of fresh air and something to be copied.

So, what is this philosophy? It has a number of facets but the main one is that residents and police can, and should, be able to work and play together in a friendly and peaceful manner. So how is this accomplished? One of the facets is that the Police Station is placed on the main street through the town where it is obvious and available to everyone. Another facet is to place a Community Room or Meeting House separate from, but next to the Police Station. This Meeting House is just what it implies. It is where the leadership groups of the Town meet and where folks driving by this building can see these leaders at work. It is where other Town groups can meet, and hold official receptions and other social occasions. Yes, the Police Station and Meeting House share an entrance but this entry is like nothing you have seen before. There is a beautiful fireplace with comfortable seating as well as a children’s library where there have already been numerous storybook readings for the children of Milliken. There is also a great deal of work being done to create a new Community Court. Keep listening for all the particulars on this as it develops.

Another wonderful facet of this philosophy is reflected in the Kids and Cops Park. This park not only allows but encourages the Town’s kids to “work out” and play with the cops. Additionally, there are future plans to construct a Town Square that will “join” the Meeting House and our present Town offices. This Town Square will be a place where our residents can come together to meet and visit in a restful and relaxed way.

So, thank you to the couple who took the time to visit with me as I walked around and for giving me the opportunity to tell a little more about this great community in which we live.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year 2011.

JOY!

*Janie Lichtfuss*



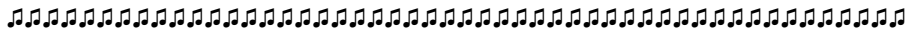
## **SHOP AND DINE IN MILLIKEN**

Help create a strong and vibrant Milliken that we can all be proud to call Home.

**NEWS & EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, December 1 & 15, Planning Commission, Meeting House, 7:00pm**

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



- ◆ Monday, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, Trash Pick-up
- ◆ Monday, December 13, & 27, Recycling Pick-up
- ◆ Tuesday, December 7, Milliken Business Association, Town Hall, 7:00pm
- ◆ Saturday, December 11, Breakfast with Santa, Town Hall, 8:00am
- ◆ Wednesday, December 15, Milliken Housing Authority, Town Hall, 8:30am
- ◆ Friday, December 24, Christmas Holiday, Town Hall closed
- ◆ Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve, Town Hall closed



**MILLIKEN  
POLICE**

**EMERGENCY 911**

*Business Hours* 970 587-2772  
(M-F, 8am-5pm)

*After-Hours or  
Weekends:* 970 356-1212, #4

Weld County Communications Center  
\* For utilities, streets and parks emergencies after-hours contact the on-duty police officer through the Communications Center at 356-1212, #4.



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**



**SANTA COPS—DONATIONS NEEDED**



Weld County Police agencies, including the Milliken Police Department, try to ensure a bright holiday for less fortunate youth. Santa Cops collects donated NEW toys, and uses monetary contributions to purchase gifts for children ages 0 to 17. Nearly 200 Milliken youth will receive a gift courtesy of Santa Cops this year. NEW gift donations are always welcome and appreciated. There is a gift donation box at Town Hall, or you can drop gifts or cash donations at the Police Department.

**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 Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 through Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please remove all stands, plastic bags, ornaments and tinsel from your tree before bringing to the site.



Good quality mulch is available at the site for free (you load and you may take as much as you wish). Regular hours will continue Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Monday thru Friday, 7:00am to 3:30pm. For more info, please call 970-587-8723.

**TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?**

During the past two months Milliken residents have experienced door-to-door solicitors selling upgraded attic insulation. You will be promised a 100% rebate from several entities. Besides concerns about the legitimacy of sales claims, commercial solicitation door-to-door is illegal in Milliken. Call Milliken Police at 356-1212 x4 to report.

**MILLIKEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Join the Milliken Historical Society  
Explore the History of Milliken  
Memorabilia donations needed

\$20.00 Membership for 1 year  
\$30.00 Membership per couple  
\$50.00 Membership per business



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

For more information call:  
Lois Ann Onorato - 587-4251  
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