

MILLIKEN MESSENGER

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Message from the Mayor:

By the time you receive this message, it will be 2011! That seems almost impossible. This has been a busy year for your Board. One of the most important items of business for the Board is the consideration and passage of both the budget and the mill levy. This year there were state ballot issues to be considered before the Board could finalize the budget. The budget was presented to the Board and after studying it and making some changes, both the budget and mill levy were passed. So, we move on to the New Year. One needs to remember that the budget is a living document and a work in progress.

I must say that it is a very positive thing to have residents at the Town Board meetings. How I wish this kind of interaction would be on-going. It is very positive to have resident input as items come before the Board. Please consider coming to the Town Board meetings in this new year.

A new year! What a year it has been. We celebrated our Centennial with all the activities planned for that event. We not only had the BIG train, Union Pacific also brought their MINI train. They usually don't bring two of their trains to the same town in the same year, so we certainly benefited from their willingness to do that. The "Kids and Cops Park" was dedicated and the benches around the edge are going in with landscaping to happen in the spring. We see more signs - however slowly - that the economy is turning around with more housing permits happening and more inquiries from potential businesses. There is activity in downtown Milliken. We truly have much for which to be proud AND thankful.

On a personal note—Most of our community has heard of the death of my husband, Armin. The care and concern that has been shown to me and to my family has been stunning. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your response. While I will forever have a huge hole in my heart at the loss of a dear, good and gentle man, your response has helped to make the edges a little less sharp.

JOY and BLESSINGS in the New Year 2011!

JOY!

Janie Lichtfuss, Mayor

CURFEW FOR 17 AND UNDER

The Town of Milliken has in place an ordinance regarding curfew. Anyone under the age of 18 shall not be out after 10:00pm Sunday - Thursday and 12:00am Friday and Saturday. There are exceptions: if they are with a parent, during an emergency, or legitimate work, church or school activities. We strongly encourage residents to contact the police if they observe anyone underage out past Milliken's curfew. You may prevent crime such as theft and vandalism to vehicles. Dial 911 or 356-1212 x4.

"CRIME PREVENTION BEGINS WITH YOU"



SHOP MILLIKEN BUSINESSES - THEY NEED OUR SUPPORT!!

Special events and dates this month:

- ☞ Wednesday, Jan. 5 & 19, **Planning Commission**, Meeting House, 7:00pm
- ☞ Wednesday, Jan. 12 & 26, **Town Board Meeting**, Meeting House, 7:00pm
- ☞ Monday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Trash Pick-up
- ☞ Monday, January 10 & 24, **Recycling Pick-up**
- ☞ Friday, January 7, Historical Society, Town Hall, 2:00pm
- ☞ Tuesday, January 11, Milliken Business Assoc., Town Hall, 7:00pm
- ☞ Tuesday, January 18, Chamber After-Hours, Town Hall, 6:00pm
- ☞ Wednesday, January 19, Milliken Housing Authority, Town Hall, 8:30am
- ☞ Friday, February 4, Historical Society, Town Hall, 2:00pm



Social Media for Milliken Businesses?

If you have a business or want to start one, the use of social media might be helpful to you. The Small Business Development Corporation is sponsoring a two-hour workshop on January 12th to show you how to incorporate social media into your business life and increase sales. For more information call 970-686-7189.

Two Town Buildings More Energy Efficient

The Town received a no-match, \$37,020 grant from the Governor's Energy Office to lower the cost of heating and air conditioning Town Hall and the Old Police Building next door. The grant paid for a new rooftop HVAC unit on Town Hall and replacement double glazed windows for the Old Police Building, which also received a highly efficient instantaneous natural gas hot water heater. The upgrades will mean savings on the Town's monthly energy bill from Xcel Energy.



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). 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). For more info, please call 970-587-4331.

Planning Commission Vacancy



The Town of Milliken has one vacancy on the Planning Commission. It is a voluntary position with meetings every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. The meetings start at 7:00pm and are held in the Meeting House. The Planning Commission reviews new development requests, variances, zoning changes and most land use requests. If you are interested, you may download an application from our website at www.millikenco.gov or you may get a paper copy at Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk at 970-660-5049. The position is open until filled.