

MILLIKEN MESSENGER



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Message from the Mayor:

This message is going to be a bit different from others I have written to you. I want to tell you a story, a personal story, a true story. There have been a few times that I have been able to tell you about something really wonderful that a resident of Milliken has done for another resident that has shown real care and concern. These incidents have quietly shown what our residents “are made of” but they are done so quietly few people know they are being done.

So, here is my story. Stay with me as I tell it. OK?

We have to back up a little to about twelve days before Christmas. This was a particularly difficult Christmas for me because of the death of my husband. It was difficult to get up with much of a smile on my face. On this particular morning that I referred to, I went out to get the newspaper. As I came back to the front door, I noticed a small brown sack sitting in the corner of the front porch. I wondered what it was and how it got there. I picked it up and there were two little notes stapled to the sack. One said “On the 1st day of Christmas” with the “1st” in large red type. The other note said “During this particularly sad Christmas, you have friends who share your sorrow. P.S. In case you notice, I am not a great poet.” It went on to say “On the 1st day of Christmas some true friends gave to you some Christmas music for you to listen to.” Inside the little brown bag was a CD of beautiful Christmas music. I had no idea who had brought it and was totally dumb-founded.

The next morning when I went out to get the paper, I sort of peeked around the corner and, lo and behold, here was a long container of Christmas wrapping paper with a paper taped to it saying “On the 2nd day of Christmas, there’s paper to wrap those holiday gifts, oh what a snap!” Did I smile?! You bet I did. Each day through the 12th Day of Christmas, a small brown bag appeared on my doorstep with a little note/poem telling me what was in the bag: a box of soup mix, a beautiful candle, a box of tea, some oranges, a beautiful Ideals book, some pretty holiday pencils, some chocolate, a package of cookie dough, a gift certificate to Starbucks, and, finally a beautiful ornament to honor my husband. etc. . The point is: each of my days began with a smile as I found the Christmas surprise on my doorstep.

Why am I telling this story? I think it is possible to get bogged down with the events in our lives, whatever they might be, and to think we are alone in this world but WE ARE NOT. This person who was so imaginative and caring, lifted my spirits and brought a smile to my face each day. This event was done, not with trumpets or applause, but done quietly and softly. It showed me just how caring people can be and meant the world to me, this simple caring act.

I will never forget just how wonderful I felt to know that someone cared enough for me to come each night to put a small gift at my door. Because of the effect this had on me, I will do my best to “pass this forward” perhaps not in exactly the same way but in some tangible way to let others know how much I care. Perhaps my story might inspire you to do the same?!

It is so nice to be a resident of this town we call Milliken.

JOY!

Janie Lichtfuss, Mayor



ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY COMING IN APRIL!!

Special events and dates this month:

- ☞ Wednesday, February 2 & 16, **Planning Commission**, Police Station Meeting House, 7:00pm
- ☞ Wednesday, February 9 & 23, **Town Board Meeting**, Police Station Meeting House, 7:00pm
- ☞ Monday, February 7, 14, 21, 28, Trash Pick-up 
- ☞ Monday, February 7 & 21, **Recycling Pick-up**
- ☞ Friday, February 4, Historical Society, Town Hall, 2:00pm
- ☞ Tuesday, February 8, Milliken Business Assoc., Town Hall, 7:00pm
- ☞ Wednesday, February 16, Milliken Housing Auth., Town Hall, 8:30am
- ☞ Monday, February 21, Town Hall Closed, President's Day
- ☞ Friday, March 4, Historical Society, Town Hall, 2:00pm



- ☺ ARBOR DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH
- ☺ EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA, SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD 



Milliken Police
**EMERGENCY
911**

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

After-Hours or Weekends: 970 356-1212 x4

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 x4.

MILLIKEN MOCHA - (ARE YOU AN EXPERIENCED ENTREPRENEUR/MANAGER?)

The Town is seeking a local entrepreneur who would like to start a coffee shop business in the former historic Police Department building. The building, located downtown at 1109 Broad St., is vacant and will be remodeled for future use as a coffee shop with drive-through service window as well as a satellite library operated by the High Plains Library District and Glen A. Jones, M.D. Memorial Library. If you are a vendor with experience and a business plan please contact Steve House at Town Hall, 970-660-5046, or e-mail SHouse@town.milliken.co.us.



WOOF!
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Old towels needed for the dog kennel.
Donations accepted at the Police Department. Thank you

MILLIKEN DOG PARK?

The Town of Milliken is preparing an application for grant funding of a dog park to be located in Milliken. If you are in favor of a dog park, please review, sign and return the following survey by Monday, February 21 to Town Hall, 1101 Broad St, Milliken, CO 80543, or email SHouse@town.milliken.co.us.

As an owner of ___ dog(s) in Milliken, I would like to have a dog park located in town.

Check one:

___ I use the dog park(s) in Evans, Ft. Collins, Greeley, Loveland and/or other communities. It takes me about ___minutes to drive to the dog park. I would like to have a dog park located here in Milliken.

___ I do not use the dog park(s) located in Evans, Ft. Collins, Greeley, Loveland and/or other communities because I am not aware of them or they are too far away. I would use a dog park if it were located in Milliken.

Any other comments: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Thank you. Your response is important to the success of our funding request.

