



# MILLIKEN MESSENGER

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Town of Milliken

SEPTEMBER 2011

## MILLIKEN DAY HARVEST FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 9:00AM - 2:00PM Downtown Milliken

Community Garage Sales

Sidewalk Sales

Vendor Booths

Business Booths

Kid's Games

Scarecrow Competition

AND MORE!



Contact Kathy Woodcock, [escapelandscapes@msn.com](mailto:escapelandscapes@msn.com) or 970-587-0699 for more information.

Sponsored By Milliken Business Association

## FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, OCT. 8<sup>TH</sup> !!!!



The Town of Milliken will conduct the Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 8:00am to 2:00pm at the Public Works Facility located at 2951 Ash Street, east of Town on HWY 60 (first left hand turn lane) to Road 23½. Turn left (north) to the drop-site.

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- ⊗ Asbestos
- ⊗ Asphalt
- ⊗ Concrete
- ⊗ Construction material
- ⊗ Dirt
- ⊗ Gas, propane cans
- ⊗ Medical equipment
- ⊗ Medications
- ⊗ Rocks
- ⊗ Sod
- ⊗ Thermometers
- ⊗ Tires
- ⊗ Any unit or device with sludge or liquids

### FREE PICK-UP on CLEAN-UP DAY

If you are unable to transport items and require assistance please call 587-2639 by **5:00pm, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th** to schedule a pick-up on Saturday, October 8th.

### Message from the Mayor:

This past weekend I was again doing my "Mayoring By Walking Around" and spent Saturday morning in Colony Point. At one of the homes I was asked a question which has prompted me to use that question as the subject of this message. A lady asked me what had been planted behind their house. At first, I could not think what she was asking about and then it came to me that there had been trees planted along the walk that goes behind "Dollar General" and by the railroad track. Have you noticed them?

These are Paulownia trees. Yes, that is what I said. The name is pronounced exactly as it looks. Have you ever heard of them? I hadn't either until a gentleman came to the Town Board to tell us about his plan to plant these trees. The gentleman has owned some land here in Milliken for almost ten years so he is familiar with the area. The trees are seen more in places like Georgia and other warmer climates. Colorado, along with Nebraska and Idaho are current experimental testing stations. The tree is native to China.

This tree is quite amazing. It grows fast. Time will tell how fast it will grow here in a colder climate. It is pest resistant. The trees can be harvested and will regenerate as a multi-trunk tree. The tree texture is coarse, the leaf is 8-12 inches long but the leaves do not change color in the fall. The trees do have beautiful lavender flowers that appear in the spring and honey can be produced from the flowers. The wood can be used for a number of things, probably most well known for biofuels. It is very light weight and can be milled into fine furniture. Waste water can be converted for growth for the trees. It is possible to plant 680 trees per acre. The trees are not invasive. The leaves and flowers make good animal feed. So, almost every part of the tree is usable.

All-in-all, the Town Board thought this experiment was worth trying. At the very least, the new walk will have shade trees and if this experiment is successful, this could lead to a new industry for Milliken.

I am so happy I was asked about these trees. It will be fun to watch them grow.

A reminder: School is starting so please watch for children as they go to and from school. Does it seem possible that school has begun again?

JOY!

Janie Lichtfuss, Mayor

"The Town Board of Trustees compiled and adopted these goals in late 2010 in order to provide focus for the 2011 work plan and future years. The Board is in the process of finalizing a revised set of goals for 2012 and beyond. Your feedback and input is always welcome and encouraged."



## Town of Milliken 2011 Goals

### ONE – TWO YEAR GOALS

#### Utilities/Infrastructure

- Commence and Monitor Utility Study Group Process, and consider and select courses of action to ensure ample, low-cost water supply
- Install Water & Sewer service at industrial sites to encourage economic development

#### Community

- Engage & Inform the Citizens – Community Topics
  - Regular Meetings
- Form Community YOU – community partnership committee to coordinate Milliken activities
- Install Signs to support education and promote local schools and spirit
  - “Mustang Blvd.”
  - “Rider Country”

#### Economic Development

- Actively Work with Stakeholders to Promote Milliken/Open for Business
- Establish more Downtown Parking
- Improve effectiveness of Downtown “Project Pride” incentives
- Identify businesses to bring to Milliken
- Revitalize Historic Town Hall/Police Department – Plan Town Square
- Affiliate/Participate – Sister City

#### Quality Development

- Promote Regulatory Compliance to Ensure Quality Development

### TWO – FIVE YEAR GOALS

#### Utilities/Infrastructure

- Improve Telecommunications Access, Speed & Reliability
  - Internet, phones, cable
- Maintain Street & Road Maintenance Ten-Year Plan

#### Community

- Create or enhance Recreation Center to include Pool and Tennis Courts

#### Economic Development

- Enhance partnership with Upstate Colorado
- Create a Long-Term Economic Development Plan
  - Incentive Plan/Program

#### Quality Development

- Develop additional sidewalks to improve community connectivity, walkability and safety
- Increase Housing Diversity to include Senior Housing & Patio Homes, Condos and Upscale Homes

## KEEP YOUR BUSINESS IN MILLIKEN - SHOP & EAT HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Special events and dates this month:

- ☞ Wednesday, September 7 & 21, Planning Commission, Meeting House @ Police Station, 7:00pm
- ☞ Wednesday, September 14 & 28, Town Board Meeting, Meeting House @ Police Station, 7:00pm
- ☞ Wednesday, September 21, Milliken Housing Authority, Town Hall, 8:30am
- ☞ Monday, September 6, 12, 19, 26, Trash Pick-up
- ☞ Monday, September 6 & 19, Recycling Pick-up
- ☞ Tuesday, September 13, Milliken Business Association, Town Hall, 7:00pm
- ☞ Friday, October 7, Milliken Historical Society, Town Hall, 2:00pm
- ☺ MILLIKEN DAY HARVEST FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 9:00AM-2:00PM
- ☺ HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 5:30PM
- ☺ VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
- ☺ FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

**COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Free produce for seniors and families in need. The Town is growing fresh produce in a Community Garden funded by a grant from Weld County. If you are a Milliken senior or family in need and would like to obtain FREE fresh produce from the garden, please contact Cheryl Powell at Milliken Town Hall, 970-660-5049.