



# MILLIKEN MESSENGER

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## Message from the Mayor:

Formulated this past year, the Water Commission is analytically determining how water rates for the Town of Milliken should be established and considering all components. These include:

- Cost from three different sources of processed water
- Usage limit placed on the town from the vendors
- Monitoring the peak usage from each source, as there are additional costs associated with peak usage.

In addition to the water rates, the Commission has taken steps to provide the town with a more focused plan on the water issue.

## The Master Water Plan Update:

1. Helps Milliken make decisions regarding the current raw water assets and use, potential raw water acquisition alternatives, treated water supplies, and service providers.
2. Reviews waste water treatment plans, current operations and expansion capabilities, and prepares a 5, 10, 20 year capital improvement plan.
3. Determines infrastructure needs.
4. Determines excess raw water capacity for leasing purposes year to year and at the appropriate market price.

Currently the town has entered into an agreement with 7 other municipalities and 3 water districts to determine the feasibility of a collaborative water treatment facility. Although this does focus more on the future requirements/needs of the town, it is a necessary process to ensure Milliken's sustainability, especially when we have experienced one of the driest years many of us can recall.

Milt Tokunaga, Mayor  
970-774-3007

## Please make sure to register you dog at the Town Hall!!!

It helps get stray dogs back to their owners. Also, when your pet is missing or if you find a dog, make sure you call the Milliken Police right away at **587-2772** or if after hours **356-1212 x 4**. The Milliken Police make sure they are safe until they are reunited with their owners!

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Emergency/Urgent Police Response 24/7  
911
- Non-Emergency Police Response 24/7  
356-1212x 4
- Police Dept. Administration  
Monday–Friday  
8:00–12:00 & 1:00PM–5:00PM  
587-2772
- Water, Sewer, Street, Parks Emergency Issues  
Monday –Friday  
8:00am–5:00pm  
Town Hall 587-4331  
(After Hours & Weekends)  
356-1212x4



### Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission at Meeting House**  
Weds. 2/6/13 7:00PM  
Weds. 2/20/13 7:00PM
- Town Board Meeting at Meeting House**  
Weds. 2/13/13 5:00PM  
Weds. 2/27/13 5:00PM
- Historical Society at Town Hall**  
Thurs. 2/7/13 2:00PM
- Milliken Business Assoc. at Town Hall**  
Tues. 2/12/13 7:00PM
- Milliken Housing Authority at Town Hall**  
Thurs. 2/21/13 8:30AM





# STIMULATE OUR LOCAL ECONOMY:

## Shop & Eat in Milliken Restaurants. They need our support! Thank you!



### MILLIKEN POLICE NEEDS YOUR HELP

On the morning of January 24<sup>th</sup> several cars were vandalized in the area of the 900 blk of S. Rachael. The suspect(s) sprayed a fire extinguisher into several vehicles causing damage. The Milliken Police have not identified a suspect(s) and continue to investigate. We are asking the public for help. Anyone with information should call the Milliken Police Department at (970) 587-2772 during business hours or 356-1212 x4 after hours. You can also call the Crime Tip Line at (970) 660-5024 and you can remain anonymous.

### SNOW RESPONSE TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Milliken Police Department is seeking volunteers for the Winter Emergency Response Team. We need citizens with 4x4s, ATVs and snowmobiles to help deal with the needs during major winter storms. If you are interested please contact Cmdr. Garcia at 660-5012 or bgarcia@town.milliken.co.us.



## PRESIDENTS DAY

Town Offices closed  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**

### PAY YOUR 'TOWN OF MILLIKEN'

#### BILL ONLINE

1. Go to: [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com)
2. Select "New to Xpress Bill Pay"
3. Fill out the brief form
4. Pay your bill or setup auto

**Hablamos Español!!!**  
**Estamos aquí para server al pueblo de Milliken!!**

Feliz 2013!!

### **February Trash & Recycling**

- \*Trash: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
- \* Recycling: 4th & 18th

## ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

### PRVs (Water Pressure Reducing Valve)

#### A Good Investment to Protect Your Home

A Water Pressure Reducing Valve, also known as a PRV, is a critical component of a modern home plumbing system because it protects pipes and appliances from high water pressure that is often delivered by municipal water systems. Cities maintain high pressure because of fire protection requirements and sometimes because the system needs pressure to go up and over hills. Milliken's water system is no different – we have locations with high pressure. Many jurisdictions that follow the International Plumbing Code require PRVs in all new homes because they provide inexpensive protection. They can cost as little as \$55 plus installation. They are typically in the basement on the water line as it enters the house from the meter pit. Just like any piece of home plumbing, PRVs are the responsibility of the homeowner for initial installation, maintenance and replacement. In some limited cases PRVs have been installed in the meter pit outside the home which is accessible only to Town Water Utility staff, or licensed plumbers who have contacted the Town ahead of time for access. One sign that your PRV may need some attention is if you notice high pressure from a faucet or hear excessive knocking of your pipes. **The Town by state law is typically immune from liability for any damage high water pressure may cause.** Town Water Dept. staff can go to your home and check your water pressure at an outdoor spigot if you have concerns. **If your home has no PRV, the Town strongly encourages you to protect your home investment and install one. Contact your plumber.**



Here is a picture of a typical PRV.  
Please call Town Hall at 587-4331 or your plumber with questions.

