

MILLIKEN MESSENGER

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Message from the Mayor: New ambulance service

Some, but not all of you, are aware of the change in ambulance service to the Milliken area. The new provider will be Poudre Valley Health (PVHS)/University Health Systems. Due to the recent changes by Weld County and Banner Health, the Johnstown and Milliken fire districts have negotiated the contract with PVHS. Based on the current negotiations, the changes bring benefits:

- *An ambulance will be located at the Milliken Fire station 24/7.
- *In the event that this ambulance is out on an emergency, a backup will be provided from Windsor. Also, there is a PVH ambulance located at the emergency facility at 10th St and 71st Ave in Greeley.
- *PVHS/UCH has guaranteed a substantial improvement in response times, perhaps as much as eight to ten minutes based on historical data. You will have a choice as to which local emergency hospital you wish to be transported or if life threatening to the nearest facility.
- *Other added benefits include:
 1. Special Operations Response Team for medical teams if there is a SWAT call or water rescue issue, etc.
 2. Volunteer EMTs who will help with community events, such as Beef and Bean Days
 3. Community Paramedicine, using EMTs and paramedics to deliver community healthcare—vaccination, blood pressure, etc.
 4. Child car seat installation—available monthly

We are deeply appreciative of our fire district for keeping the best interest and care of the local citizens in mind.

Milt Tokunaga, Mayor mtokunaga@town.milliken.co.us 970.744.3007

Water Conservation Suggestion: Wait to start Automatic Sprinkler Operation Until May 1

Due to low snow pack conditions in the mountains, the Town is preparing for the possibility of drought-like conditions continuing into the upcoming watering season. The Town Water Commission and Board of Trustees have directed staff to research more stringent watering restriction options that could be made mandatory this spring if conditions require. In the meantime **Town residents are strongly encouraged to refrain from beginning use of automatic sprinklers until May 1st.** Let your grass stay dormant longer, and THINK SNOW!

Trash Rate Increase Effective March 1st

You may have noticed on your last utility bill an announcement about a pending rate increase for trash pickup. The Town's five-year solid waste disposal contract allows Waste Management to increase their rate annually up to 2.75%. The contract was renewed by the Board on February 13th and so the new rates will be effective March 1, 2013. Accordingly, the new rate for 64-gallon containers will go from \$9.70 per month to \$10.00 per month, and the rate for the 96-gallon containers will increase from \$11.20 per month to \$11.55 per month. Recycling rates are unchanged, All services directly billed to you by Waste Management will increase 2.75%. While we are never happy to announce a rate increase, we did do our best to keep it to a minimum and we continue to encourage you to recycle as much as possible.



COME PLANT TREES WITH US!! ARBOR DAY 2013!

At Lola Park, 302 South Irene, Across from Milliken Middle School
Friday, April 19th at 10.00AM

Bring your gloves and help plant trees for Arbor Day. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to donate please contact Anne Best Johnson, town staff, at 970-660-5046.

- ▶ Wednesday, March 6 & 0, April 3, **Planning Commission**, Meeting House, 7:00pm
- ▶ Wednesday, March 13, & 27, **Town Board**, Meeting House, 7:00pm
- ▶ Monday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, **Trash Pick-up**
- ▶ *Monday, March 4 & 18, April 1, **Recycling Pick-up***
- ▶ Tuesday, March 12, Milliken Business Association, Town Hall, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- ▶ Thursday, March 21, Bedtime Reading, Meeting House, 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- ▶ Monday, March 21, Milliken Housing Authority, Town Hall, 8:30am - 10:00am
- ▶ Friday, March 1, April 5th, Milliken Historical Society, Town Hall, 2:00pm—3:30pm
- ▶ Saturday, March 30, Easter-Eggstravaganza, Knowledge Quest Academy, 10:00am



Easter Eggs-travaganza Saturday, March 30

The Town of Milliken and Thompson Rivers Parks & Recreation District's annual Easter Eggs-travaganza is here again! This year marks the 11th year, scheduled for **Saturday, March 30th** at Sappington Park, next to Knowledge Quest Academy, 705 S. School House Drive. There will be an egg hunt for kids up to 11 years old. **The Easter Egg Hunt begins eggs-actly at 10:00am.** (Please have children in the park at the start line a few minutes early.) Make plans to hop on down to join us! Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! **Bring your camera!** If the weather is bad the event will be moved indoors to Knowledge Quest..

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency/Urgent Police Response 24/7
911

Non-Emergency Police Response 24/7

356-1212 x4

Police Dept. Administration

Monday–Friday

8:00–12:00 & 1:00PM–5:00PM

587-2772

Water, Sewer, Street, Parks Emergencies

Monday –Friday

8:00am–5:00pm

Town Hall 587-4331

(After Hours & Weekends)

356-1212 x4

LET'S WELCOME OUR TWO NEW BUSINESSES TO MILLIKEN

Heart to Heart Children's Boutique



901 Broad Street, Milliken



Heart to Heart is a used clothing/consignment store. They have sizes from newborn to size 16. Stop by and check it out! For more information please call Sandy Van Oene at 690-9769.

Leaping Lakota Canine



1004 Broad Street, Milliken

Milliken Animal Clinic is partnering with Marleila Springer, of Leaping Lakota Canine, to offer dog obedience training. For More information please call the Animal Clinic at 970-518-1252 or Marleila at 970-308-1235.



**SHOP AND DINE IN MILLIKEN.
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES.**

