

Hello,

I wanted to share some information. I know it's almost impossible to determine what is fact and what is fiction these days. It's sad that politics has taken a place in what is life and death to many. Please be assured I am only telling you what I know to be a fact.

First and foremost, the Town of Milliken is up and running in emergency mode. This isn't an ominous condition; it only means that in emergency mode we have a little more ability to react on the spot to make decisions to better protect our citizens and adjust without having to convene a Board Meeting.

The Town Board of Directors has given me direction to do what we can for our citizens and to keep them safe. We have set up a system for our Board to meet by video conferencing keeping them safe. We are setting up a system to live stream our meetings and/or we can send out live messages by YouTube if that becomes necessary. We have cancelled the lunch program for our seniors so they can stay safe. We have set up a supply system to make sure they will have what they need. We don't want anyone in Town to go hungry or have needs. We ask that if things get difficult, let us know and we'll coordinate with the available resources.

We have a great staff who are all committed to making sure the Town covers all the critical things that can come up. We have divided up critical staff to even better protect from any possible cross infection.

We have three different sources of water in Milliken. This gives us a huge advantage of protection over most cities in the country. Our staff has, as standard procedure, stockpiled what they need so they can handle a long-term issue if need be. We will keep good water at your tap.

You probably know we have an award-winning Police Department and they too are working to make sure we always have safe coverage.

I am personally set up on the statewide emergency notification system with clear and specific updates, the Weld County emergency system and the statewide City and Town Management communication system, where cities and Towns can share information, or they can put out requests for supplies and equipment. Please be assured I am up to date and well connected with many helpers out there – or the ability to help them out.

All this being said, I want to point out that almost everyone is concerned about the misinformation and the fear mongering that is scaring people needlessly. You need to follow the guidelines and take them seriously. That's number one. Protect yourself and your family by making sure you are washing hands, staying away from groups...

You do not need to get frantic about toilet paper, food.... We are a community and will work together to help. That's America.

President Trump asked for a 15-day shelter in place with the hope of slowing down the spread of the virus to give some time to our worldwide envied medical community to get a handle on what this is and how to fight it. They have done a spectacular job. Reports are very encouraging, and they do have weapons to fight this. The President made the announcement that he is hopeful that by Easter (April 13th) we'll have some great solutions and he hopes America would be able to go back to work.

If you have any serious needs for food or help of any kind, let us, or your own network of friends on Facebook know. That's when we as Americans show our best, is when we stand together in these kinds of times and get it done.

We'll update as we get information.

You can send questions, comments or to let us know if there is someone that may need assistance to staff@millikenco.gov.

Ps If toilet paper is getting short, for goodness sake, help my guys out by not flushing anything other than toilet paper down your toilet. Toilet paper has been designed to decompose allowing us to process it. Anything else is (well you can imagine). Help my guys out and if you have anything other than toilet paper, please deposit it in a lined trash can by your toilet and send that to the trash can for Waste Management.