



**FEBRUARY 2020**



**Water Rate and Sewer Fee** increases are inevitable, and they will most likely impact your bill this April.

Milliken owns its own water; however, we have others process it for us, half from Central Weld and half from Greeley. Both Greeley and Central Weld have increased our processing rates for bulk water this year as the cost of water and processing have both increased. Greeley has increased our rates by 16% and Central Weld by 4% along with notice of 4% additional per year till 2023. For the last couple years, we have had to pay a little more for the water than what we received back from our water billing so we knew a change would have to be made. Milliken has not raised sewer rates for several years.

Your Board of Trustees has been very reluctant to raise water and sewer rates until we could get the RO plant back online and we could determine actual costs. We do produce some of our own water from our Reverse Osmosis Plant (RO) which has been closed for a little over 4 years. We now have several months of operational costs that we have worked into our plan. Our rate increase will take into consideration the disclosed increases we have received from our suppliers. Currently, I anticipate a base rate water increase of about 9%. (Base rate is considered 7,000 gallons of use per month). With the sewer calculated into the mix, an average bill of \$100.00 will now be about \$106.00.

Fortunately we have received a temporary Mil Levy credit this year that will result in a lower Milliken calculated property tax, and should help offset the added expense. Our average home should get about a \$45.00 lower tax this year. While no one likes price increases, we have taken very conservative measures to identify our costs, thereby keeping the increase of your water bill to a minimum.

**IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL  
MILLIKEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**



For only \$100 you can become a lifetime member of the Milliken Historical Society and the Heritage House Museum, or an annual membership for \$10, or \$20 for a family or \$25 for a business. Your financial support is always appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed to continue the benefits currently available to our community.

The museum is located at 102 Grace Ave, behind the Town Hall. Museum visiting days are the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month.

Hours are 10AM - 1PM. To contact by mail: Milliken Historical Society PO Box 92, Milliken, CO 80543.

By phone: Sharon at 970-815-4777 or Lois at 970-397-5608 for further information or to arrange a tour during non-business hours.



**Milliken Town Hall and  
Police Department Administration offices  
will be closed**

**Monday, February 17th  
In honor of Presidents Day**

**VISIT THOMPSON RIVER PARKS & RECREATION**



**TRPR at the Milliken Athletic Complex**

Where you'll find Youth and Adult Activities, Sports and fitness classes  
We look forward to seeing you soon!



For directions, prices and Registration check our website [trpr.org](http://trpr.org) or give us a call 970-660-8750.



**Top Ten Most Hated Holidays**

According to: **TOP/10**,  
(an online polling site)

These are the Top 10 most hated holidays

How in the world would Valentine's Day top the most hated Holidays!

How did Hanukkah and Easter get on this list?

I suppose everything is disliked by someone. But who can hate a holiday with Chocolate.

- 1 Valentine's Day
- 2 Black Friday
- 3 April Fools' Day
- 4 Lent
- 5 Republic Day
- 6 Halloween
- 7 Boxing Day
- 8 Columbus Day
- 9 Hanukkah
- 10 Easter

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

### Emergency 911

Urgent Police Response  
(24/7) 911

or, 970-587-2772  
M-F 8am-5pm

Non-Emergency  
Police Response  
970-356-1212x4

Fire Protection District  
970-587-4464

Call before you dig!  
Locates 811

Town Hall  
970-587-4331

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Message from the code enforcement Officer

We are experiencing a higher volume of calls for barking dogs.

Please make sure that your dog does not habitually disturb the neighborhood and don't forget to license your dog with the Town of Milliken.

Code enforcement will be focusing on Violations in the alleys and trimming your trees. Please be aware that falling trees and branches could devastate property and life. You are responsible for the maintenance of the alley behind your property. Alleys must be kept clean from junk, weeds and trees. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please call the Milliken Police Department. 970-587-2772

## CALENDAR

Trash PU Mon. 3, 10, 17, 24  
Recycle PU Mon. 10, 24  
Mad Russian/Mill Iron  
Recycle Pick-up Mon. 3, 17  
\*Red=Holiday schedule (Tue.)

Planning Commission, @  
Meeting House Wed. 5, 19  
7:00 pm


Town Board, @ Meeting House,  
Wed 12, 26 6:30 pm

Heritage House & Museum  
Open 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Historical Society,  
Every 2nd Mon. 6:00 pm

Milliken Housing Authority,  
Town Hall Thurs, 20th 8:30 am  
(Usually, every 3rd Thurs).


## February 14th more than Valentines Day

### From 2005 back To 1803


2005 - The video-sharing website YouTube ,  
was activated. 

1989 - The first satellite of the Global Positioning  
System was placed into orbit around Earth.

1966 - Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia 76ers set  
a NBA record as he reached a career high of 20,884  
points after seven seasons.

1962 -First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy gave a tour  
of the White House on television. 

1932 - The USA won their first bobsled competition at  
the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid, NY

1912 - The first diesel engine submarine was  
commissioned in Groton, CT 

1803 - Moses Coates patented the apple-parer.


## Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, February 26nd  
Food Pantry starts at 10:30am  
Located In Police Dept. Parking Lot 

Pick up your number at the  
Police Department.

Numbers available starting at 7:00am

## MILLIKEN SENIOR CENTER

Friendly Fork lunches are served at 11:00 am, Mondays & Fridays.  
Please call 970-660-5040 to reserve your meal, no later than the day prior.  
The suggested donation is \$4 for those over 60, and \$14 under 60.  
Balancing Exercises at 9am & Cards at Noon every Monday & Friday. 

3rd Doodle Day 10am

4th Tai Chi 10-11am 

5th A Matter of Balance Class 10am -Noon

6th Tai Chi 10-11am Book Club 10am

7th Chair Massage / Sign up Sheet Wii Games 10am

10th BP Checks 10am Heartlanders Band 10am Senior Board Mtg 12pm

11th Tai Chi 10-11am

12th Hooks, Needles and Hoops 10-11am A Matter of Balance Class 10-11am

13th Tai Chi 10-11am Toe Time By Appointment Only!

14th Connect Hearing 10am Student Council 10am Happy Valentine's Day

17th Presidents' Day **Closed**

18th Tai Chi 10-11am

19th A Matter of Balance Class 10-11am 


20th Tai Chi 10-11am

21st Shuffleboard 10am

24th Ragtime Rhythm Band 10am

25th Tai Chi 10-11am

26th Hooks, Needles & Hoops / A Matter of Balance Class 10-11am

27th Tai Chi 10-11am 

28th Blood Pressure Checks 10am Pool Tournament 10:15am

Check the Milliken Senior's updated webpage on the New Town Website it's full of  
information and upcoming events. Search "Town of Milliken" or  
[www.millikenco.gov/index.php](http://www.millikenco.gov/index.php) to check it out.