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From Mayor Christy:

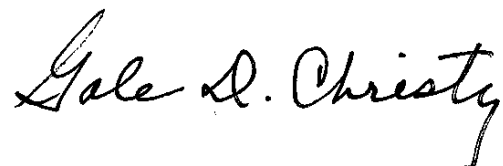
Greetings from your Town Hall. If you haven't noticed, this may be the busiest summer we've had in Columbine Valley in quite some time—and the size of this newsletter reflects that! With Willowcroft Manor now under construction, plans for the Nelson-Jurgelonis property (known as Wilder Lane) now in the planning stages and the Tuck property on the horizon, our staff and Planning & Zoning Commission are seriously involved in planning and development for our Town.

Add to that the street repair and paving program (including slurry-seal in Burning Tree and The Village), the traffic study on Platte Canyon Road, and the street sign re-painting program getting underway --- and you can see that the Board of Trustees and Public Works operations are working hard on some very important programs. Plus the Columbine Valley Police Department is active and on top of "things" on your behalf.

I am excited to announce that we are adding a new page to our Web site, www.ColumbineValley.org called "Community Updates". We will be adding important and timely information to that page as needed, in a further effort to keep each of you up-to-date on all that is happening around our Town.

So, your Town is on the move these days and improvements (hopefully) are HAPPENING. I hope you are pleased with our progress and with what is going on, but if you have questions or concerns, please give us a call at 303-795-1434.

Enjoy these last days of summer with your neighbors and family,



Gale D. Christy

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Be sure to visit the "Development Updates" section of our new Web site www.columbinevalley.org. Look for the gold bar at the bottom of the homepage. From there, you can read all of the latest official information on each project. You can also sign-up to receive emails each time something new is added to that page.

Willowcroft Manor

Willowcroft Manor, at the southeast corner of Bowles and Middlefield Rd, is now under construction. The 41-unit patio home project was approved by the Board in October and November and upheld by the citizens in December of 2013.

Town staff has approved the final construction plans and issued the first four building permits.

All four units, including the model are currently under construction and Taylor Morrison expects to have the model home ready in October. A sales trailer is on site and there are Taylor Morrison representatives present with project literature available.



A rendering of the model currently being constructed

Wilder Commons/Wilder Lane

The Wilder Commons application has been withdrawn and a new development proposal (Wilder Lane) that incorporates the Jurgelonis property has been submitted. The Wilder Lane development proposal is for a 6.6 acre site located immediately east of Platte Canyon Road and immediately north of the Village subdivision. The applicant, Platte Canyon Partnership, is proposing 24 homes with primarily single story units containing 1900 to 2300 square feet (excluding basement) and lot sizes averaging 7000-8000 square feet. There will be two access points into the project, one from Platte Canyon Road and one from Middlefield Road

The application with the Preliminary Development Plan and Preliminary has been submitted and accepted by the Town. The plan will be referred to all appropriate outside agencies and the HOA's of The Village, Country Club Estates, Brookhaven Estates, Villa Avignon and Willowcroft Manor. A public hearing by the Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled for September 9, 2014

Copies of the preliminary development plan, preliminary plat and supporting documents are available for review at the Town Hall.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES Continued

Wild Plum Farm (Tuck)

In June the Toll Brothers terminated their negotiations with the Tuck family, owners of Wild Plum Farms. They had been in their "Due Diligence" period and determined that the economics of the project did not allow them to continue.

It is our understanding that the Tuck Family has interviewed several companies concerning their interest in developing the property and have entered negotiations with one. The name of the company they have selected for negotiations has not yet been officially announced. They anticipate that a firm will be named soon and it is likely that an Application for Land Development will be submitted to the Town in the fall.

During the period when the Toll Brothers were holding public meetings the first phase of a traffic impact study was completed and presented to the Board of Trustees. Phase One analyzed existing traffic conditions on Platte Canyon Road and selected interior streets in the Town. The analysis included ADT (Average Daily Trips) and AM/PM peak hour volumes on the Highway and key intersections, (Mineral Ave, Hunter Run, Coal Mine Rd. /Doral Dr., Fairway Lane, Village Court and Bowles Ave.) and on the Town's internal streets. This information will lay the ground work for Phase Two which will be conducted after a development plan is submitted to the Town, and will focus on the projected traffic impact generated by the development of Wild Plum Farm.

Read more about the Traffic Study on page 9

ROAD PROJECT WRAP-UP

The first year of the Town's three-year, Town-wide Road Improvement Project is drawing to a close. Structural road repairs were completed in Burning Tree and The Village and each neighborhood received a complete slurry seal.

There are still a few projects to do before winter including select structural repair work throughout the Town, asphalt patching in priority areas (the sections of road that can't wait another year for some attention), broad-scale crack sealing and gutter pan repairs; this is scheduled to take place throughout the month of September. Once all of this work is completed, we'll bring in the paint crews and restripe the entire Town.



FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AT TOWN

The Town will be partnering with Front Range Flu Shots to offer seasonal shots to members of the community on Monday October 6 between 7:30 – 9:00 am and between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. The shots range in price, as detailed below and insurance cards must be presented at the time of service. Co-payments may apply.

Seasonal Flu Shot: \$26.00*

Age Policy: Must be 4 years or older to receive a flu shot

Seasonal FluMist Nasal Spray (Upon availability. Must sign up in advance): \$35.00*

Age Policy: FluMist is available to healthy individuals ages 4 - 49 years who are not pregnant.

Fluzone High Dose Shot (Upon availability. Must sign up in advance): \$55.00*

Age Policy: Must be 65 years or older to receive a Fluzone High Dose shot.

For more information, including accepted insurance, please visit the “Community Updates” page of the Town’s web site. To sign up for the Nasal Spray or High-Dose shot, please call Town Hall at 303-795-1434

* Prices reflect 2013 rates, 2014 pricing was not available at the time of publication.



2014 SHRED-EVENT

There will be an on-site shredding service in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday October 11, 2014 from 9:00 am to Noon. Residents may bring any documents and records they would like destroyed safely and can witness their destruction.

Unacceptable items are vinyl notebooks, phone books, newspapers and hard back books. They will destroy/shred CD’s DVD’s hard drives, floppies and video’s but can only perform this service off site, where the owner of the shredding company witnesses all destruction. It is required that all such materials be kept separate from the paper when brought to the Town Hall.

All shredded paper will be recycled in an environmentally friendly manner.

Email Registry

In an effort to further enhance the Town's communication with residents, we are starting an email data base. A handful of recent events including a broken water main, road construction and street closures have demonstrated the use of such a data base.

By registering an email address with the Town, you are agreeing to receive emergency/important information that will impact your daily life. The Town will not use this information for general announcements nor will we give or sell your email address to any other organization or agency. When registering, you'll be asked to provide your street address so that we can specifically target geographic areas with relevant information. You will have the ability to opt out at any time.

As always, the Town will continue to communicate with and through the home owners associations, this data base is being designed to provide another means to ensure fast and accurate information is distributed when it really matters.



STREET SIGN IMPROVEMENTS

As a part of the Board of Trustees goal to keep Columbine Valley a beautiful place to live, the Board recently approved funding to begin fixing Columbine Valley's street signs. Work is already underway and over the next few weeks you'll see signs throughout Town receive new paint and lettering. Every sign in Town was evaluated for its condition and we are starting with the worst areas and will progress from there. This work is expected to continue as long as the weather cooperates.



Before



After

Regional Updates

In addition to everything happening within Columbine Valley, the staff and Board of Trustees stay alert to the activities of neighboring municipalities and organizations, paying special attention to undertakings that might impact our Town. Here are a few details of things that are happening nearby:

“Meadows at Platte Valley” at Mineral and Platte Canyon, will consist of 285 apartment units and approximately 10,000 square feet of retail space. This development is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in mid to late 2015.

South Platte River Enhancements will begin in mid-September between the Carson Nature Center and Reynold’s Landing Park (near the 13th green). The goal of this project is to create a river system with healthier habitat for fish and wildlife by creating a narrower, deeper river. Trail users can expect occasional delays and anglers may see some river closures this winter, but the project is scheduled to be complete by spring.

Annexation of South West Plaza by the Town of Bow Mar is currently being considered. This annexation must be approved by the citizens of Bow Mar (they need to adopt a sales tax) in November’s general election. Columbine Valley staff and Trustees have been in constant communication with Bow Mar officials, who have assured us that any annexation would not impact our agreement for police and court services.

If you have any additional questions about these or other regional activities, please feel free to contact Town Hall and we will do our best to provide you with answers or put you in touch with someone who can.



No Soliciting in Columbine Valley

The Columbine Valley Police Department would like to remind citizens that solicitation is not permitted in Columbine Valley. While it is legal for individuals to go door-to-door as representatives of a political or religious affiliation, no sale solicitations are allowed.

Please feel free to contact the CVPD via Arapahoe County Dispatch if you are being disturbed by someone soliciting at 303-795-4711.

SIGN CODE REMINDERS

Town staff will be making greater efforts in the future to keep our Town beautiful and clutter free. Accordingly, we’d like to remind residents that signs are not allowed to be displayed in your yard.

While there are two exceptions to this rule, real estate sale signs and political signs, the Town will be asking for the removal of signs that advertise contractors (painters, roofers, etc.), invisible dog fences and so on.

If you have any questions about putting a sign in your yard, don’t hesitate to call Town Hall at 303-795-1434.



WHEELED RECYCLE BINS

The Town's trash provider, Republic Waste Services, has large, 96-gallon wheeled recycle bins available to residents who would like them.

To request a larger bin, call Town Hall at 303-795-1434 and we will arrange for delivery.

Dumpsters Available for Fall Clean Up

The dumpsters will be placed in the parking lot at Town Hall from noon, Thursday, October 23rd until noon on Saturday, October 25th. No landscape materials and **NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** allowed. Many common products found in your home such as oil-based paint, mercury, gasoline, de-greaser, cleaning compounds and garden chemicals may be hazardous and should be disposed of properly. You may call Arapahoe County Disposal Service at 303-795-3834 for more information.

Please do not put electronics, refrigerators or other major appliances in the dumpsters. The Town offers an electronics recycling program and collects these items throughout the year; but please call first to ensure the items you have are eligible for this program.

Vehicle batteries, tires and oil should never be disposed of in your home trash container or dumpster, or poured into any type of drain. These materials can be easily recycled instead. Most automotive shops and stores accept car batteries and used motor oil for recycling at no charge. Car tires may be recycled at tire shops when you purchase new tires.

Latex paint is not a hazardous waste, and can be safely disposed of with your regular household garbage once it is dried and no longer liquid. To dry latex paint, remove the lid from the paint cans, mix in an absorbent to speed the drying process (such as kitty litter, dirt or sand) and allow the paint to dry completely before disposing with your regular trash pickup.

COLUMBINE VALLEY FOOD

Tis' the season for giving! Please help area families by donating to our very first, Columbine Valley Town Food Drive. Donate a canned food or dry goods including cereal, rice, tuna, peanut butter, pasta, tomato sauce, canned soup and canned fruits or veggies. Bring your donations to Town Hall on Monday September 29 and Tuesday September 30 between 8am and 5 pm. Donations will be given to local food banks.





ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE &

The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated our nations independence at the annual 4th of July Parade! By all estimates this was the biggest event ever.

Thank you to the individuals, families and home owner associations who entered the golf cart decorating contest (winners pictured below) and to the many volunteers who made this great event happen so flawlessly including the Columbine Valley Police Department, and Columbine Valley residents Anne Larsen and Ellen Redding. A special thanks to Ms. Kelly Spicer for singing the National Anthem and to the American Legion Post 103 from Littleton who provided the color guard for our parade.

If you would be interested in helping plan next years event, please call the Town Hall at 303-795-1434.

Visit www.hobbesart.com/ColumbineValley/4th.php to see all of the pictures taken at this years event.



Ask Mayor Christy

Mayor Christy, I have called the Town offices for several years in a row asking that the gutter pan in front of my home be repaired or replaced to no avail. Have I been forgotten, and if not, why is this seemingly simple fix taking so long?

Thank you for writing me with your question. Yours is a common concern that is shared by more than one of your neighbors. First, let me assure you that you have not been forgotten. Our Town staff takes special care to record all our residents' questions, concerns and requests and address them as best they can.

Each year, a certain percentage of our Town's public works budget is allocated to repairing and replacing gutter pans. Some years see more funds allotted to this than others, as we have to balance gutter pans with the many other demands of maintaining a municipal infrastructure. Each Spring our Public Works Trustee and Town Engineer look at all of the gutter pans in town to determine which are the most in need of repair and how many we can fix all while staying within our budget.

As I hope you know, your Board of Trustees is committed to keeping Columbine Valley both safe and attractive for all its citizens, and your concern fits into both of those priorities. Please be encouraged to contact the Town office at 303-795-1434 to be sure your gutter pan is on our radar screen and we'll do our best to make the necessary repairs as soon as we are able. Thank you for taking the time to write me.

If you have a question for the Mayor, please email him at BoardofTrustees@ColumbineValley.org or drop a note off at Town Hall.

PLATTE CANYON TRAFFIC STUDY

The (Wild Plum Farms) Phase One traffic study conclusions were that while Platte Canyon Road could accommodate a reasonable level of development with some minor improvements, there are current and longer term problems with the Highway. One of the major findings in the study was that the problems with Platte Canyon Road go far beyond the impact of Wild Plum Farms. Given the existing conditions and traffic volumes the Highway is operating at a LOS (Level of Service) E (barely acceptable) which is not desirable. With the projections of growth to the west and south in Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties the LOS could begin to approach F (Failure) by Year 2030

Based on this information the Board of Trustees has authorized funding for a preliminary feasibility study of Platte Canyon Road between Bowles and Mineral Avenues. The scope of the study was developed by the Platte Canyon Task Force, an intergovernmental staff group with representatives from the Town, City of Littleton, Arapahoe County and CDOT. The purpose of the study is to determine the existing and future capability of Platte Canyon Road to accommodate the anticipated development in the area.

The Task force will be meeting throughout the fall and hope to have the first draft of the study available in December or January.



DATES TO KNOW

- **Sept 9:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept 16:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept 19:** Art Exhibit Opening at Town Hall; 6:00—9:00 p.m.
- **Oct 6:** Flu Shot Clinic at Town Hall; morning and evening
- **Oct 11:** Shred Event at Town Hall; 9:00—Noon
- **Oct 14:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 21:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 23-25:** Dumpsters at Town Hall ; all day

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Watercolor Exhibit at Town Hall

The Town is pleased to be featuring the art work of local watercolor artist Martha E. Tennison. Martha is an award winning artist in the Columbine Valley/Littleton area and will be displaying her work in Town Hall from September 2, 2014 – October 31, 2014 The approximately 15 paintings will be available for viewing during normal business hours of 8-4 pm.

You are also invited to an Exhibit Opening with the artist::

Friday, September 19

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

