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From the Mayor:

Greetings once again -- As your Mayor I enjoy the opportunity to talk with you about our community. I'd like to focus this time on the word "community." My wife says when I talk about our Town I look through rose-colored glasses, meaning that I see only the good and positive aspects of Columbine Valley. Well, maybe so...

How wonderful it was to celebrate our Nation's birthday on July 4th with our "community" in a parade featuring literally hundreds of children, their parents and grandparents. American red, white and blue decorations and flags adorned bicycles, golf carts, scooters, hats and costumes. We had a terrific time and gathered at parades end at Town Hall to enjoy friends, neighbors and refreshments. A great continuation of a celebration for our Town.

Columbine Valley is truly blessed by citizens who contribute to their community -- serving on our Board of Trustees, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Adjustments -- and even more people volunteering on nine (soon to be 11) Homeowners Association Boards and committees. These people are what make Columbine Valley a really special kind of "community" and a super place to live and raise a family.

Yes, we have our difficulties, from tough re-zoning cases and cracked gutter pans to increasing traffic, problem dogs and rabbits that love to eat our flowers. But, through my rose-colored glasses, I see an honest, conscientious team of leaders ready, able and willing to work with you, our community, to resolve the large and small issues which may arise. Plus, we have a very competent team of staff and consultants to help us each step of the way.

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Gale D. Christy

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Willowcroft Manor

Willowcroft construction continues with a total of 15 of 41 building permits having been issued. Several homes including the models are at or nearing completion and the first residents are expected to move in this month. The common area landscaping is complete and the public improvements are substantially complete; Town staff are periodically monitoring the public improvements and landscaping for adherence to the approved plans.

Wilder Lane

Wilder Lane is a 6.6 acre development located immediately north of the Village subdivision. Infrastructure work continues including storm water, sewer and Denver Water pipes and tie-ins (including fire hydrants). The cement curb/pan outlining the road was installed and retaining walls were completed in August. Work will soon be underway on the Town wall and the first of 24 building permits is expected to be applied for soon.

Wild Plum Farms

To date the Town has not received any formal Application for Land Development from the current developer, Hines. The latest information is that the project is "in a holding pattern" pending discussions with potential builders. They have not yet scheduled their public awareness meeting and it is unlikely that an application will be filed in time for an October Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Continue to watch the "Development Updates" section of the Town's website for current information.

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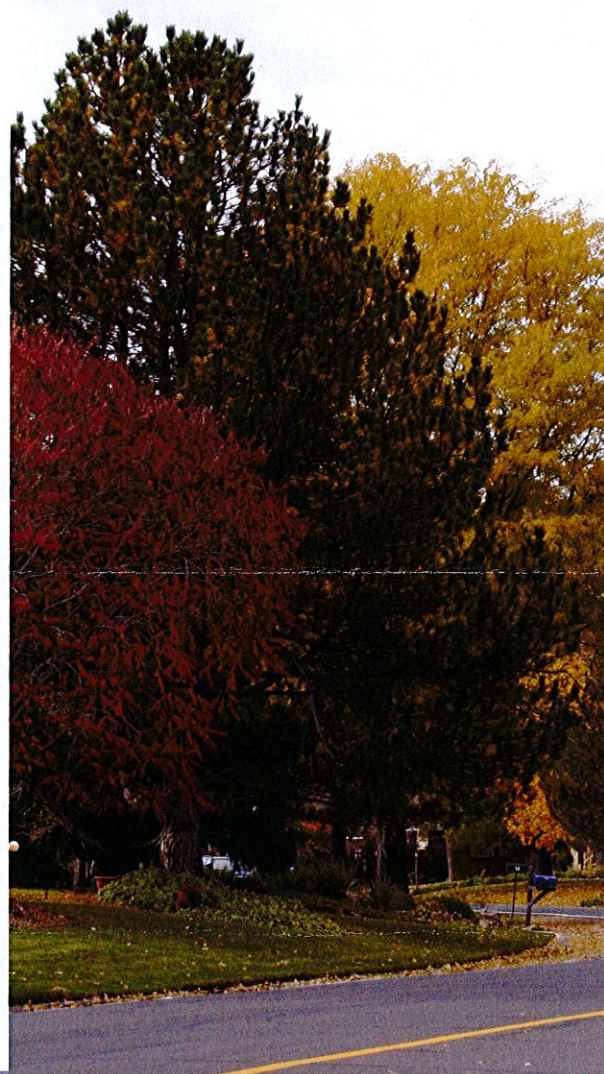


IMPORTANT SOLICITATION INFORMATION

The Town of Columbine Valley has recently had to amend the municipal code as it relates to solicitors. Where in the past, residents were automatically placed on a NO VISIT LIST and had to opt-off the list if they wanted commercial solicitors to visit their home, all residents of Columbine Valley are now **required to add their home to the NO VISIT LIST**.

This amendment is the result of changing interpretation of the first amendment free speech rights granted to businesses and the Town is responding accordingly. As a result, you will likely see an increase in solicitors in Columbine Valley. In the weeks ahead, Town staff will be implementing a stringent permitting process for individuals and companies wanting to solicit door-to-door in town. A new section will be added to the Town Web site in late September addressing solicitors which you are invited to visit and learn more about what solicitors are and are not able to do.

If you would like your home to be on the NO VISIT LIST please email jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org or return the enclosed form to Town Hall. Once the new page is added to the Web site, you will also be able to register online. If you have any questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to contact Town Staff.



PUBLIC HEARINGS 101

With all the land development underway or on the horizon, it seems an appropriate time to remind the residents of Columbine Valley about one way they can make sure their voice is heard by the decision-making bodies.

A public hearing is that time during a Board of Trustees or Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in which interested individuals may address the Board or Commission on specific agenda matters. Public bodies, such as these are sometimes required by state law to hold public hearings. Since the issues addressed in these public hearings can be contentious, may involve due process rights of private parties, they are handled differently than the public comment period that occurs at every regular meeting.

Agenda items which include public hearings are noted on the meeting agenda and are typically advertised in the South Platte/Littleton Independent newspaper. In addition, a public hearing on a specific land use development application is often advertised by a public notice sign posted on the property where development is proposed.

Residents are encouraged to make use of public hearings and share their thoughts and opinions with the Board and Commission. If you receive notice of a public hearing for a land development application or see a "public notice" sign on a property and have questions, please contact Town staff.

NON-COLUMBINE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Clayton Family Farms (Bowles Avenue and Watson Lane)

The latest information we have is that the Littleton staff has informed the developer that the proposal, as submitted, will not receive a favorable recommendation primarily due to the density. The City staff has not indicated what they would consider acceptable. Both the Town staff and the three Homeowner Associations in the immediate area are keeping in touch with the City of Littleton.

K.B. Homes (Bowles Avenue and Platte Canyon Rd.)

The developer has withdrawn their original proposal and has submitted a new plan to the City of Littleton, reportedly at a slightly lower density and with design revisions. As of this date we have not received the revised plan but do expect the referral soon.

Development Updates cont. from page 2

Columbine Country Club

In June, the membership of the Columbine Country Club voted to proceed with a major redevelopment of the Clubhouse and Pool and Tennis facilities. This work is expected to occur in two phases with the first being the Pool and Tennis portion of their campus. The focus will be the renovation of that building, including the exterior skin, and the outdoor dining and seating amenities on the east end of the current building. As this work falls within current zoning, no public process is required and a building permit application is anticipated in late September or early October.

The main clubhouse building will be approximately 45,000 square feet. The design of this building is progressing as adjacencies and programmatic elements are being further refined by Committee and Club input. This part of the project will come before the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Trustees for approval sometime this fall or early next year. However, at this time, the Town has not received any formal Application for Land Development.

CENTURY LINK AGREEMENT

The Board of Trustees voted in July to allow CenturyLink to provide cable service as an alternative to Comcast. The newly approved franchise agreement lets CenturyLink roll out in a limited number of households with a goal of eventually reaching the entire Town. The company's Prism TV service is distributed through a fiber-optic network, offering a wireless box with a range of television apps and high-definition channels.

Comcast, the largest cable provider in the Columbine Valley, has a franchise agreement that expires at the end of 2016; satellite providers, such as DISH, do not have agreements with the Town.

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.

Leash Laws

There is a leash law in the Town of Columbine Valley. All dogs must be on a leash, in the hands of a competent person when off your property. Dogs should not be allowed to run free & citations will be issued for this offense.

Please be mindful of other people's property and pick up after your dog. Please take any deposits left by your pet to your own trash.



COLUMBINE VALLEY FALL CLEAN-UP — OCTOBER 22-24

The dumpsters will be placed at in the parking lot at Town Hall from noon, Thursday, October 22nd until noon on Saturday, October 24th. 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.

Please do not put electronics, refrigerators or other major appliances in the dumpsters. The Town will have a recycler on hand to take away any of these items you want to get rid of. He will also take away these items throughout the year. The Town office will be the collection site 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 Water & San Sewer Pipes Need Repairs

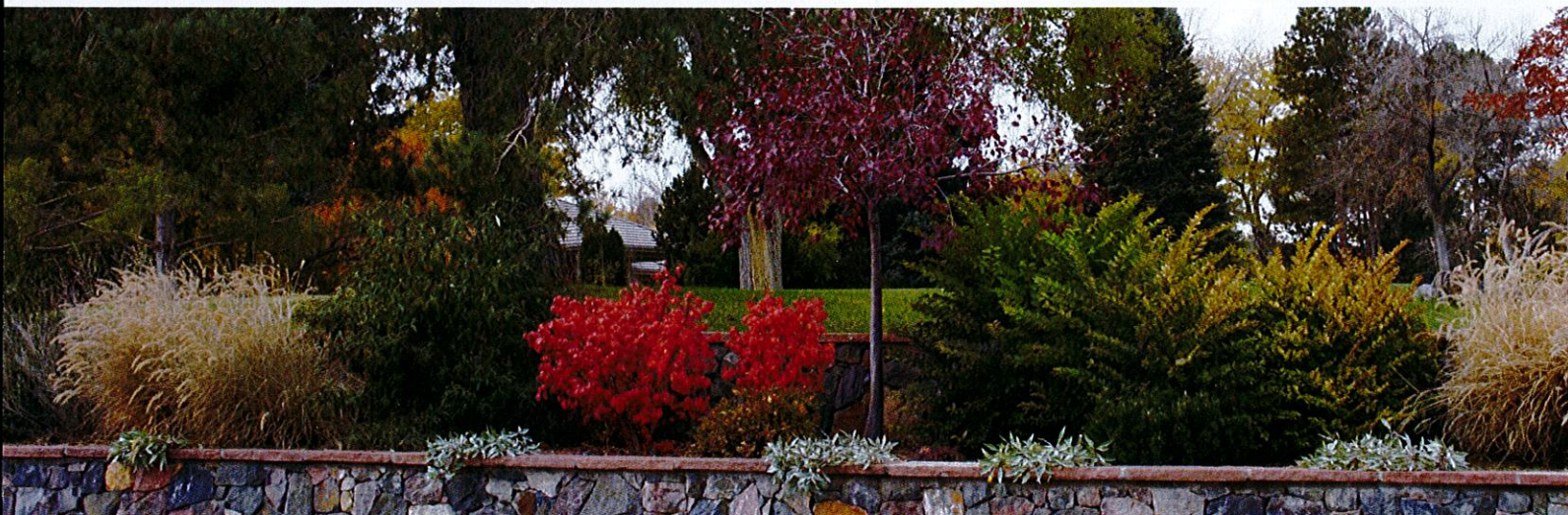
Remember 1955? That was the year that the Columbine Water and Sanitation District was organized and assumed ownership of 8,500 feet of sewer pipe that had been installed in 1950 to serve the initial development around Columbine Country Club. About 1,500 feet of that pipe was rehabilitated in 2000 after it was discovered that it was in imminent danger of collapse due to hydrogen sulfide corrosion. The District narrowly avoided catastrophe when customers voted in favor of a ballot initiative to accept a \$423,000 loan from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority and retire the debt by raising the District's property tax mill levy for 15 years.

The District has now determined that the remaining 7,000 feet of concrete sewer pipe is in need of rehabilitation. The repairs will be conducted by use of a process called "cured-in-place lining" which requires no excavation and minimizes customer sewer service disruptions. The process entails insertion of an epoxy coated, felt liner into the existing sewer pipe through a manhole. The liner is then inflated and heated with water or steam to cure and harden the epoxy. Sewer service connections are restored from inside of the pipe using a remotely operated cutting tool.

The District does not currently have sufficient reserve funds to pay for the necessary sewer upgrades so the Board of Directors is proposing to generate the funds through its operations and maintenance mill levy. The District's current operations and maintenance mill levy is 1.036 mills and its current debt service mill levy is 1.528 mills for a total mill levy of 2.564 mills. Starting in 2016 the District's debt service mill levy will be 0.000 mills and, the Board of Directors is proposing to increase the operations and maintenance mill levy to 2.564 mills to pay for the necessary sewer upgrades, therefore the total mill levy would stay at 2.564 mills. This would allow the District to generate the funds needed to repair deteriorating sewer mains with no net change in cost to District customers.

In order to generate the needed funds through the District's operations and maintenance mill levy, the District will need to hold an election asking voters to raise the operations and maintenance mill levy and get a favorable vote of the District's residents and property owners. This election will be conducted as a mail ballot election, meaning all registered voters in the District will receive a ballot by U.S. mail. Ballots would have to be completed and returned by November 3, 2015.

For additional information visit the District's website www.colorado.gov/columinewsd.



2015 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated our nation's independence at the annual 4th of July Parade! Thank you to those who entered the golf cart decorating contest (winners pictured left) and to the many volunteers who made this great event happen. A special thanks the American Legion Post 103 who provided the color guard for our parade.

See all the pictures at:

Hobbessart.com/ColumbineValley/Pictures/

TOWN SHRED EVENT: SEPT 26

There will be an on-site shredding service in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday September 26, 2015 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.



FROM THE MAYOR, continued

I hope you are as excited as am I about the plans being developed by the Columbine Country Club to replace the 60-year old club house with new and expanded facilities. The over-whelming support by club members to step into the future is an excellent example of the pride a significant number of our citizens have in their club AND in our community. 2015 will be the year when a new and exciting chapter will be written for the Club and our Town.

I do enjoy my role as Mayor of Columbine Valley, primarily because of such caring and involved citizens who are engaged in many different ways in keeping our Town beautiful, safe, a happy place, and a quality residential "community" second to no other place in Colorado. Thank you to all who are engaged and participate so willingly in our Town of Columbine Valley.

SOUTHWEST METRO DISTRICT SEWER FIX REMINDER

As was reported in the Summer/June issue of Columbine Valley Voice, The Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District will undertake a large sewer project will take place on Fairway Lane beginning in mid-August through early October of this year.

Daily access along Fairway Lane by construction vehicles should be expected during construction. All manholes along the B-Line will be accessed periodically throughout construction for cleaning, liner installation, and rehabilitation of the manholes. Cleaning and lining equipment can be quite loud. Where possible, activities will be restricted to working hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays only. The curing process for the pipe lining is an extended process which cannot be interrupted once it begins. This will require operation of certain equipment beyond working hours.

A frequent complaint about this type of project is the odor generated. A few measures may be taken to prevent or minimize the odor from entering your home. Keep windows and doors closed when the odor is present outdoors, particularly on the side of your home nearest to the work. Avoid the use of swamp coolers or other outside ventilation when the odor is present outdoors. Pour water into floor drains daily to keep plumbing traps full, preventing gases from entering into the home from the sewer.

Impacted homeowners should have received a letter from Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District and can expect more communication prior to the start of work.

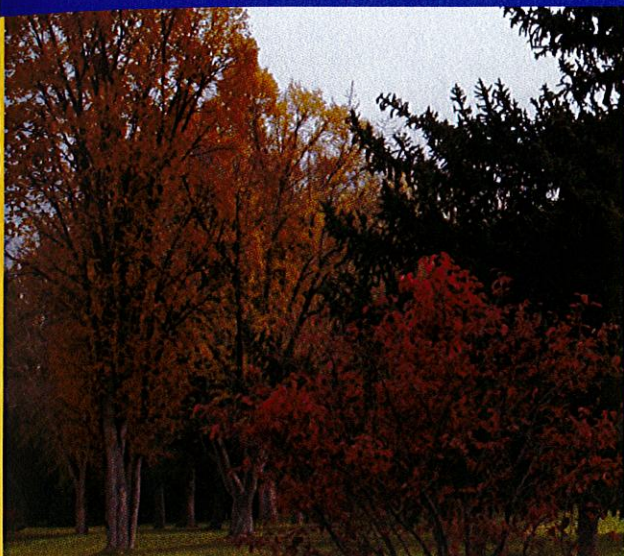
New P&Z Appointment

At their July Board meeting, the Town Trustees appointed Mrs. Marilyn Meister to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an Alternate member. Marilyn moved to Columbine Valley in 2009. She has degrees in Business Administration and Public Administration along with a professional background in accounting, computer systems, and legal/policy with the Department of Defense, Air Force and IRS.

The Planning and Zoning Commission serves as an advisory committee to the Town Board of Trustees. Responsibilities include review and recommendations on rezoning cases, preliminary subdivision plans, and zoning ordinance amendments.

Marilyn is filling the position of alternate commissioner Ann Larsen, who stepped down from the P & Z when she and her husband moved out of Columbine Valley. The Board would like to thank Ann for her dedicated service to the citizens of Columbine Valley!





2016 DIRECTORY CHANGES

Work is already underway on the 2016 Town Directory. If you have recently moved to Columbine Valley, please be sure to contact the Town staff and provide us with your name and phone number(s) for publication.

Additionally, after many years of requests, we have included an option for multiple numbers (cell phones) and will be listing the names of kids living at home for households that would like to do so. Email dstruthers@columbinevalley.org or call Town hall with updated information or questions.

Street Program Update

The second year of the Town's multi-year, Town-wide Road Improvement Project is drawing to a close. Repairs and slurry seals were completed in the Burning Trees and The Village in 2014 and similar work is yet to be completed this year in Polo Meadows, Brookhaven, the Columbine and Country Club Villas through early October. 2015 projects include 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 select gutter pan repairs. Once all of this work is completed, we'll bring in the paint crews and restripe the entire Town.

Regarding gutter pans, 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. The Town has created a master list of gutter pans, which rates both the structural integrity and functionality of every single gutter pan in Columbine Valley. Each spring our Town Engineer reevaluates this list and determines which gutter pans are in the greatest need of repair and how many we can fix all while staying within our budget.

FLU SHOTS — OCTOBER 5, 2015

The Town will once again be partnering with Front Range Flu Shots to offer seasonal shots to members of the community on Monday October 5 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.

To sign up for the Nasal Spray or High-Dose shot, please call Town Hall at 303-795-1434

** Prices reflect 2014 rates, 2015 pricing was not available at the time of publication.*

DATES TO KNOW

- **Sept 15:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept 26:** Shred Event at Town Hall, 9:00—Noon
- **Oct 5:** Flu Shots at Town Hall, 7:30—9 & 5—6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 13:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 20:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 22—24:** Dumpsters at Town Hall
- **Nov 10:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov 17:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.

Please check with Town Hall for any changes, additions or cancelations

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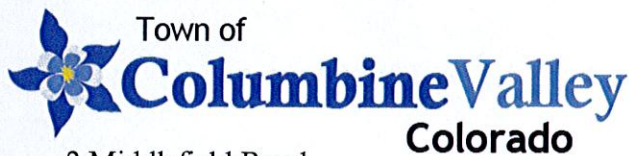
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HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ROUNDUP

Columbine Valley will be partnering with the cities of Englewood, Sheridan and Littleton to offer residents an option for disposing of common hazardous household chemicals for a \$20.00 co-pay.

Saturday September 12 & 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Englewood Service Center 2800 South Platte River Drive

Proof of Columbine Valley residency is required.

For more information visit **www.ColumbineValley.org**
and click on "Community Updates"

Antifreeze
Batteries
Fertilizer
Gasoline
Household Cleaners
Motor Oil
Oil-based Paints
Pesticides
Propane Cylinders
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