

COLUMBINEVALLEYVOICE

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From the Mayor:

Fall in Columbine Valley will herald the sounds of kids going back to school (to the relief of many parents), the falling leaves (filling up the gutter pans), the sounds of the Bronco's playing on our TVs (along with the annual ritual of complaining about the quarterback), the Rockies missing yet another playoff berth . . . and the concerns about the possible rezoning and development of Wild Plum Farm.

What has been gratifying to me has been the level of serious commitment from so many residents to review, identify and suggest positive solutions to anticipated problems. Change can be difficult - yet we all knew when we moved here, at some point in time the Town would receive a request to develop Wild Plum Farm, and we all knew that there was a process in place that would give all the residents an opportunity to voice their opinions. That process is working.

When the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) met in June, there were many residents who wanted to speak but didn't get a chance, so the P&Z continued their meeting to late August. This provided ample opportunity for Columbine Valley residents to review the developer's proposals without completely messing with the planned summer vacations we all look forward to. It also gave the developers an opportunity to reflect on the many opinions expressed and, at the writing of this column, to submit a 5th revision to their proposal.

We want you to be fully informed and engaged in the process and, depending upon what happens at the August P&Z meeting, the recommendation of the Commission will dictate the next steps.....

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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.

Wild Plum Farm

As this newsletter was sent to the printers prior to the August 23rd hearing, complete information is not available. The Planning Commission will meet on August 23rd in a continued hearing. A revised staff report and development plans will be presented, and additional public comment heard. Staff anticipates that the Commission will not have time to reach a recommendation on the 23rd and has reserved the Arapahoe County Administration Building Hearing Room for an additional continuation scheduled for September 13, 2016. Please contact the Town or visit the website for additional information as it becomes available.

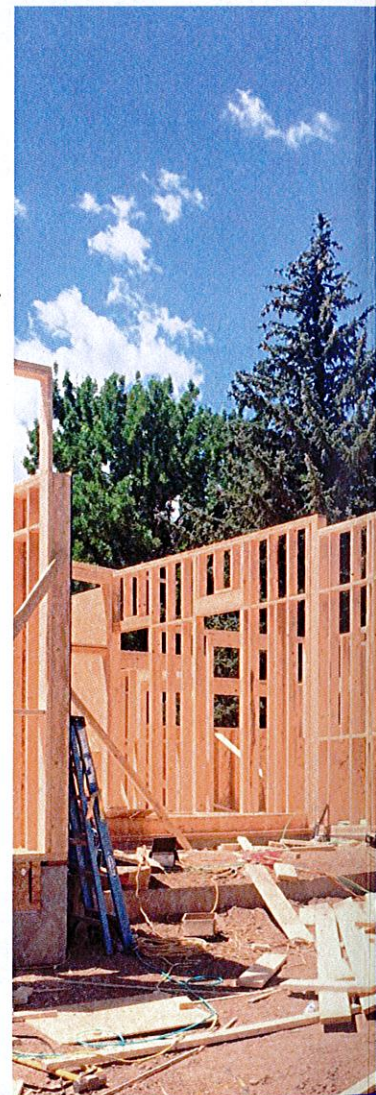
Willowcroft Manor & Wilder Lane

Willowcroft Manor, at the corner of Bowles and Middlefield is currently under construction. The Town has issued a total of 23 building permits and 17 Certificates of Occupancy; 15 homes have been occupied by new residents. Taylor Morrison continues to progress with site finishes including landscaping, on which work resumed again this spring.

Wilder Lane is a 6.6 acre development located immediately east of Platte Canyon Road and immediately north of the Village subdivision. Construction of the public improvements (streets, utilities) is nearing completion and landscaping is underway. The Town has issued a total of five building permits and four Certificates of Occupancy.

In future issues of this newsletter, we will withhold updates on these two projects with the exception of major milestones such as HOA transitions from the developer to homeowners, buildout or other newsworthy items. You are always welcome to contact the Town's Building Department for updates, permit counts or other information.

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Columbine Valley Citizen Survey

Your input is needed. Due to our shared 80123 zip code, and because so many residents use “Littleton” as their mailing address, it can be very difficult and labor intensive to collect demographic information from organizations such as the State Demographer’s Office or Census Bureau about Columbine Valley. Therefore the Town of Columbine Valley has initiated a citizen survey designed to provide specific information about the residents of our Town.

In about three weeks, every household in Columbine Valley will receive a mailing from the Town with a two-page, 20-question survey. This survey is designed to give the Board of Trustees and Town staff a clear understanding about the individuals who call Columbine Valley home and provide a baseline to see how these demographics do or do not change in the future.

The survey responses will be anonymous with no identifying information asked for or analyzed. The Town asks that one adult in each household complete and returns the survey to the Town by Friday, October 14, 2016. Surveys will include a postage paid return envelope for your use. Initial results of the survey will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their November meeting.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Town staff. Thank you in advance for your participation in helping the Town serve you at the highest possible level.

FROM THE MAYOR, continued

Please realize that every one of the P&Z Commission members are residents of the Town and receive no compensation for volunteering their time and talents, so whatever they recommend, understand that they are doing the very best job they can, while trying to do what is right for the Town.

I look forward to the changing colors of late fall/early winter when we are still excited about the kids back in school, with the falling of leaves replaced by the falling snow flakes, cheering for the Broncos, and the long ago memories of the Rockies run in the playoffs, and. . .the possible rezoning of Wild Plum Farm may have its own set of memories.

- Richard Champion

NON-COLUMBINE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

K.B. Homes

On August 2nd the Arapahoe County Planning Commission held their public hearing on the rezoning and plan approval. There were approximately 200 people in attendance and most of the citizen comments were in opposition to the rezoning. Attending from the town were Trustee Bill Dotson, Planning Commissioner Jay Neese and Town Planner Phil Sieber. At the conclusion the County Planning Commission voted 3-2 to recommend that the request be denied.

Clayton Family Farms:

On June 13th Littleton Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the rezoning request. On July 12 the City of Littleton staff emailed the following to the Town: *“The applicant indicated to me they are planning to work with the HOA’s on a lower-density development. The city is meeting with them to further discuss drainage options that they may pursue in their efforts to diminish impacts on the neighborhood. I have no timeline on when they expect to resubmit to the city.”*

4th of JULY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

The Town would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated our nations independence at the annual 4th of July Parade!

Thank you to those who entered the golf cart decorating contest (winners pictured at right) and to the many volunteers who made this great event happen and a special thanks to Cub Scout Pack 461, American Legion Post 103 and the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard for their contributions to this event.

The Town would also like to acknowledge the generosity of this year's sponsors, Designs by Sundown and ICON Engineering; without their support the pancake breakfast, drumline and live entertainment would not have been possible.

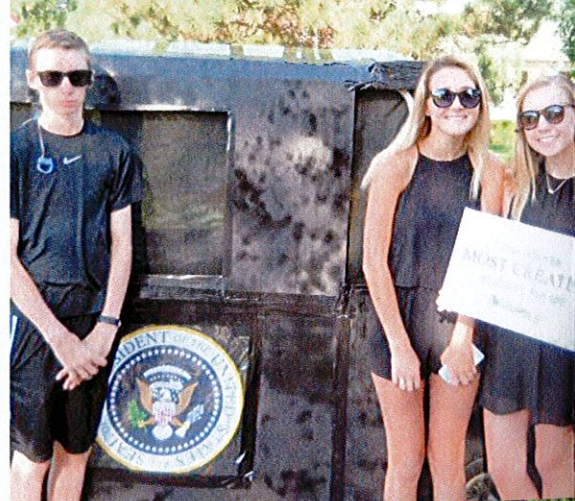


SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Town will be adding additional events in 2017. If you would like to learn about sponsorship opportunities for your business or company, please contact J.D. McCrumb at Town Hall.

2016 4th of JULY CART DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Most Patriotic: The Eglof/Morrison Families
Most Creative: The Hamilton Family
Most Original: The West Family



URGE TO PURGE: Fall Clean-Up Events

The town is once again prepared to help residents as they clean up and clean out for winter. We have several events coming up to help as you prepare your home and garage for winter

For the second year, the Town of Columbine Valley will join the cities of Littleton, Englewood and Sheridan for an annual **hazardous material roundup**. The event will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both Saturday, September 10 and Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Englewood Service Center, 2800 South Platte River Drive. Accepted materials include antifreeze, batteries, gasoline, chemicals, motor oil and propane tanks. A \$20 co-payment is required to dispose of any materials. Additional information is online at www.columbinevalley.org/community-updates.

There will be an **on-site shredding service** in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday October 15th from 9:00 a.m. 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.

The resident-use **dumpsters** will be placed at in the parking lot at Town Hall from noon, Thursday, October 20th until noon on Saturday, October 22nd. No landscape materials and NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS allowed. 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.

As always the Town offers to all residents free **Electronics disposal** (\$20.00 fee for televisions). Bring your old electronics to Town Hall during normal business hours and we'll collect them for reuse/recycling. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit www.columbinevalley.org/electronic-drop.

Flu Shot Clinic at Town Hall

The Town will once again be partnering with Front Range Flu Shots to offer seasonal shots to members of the community on Monday October 3 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. To sign up for the Nasal Spray or High-Dose shot, please call Town Hall at 303-795-1434

Seasonal Flu Shot: \$26.00*

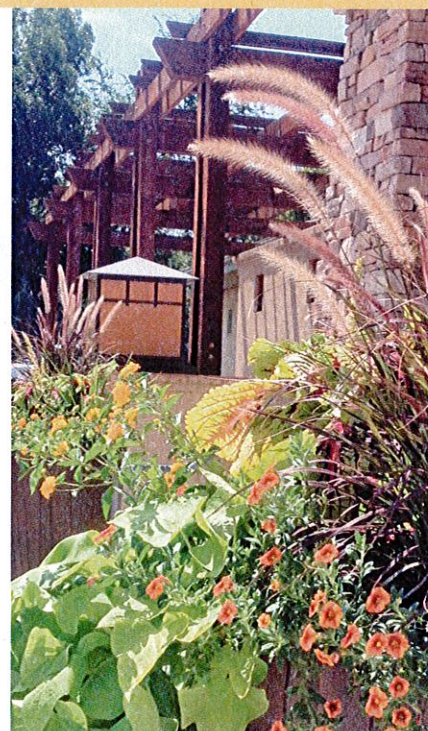
Age Policy: Must be 4 years or older to receive a flu shot

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* Must be 65 years or older to receive a Fluzone High Dose shot.

* Prices reflect 2015 rates, 2016 pricing was not available at the time of publication.





2017 Town Directory

Work is already underway on the 2017 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. The Directory also provides an option for multiple numbers (cell phones) and will list the names of children living at home for households that would like to do so. Additionally, the Town keeps an unpublished list of email addresses for emergency use if you are willing to provide that as well. Email dstruthers@columbinevalley.org or call Town hall with information or questions.

INTRODUCING TOWN INTERN!

The Town staff is excited to welcome Michaela Weber as the newest member of our team. Michaela will serve as an intern in the Town office from September through May and will focus her efforts on creating a communications program and a Citizen Engagement Policy for the Town. As part of the internship Michaela will also be contributing to other functions of the Town including interacting with the citizens, staff, Trustees and Commissioners. Michaela is a student at CU-Denver pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from CU Boulder this past spring with a BA in Political Science and a minor in Philosophy. This opportunity is thanks to the CU-Denver fellowship program and the Colorado City and County Managers Association (CCCMA) who contribute funds to make this fellowship possible.

Election Information from Arapahoe County

The 2016 General Election is just around the corner. This is an exciting milestone for Arapahoe County, Colorado, and the nation, when voters will decide on local, state and federal races and ballot issues. While there will be special districts and school districts issues that residents of Columbine Valley will vote on there are no issues specific to the Town of Columbine Valley on the ballot this November.

To prepare for the election, Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Matt Crane and the Town of Columbine Valley would like to remind registered voters to review and update their mailing address to ensure they receive a ballot in the mail. Ballots will begin to arrive in the mail mid-October. To register to vote, review and update voter information, go to www.GoVoteColorado.com.

Another free service available to Arapahoe County voters is Ballot Track. Ballot Track enables individuals to view the status of their ballot online, as well as receive message by text, phone or email when their ballot has been sent and received by the Elections Department. Voters can sign up for Ballot Track at www.ArapahoeVotes.com.

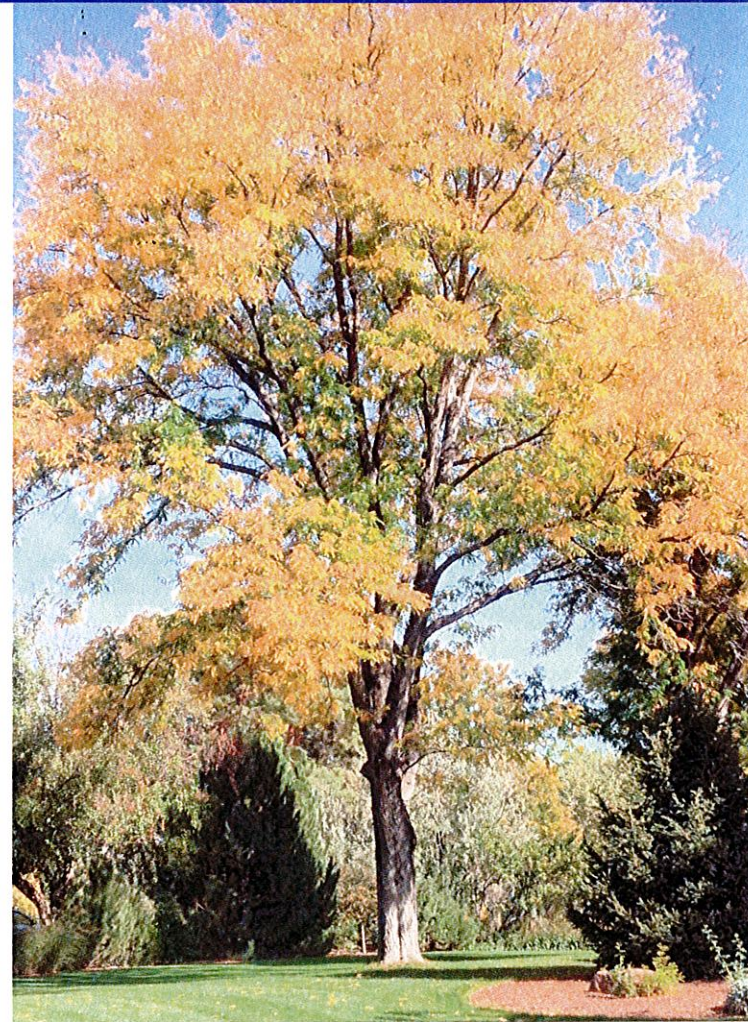
To learn more about the election, visit www.ArapahoeVotes.com.



2017 SNOW REMOVAL

Columbine Valley will once again be handling snow removal operations after three years of outsourcing that responsibility to a contractor. In April of this year, the Town hired Hobbes Hayden as the full time Manager of Public Works with the expectation that he would handle snow operations. The Town would like to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to Designs by Sundown, who has managed snow removal from Town streets over the past three years and did so in a professional manner and demonstrated nothing but corporate integrity and a dedication to quality delivery and outstanding customer service to the Town.

The biggest change most citizens will notice is the snow threshold at which trucks are dispatched. The Town anticipates commencing snow removal at approximately one inch of accumulation. Start times will vary slightly from storm to storm based on factors including temperatures, moisture, and weather forecast. Updated snow policies will be available on the Town's website in the coming weeks and questions or comments are always welcome.



Town Road Improvement Plan

The Town is now in the third of a four year plan designed to keep the Town's road infrastructure in sound condition and esthetically attractive. Repairs and slurry seals were completed in the Burning Trees and The Village in 2014 and similar work was completed last year in Polo Meadows, Brookhaven, the Columbine and Country Club Villas through early October.

Scheduling of work for the 2016 projects has been challenging, but we now anticipate having all concrete work (curbs and gutters) completed in August, with slurry seals and other road work on Wedge Way, Niblick Lane, Middlefield Road, and the back stretch of Fairway Lane starting at Brassie Way being completed in September and October. Once all of this work is completed, we'll bring in the paint crews and restripe the entire Town.

COAL MINE STOP LIGHT

The Colorado Department of Transportation will be replacing the stoplights at the intersection of Coal Mine/Doral and Platte Canyon Road later this fall. This replacement is a routine equipment exchange and is not related to the efforts underway to time the signals or improve operations of Platte Canyon Road.



DATES TO KNOW

- **Sept 10/17:** Hazardous Waste Disposal Event
- **Sept 13:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept 20:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 3:** Flu Shots at Town Hall
- **Oct 11:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 15:** Shred Event at Town Hall
- **Oct 18:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 20-22:** Dumpsters at Town Hall

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

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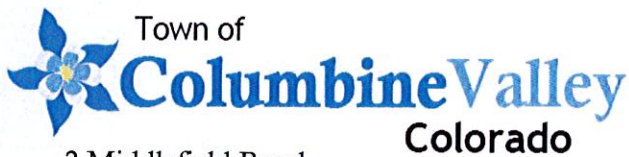
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CVPD Thanks you for your support!

Over the past few weeks, the Columbine Valley Police Department has received numerous gifts showing gratitude to our officers for what they do. The Department has received baked goods, donuts, and flower arrangements, and cannot say thank you enough to the residents who have taken their time (and money) to remind our officers that what they do is appreciated.

Chief Cottrell and all the officers appreciate it any time a citizen says "thank you" and shows their support in a variety of ways and are happy to protect the Town of Columbine Valley.

