

TOWN OF COLUMBINE VALLEY

2013 Spring Newsletter

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Town Administrator/Clerk Position

As most of our residents have probably heard, our Town Administrator/Clerk, Ann Jennings, has announced her retirement effective July 1st this year. Ann has been a terrific employee for Columbine Valley for over 16 years and will be greatly missed as she heads for Kentucky to be closer to her daughter's family. Ann has asked me to thank her many friends and the people of Columbine valley for the friendly and cooperative relationships she enjoyed in her years of service to our community.

In Ann's leaving, the Board, with Richard Champion's leadership, has been recruiting, screening, and interviewing candidates to replace her. On May 21st the Board appointed Mr. J.D. McCrumb to be our new Town Administrator/Clerk. J.D. is 33 years old, grew up in Littleton, attended Arapahoe High School, graduated from Montana State, is married to Briana and they have a 5 month old daughter. He is earning a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado-Denver. His most recent employment related to city government was a 4 year position as Special Projects Coordinator for the Town of Parker, Colorado.



Willowcroft Status

The proposed development of the Wolf-Grimm properties located at the southeast corner of Bowles and Middlefield Road is scheduled for final Board action on June 18th. As many Columbine Valley residents know, these two properties are about 14.5 acres and the owner, Taylor Morrison, proposes to build 41 single story, high end patio homes with one larger, isolated lot at the far southeast corner of the Wolf property.

Known as the Willowcroft development, the proposal has drawn some controversy over the density of about 2.9 units to the acre – with street access originally proposed onto Middlefield Rd and Brookhaven Lane. However, the Board of Trustees arrived at a compromise on the access issue by approving an emergency access only onto Brookhaven Lane with a gate which will permit access for golf carts, bicycles, pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

A factor the Board of Trustees considered in approving the Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Plan for the proposed Willowcroft development is that the property is located directly across from a shopping center on Bowles, the office park west of Middlefield, and two patio home subdivisions, one south and the other west of the property, both of which have higher density than Willowcroft. At the May 21, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting a resident of the Town informed the Trustees that he will be initiating a referendum to oppose this project, should the Board grant final approval of the Willowcroft development for patio homes as currently submitted. If a referendum does occur and is successful, the developer will most certainly submit a new application for a development, which could result in greater traffic impacts to the Town and access issues.

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4th of July Parade

It is time again for our annual 4th of July Parade. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with the activities for the kids after the parade. If you or anyone you know is imaginative, artistic &/or willing to help, please call Dana Struthers at the Town office. Any help will be greatly appreciated.



The parade will start at Driver & Fairway at 8:30 am on Thursday, July 4th and end at the Town Hall. As with every year, decorate your bike, trike, scooter, go-cart, wagon, golf cart, dog, yourself or anything you walk, ride, rollerblade or skate. At the end of the parade we will have refreshments available.

As with previous years, cruising through the Town Hall parking lot with motorcycles, scooters, go-carts, go-ped and similar motorized vehicles are prohibited. Failure to comply will result in possible banning of these types of vehicles in the parade for future years. Please keep in mind, scooters & go-carts are allowed in the parade ONLY.



REMEMBER: Fireworks that leave the ground or explode are illegal per State Statute. Anyone found lighting such fireworks will be subject to a citation from the Police Department.