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From Mayor Christy:

The Columbine Valley Board of Trustees, Staff, and our consultants have been very busy the past few months. Jim Newland, our Public Works Commissioner and ICON Engineering, have developed a major street improvement program for the next three years. 2014 will bring approximately \$300,000 to bear on major improvements to streets in the Burning Tree neighborhood and targeted street and gutter pan repairs on the other roads in CV. Major improvements to streets based on engineering standards and priorities are planned for the remaining neighborhoods in 2015 and 2016. The Board approved this program in January and developed financial plans to accomplish this important program for our community.

In January, the Board of Trustees appointed several new members to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The seven members of the commission are Chairwoman Sandy Graham, Vice-Chair Bill Dotson, Greg Armstrong, Eric Chekal, Bruce James, Gary Miles and Steve Newkirk. Dale Irwin is an alternate member. The Board would also like to recognize the dedicated service of outgoing P & Z Commissioners Bill Wieder and Germaine Gregg.

In recent months, the Planning and Zoning Commission has had numerous preparatory sessions to ready themselves for the anticipated development of the 105-acre Tuck property at the south end of the Town. Additionally, the Town has developed a new Web-site to communicate up-to-date information regarding the development of Wild Plum Farm and other projects and programs being undertaken by the Town. If you haven't yet had the chance to visit the new site, please do so at www.columbinevalley.org.

These are exciting times in Columbine Valley;
I hope you all have a happy and invigorating spring!

Gale D. Christy

MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Gale Christy, Mayor
(Term Expires April 2014)

John Fischer, Trustee
(Public Safety)
(Term Expires April 2014)

Mark Best, Trustee
(Planning)
(Term Expires April 2016)

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(Term Expires April 2014)

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(Building)
(Term Expires April 2016)

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(Term Expires April 2016)

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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. Town staff has been busy reviewing construction drawings and issuing infrastructure permits and the developer, Taylor-Morrison, started the earth work for utilities and roads in mid-February. The 41-unit patio home project was approved by the Board in October and November and upheld by the citizens in December. Construction of model homes should begin in July or August.

Wild Plum Farm (Tuck) – Toll Brothers, Colorado, initiated their public outreach program in February. They have met with the HOA Boards from Burning Tree, Old Town and Polo Reserve and on February 19th they conducted a community wide meeting at the Club which was attended by approximately 200 people. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit concerns and comment from the public. The overwhelming concern expressed was the potential traffic impact but there were also questions and concerns relating to architectural design and environmental issues. There has been no development plan prepared nor have the Toll Brothers proposed a specific number of units.

The first phase of a traffic impact study is expected in April which will examine the existing traffic conditions on Platte Canyon Rd. and on the Town’s internal streets. Read more about the traffic study on page 5.

Wilder Commons – Wilder Commons is the development proposed for the 4.2 acre site located immediately east of Platte Canyon Road and immediately north of the Village subdivision. The applicant, Platte Canyon Partnership, is proposing 16 patio homes with single story units containing 1900 to 2300 square feet and lot sizes averaging 7900 square feet. Like Villa Avignon and Willowcroft, these will be age marketed single family units. Access to the project will be from Platte Canyon Road.

The application with the Preliminary Development Plan submitted and accepted by the Town. The plan will be referred to all appropriate outside agencies and the HOA’s of The Village and Country Club Estates. A public hearing by the Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled for April 8.

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



Town Hall Paid Off

In October, 2003 the Town borrowed \$500,000 to build our current Town Hall having outgrown our rented space in the Creekside at Columbine office complex. The financing was arranged by Wells Fargo Investments and required annual payments, plus a balloon payment last October. We were successful in retiring this indebtedness over the ten year period from operating cash flow and reserves. We are very pleased that our Town Hall is now 'free and clear' and we anticipate that it will continue to serve the needs of our Town and its residents for many years to come.

WILLOWCROFT CONTACT INFO

Taylor Morrison, the developer of Willowcroft Manor is committed to being a good neighbor throughout the construction process. If you have any concerns or complaints about the construction please call Taylor Morrison at 303-325-2420 or email them at DenLand@TaylorMorrison.com. Be sure to leave as many details as you can about your concern including time of day, location, descriptions, etc.

You can also call us at Town Hall and we'll be happy to help as well.

SNOW PLOWING UPDATE

As we reported in our last newsletter, the Town contracted a private company to remove snow this winter. A departure from years past, this decision was made in consideration of the retirement of long-time town maintenance employee Erick Hull and the Town's aging snow removal equipment.

The Board of Trustees and Town Staff have heard the concerns shared by many of you, and are working hard with the vendor to improve the snow removal service. The goal of the Town is to provide snow removal to all streets within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. The Town's priority is to keep arterial roadways and school bus routes open to facilitate emergency traffic and then to clear snow from all remaining residential streets. Plowing will commence once snow has reached a depth of 3 inches. Additionally, the Town will be spreading "sand" in intersections and on hills as needed for public safety.

2014 Town Directory

The Town is pleased to be sending with this newsletter the 2014 Town of Columbine Valley Directory. Please take a moment to look through your new directory. As there is every year, you'll find an Allied Waste calendar on the inside of the back cover listing dates for trash pickup, recycling and holidays.

Also included in the directory is information regarding parking permits, parking restrictions and house watches. Please read this information and keep for reference. Parking restrictions will be enforced as posted.

NEW RESIDENTS: If you are a new resident, please contact the Town with your name, address and phone number. If you wish to have your name listed but not your phone number, please indicate this by writing "Non-Published" with your information.

ALL RESIDENTS: Please look over your information and email us if there are corrections that need to be made.

Based on several recent requests from Columbine Valley residents, we are considering including children's names in the directory next year. This would be an opt-in option so if you are interested, please email us your name, your address and the name(s) of your child(ren).

Any or all of this information can be sent to dstruthers@columbinevalley.org.

As always, thank you for your cooperation.



MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Town will hold its regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

This mail-only ballot will consider the position of Mayor and three seats on the Board of Trustees. Five candidates have filed to run for the three open Board seats and only one candidate is running for the position of Mayor. Trustees are elected at-large to four-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms, the Mayor, also elected at large, may serve up to three, two-year terms.

With this newsletter is a one page pull out featuring questions each of the candidates answered about themselves. We hope you find it helpful leading up to the election.

Ballots will be mailed by the Town the week of March 10 and should be returned by mail or in person to Town Hall no later than 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. If you have any questions about your ballot, or if you did not receive a ballot, please call the Town office at 303-795-1434.



COLUMBINE VALLEY TRAFFIC STUDY

Town staff and Toll Brothers have entered negotiations with Stolfus and Associates to prepare the Traffic Impact Study for Wild Plum Farm. It is anticipated that the Scope of Services and contract will be considered by the Board of Trustees at their March 18th meeting.

The first phase of the study will analyze the existing traffic conditions on both Platte Canyon Road and the interior Town streets. This will include daily traffic volumes, AM and PM peak hour volumes, turn movements and intersection LOS (Level of Service). We anticipate Phase I will be completed in April, before the applicant (Toll Brothers) submits a preliminary development plan.

Phase I will form the basis for the second phase which will analyze the traffic impacts generated by the proposed development.

Phase II will then project daily and peak hour volumes that will add existing and projected daily as well as AM/PM peak hour volumes, turn movements and Level of Service projected for key intersections. Phase II will be completed before the initial Public Hearing on the project.

In addition to studying the Wild Plum Farm development impact, the traffic study will consider the impact of Wilder Commons as well as other areas of interest in Columbine Valley.

Spring Clean Up Event

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

DATES TO KNOW

- **March 18:** Board of Trustee Meeting; 6:30pm
- **April 1:** Municipal Election
- **April 8:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30pm
- **March 15:** Board of Trustee Meeting; 6:30pm
- **May 13:** P & Z Commission Study Meeting; 6:30pm
- **May 20:** Board of Trustee Meeting; 6:30pm
- **May 22-24:** Dumpsters at Town Hall
- **May 26:** Town Hall Closed for Memorial Day

TOWN STAFF

Lee Schiller
Town Attorney

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Town Administrator

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Chief of Police

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New Columbine Valley Web Site!

The Town is very proud to have launched a new web site at www.columbinevalley.org. One of the goals of the Board of Trustees has been to communicate more information to the citizens of Columbine Valley. This new tool will give each citizen the opportunity to learn about and interact with elected officials and Town staff with greater ease and convenience. The site features up-to-date information and documents including:

- Schedule of Upcoming Events
- Development Updates
- Building Department Information
- Board of Trustee Meeting Agendas
- Financial Information
- and sign-ups for EMAIL UPDATES

We hope you'll take a few minutes to visit the site and familiarize yourself with its features and options.