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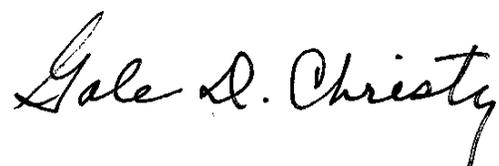
From Mayor Christy:

Finally, it appears that summer is on the way to Columbine Valley. Lilacs, tulips, other spring and summer flowers, and "green" grass is appearing throughout our Town and I am happy to enjoy short-sleeved shirts and "short" pants as I walk our streets and neighborhoods.

The month of April saw elections in Columbine Valley. I would like to thank all of the candidates who ran and the voters that participated in this important civic event. Mr. Bruce Menk is your newest Trustee, taking John Fischer's position as he was term-limited. John did his duty and we will miss his presence and smiling face on the Board. However, the community is fortunate to have Bruce step into the position of Public Safety Commissioner, over-seeing our Police Department and, to a lesser degree, the Municipal Court. He is an experienced attorney who is very familiar with the criminal justice system. I would also like to welcome Anne Larsen and Mimi Kuchman to our Planning and Zoning Commission—they have recently been appointed as alternate members. Once again, I say that Columbine Valley is blessed with the quality of our volunteer Trustee and Commission members.

I suspect by now many of you have heard that the Toll Brothers have pulled out as developers of the Tuck property. While we don't know who or what will happen with that land moving forward, the Town is committed to keeping citizens up-to-date. Continue to look for updates in the "Development Updates" section inside this newsletter or on the Town's web site at www.ColumbineValley.Org.

So, have a fun and healthy summer; and don't forget to join in the fun of our annual 4th of July Parade!



**MAYOR &
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



Gale Christy, Mayor
(Term Expires April 2016)

Dave Cope, Mayor Pro Tem
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(Term Expires April 2018)

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(Term Expires April 2016)

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Trustee (Special Affairs)
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Trustee (Building)
(Term Expires April 2016)

Bruce Menk,
Trustee (Public Safety)
(Term Expires April 2018)

Jim Newland,
Trustee (Public Works)
(Term Expires April 2016)

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Willowcroft Manor – Willowcroft Manor, at the corner of Bowles and Middlefield is currently in the process of constructing the utilities and streets of this 14+ acre, 41-unit project. Construction of the first model home is expected to begin around the first of July.

Wild Plum Farm (Tuck) - On May 22, 2014, Toll Brothers, the prospective developer of the Wild Plum Farm property informed the Town that they will not be proceeding with the purchase of the property.

Toll Brothers had conducted a number of community meetings to assess the concerns and comments of the residents of the Town and were eager to continue working with the community, Town Staff, Planning Commission and Board of Trustees. However, while in the process of “Due Diligence” decided that based on the potential costs that could be incurred with their ideal development, decided not to enter into the contract. Due Diligence is a term that refers to that period of time in which a potential developer assesses the economics of a possible project before they enter into a binding contract with the landowner.

Wilder Commons - Wilder Commons is the proposed development of 16 units on a 4 acre site located immediately east of Platte Canyon Rd. On April 8, 2014 the Planning and Zoning Commission held the public hearing on the Preliminary Development Plan and Preliminary Plat. After the staff and applicant presentation and comments from the Village and Country Club Villas HOA’s and comments from the public the Public Hearing was closed and the meeting continued to April 24th.

At the April 24th meeting the staff presented an updated report and the applicant responded. After discussion, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved the project with conditions (see the Town’s web site for details). The case will now be forwarded to the Board of Trustees, most likely at the June or July meeting.

TRAFFIC STUDY

As part the Wild Plum Farm and Wilder Commons development activities the Town’s Traffic Consultant has completed Phase One of the Traffic Study. Phase One consists of the analysis of the existing traffic conditions, primarily the daily and peak hour traffic volumes on Platte Canyon Road and on selected internal intersections in the Town.

The complete report summary and all the data are not available at this time. However, the information submitted does indicate that the traffic volumes on Platte Canyon Road are nearing capacity but the intersections can still accommodate a reasonable level of new development. The internal streets (Fairway Lane, Club Lane and Middlefield Road) are all presently operating at a very efferent level of service and a reasonable level of new development could be accommodated. A formal presentation of this information will be scheduled in the future; details will be posted at www.ColumbineValley.org and shared with HOAs.

4th of July in Columbine Valley

GOLF CARTS:

Please remember the ordinance regarding the operation of golf carts has been revised. Only a LICENSED driver at least 16 years old may operate a golf cart on public roads in Columbine Valley.

In the interest of safety, golf carts are considered a motor vehicle and therefore are regulated by the same traffic laws.

The Columbine Country Club maintains a separate set of rules for operation on the golf course; these rules are not applicable to public roadways.

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.



ANNUAL PARADE INFO

The Parade kicks off at Driver and Fairway at 8:30 a.m.

It's time again for our annual 4th of July Parade. As always we invite you to decorate your bike, trike, scooter, go-cart, wagon, golf cart, dog, yourself or anything else you can walk, ride, rollerblade or skate. Be sure to join us early for a few extras being introduced this year:

- **DECORATING CONTEST:** Each Home Owners Association is encouraged to enter a golf cart/float that represents their neighborhood. Entries will be judged on the following three categories:

- 1) Originality
- 2) Most Patriotic
- 3) Most Creative

Make sure your entry clearly identifies your HOA. Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the start of the Parade Route.

- **STAR SPANGLED BANNER:** This year we have invited a very special guest to sing our National Anthem. Join us at 8:20 a.m. at the start of the Parade Route.
- **VETRANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE PERSONEL:** If you are currently serving or have served in a branch of the military we invite you to march at the head of the parade. Meet around the American flag at the start of the Parade Route at 8:25 a.m. for a group photo and to lead our parade through the streets of Columbine Valley.

As we do each year, we'll end at Town Hall. Join us for root beer floats, pop cycles, cookie decorating for the kids and a few other special activities. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact us at the number below.

If you have any questions, contact Town Hall at 303-795-1434

Ask Mayor Christy

Mayor Christy, In light of the upcoming developments in Columbine Valley, we want to share some experiences with past construction traffic. In several projects close to our home, there was a constant flow of trucks carrying earth moving equipment, sand, gravel, rocks, pipe, sod, fill and all matter of construction materials. They created debris, dust, noise and vibrations that disrupted the usual serenity of our neighborhood. It was a thoroughly frustrating experience. What can be done

Thank you for your note regarding the anticipation of construction traffic which will surely come to existing neighborhoods when vacant land (such as the Tuck land) is developing.

First, please know that, as of the date of this writing, the Town does not know what will happen with the Tuck property so we cannot specifically address construction activity which may occur. However, you should know that no matter the project or location our staff, consultants, Police and Public Works Departments will do everything within our power to contain dirt, dust, damages, and disruption to your neighborhood (actually to the whole Town) by construction traffic.

Secondly, I hope you understand that the Tuck family does have a legal right to develop its land, just as other land owners in Columbine Valley have done in the past, including those properties neighboring the Tucks. The only way I know to stop development of a piece of land completely is for the Town, another entity, or interested citizens or property owners to buy the land and dedicate it as park or open space.

Third, if the Tuck land is not acquired and left as open space, it will likely be built upon by someone. I presume, based on the Town's Master Plan, the project will be single family homes. The Town's Planning and Zoning Commission and our Board of Trustees will be responsible for working with the developer to create plans for the property, including construction traffic plans which will disrupt our community as little as possible. I assure you that I and the Boards will be as concerned as you are about the dirt, dust, and damage to our streets which may occur during development of any property in Columbine Valley.

If this response leaves you with other questions or concerns please let me know. I thank you for taking the time to write. You are the kind of citizen that makes Columbine Valley a special community that we work so hard to maintain.

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



TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

The Town conducted its bi-annual Municipal Election on April 1 of this year. The positions of Mayor and three of six Trustees were to be decided. The Town mailed ballots to all of the 1,151 registered voters. 550 ballots were returned and counted.

Gale Christy* (for Mayor):	450 votes
Richard Champion* (for Trustee):	393 votes
Dave Cope* (for Trustee):	303 votes
Bruce Menk (for Trustee):	293 votes
Ken Cook (for Trustee):	269 votes
Peter Nemkov (for Trustee):	265 votes

* Incumbent

BITS & PIECES

SPRING CLEAN: The dumpster event at Town Hall was, once again, an overwhelming hit. Thanks to all who took advantage of this service. The dumpsters will return again next fall.

SHRED EVENT: The shredders will return to Columbine Valley in October. Look for details in the next Newsletter.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING: You may bring your used electronics to Town Hall any time.

FLU SHOTS: The Town will once again host a flu shot clinic in the fall. Details in the next Newsletter.

LEASH LAW: 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.

GUTTERS: Each property owner is responsible for keeping the gutters in front of his or her home clean of mud, grass clippings, leaves, etc.



KEEPING THE TOWN ROADS RELIABLE

Starting this June, the Town will begin asphalt patching, crack and surface sealing primarily in the Burning Tree and Village neighborhoods. In the course of the next three years, the roadway maintenance work will extend across all parts of Town with targeted repairs and seal coats to extend the life of Town roads.

Columbine Valley's 8.5 miles of asphalt roadways are one of the Town's most important public assets with a replacement value of approximately \$10 Million. Good, smooth roads go largely unnoticed by the general public. Not until the cracking, potholes, and ruts are enough to rattle your car, or golf cart, do most people give the Town a call kindly requesting a repair. Fortunately, the Town has a long established management program in place to maintain, repair, and replace the roads based on engineering criteria established by a consortium of local governments.

The Town's goal is to improve the pavement quality and lower the life-cycle cost of pavement maintenance by using standardized materials, design, construction and maintenance practices. Simply stated, an asphalt road will serve our Town best if the surface is sealed (crack sealing), heavy loads are distributed (more golf carts, fewer trash trucks), and water drains away from the roads (gutter pans and inlets).

While work is expected to last through September 1, the Town will stay in close contact with the pavement contractor and will advise via HOA Presidents and the Town Web site the contractor's estimated work areas for the following week. Questions can be directed to the Town Hall or by email to jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org.

DATES TO KNOW

TOWN STAFF

- **June 10:** P & Z Commission Study Session; 6:30 p.m.
- **June 17:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **July 4:** Parade; Events @ 8:00, Parade Kick-off @ 8:30 a.m.
- **July 8:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **July 15:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **August 12:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **August 19:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.

Lee Schiller
Town Attorney

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



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Police Reminder: Lock Your Doors

The Columbine Valley Police Department was recently involved in the apprehension of a small group of thieves who had been committing burglaries throughout the metro area – including in Columbine Valley. Incidents such as these prompt us to remind you to be vigilant and take a few extra steps to keep your home, automobiles and valuables secure.

- Don't leave valuables inside your vehicle. If you must leave valuables then secure valuables out of sight in the vehicle.
- Don't leave your car windows down or doors unlocked, even when the car is in your garage.
- Keep garage doors closed and locked.
- Do not hide keys under mats, in mailboxes or other common hiding spots.

To report a crime or suspicious activity, call Arapahoe County Dispatch at 303-795-4711.