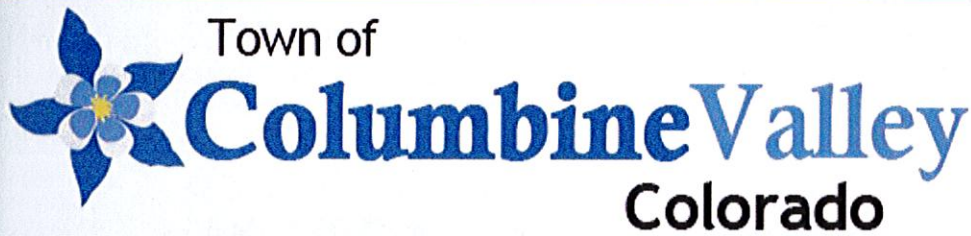


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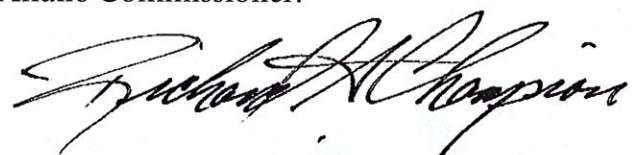


## From the Mayor:

It's an exciting time to live in Columbine Valley – and I am honored to be your new Mayor.

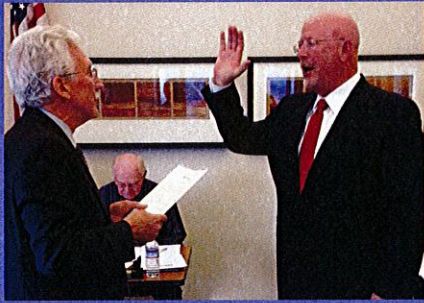
We have significant issues facing the Town in the coming years. The development of the Tuck property with access and zoning issues will need thoughtful consideration. We all know Columbine Valley is a great place to live and thrive and the development decisions that face us within the next two years will impact all of us in one way or another. The residents of our town are fortunate to have three returning Trustees and three new Trustees to our Town Council, all of whom are excellent at what they do and all of whom are committed to do the very best job they can for the Town. Please allow me to introduce them to you.

I want to begin by thanking Gale Christy for his leadership as Mayor for the past 6 years. During his administration, Gale was instrumental in making sure we had new fences on Platte Canyon adjoining Willowcroft and Wilder Lane Developments, hired J.D. McCrumb, our Town Administrator, negotiated a 5 year IGA with Bow Mar for Police and Court services, Administered a referendum for the Willowcroft development, improved communication via newsletter and website redesigns, improved our "No Visit List" policies, acquired cameras for our Police Department, paid off the mortgage to the Town Hall, initiated an improvement study for Platte Canyon Road, entered into an IGA with Littleton for Public Work services, refurbished all CV street signs and established Columbine Park among many other things. To our good fortune, Gale has agreed to continue to serve on the Board of Columbine Valley as a Trustee in the capacity of Community Affairs Commissioner.



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## MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Richard Champion, Mayor  
(Term Expires April 2018)

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

Kathy Boyle,  
Trustee (Building)  
(Term Expires April 2018)

Gale Christy,  
Trustee (Community Affairs)  
(Term Expires April 2020)

Bill Dotson,  
Trustee (Planning)  
(Term Expires April 2018)

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

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# DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Be sure to visit the "Development Updates" section of our new Web site [www.columbinevalley.org](http://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 (Tuck)**

The formal Application for Land Development was accepted by the Town on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Acceptance means that the application was submitted with all required information and materials needed by the Town to begin the process of consideration. Referrals have been sent to all the HOA's, Club and 20 outside agencies; these agencies have been asked to compose a response to the proposal and those responses will be presented in their entirety to the Planning and Zoning Commission prior to their considering the development.

You can read more about the entire development review process on the Town's Website. Click on the Development Updates button on the homepage and look for the "Development Review Process" document

which you can download. The process includes a thorough review by Town staff to determine if the development as submitted meets all existing Town Land Use standards, as well as reviews by referral agencies who rate the project based on their own unique criteria and expectations. There will be no fewer than four public meetings before the P & Z and Board of Trustees which include two public hearings, and Town staff is always available to answer any process related questions a person might have about development in Columbine Valley.

The first Public Hearing on the Preliminary Development Plan and Preliminary Plat has been set for June 14th at 6:30PM at the Arapahoe County Administration Building at 5334 South Prince Street in Littleton.



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## KEEPING THE ROADS RELIABLE

In 2014 the Town conducted asphalt patching, crack and surface sealing in the Burning Tree and Village neighborhoods. Last summer, road work was conducted in Brookhaven, Villa Avignon, Country Club Villas, Columbine Villas, Polo Meadows and on the back half of Watson Lane.

This year, the Town will be working on the back stretch of Fairway Lane, Wedge Way, Niblick Lane and Middlefield Road between Aljor and Club. This work has not yet been scheduled but will occur between mid-June and September. As more information becomes available the Town will communicate directly with HOAs and impacted homeowners via the Town's web site, email, or in person as the situation requires.

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.



## Door-to-Door Solicitations

Columbine Valley is an attractive place for solicitation activity. Solicitors offer a variety of products and services, from alarm systems to roof repair. Solicitors are allowed to be in Town neighborhoods; however Columbine Valley Municipal Code requires door to door Solicitors, Peddlers, or Hawkers to register with the Town before visiting any households within the town limits, and to carry their permit with them when soliciting. Solicitation hours are 9:00 a.m. to sunset.

Town issued permits have the solicitors name and picture, and the Town conducts background checks on every person who applies for a permit. If a solicitor does not have a current permit on them at all times, they cannot solicit in Columbine Valley. Failure to display these documents upon request by the Police Department could lead to a citation and fine up to \$500 per occurrence.

**If a solicitor comes to your home without a Town-issued permit, please immediately contact the CVPD on the non-emergency number with the person's description and direction of travel.**

For those who do not wish to be visited by solicitors, the Town maintains a "No Visit List". The "No Visit List" prevents solicitors from coming to your home. By signing up, your home will be provided by the Town to permitted solicitors as a list of addresses who restrict visits to their residential property.

Additionally, if a residence has a sign posted near their entrance stating "No Solicitation or Handbills", "No Trespassing" or similar language, no one can solicit or leave handbills anywhere on the property. The property is defined as the land and structures owned by the residence, i.e.: the house, lawn, driveway, automobiles, anything located at or attached to the property, including the post office box.



### **FROM THE MAYOR, continued**

Dave Cope, a returning Trustee has agreed to once again fill the vital role of Mayor Pro Tem and Finance Commissioner. During his tenure, Dave has worked with our Treasurer, Jeff Tempas to keep the Town on firm, fiscally responsible financial standing. Also, Bruce Menk, a returning Trustee uses his extensive legal acumen to perform the duties of Police Commissioner and work with Chief Bret Cottrell and our Police Department.

I would like to recognize the contribution of outgoing Trustees Mark Best, Jeff May and Jim Newland. These three gentlemen served our Town with dedication and commitment, spending countless hours studying the issues that came before them and deliberating on what they believed to be best for Columbine Valley. The Town is better for their service, and it was a privilege to serve with them.

Our new Trustees, Kathy Boyle, Bill Dotson and Roy Palmer are equal to their respective tasks. Kathy has been intimately involved with the Architectural Committee for Old Town HOA as her 15 years of real estate brokerage experience provides a solid background for her task as Building Commissioner. Bill Dotson has extensive business and management experience with Gates Rubber and has served for approximately 10 years on the Town's Planning and Zoning Committee. He will now assume the role of Planning Commissioner which will be a vital task with the potential development of Wild Plum Farms on the horizon. Roy Palmer, who has most recently served as Senior Vice President of Xcel Energy was Chief of Staff for both Governor Bill Owens and Senator Wayne Allard. Roy's experience working with Federal, State and private sector budgets brings a wealth of knowledge of government accountability and such understanding will be vital in his role of Public Works Commissioner. We are most fortunate to have all of these volunteers serving our Town.

As for me, I graduated from Arapahoe HS in 1969, joined the U.S. Army in 1971, returned to college to finish my B.S. in Business at UNC, met my future wife, Trish and married her in Littleton in 1975. We started our family in 1979 in southeast Aurora but were on the watch for a community that we could put roots down and raise our three small children in a close-knit, home town environment with good schools. A third grade teacher at Wilder Elementary from 1977-79, Trish discovered Columbine Valley's positive community attributes where we ultimately moved to in 1987. Elected as Town Trustee initially serving from 1990 – 1994, I served as the Building Commissioner, Police Commissioner, Flood Control Administrator and Mayor Pro Tem respectively. In 2010 and again in 2014, I was re-elected Town Trustee, serving as the Community Affairs Commissioner and, last month, was elected Mayor in a non-contested election.

Please feel free to reach out to our staff, your elected Trustees, or myself at any time and let us know how we can help.

Richard Champion

## INTERNET CRIMES

In an effort to reduce the call load for Law Enforcement Agencies nationwide, there is a new process for reporting internet crimes.

Internet crime is defined as any illegal activity involving one or more components of the Internet, such as websites, chat rooms, and/or email.

Internet crime involves the use of the Internet to communicate false or fraudulent representations to consumers. These crimes may include, but are not limited to, advance-fee schemes, non-delivery of goods or services, computer hacking, or employment/business opportunity schemes.

Internet crimes are to be reported to the FBI via their website [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov). If further investigation is required, the Columbine Valley Police Department will be contacted by the FBI.

## Columbine Valley Mosquito Control Program

The Columbine Valley Mosquito Control Program is one of the few full-on Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) programs in the south metro region. The Town's program has three main components: weekly larval site inspections, two weekly surveillance traps – used to collect, count and speciate adult mosquitoes, and trap-based truck fogging designed to control adult mosquito activity; taken together these represent an extremely proactive approach to mosquito control.

Recently, the Zika Virus has been prevalent in the news and some citizens have contacted Town Hall with questions. Most importantly, the main Zika vector mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, is not found in Colorado; we simply do not have the climate suitable for sustaining that species, which is found predominantly in the tropics and subtropics. The same is true for the secondary vector species, *Aedes albopictus*. Therefore Zika will not be transmitted to anyone here in Colorado via a mosquito. The only Zika-related issue Colorado residents might face is getting the disease elsewhere, out of state, particularly out of country, while traveling, or having someone who got infected out of state transmitting it to someone here.

To learn more, please visit [www.comosquitocontrol.com](http://www.comosquitocontrol.com) which is packed with useful mosquito related information. As the season progresses pertinent updates will be made as they become available.

### Development Updates cont. from page 2

#### Willowcroft Manor

Willowcroft Manor, at the corner of Bowles and Middlefield is currently under construction. The Town has issued a total of 22 building permits and 14 Certificates of Occupancy; 12 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

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 5 building permits and one Certificate of Occupancy.



## DATES TO KNOW

- **June 14:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **June 21:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **July 4:** Parade & Festival; 8:00 a.m.—Town Hall Closed
- **July 12:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **July 19:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Aug 9:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Aug 16:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.

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

## TOWN STAFF

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Town Administrator

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Town Attorney

Bret Cottrell  
Chief of Police

Jeff Tempas  
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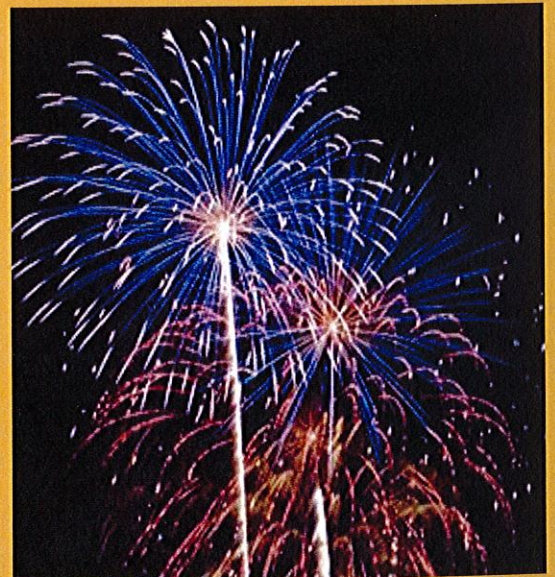
## Things to Remember....

### FIREWORKS

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.

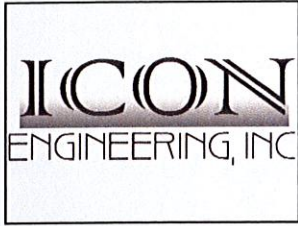
### LEASH LAW

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.



# 4th of July Parade and Festival

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## MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Morning events begin on the corner of Fairway Lane & Driver Lane*

**7:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast**—Come out early for a complimentary breakfast of pancakes, sausage and orange juice. This will be a great way to start the morning and meet a few of your neighbors.

**8:00 a.m. Cart Decorating Contest**—Get together with your neighbors, or enter as a family; whatever you decide spruce up your golf cart for the festivities. Awards will be given for the “Most Creative”, “Most Patriotic” and “Most Original” cart decorations.

**8:20 a.m. Mayor’s Welcome**—Columbine Valley Mayor Richard Champion will make a few remarks to officially start the celebration. He will also announce the winners of the 2016 cart decorating contest.

**8:30 a.m. Singing of the Star Spangled Banner**—Join us for the performance of our National Anthem and a moment of recognition for those who have served our country in uniform.

**8:40 a.m. Parade Kick-Off**—Lead once again by the American Legion Color Guard and featuring for the first time the “Trash Talk” performance drumline, this long standing tradition will see residents and friends parade through the streets of Columbine Valley on decorated bikes, scooters, wagons and golf carts. The Parade will begin at Fairway and Driver, follow Fairway to Club and then Middlefield, ending at Town Hall.

**9:00 a.m. Festival at Columbine Park**—The park at Town Hall will be filled with activity. Returning favorites include balloon animals, kids activities and root beer floats; and for the first time we’ll have live entertainment including an encore performance by “Trash Talk” and acoustic singer/guitarist Kelly Spicer.

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