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From the Mayor:

The present chapter in our Town's history continued on December 6th where the Board of Trustees considered the Wild Plum Farm Preliminary Plat and Plan. The Planning and Zoning committee received copious amounts of public comment (which all Trustees have reviewed), and should the plan go forward, another opportunity for public comment will be at the final Plan and Plat review. Please review the Development Review Process on our website at <http://www.columbinevalley.org/property-update-wild-plum-farm/> for detailed information.

With the upcoming holiday season in mind, we should pause to give thanks for the opportunity to live in this country, our great state and exceptional town. We might also consider giving thanks to the men and women who fought and died for our country over the last 240 years for our way of life and the freedom to govern ourselves. To govern, "takes a village" and I think it appropriate to thank our town's volunteers who help make our Town function as smoothly as it does.

I want to thank the Town Trustees; Dave Cope (Mayor Pro Tem), Kathy Boyle, Gale Christy, Bill Dotson, Bruce Menk and Roy Palmer for the many hundreds of hours they give to make the Town of Columbine work.

I want to thank the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission; Sandra Graham (Chair), Gary Miles, Eric Chekal, Bruce James, Dale Irwin, Mimi Kuchman, Marilyn Meister, Jeff Sahr, Jay Neese and Jim Tarpey for working so hard, catching spears and making tough recommendations that they believe is in the best interest of the Town.

I want to thank the three outgoing Town Trustees; Jeff May, Jim Newland and Mark Best for giving their valuable time to the Town. Continued on page 2.



MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Richard Champion, Mayor
(Term Expires April 2018)

Dave Cope, Mayor Pro Tem
Trustee (Finance)
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Kathy Boyle,
Trustee (Building)
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Gale Christy,
Trustee (Community Affairs)
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(Term Expires April 2018)

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Trustee (Public Safety)
(Term Expires April 2018)

Roy Palmer ,
Trustee (Public Works)
(Term Expires April 2020)

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BoardofTrustees @columbinevalley.org

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Wild Plum Farms

On October 25th the Planning and Zoning Commission completed their public hearing on the Preliminary Development Plan. After adjourning to a regular meeting and discussion, the Commission voted to recommend approval of a modified plan and plat subject to conditions.

The applicant has submitted new plans and supporting documents which have been reviewed by the staff and the staff report was delivered to the Board of Trustees on December 1. The Board of Trustees considered the application at their meeting on December 6, 2016.

If the process continues, the Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the application for Final approval at their meeting in January or February.

K.B. Homes

A revised plan was submitted to the County that reduced the total number of units to 40. The Town staff responded that the reduction did not resolve the critical traffic problem, specifically, the projected volume of traffic exiting the site in the AM peak hour. The County has not set a date for a new hearing.

From the Mayor, continued

I want to thank our dedicated police force; Bret Cottrell (Chief), Jamie Milliman, Stacy Goodyear, Greg Barthlome, Zack Vincent and Devin Marciano as their diligent watch keeps us safe.

I want to thank our Town Volunteers; Anne Larsen and Ellen Redding for their contribution the 4th of July event, and to Linda Palmer, Tiernan McKay and Mara Marks for working conscientiously to digitize our outdated records and bring the Town into the 21st century.

I want to thank our outstanding contract “employees”; Lee Schiller, Jeff Tempas, Jim Keil, John Livingston, Jim Thelen, Troy Carmann, Phil Sieber, Brent Kolson and Rick Weiner for giving the Trustees and staff great council and excellent advice.

And finally, we have a truly professional staff administering for our Town: J.D. McCrumb (Town Administrator), Dana Struthers, Hobbes Haden and Stephany Thelen. Thank you for your tireless efforts to make the Town of Columbine Valley a wonderful place to live.

It should be evident from this list that it takes a significant number of dedicated people to keep our little town moving forward and we owe them and all those who volunteer a debt of gratitude for their devotion and service to our town.

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and have wonderful Holiday season. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

2017 Town Directory

Town Directories will be mailed soon. When yours arrives, please check your name, address and phone number carefully and notify the Town if there are any corrections that need to be made. Corrections will be mailed in the next newsletter.

If you are a new resident and are not in the Directory, please email Dána Struthers at dstruthers@ColumbineValley.org with your name, address and phone number. Children and cell phones can also be listed at your choosing. Residents always have the option to NOT have their information published; however, the Town appreciates having the information so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency or other official use.

Finally, all residents are invited to register an email with the Town so that we can contact you with emergency/important alert information via email. Go to our Web site, www.ColumbineValley.org and click the "Community Updates" bar on the home page to register.

Nextdoor.com

The Town of Columbine Valley is excited to join Nextdoor.com, a free and private social network for neighborhoods. The Town has been looking for tools to further engage the community and to transmit time-sensitive data to as many citizens as possible.

Nextdoor is an easy way for the Town to communicate online with residents. Areas of information that could be used through Nextdoor would be public meetings, development updates, safety tips or issues, road work and events or activities that would or may affect your street or neighborhood. Town staff is not able to see any of the content on your neighborhood website, but you can reply to our messages and send us private messages.

Nextdoor is not the appropriate way to request emergency or police services or to report criminal activity. To explore and sign-up for this awesome neighborhood tool visit www.nextdoor.com

Mayor for the Day!

Want to know what it is like to be the **Mayor of the Town of Columbine Valley**? Now you can! Mayor Champion is excited to offer an opportunity for kids ages 6-18 an opportunity to learn about and engage in their local government. Each "Mayor of the Day" opportunity will be custom designed based around the age, interest and schedule of the selected child. All opportunities include interaction with Town staff, including Police and Public Works, and lunch and Q&A with Mayor Champion. Parents are welcome to join their younger children.

Apply on or before January 6, 2017 by answering three short essay questions (below) and send your name, contact information and answers to Town Hall at 2 Middlefield Road, Columbine Valley, CO 80123 or by email to jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org.

Short Essays (select three questions to answer):

1. If you were elected the Mayor of Columbine Valley, what is the first thing you would do?
2. What is your favorite part about living in the Town of Columbine Valley?
3. Name one thing you would like to fix within our community, how you would go about doing so?
4. What makes you proud to live in the Town of Columbine Valley?
5. If you were to plan a Town meeting, what would be on the agenda?

DATES TO KNOW

- **Dec 14:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Dec 26:** Town Hall Closed—Merry Christmas!
- **Jan 2:** Town Hall Closed—Happy New Years!
- **Jan 16:** Town Hall Closed—MLK Jr. Day
- **Jan 17:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Feb 14:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Feb 20:** Town Hall Closed—Presidents Day
- **Feb 21:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.

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

TOWN STAFF

J.D. McCrumb
Town Administrator

Lee Schiller
Town Attorney

Bret Cottrell
Chief of Police

Jeff Tempas
Town Treasurer

Dana Struthers
Court Clerk/Accounting

Phil Sieber
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Admin Assistant

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Columbine Valley Snow Removal:

After three-years the Town has once again brought snow removal under in-house control. The goal of the Town of Columbine Valley is to provide snow removal to all Town streets within 24 hours of the snow having stopped falling. The Town's priority is to keep arterial roadways and 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 ½ inch and will be cleared with 8-foot lane in each direction. On occasions when less than ½ inch falls, the Town will treat intersections with sand-like ice-slicer to help prevent cars sliding.

Residents are encouraged to refrain from parking on the street during and immediately following a snowstorm. Parked vehicles and other obstructions interfere with the safe and continuous operation of snow removal equipment. Plow drivers will do their best to avoid pushing snow into cleared driveways, however, they have very little discretion as to where the snow can go and their priority is to clear the streets to ensure safe travel.