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From the Mayor:

The Town has been busy the past three months. In that time (thanks to all the folks who worked so hard, including the Planning & Zoning Commission) the Wild Plum development was approved (with significant conditions and restrictions), we had a great 4th of July Parade with festivities, three concerts in the Park, we paved another 2+ lane miles of road, and the hired 60 new interns at the Town Hall amongst many, many other things.

We have interesting issues ahead. Earlier this year the FAA proposed a new flight pattern for both DIA and Centennial Airport. The proposed new flight paths come perilously close to our Town. We have requested the draft for the environmental assessment ("EA") including the noise modeling that will be contained in the EA, and detail what standards will be used for determining significant impacts to our Town. This is particularly important in light of the experiences of other communities that have completed this kind of redesign and the many reports of elevated noise complaints and lawsuits following the implementation of a redesign. The Town has teamed with the towns of Littleton, Cherry Hills, Greenwood Village, Centennial and others to oppose this flight path redesign until the FAA definitively explains how these new flight paths will impact Columbine Valley. Trustee Kathy Boyle is heading a new committee to keep us informed on this issue.

On another issue, the Colorado State Legislature passed HB 17193 this year which, in effect, permits the use by right of wireless service infrastructure, or "small cell facilities," in any zone — specifically on a local government entity's light poles, light standards, traffic signals, or utility poles in the right



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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Trustees Approve Wild Plum Farm

On August 15th the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the rezoning and the Final Development Plan and Final Subdivision Plat for the Wild Plum Farm development. The approval of the development plan for 95 single family homes on the 104 acre property is undoubtedly the most significant and controversial land use decision since the Town was founded. From the time the property was annexed in 1972 by the Tuck family, the potential development was always of major interest and concern by both Town officials and residents.

The Public Process

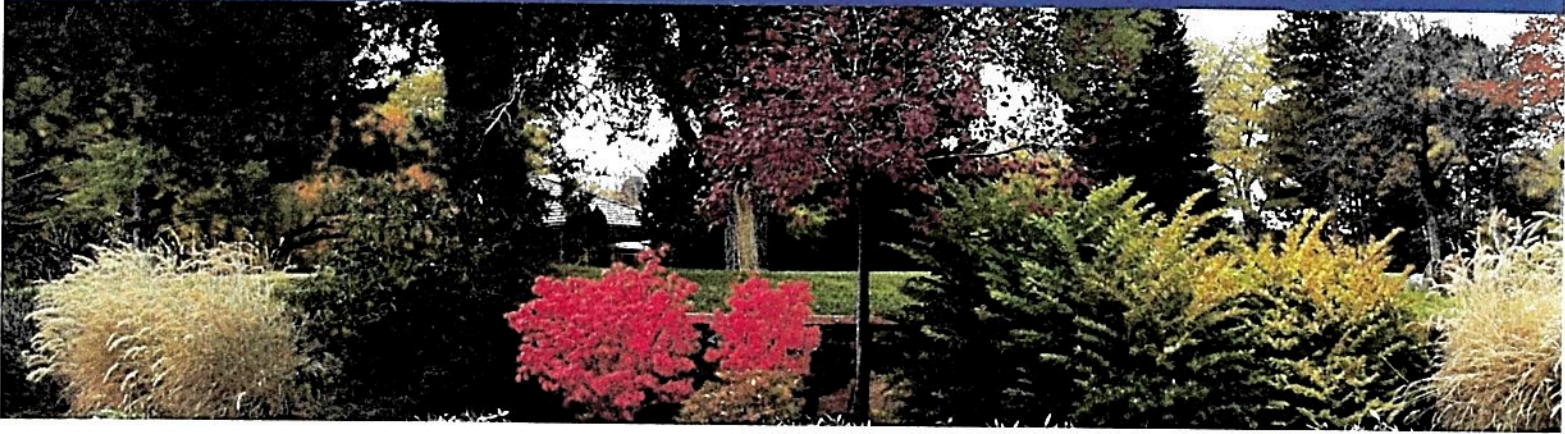
After three different companies considered and opted not to develop Wild Plum Farms between 2013 and 2016, an application for approval of the Preliminary Plan and Subdivision Plat was submitted by CalAtlantic Homes in April, 2016 and in June of that year the initial public hearing was held by the Planning Commission with an estimated 250 people in attendance. Due to the amount of information presented and public participation it was necessary to continue the hearing to August and again until October at which time the Planning Commission recommended that the project be approved with a number of conditions. In December of 2016, the Board of Trustees approved the Preliminary Development Plan and Preliminary Plat, again with a number of conditions.

The Final Plan and Final Plat were submitted to the Town in February of 2017 and the Planning Commission met in March and again in June when the Commission recommended approval of the Final Plan and Plat with conditions.

The Wild Plum Farm development proposal generated 20+ hours of public comment, over 150 letters and emails from residents and extensive staff reports containing analysis and staff recommendations. While there were numerous issues, it very quickly became evident that three aspects of the proposal were the primary concern.

- The density of the development, one dwelling unit per acre was considered excessive by many.
- The traffic generated would have a negative impact on the safety and quality of life of residents. There was strong resistance to connecting the new development to the Town via Fairway Lane, especially by the residents of Old Town. On the other hand, the residents of Burning Tree at Polo Meadows were opposed to traffic system that funneled the majority of traffic onto Platte Canyon Road via Hunter Run.
- The architectural design did not reflect the quality desired of new development in the Town. Many felt that the design reflected a “tract home” concept as opposed to a custom or semi- custom designed home.

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Resolution

Early it appeared that the conflict over the issues of density, traffic and design was such that development approval was questionable. However, the active residents and their HOA's, the CalAtlantic team and the Town staff continued to meet. Plans were revised, concessions made and a compromise slowly developed.

- After proposing several alternative plans, CalAtlantic in October, 2016 proposed reducing the density of the development from 105 to 95 units.
- The revised plan would limit the access to Fairway Lane to not more than 22 homes. A cul de sac would then direct traffic from the other 73 homes to Platte Canyon Road via Hunter Run.
- The Town retained an architectural consultant to review the CalAtlantic design standards and guidelines and appointed a Design Review Committee consisting of representatives of Burning Tree, Old Town and Polo Meadows. CalAtlantic agreed to cooperate with the committee on revising the standards and developing new architectural illustrations. The result was a significant change to the design of the units and inclusion of new design standards to insure the desired quality would be maintained.

Conclusion

CalAtlantic Homes will begin overlot grading on the site this Fall followed by the installation of the public improvements, They are hopeful that the first homes will be started in the Fall of 2018 with a three to five year build out.

Because of the involvement and participation by residents during the approval process, the attention to detail by the Planning Commission and the willingness to cooperate by the developer there is good reason to believe that development of Wild Plum will be timely and orderly and that the Town will see the addition of another quality neighborhood.

Wild Plum Anticipated Development Schedule

Oct 2017 – Nov 2017:	Hunter Run Wall Construction
Oct 2017 – Nov 2017:	Demo of Existing Structures
Nov 2017 – Dec 2017:	Grading
Jan 2018 – Apr 2018:	Utilities (water, sewer, storm)
May 2018 – Jun 2018:	Concrete and Asphalt
May 2018 – July 2018:	Landscape
Jun 2018:	Start Construction of Model Homes

Platte Canyon and Hunter Run intersection improvement timing depends on CDOT approval and weather but will take approximately 60 days to complete once started.

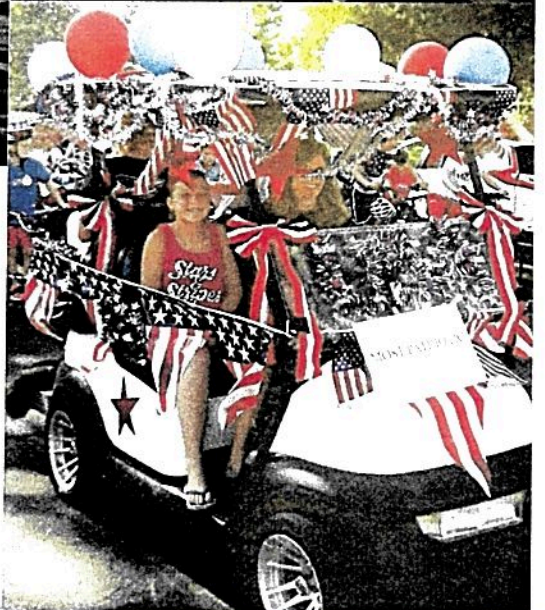
4th of JULY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

The Town would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated our nation's independence at the annual 4th of July Parade! Thank you to those who entered the golf cart decorating contest and to the many volunteers who made this great event happen and a special thanks to Cub Scout Packs 608 and 461, American Legion Post 103 and the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard for their contributions to this event.

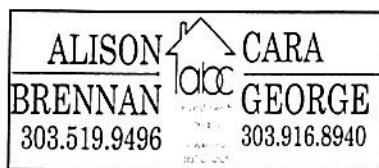
2017 4th of JULY CART DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

*Most Original: The Dickson, Egloff, and I
rison Families*

Most Patriotic: The West Family



The Town would also like to acknowledge the generosity of this year's Presenting Sponsors Designs by Sundown and ICON Engineering and additional support from ABC Investments Team at Remax Professionals; without their support the pancake breakfast, drumline and festival entertainment would not have been possible.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to learn about 4th of July or Concerts in the Park sponsorship opportunities for your business or company, please contact J.D. McCrumb at Town Hall. This is a great way not only to support these great events, but also the only way to receive corporate recognition in the Columbine Valley Voice newsletter.



2017 Inaugural SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Thanks to everyone who participated in any of the three Concerts in the Park events held at Town Hall this summer. The Town received tremendous feedback and support for this kind of activity and we are excited to be planning next year's concerts. Enclosed in this newsletter is a survey that you are invited to complete and return to Town Hall to help determine the music and food vendor line up for next year. Finally, these events would not have been possible without the financial support of Presenting Sponsor Vectra Bank and additional sponsor ABC Investments Team at Remex professionals.

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TOWN VOLUNTEERS MAKE A HUGE IMPACT

In January of 2015 the Town kicked off an initiative to help digitalize the nearly 60 years of paper records currently held in the basement of Town Hall. This project, once complete will modernize and streamline the process of document retrieval and retention, making the history of Columbine Valley more accessible to staff and citizens. Documents include meeting agendas and minutes, building permits and inspection reports, and countless other types of documentation and communication. Starting in 2016, resident volunteers have played a crucial role in helping achieve this task having contributed nearly 360 hours of their time and scanning approximately 2,000 files and over 10,000 pages of information; to Tiernan, Linda, Mara and Joan – **THANK YOU!!!**

However, the work done so far is only a drop in the bucket. The Town is seeking additional volunteers to work at Town Hall to sort, scan and digitalize these documents. Training will be provided but basic computer skills are helpful.

This volunteer program will give members of the community an opportunity to get involved and gain insight into the history and operations of your Town government. If you would be interested in working a two hour shift every one or two weeks please contact Stephanie Thelen at stephaniet@columbinevalley.org or by phone at 303-795-1434.



CVPD: Vigilance Matters

No law enforcement agency can function effectively without the assistance of responsible residents. The Columbine Valley Police Department asks that you stay vigilant of people or events in your community that appear suspicious. By reporting suspicious activities, a resident may prevent a traumatic event or help police arrest a criminal. Residents should report suspicious activity and avoid the tendency to ignore or disregard their instinctive feelings. Don't worry about "bothering" the police, and don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions prove unfounded.

When residents report suspicious activity, they must understand this is "not" a high priority call. Crimes in progress, auto accidents or medical calls will take priority over a request to investigate suspicious activity. Callers should understand they may have to be patient, depending on the activity level in the Town at the time the call is placed.

When reporting suspicious activity, the CVPD would prefer residents to use the **non-emergency line: (303) 795-4711**. This will put the caller in touch with dispatchers who will quickly prioritize the call. The caller should be prepared to answer a series of questions so the dispatcher can determine the nature and priority of the call. The caller should be prepared to answer these questions:

- What is the exact location of the activity?
- Can you provide a description of the individual(s) or vehicle(s)?
- What is suspicious about the person(s) or vehicle(s)?



2017/18 TOWN SNOW REMOVAL

Don't let the lovely fall weather fool you....snow season is just around the corner and the Town of Columbine Valley is getting ready. The Town's goal is to keep the roads safe and accessible during and after snow events. Snow operations consist of three elements: snow plowing, application of traction materials and ice control.

Snow plowing will begin when the snow depth reaches ½" of accumulation on the roads and the objective is to have all roads clear within 24 hours of the snow having stopped falling. Crews will plow based on established routes, with main roads and arterials being plowed first followed by residential streets. Snow will first be cleared with 8-foot lane in each direction, and then crews will plow again within 24 hours to clear snow gutter-pan to gutter-pan. Cul de Sacs are generally the last to be cleared as they oftentimes require alternate equipment and/or a greater time commitment and priority must be given to clearing main roadways.

Urge to Purge: Fall Clean-Up

The town is once again prepared to help residents as they clean up and clean out for winter. We have several events coming up to help as you prepare your home and garage for winter

There will be an **on-site shredding service** in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Residents may bring any documents and records they would like destroyed safely and can witness their destruction. Unacceptable items are vinyl notebooks, phone books, newspapers and hard back books. They will destroy/shred CDs, DVDs, hard drives, floppies and videos, but can only perform this service off site, where the owner of the shredding company witnesses all destruction. It is required that all such materials be kept separate from the paper when brought to the Town Hall. All shredded paper will be recycled in an environmentally friendly manner.

The **dumpsters** will be placed at in the parking lot at Town Hall from noon, Thursday, October 26th until noon on Saturday, October 28th. No landscape materials and NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS allowed. 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. Once the two dumpsters are full there is no additional dumping.

As always the Town offers to all residents free **Electronic disposal** (\$20.00+ fee for televisions). Bring electronics to Town Hall during normal business hours. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit www.columbinevalley.org/electronic-drop.



SNOW OPERATIONS, Continued

The Town also distributes ice slicer as needed for traction and safety. These operations will be limited to hills, intersections and curves and may be applied before, during or after snow events depending on conditions.

Finally, after the initial pass by snow crews a second pass will occur to clear snow from gutter-pan to gutter-pan within 24 hours, while ice build-up and other clean-up operations may take several days depending on weather conditions.

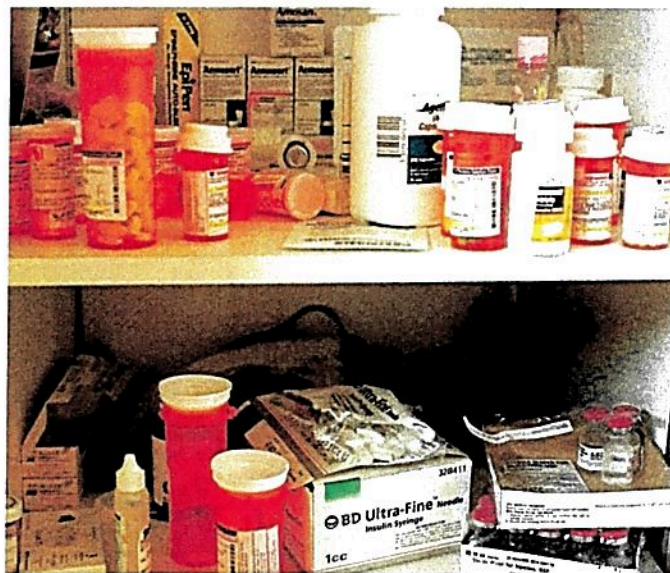
To report a snow-related problem during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM please call 303-795-1434. For snow emergencies after business hours or during weekends or holidays call Arapahoe County Dispatch at 303-795-4711 and ask to speak to a Columbine Valley Police Officer. For more information please visit the Town's web site at www.columbinevalley.org/snow-removal-2/ or call Town Hall.

National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY

In recognition of the upcoming National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY, observed annually, the Town of Columbine Valley will host a collection point at the Town Offices on October 28th from 10 AM to 2 PM. The national collection day is designed to significantly reduce the prescription drugs in American homes that are either no longer needed or outdated/expired. These same drugs unfortunately have become the target of theft and misuse, oftentimes by people who have access to the residence.

Prescription drug misuse and abuse is a serious problem both in Colorado and the Tri-County Health Department jurisdiction (Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties). Each year, overdose deaths from opioid painkillers alone number around 300 in Colorado and about a third occur in our three counties. Such deaths are now more common than alcohol-related traffic fatalities. Of concern is that America's 12 to 17 year olds have made prescription drugs the number one substance of abuse for their age group, and much of that supply is unwittingly coming from the medicine cabinets of their parents, grandparents, and friends.

More and more adults recognize the need to remove these substances from the home and legally and safely turn them over to law enforcement for proper chain of custody and court ordered destruction. Medications should never be disposed of in your water evacuation systems, or given to others the medication was not intended. Law enforcement is the only entity legally able to accept these medications and process them properly so that they do not fall into the wrong hands.



Please help us keep Columbine Valley safe from this scourge as drug use does not discriminate by age, race, socioeconomic status, or education level.

Please drop off your unused or expired medications at Town Hall on October 28th between 10 AM to 2 PM to a uniformed Columbine Valley police officer for proper and safe disposal of these drugs so they don't become a future problem.



NEW RECYCLE BINS

Republic Services, the Town's trash provider, is in the process of updating their fleet and accordingly have transitioned entirely away from the small, hand-held recycle bins. The Town has received calls from a few homeowners who find the larger, 96-gallon bins inconvenient and while the Town cannot provide any options, residents are able to contact Republic Services directly to discuss alternatives. If you did not receive a 96 gallon recycle container and would like one, please contact Town Hall to make those arrangements.

Columbine Valley 2017-18 Administrative Interns

Riley McCormick and Drew Woodward have both started student fellowships with the Town and are already hard at work on a variety of projects designed to both benefit their scholastic portfolio and the Town's ability to serve the citizens of Columbine Valley. Riley will be working on projects including: Emergency Management, a Frequently Asked Question database, formalizing the volunteer program, a communications program, and a local government 101 presentation. Drew will focus his efforts on a new Trustee orientation, Town standard operating procedures, a records retention policy and HOA outreach and engagement.

Both Riley and Drew are students at CU-Denver working towards master's degrees in public administration. The fellowship program is funded jointly by CU-Denver, the Colorado City and County Managers Association, and the Town. This is designed to allow Town staff to continue regular operations while the students put their efforts towards special, one-time projects that often get back-burnered due to other priorities.

No Visit List Reminder

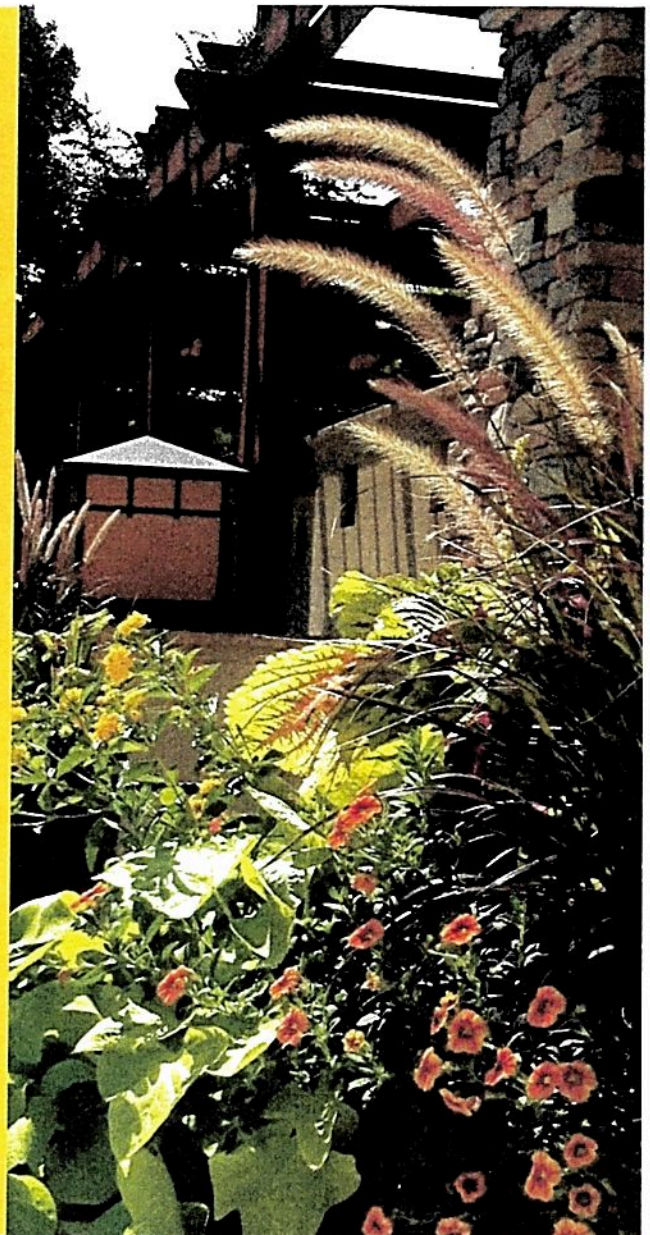
Columbine Valley is an attractive place for solicitation activity. Solicitors offer a variety of products and services, from alarm systems to roof repair. Solicitors are allowed to be in Town neighborhoods; however Columbine Valley Municipal Code requires door to door Solicitors, Peddlers, or Hawkers 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.





Pedestrian Safety Reminder

As the sun set gets earlier it is important for pedestrians walking in Columbine Valley to consider a few extra precautions. The National Highway Traffic Administration offers these tips to stay staying safe when walking:

- When there is no sidewalk available, walk facing traffic (on the left side of the road) on the shoulder, as far away from traffic as possible.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices, including radios, smart phones and other devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.
- Be cautious when sharing the road with vehicles. Never assume a driver sees you - they could be distracted, under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, or just not looking.
- Be predictable as a pedestrian. Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area, wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

MOBILITY ASSISTANCE - *From our partners at DRCOG*

As the older adult population in our region continues to grow at a rapid rate – one in four people in metro Denver will be over the age of 60 by 2035 – transportation options become a critical component to helping people maintain their independence and quality of life. For many older adults, driving a car has always represented the primary way to get around. But as people get a little older, many either cut down on driving dramatically or give it up altogether. But that doesn't mean mobility needs to come to a halt. Did you know there are many other options and some great resources out there to help explore and find the best choice?

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Area Agency on Aging works with community partners to provide a variety of services, including transportation information and assistance for older adults and people with disabilities, connecting them to transit, shuttle services such as Access-a-Ride, and ridesharing. In some cases, low-cost or free door-to-door rides are available for medical appointments or nutrition, and there are a surprisingly large number of choices available for all types of trips. DRCOG also counsels older adults on when to stop driving and provides guidance on how to replace the car trips.

A great place to start exploring options is through DRCOG's Area Agency on Aging, which has an online, comprehensive website – drcog.org/networkofcare - with information and contacts for more than 30 different shuttle, taxi, public transport and rideshare services. The Area Agency on Aging staff is also happy to directly assist older adults and caretakers with finding the best transportation solutions and can be reached at 303.480.6700 or online at drcog.org.

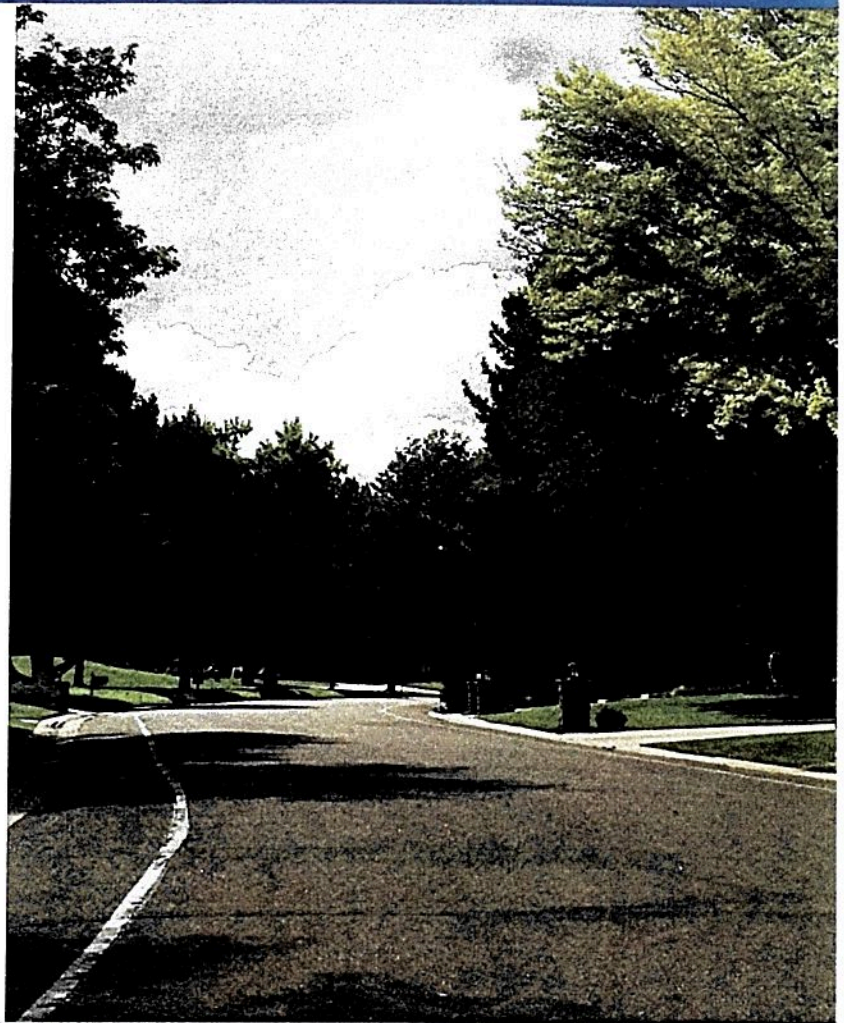
In addition to transportation information and assistance, the Area Agency on Aging coordinates other community-based services to address the needs of the region's population of older adults and people living with disabilities, including assistance with nutrition (Meals on Wheels), housing, long-term care, case management and more. Visit drcog.org to learn more.

2017 Road Improvements

Construction work has been completed for 2017. Crews were in Columbine Valley at the end of September conducting mill and overlay on portions of Middlefield Road, on Club Lane and on Fairway Lane from the Country Club to #39. Street painting work has begun and will continue through October.

This was the fourth year of a multi-year effort to refinish all of the roads in Columbine Valley. Next summer will see the project concluded with refinishing work on Fairway adjacent to the Wild Plum Development, on Fairway Lane from #1 – 16, and a resurfacing of the Town Hall parking lot.

The Town would like to thank all the residents for their cooperation throughout this effort, and to the HOAs for helping coordinate communication efforts. If you have any questions about the Town's Pavement Program please contact Town Hall.



FROM THE MAYOR, continued

-of-way, but not on any structure with tolling collection or enforcement equipment attached. The bill also clarifies that the right-of-way access available to telecommunications providers extends to broadband providers and includes small cell facilities. This means we would be required to process a single or a consolidated application for a small cell facility within 90 days after receiving a completed application and are prohibited from creating preferences or disadvantages to any provider in granting or withholding permits. We were concerned that because Littleton has a restrictive ordinance, wireless companies that would have installed cellular devices in Littleton may now decide to install them just across the river in Columbine Valley. The Town Trustees chose to enact a 4 month moratorium to study the issue to make sure we are not unduly impacted by the new law.

Finally, we will soon witness the culmination of some major building projects as well as experience some upcoming changes in our little town. For example, Columbine Country Club's new clubhouse will become a reality this fall, and the last of a 4-year significant paving project is coming to an end. Additionally, the Willowcroft development is nearing completion, and the Wilder Lane development is moving along, with 1/3rd of the homes completed or under construction and even though the Wild Plum development has additional hurdles to reconcile before it becomes reality, it continues to make progress. It is through the lens of all the changes in our town that I share with you that during the past several years when passions run high, our staff has taken significant abuse from many well-meaning citizens. Please remember that our staff is trying to do the best job they can and it is appropriate to thank them. We are all trying to make the Town of Columbine Valley the best town in Colorado. We hope you agree.

DATES TO KNOW

- **Oct 10:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 14:** Shred Event at Town Hall
- **Oct 17:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 26-28:** Dumpsters at Town Hall
- **Oct 28:** Drug Take-Back at Town Hall; 10—2:00 p.m.
- **Nov 14:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov 21:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov 23, 24:** Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

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

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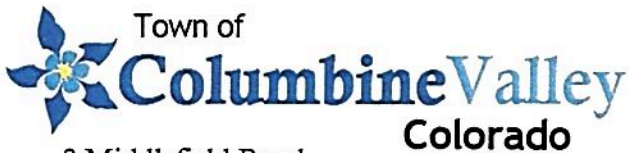
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2018 Town Directory—Send Updates Now

Work is already underway on the 2018 Town Directory. If you have recently moved to Columbine Valley, please be sure to contact the Town staff and provide us with your name and phone number(s) for publication. The Directory also provides an option for multiple numbers (cell phones) and will list the names of children living at home for households that would like to do so. The Town also keeps an unpublished list of email addresses for emergency use if you are willing to provide that as well.

Fill out the enclosed form and return by mail or in person to Town Hall. Or, email dstruthers@columbinevalley.org or call 303-795-1434 with updates or questions.

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