

# COLUMBINE VALLEY VOICE

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## From the Mayor:

In the past several months, much has happened in our Town that promoted a sense of community. For example...

Summer festivities kicked off with the first of three concerts held on the Town Hall lawn. On June 28 to the delight of young and old the Spotlight Band played songs that encouraged young children attending to laugh and dance the evening away.

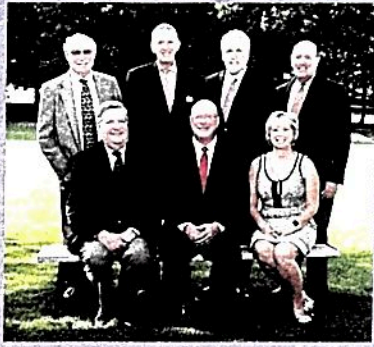
Next, came the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade with dozens and dozens of families participating with some amazing golf carts sporting our nation's colors. The golf cart winners created magic transforming their golf carts into some incredibly imaginative entries. The Taylor cart took Most Patriotic, the Hoffenburg's drove away with the Most Original, and the Egloffs won Most Creative. Bikes, trikes, drummers, strummers, and Columbine Country Club's first-time ever float rounded out the event. To top it all off, our Town Administrator, J.D. McCrumb was able to obtain a C-130 flyby from Peterson AFB at the end of the Parade to the cheers of the crowd. Many told me that this year's Parade was the largest and best-attended ever, and I would have to agree. That evening, Columbine Country Club and the Town of Columbine Valley co-sponsored a great fireworks show for the community at the Club.

Two more concerts followed, with The Country Music Project playing on July 19 entertaining many, and the final concert of the season on August 9 with the Margarita Brothers Band getting the crowd out of their seats with many foot-stomping songs.

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**BOARD ADOPTS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

At their August meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted by Resolution the Town's first Capital Improvement Program. This program, referred to as the CIP is a mid-range plan which identifies non-reoccurring, capital projects and equipment purchases, provides a schedule estimating when those costs will be incurred and estimates how much they will cost. The CIP also identifies options for financing the plan including grants, state and federal funds, and developer contributions. The CIP is a useful planning tool that constitutes a comprehensive review of the Town's future capital needs.

- The CIP is a rolling 10 year plan.
- The CIP entails expenditures of \$5,000.00 or more.
- The CIP projects are non-reoccurring (regularly street maintenance).
- The CIP does not constitute a financial obligation or allocation but is a base reference to be used in the annual budget process.
- The CIP is updated and adopted by the Trustees annually.

The Capital Improvement Program is a multi-year document and, by necessity, the key elements, i.e., projects included and revenue availability will change and be updated each year. There are six categories of capital improvement projects: streets; drainage/flood control; public buildings and facilities; major equipment (this includes police and public works vehicles); parks, recreation and open space; and systems (computer servers, radios).

If you have additional questions about the CIP, including what's in it and why it was created, please contact Town Hall at 303-795-1434.

**LPS Bond Public Information Event**

Please come to the Columbine Valley Town Hall and join Littleton Public Schools Superintendent Brian Ewert and LPS Board President Jack Reutzel on Wednesday October 3 at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion surrounding the LPS bond proposal that will be on the ballot in November's election. Mr. Ewert and Mr. Reutzel will be outlining the district's plans for the bond. More details can be found at [littleton-publicschools.net](http://littleton-publicschools.net) under "November Ballot".

**Wild Plum Schedule—as of September 2018**

Grading	Complete
Pipe & Sewer	Almost Complete
Concrete	Underway
Asphalt	Anticipated Complete by mid-Oct.
Landscape	Start in the Fall
Model Homes	Start in the late Fall/early 2019
Fairway Widening	Late Fall 2018
Platte Canyon	Almost Complete



# Columbine Valley Fall Community Service Events

The Town is once again prepared to help residents as they prepare for winter. There are several events coming up to keep in mind as summer comes to a close and you prepare your home and garage for winter.

The Town of Columbine Valley is pleased to join the cities of Littleton, Englewood and Sheridan for an annual **hazardous material roundup**. The event will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Englewood Service Center, 2800 South Platte River Drive. Accepted materials include antifreeze, batteries, gasoline, chemicals, motor oil and propane tanks. A \$20 co-payment is required to dispose of any materials and you must show identification demonstrating that you are a resident of Columbine Valley.

The Town will once again be partnering with Front Range **Flu Shots** to offer seasonal shots to members of the community on Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> between 7:30 – 9:00 am and between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. The shots range in price, as detailed below and insurance cards must be presented at the time of service; co-payments may apply. RSVPs are appreciated but not required to participate in this event. Please call the Town at 303-795-1434 with questions or to sign up.

There will be an **on-site shredding service** in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> 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, Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> until noon on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note the change to the days the dumpsters will be available this fall; they will now be on site from approximately 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY through approximately noon on THURSDAY instead of Thursday through Saturday as has been the case in the past.

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](http://www.columbinevalley.org/electronic-drop).

The Town of Columbine Valley will host a **prescription drug collection** point at the Town Offices on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM. The event is designed to significantly reduce the prescription drugs in homes that are either no longer needed or outdated/expired. Medications should never be disposed of down your drains, 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.

Any questions about these events can be directed to Town Hall.







## TOWN SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

Don't let the lovely 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 feeder streets and cul-de-sacs. 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 is given to clearing main roadways.

After the initial pass by snow crews a second pass will occur to clear snow from gutter-pan to gutter-pan within 24 hours, additional ice build-up mitigation and 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/](http://www.columbinevalley.org/snow-removal-2/) or call Town Hall.



### Ice Slicer

The Town applies a product called Ice Slicer to the streets before or after freezing rain or snow events depending on temperatures and conditions, and whenever ice is present on the street surface. It is applied at all intersections, steep hills and sharp curves.

Ice Slicer is a naturally occurring salt that is mined and shipped from Southern Utah. It is a material that both Littleton and CDOT use regularly and comes from the same deposit as Real Salt, the #1 selling food grade sea salt that is sold in health food stores. It contains minerals and micro-nutrients that should not harm pets or lawns.



## 2018 Road Improvement Program

The Town is concluding the final year of a five year plan designed to keep the Town's road infrastructure in sound condition. Repairs and slurry seals should be underway soon along two stretches of Fairway Lane.

The first section will be between Platte Canyon Road and Club Lane (house numbers 1-16). This portion of the road will receive structural repairs in select areas as needed and the entire road will receive a slurry seal treatment.

The second section of Fairway anticipated seeing work done this fall is the stretch along the Wild Plum development. This portion of the road will be widened by approximately 9', receiving a mill and overlay and new gutter pans along both sides of the road. There have been numerous engineering challenges in the design of this portion of the road having to do with the location and depth of utilities including existing natural gas and water lines. Once a final design is received and approved by the Town, work will begin.

The Town will hold public informational meetings for residents along both of these stretches of road prior to work commencing as both are anticipated to create some temporary disruption to the use of the road and in some instances, access to homes. The Town will communicate these meetings through an email to your HOA and via door hangers.

Additional 2018 projects include select structural repair work throughout the Town, asphalt patching in priority areas (the sections of road that can't wait another year for some attention), and broad-scale crack sealing. Once all of this work is completed the roads will be restriped throughout the entire Town.





## POLICE OFFICER RECOGNITION



It has been a busy month for our police department here in Columbine Valley. As you may have heard, a group of criminals has been busy breaking into and stealing vehicles in the Denver area. Numerous jurisdictions have fallen victim, including Cherry Hills, Vail, Roxborough and Boulder. Officer Greg Barthlome located a suspicious vehicle late one night and after a brief chase was able to take one of these suspects into custody. Chief Cottrell is happy to report that this arrest helped to identify several suspects in this group and we are working with other jurisdictions to prosecute them fully.

In a separate incident, Officer Zachary Vincent contacted a suspicious vehicle here in town and this vehicle turned out to be stolen. The driver has an extensive criminal history and when he was arrested, evidence was found tying him to over 40 cases of identity theft.

Columbine Valley police officers are working hard out there to keep these things from happening but they need your help. Please do not make it easy for criminals.

- Lock your doors and do not leave or hide a spare key in the car.
- Keep valuables out of sight or secured in your house and keep in mind that if your car is unlocked your garage door opener gives them access to your home.
- Please keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report it to dispatch at 303-795-4711 or 911 if it is an emergency.
- Please do not call the Town office to report these incidents as it causes a significant delay in our response time.

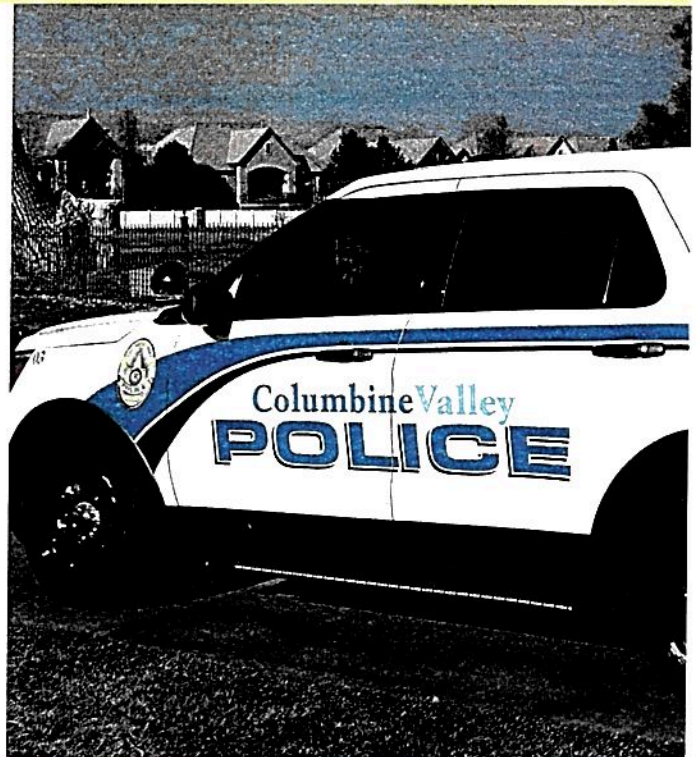
Thank you for being vigilant and helping to keep our community safe.

## Soliciting in Columbine Valley

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. If a solicitor does not have a current permit on them at all times, they cannot solicit in Columbine Valley.

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, contact Town Hall to make sure you are on the "No Visit List"





## 4th of JULY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

The Town would like to thank everyone who celebrated our nation's independence at the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and festival – this was the biggest turnout in recent memory! 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, American Legion Post 103 and the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing Unit for their contributions to this event.

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, Riveting Frame and Design, and Hansen Brothers Printing without whose support this year's event would not have been possible.



### FROM THE MAYOR, continued

In all, the bands were excellent as was the food and camaraderie enjoyed and felt by so many. (Interestingly, I invited some friends to one of the concerts and they said that the sense of community experienced here was what they were missing in their neighborhood. They may sell their house and move to the Town!)

Building on the idea of community, we continue to move forward with the infrastructure in Wild Plum Farms. We expect the builder to apply for the initial building permits within the next several months after the curb, gutter and street paving is completed. There is also a new sidewalk next to the brick wall on the east side of Platte Canyon between Doral and Hunter Run, and CDOT's contractors are working feverishly to widen Platte Canyon to the west of the new sidewalk. On another note, we all experienced two major rain events over the last couple of weeks, with the first storm labeled a 50-year event! We weathered both storms' wrath with minor flooding issues that we are currently addressing.

Lastly, the Board of Trustees met for their annual retreat and decided to create a Capital Improvement Program that looks long term at what is required for the Town's upcoming infrastructure needs coupled with its future capital requirements. This long-range planning is important to insure the Town's future financial obligations, which are central to how we make Columbine Valley the Town it is: a warm, friendly, fiscally responsible municipality that we have all come to enjoy and expect. Please review the articles in this newsletter for more details. Go Rockies!

### Concerts in the Park

Thanks to everyone who attended a Concerts in the Park at Town Hall this summer. The Town received tremendous feedback for these events and we are already hard at work planning next year's concerts. These events would not have been possible without the financial support of sponsors Vectra Bank, ABC Investments Team at REMAX Professionals, and Southwest Auto 4x4.

### SUMMER EVENT SPONSORS

*Without the support of the following companies the 2018 summer events could not have happened.*





## DATES TO KNOW

- **Sept 22:** Haz. Material Round Up in Englewood; 8:00—2:00 p.m.
- **Oct 8:** Shred Event at Town Hall; 7:30 & 5:00 p.m.
- **Oct 9:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 16:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 16-18:** Dumpsters at Town Hall
- **Oct 27:** Drug Take-Back at Town Hall; 10—2:00 p.m.
- **Nov 13:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov 22, 23:** Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

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

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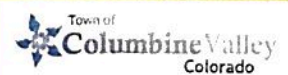
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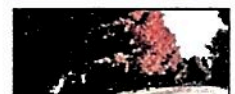
Work is already underway on the 2019 Town Directory. If you have recently moved to Columbine Valley, please be sure to contact the Town staff and provide us with your name and phone number(s) for publication. The Directory also provides an option for multiple numbers (cell phones) and will list the names 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](mailto:dstruthers@columbinevalley.org) or call 303-795-1434 with updates or questions.



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