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From the Mayor:

In April, the Planning and Zoning Commission of Columbine Valley is tentatively scheduled to consider the Final Development Plan of the Wild Plum (Farm) property. In its current form the plan would allow 95 units of single family housing on the 104+ acre site. Recommendation of the plan by the Planning and Zoning Commission would send the plan to the Board of Trustees for a summer public hearing and consideration for approval. While Wild Plum Farm is certainly a big item, there is a lot more going on in our town that deserves some recognition in terms of day-to-day operations and accomplishments.

The Board of Trustees recently reviewed some of the items and issues addressed by the Town over the past year and the list is quite extensive. The efforts it takes to keep our small town going are often overlooked and underappreciated, so I thought I would use this newsletter to share some of that with you. With that said, I won't go into too much detail, but offer the following list for your information.

Brought snow removal operations back "in-house"

Completed the third year of infrastructure/road improvements

Created a 30+ year forecast of infrastructure maintenance needs

Digitalized almost 60 years of documents to increase accessibility

Improved emergency communications abilities

Joined Nextdoor.com to help inform citizens of upcoming meetings and happenings



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MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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(Term Expires April 2018)

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Wild Plum Farms

On December 6, 2016 the Board of Trustees approved the Preliminary Development Plat and Plan, including 95 units on an average half-acre lot, with 2 homes accessing Fairway Lane and the balance accessing Platte Canyon via Hunter Run.

Town staff has been working with a consulting architect and advisory committee to develop draft design guidelines and will be working with that same group in the creation of the Construction Management Plan. The applicant with staff input, is preparing a roadway design concept for the intersection of Hunter Run Ln and Platte Canyon Rd. The plan will be submitted to CDO for review.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the application for Final approval at their meeting on April 11. The meeting will be held at 6:30 PM at the Inn at Hudson Gardens.

K.B. Homes

A revised plan for the Platte Canyon Villas 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 Planning Commission consider the case on February 21 and despite the strong opposition on the cities of Littleton, Columbine Valley and Bow Mar recommended the project to the Board of County Commissioners on a 3-2 vote. At the time of publication a date for Commissioner consideration was not known.



SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Town of Columbine Valley is excited to announce the 2017 Summer Concerts in the Park series. This summer on **June 29, July 27 and August 24**, Columbine Valley residents are invited to enjoy a great line up of musical entertainment and food truck vendors at Columbine Park at Town Hall.

These events are for the whole family, so mark your calendars, ready your picnic blankets and lawn chairs and invite your friends. Additional details will be announced soon.



Building Permits 101: What you need to know

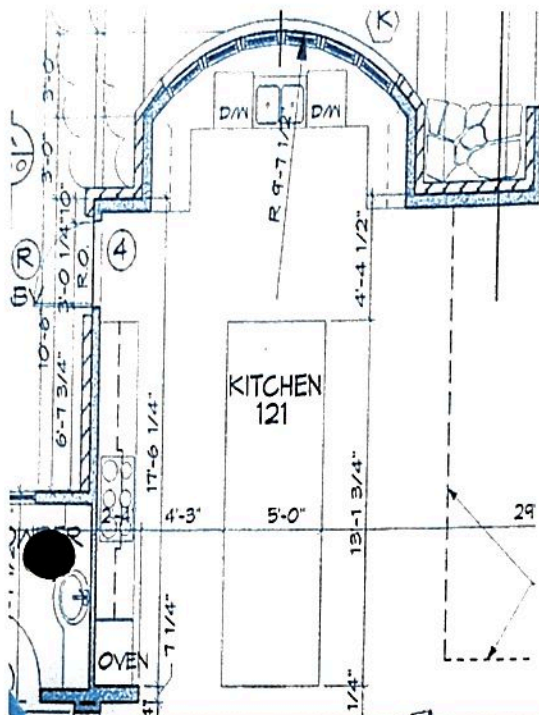
As summer approaches, you may be thinking about home improvement projects, bringing many questions to mind: Here is what you need to know before you beginning your project.

Q: *What projects require a building permit?*

A: A permit is generally required for any new building, addition, remodel, alteration, repair, change in use of existing building or structure, site improvements, outdoor living amenities including patios, fire pits, hot tubs, swimming pools, outdoor kitchens, decks, pergolas and water features. Residential dwelling unit examples may include re-roof, interior remodel, window replacement, water heater replacement, fences, basement finish, decks, patio covers and sheds. Permits are not required for painting, floor covering or other similar finish work.

Q: *Why do I need a permit?*

A: The Town is dedicated to protecting the health, safety and well-being of the community by ensuring that all construction is completed consistent with safety standards. The permit process assures the appropriate use of land through the enforcement of zoning ordinance and the safety of residents through enforcement of the building codes.



Q: *What types of drawings, plans, site plans, or other paperwork are required?*

A: Please contact the Town for specific submission requirements. Small, simple projects require minimum documentation. Larger projects require information that is more detailed and may need to be professionally produced.

Q: *Will my Homeowners Association need to be contacted for approval?*

A: Most likely. You should contact your HOA to understand its review process. Your permit application to the Town of Columbine Valley is independent from the HOA approval process.

Q: *When should I apply for a permit?*

A: Please submit your building permit application to the Town before you begin any work. We recommend you have a complete understanding of your HOA requirements before submitting your permit application.

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Building Permits, Continued

Q: *How much will the building permit cost?*

A: Permit fees are calculated based upon the valuation of the proposed project. Building fees include a permit fee, a plan review fee and building materials use tax. All fees are paid prior to the issuance of the building permit.

Q: *How long will the permitting process take?*

A: The Town works quickly to respond to your permit application. For example, complete submissions for residential re-roof, windows, furnace or water heater permits can often be issued on the same day the request is received. Remodels, additions, decks and other large projects are generally reviewed within five business days.

Q: *How is building materials use tax calculated?*

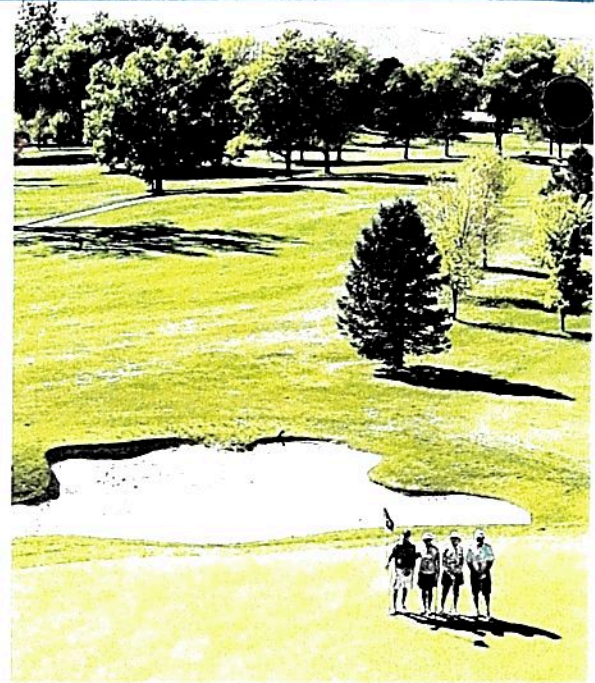
A: Building materials use tax is calculated based on the valuation of the proposed project, which includes the total cost of the project, including building materials, labor, overhead expenses, and profit. The building material use tax is 3.25% of which 3% is the Town Use Tax and 0.25% is designated to Arapahoe County Open Space Tax. The estimated tax due is 3.25% of 50% of the cost of construction.

Q: *How do I choose the right contractor?*

A: To protect yourself from home improvement fraud, only do business with local and well-established businesses. Get a written contract spelling out what work will be done, what materials will be used, what it will cost, when the work will start and when it will be completed. Verify that the contractor has proof of licenses, workmen's compensation and liability insurance before any work begins on your home. Have yourself listed as an additional insured on the contractor's policy.

All contractors who are hired to perform construction activities in the Town of Columbine Valley are required to be licensed and provide proof of insurance to the Town. All permits issued by the Town building division will be issued on letter-sized paper. The permit is required to be on the job site at all times to enable inspectors to document their review of the contractor's work. Homeowners having remodel work done should always request to see the permit prior to allowing construction to begin. You may also contact the Town at any time to confirm that a permit has been issued for your project.

For more information about building permits for your home improvement project, please call the Town at 303-795-1434, or visit our website www.columbinevalley.org/building-department.



CVPD REMINDERS

NO TRESPASSING

The Columbine Valley Police Department would like to remind all residents that the Columbine Country Club is private property. It has come to the Town's attention that some are walking dogs, allowing children to play or otherwise recreating on the course. As Club members begin to enjoy the spring weather this creates both a safety hazard and a distraction for all those involved. Trespassers may be cited by the CVPD.



LEASH LAW

There is a leash law in the Town of Columbine Valley. All dogs must be on a leash and 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.



COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Columbine Valley is serving "Coffee with the Mayor". Residents are invited to join Mayor Richard Champion for coffee and casual conversation on Friday, March 24, 2017 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Do you have a question for the Mayor? Come hear about local happenings, regional issues or initiatives with partnering agencies. This informal gathering gives residents the opportunity to ask questions and engage in conversation about community activities and upcoming events. Coffee with the Mayor is free and open to the public.

MAYOR FOR THE DAY

Ten year old Kenzie Myco is the Town of Columbine Valley's first Mayor for a Day, an initiative that lets kids learn more about local government. Kenzie is a fifth grade Littleton Prep Charter School. She was selected as Mayor for the Day based on her answers to several questions about what she would do if appointed Mayor of Columbine Valley.

Mayor Richard Champion will give Kenzie a tour of Town Hall and turn the gavel over to her at the Board of Trustee meeting in April. Congratulations Kenzie!



FROM THE MAYOR, continued

- Continued to add to and improve the Town's website to distribute information
- Continued an ongoing intergovernmental effort to improve Platte Canyon Road
- Conducted and compiled data for the 2016 Citizen Survey
- Developed an innovative and cost-effective way to maintain our decorative street signs
- Added a fulltime Public Works employee to reduce contractor fees and improve service response time
- Updated and streamlined Building Department permitting procedures
- Finished the Town Hall Renovation, installed a new phone system, created a New Neighbor Welcome Packet, and instead of buying a new truck, we performed a major overhaul on the old Tahoe! Cross your fingers that it holds together for several more years before we need to replace it.

These initiatives and projects represent just a few of the efforts made by your Town staff and officials in 2016 towards the goal of making Columbine Valley a great place to call home. If you have questions please feel free to contact me or call J.D. McCrumb at 303-795-1434.

SPRING CLEAN UP EVENTS

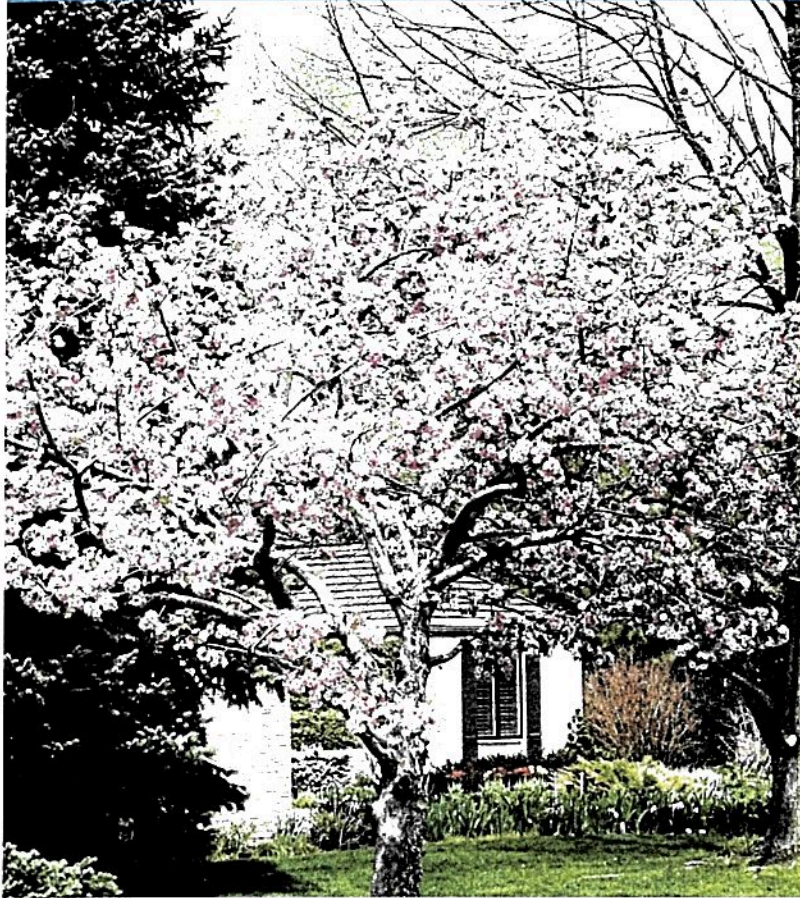
There will be an on-site **shredding service** in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday May 6, 2017 from 9:00 am to Noon. Residents may bring any documents and records they would like destroyed safely and can witness their destruction. Unacceptable items are vinyl notebooks, phone books, newspapers and hard back books. CD's DVD's hard drives, floppies and videos will be accepted for destruction but this service can only be performed 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 **semiannual dumpsters** will be placed at in the parking lot at Town Hall from noon, Thursday, May 18th until noon on Saturday, May 20th. No **LANDSCAPE MATERIALS** or **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** are allowed. Such materials include oil-based paint, mercury, gasoline, de-greaser, cleaning compounds and garden chemicals. The Town offers an event in the fall at which these products can be safely disposed of.

Please do not put electronics, refrigerators or other major appliances in the dumpsters. The Town will have a recycler on hand to take away any of these items you want to get rid of. He will also take away these items throughout the year. The Town office will be the collection site but please call first to ensure the items you have are eligible for this program. There is a fee for television recycling: \$20 under 26"/\$50 for 26"+.

Vehicle batteries, tires and oil should never be disposed of in your home trash container or dumpster, or poured into any type of drain. These materials can be easily recycled instead. Most automotive shops and stores accept car batteries and used motor oil for recycling at no charge. Car tires may be recycled at tire shops when you purchase new tires.





SGT. BOWMAN RETIRES



In December, the Board of Trustees was proud to recognize Greg Bowman for his 26+ years of service to the Town of Columbine Valley. Sergeant Bowman retired from the Columbine Valley Police Department in August, 2016.

Street Program Update

One of the Town's priorities is to maintain an infrastructure that prioritizes safety, enhances mobility and preserves the character of Columbine Valley. The Town's 8.5 miles of asphalt roadways are one of the 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. 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).

The Town is now entering the 4th of a multi-year plan to bring current maintenance work on every road in Columbine Valley. Repairs and slurry seals were completed in the Burning Tree and The Village in 2014 and similar work was completed in Polo Meadows, Brookhaven, the Columbine and Country Club Villas in 2015. Slurry seals and other road repair work on Wedge Way, Niblick Lane, Middlefield Road, and the back stretch of Fairway Lane starting at Brassie Way was completed last October. This year the focus will be on Fairway and/or Club Lane in the vicinity of the Country Club. The scope of work has not been fully established and the Town has not yet selected a contractor or identified a schedule for this work. Once this information is known, we will stay in close contact with the pavement contractor and will advise residents via HOAs and the Town Web site the contractor's estimated work areas and timetables. Questions can be directed to the Town Hall or by email to jhayden@columbinevalley.org.

DATES TO KNOW

- **March 21:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **April 11:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **April 18:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **May 6:** Shred Event at Town Hall; 9:00—Noon
- **May 9:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **May 16:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **May 18-20:** Dumpsters at Town Hall
- **May 29:** Town Hall Closed for Memorial Day

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

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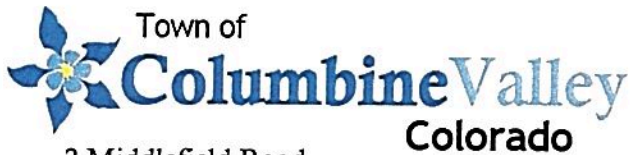
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CYBER SECURITY PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL SESSION

The public is invited to a free program that focuses on cell phone and home wireless cyber security. Scott Champion, a Cyber Security Analyst with Kaiser Permanente will present the seminar titled **"10 Simple Steps for Personal Cyber Security"** at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the Columbine Valley Town Hall.

The program will last one hour and covers mobile security, home wireless security, general best practices and time for questions and answers. No registration is necessary but questions can be submitted in advance to jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org.

