

# COLUMBINE VALLEY VOICE

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## From the Mayor:

I have been your Mayor for just over a year and would like to share some thoughts about my experiences.

First – Our little town can make a big difference; here are two recent examples. Over the last year Columbine Valley has engaged the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), the City of Littleton and Arapahoe County to help develop a solution for the terrific traffic issues on Platte Canyon Road. Currently, we are working with these partners to design, fund and implement long and short-term fixes to reduce the traffic congestion for north-south travel. Second, KB Homes was planning to build a high density development at Bowles and Platte Canyon that would have negatively impacted traffic at that already problematic intersection. The Board of Trustees decided it was in the Town's interest to actively oppose the development. I believe the County Commissioners heard our position and, coupled with comments from numerous other stakeholders, did not approve the development.

Second – The Mayor's job can be fun. To get young people interested in government, our Town implemented a Mayor of the Day program whereby Columbine Valley youth would submit five short essays addressing what they could do given one day as Mayor. In March, Kenzie Myco was selected as the first "Mayor for the Day". Along with spending the day learning about the Columbine Valley government, she proposed a doggie waste station at one of our public parks. Kenzie's proposal was accepted by the Trustees and the doggie waste station has since been installed at Columbine Park at Town Hall.

Third – To be your Mayor takes up significant time, approximately 20 hours a week. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



## MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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(Term Expires April 2018)

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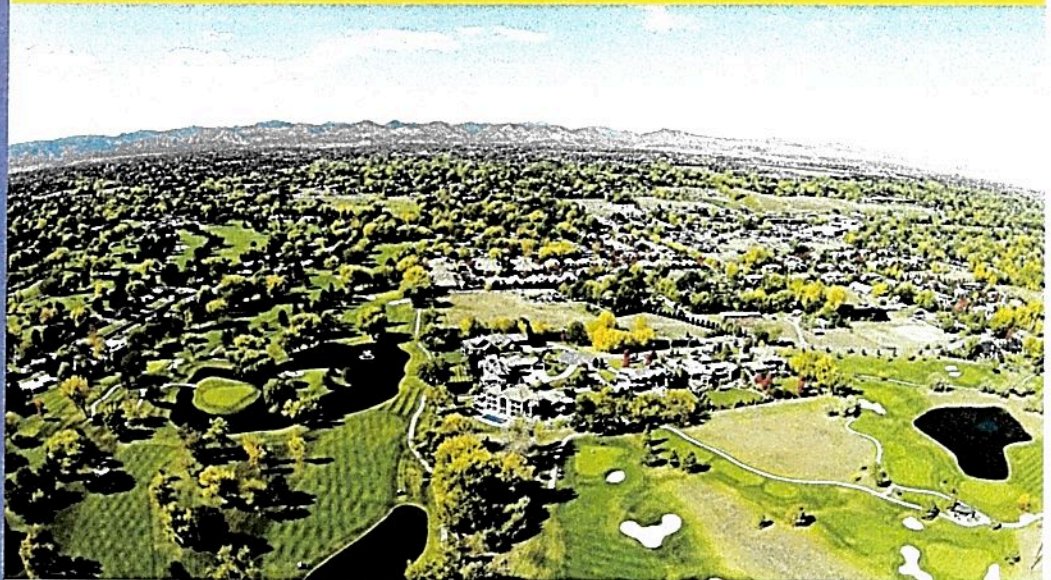
## DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

### Wild Plum Farms

The staff report on The Final Plan, Final Plat with architectural illustrations and the Construction Management Plan were presented to the Planning Commission on April 11<sup>th</sup> and is available on the Town's web site under Development Updates. The intention was to continue the meeting to May 9<sup>th</sup> but there were still issues with the Construction Management Plan and the May meeting was continued and the Planning and Zoning Commission expects to consider the Final Plan and Plat at their meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and be held at the Inn at Hudson Gardens.

### Willowcroft Manor

As of May 15, all 41 building permits have been issued. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year or very early in 2018.



## TRASH SERVICE REMINDERS

The Town's trash provider, Republic Waste Services, has begun to phase-out the small recycle containers in Columbine Valley. While most residents currently use the large, 96-gallon wheeled recycle bins those that do not should expect this change sometime before 2018. Large carts are available to residents who would like them at anytime. If you would like a larger bin or if one of your existing bins needs replaced, call Town Hall at 303-795-1434 and we will arrange for delivery.

With the recent snow, if you have large tree branches for pick up or other waste that does not fit into your trash bin, please bundle and bind them into manageable sizes no longer than 3' in length. Please contact Republic directly at 303-286-1200 for any other special pick-up arrangements or for dumpster rentals.

Finally, don't forget that trash should not be taken to the curb any earlier than 5:00 p.m. the night before pick up, and serviced bins should be removed by 7:00 p.m. the day of pick-up.



## 4th of July Parade and Festival

It's time again for our annual 4th of July Parade. As always we invite you to decorate your bike, trike, scooter, go-cart, wagon, golf cart, dog, yourself or anything else you can walk, ride, rollerblade or skate.

*This years parade is sponsored by:*



### FAIRWAY & DRIVER LANES

- 7:30—Pancake Breakfast
- 8:00—Cart Decorating Contest
  - Most Creative
  - Most Original
  - Most Patriotic
- 8:20—Mayor's Welcome
- 8:30—National Anthem
- 8:40—Parade Begins featuring *Trash Talk* Drumline

### COLUMBINE PARK at TOWN HALL

- 9:00—Festival Begins
  - Live Entertainment
  - Balloon Artists
  - Games and Food
  - Family Photo Booth
- 10:00—F-16 Flyover

*Live entertainment  
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## 2017 Mayor for the Day



On Friday, March 31 the Town had the pleasure to host Mayor for the Day Kenzie Myco. Mayor Champion and Town Staff spent the morning taking Kenzie on tour of Town Hall and discussed with her all the different aspects of municipal government. Highlights included watching the Public Works Department's 3D Printer create a sign post, seeing the CVPD demonstrate a TAZER, and sitting in the snow removal equipment and police vehicle, she even got to turn on the lights and siren!

As part of the Mayor for the Day event, Kenzie discussed the importance of a dog waste station within the Columbine Valley community. The idea was framed by Kenzie witnessing her father picking up dog waste around their home every morning. Kenzie sat down on with Town staff and Mayor Champion to discuss the resources and time that would be invested while implementing a dog waste station. After a discussion on the cost, time, and the required staff, Kenzie drafted an appropriate and thorough dog waste station presentation that would help to improve Columbine Valley.



## MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

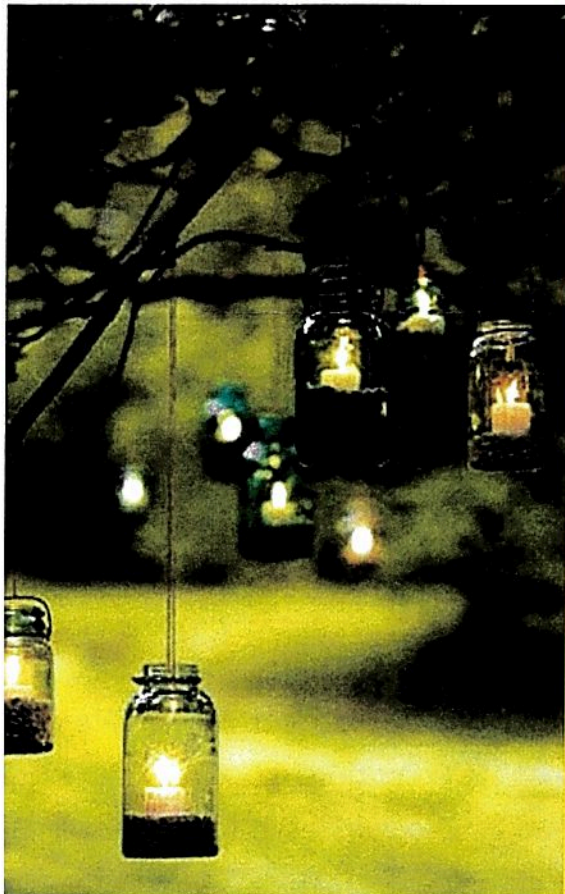
The Columbine Valley Mosquito Control Program is one of the few full-on Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) programs in the south metro region. The Town's program has three main components: weekly larval site inspections, weekly surveillance traps – used to collect, count and speciate adult mosquitoes,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

The Town does not engage in calendar or automatic weekly fogging and relies almost exclusively on the data the surveillance traps collect. When fogging is appropriate, the Town only fogs late in the evening or at night, and when it is not windy, which helps control where the adulticide is distributed.

So what should residents do on nights when fogging occurs, that's totally up to them. Obviously don't position yourself directly behind the truck as it fogs. It is safe to remain outside when fogging occurs, but individuals may choose to go inside and batten down the hatches; this decision depends on personal sensitivities. In any case, all remnants from the fog trucks should be undetectable within a few minutes of the truck passing by.

Last year, the Zika Virus was prevalent in the news and some citizens contacted the Town with questions. Most importantly, the main Zika vector mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, is not found in Colorado as we 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.

If you would like to learn more, please visit <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.



### FROM THE MAYOR, continued

During the course of a given week, I enjoy engaging conversations with citizens, several hours of phone conferences or meetings with Town staff, stay active regionally by writing letters, emails, and attending meetings at the Colorado Municipal League, Metro Mayor's Caucus, Mayors/Managers conferences, and DRCOG, and not to forget preparing for and attending the regular Trustee meetings. These time commitments are all very important, keeping myself, our Trustees and our Town informed, engaged and prepared for what is going on around our Town and region.

Last (but not least) – I am continually amazed at the level of commitment by our citizen volunteers. The Town Trustees, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the parade volunteers, the office volunteers and all citizens active and involved with their Homeowners Associations, are folks who spend their precious free time giving back to this wonderful little town; I think we all owe them a debt of gratitude.

It is challenging, educational, rewarding, interesting and engaging to be your Mayor, I am looking forward to the coming year. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.



## TOWN INTERNSHIP CONCLUDES

For the past nine months the Town of Columbine Valley has been fortunate to host Michaela Weber in the position of administrative intern. Michaela has recently completed her Master's Degree in Public Administration at the University of Colorado – Denver and will be moving out of state to pursue her law degree this fall.

In her short time with the Town, Michaela focused her efforts on communication and community engagement efforts. Thanks to her work, the Town has drafted and implemented a Communications Strategic Plan, designed to help ensure accurate, timely and reliable updates to communication mediums including the Town's website and newsletter. Michaela assisted in the administration and reporting of the 2016 Community Survey, and created the Town's Nextdoor.com account which is another way for the Town to engage Columbine Valley citizens.

Additionally, Michaela created and implemented both the Coffee with the Mayor initiative and the Mayor for the Day program, which you can read about elsewhere in this newsletter. Both of these efforts proved to be great successes and will be repeated again in the future.

The administrative intern has proven to be a great benefit to the Town, and was made possible through grants and scholarships provided by UCD and the Colorado City and County Managers Association. While we will miss having Michaela around Town Hall, we wish her success in her future endeavors and look forward to hosting another student in the future.

## CVPD REMINDERS

### 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.



### GOLF CARTS

Please remember the ordinance regarding the operation of golf carts has been revised. Only a LICENSED driver at least 16 years old may operate a golf cart on public roadways of Columbine Valley. In the interest of safety, golf carts are considered a motor vehicle and therefore are regulated by the same traffic laws. The Columbine Country Club maintains a separate set of rules for operation on the golf course; these rules are not applicable to public roadways.



### 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.

## DATES TO KNOW

- **June 13:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **June 20:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **June 29:** Concert in the Park at Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.
- **July 4:** Parade and Festival; 7:30 a.m.
- **July 4:** Town Hall Closed for Independence Day
- **July 18:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **July 27:** Concert in the Park at Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.
- **August 15:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **August 24:** Concert in the Park at Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.

## TOWN STAFF

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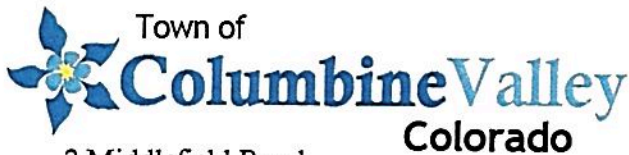
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## COLUMBINE VALLEY MEETUP SPOT

Town Hall is now an official "Meetup Spot". This is a designated transaction exchange site for buyers and sellers from online marketplaces to meet in-person and complete their transactions. This is an initiative many police departments around the country are participating in which provides a location with 24/7 video surveillance at which Columbine Valley residents can exchange purchases they have made on internet sites such as Craigslist. The Columbine Valley Police Department does not directly participate in any transaction and the Town does not assume any legal liability beyond that which would otherwise be present if the police department were required to respond to an incident occurring elsewhere in the community arising out of an e-commerce transaction where a crime occurred. Look for the green sign on the south side of Town Hall by the garage.

