

COLUMBINE VALLEY VOICE

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From the Mayor:

Did you know you live in the TOWN OF COLUMBINE VALLEY, *not* Littleton?

Our Town was incorporated in 1959 because the residents wanted to have their own identity as a town – not the identity of Littleton. Then, in 1993, we received the go-ahead to use **Columbine Valley** as our new “Last line of Address” designation from the Post Office for all our correspondence.

Of central importance, here are a few good reasons for you to remember in all your mailings and especially online purchases to use Columbine Valley whenever possible.

First, a little background: the boundary of the zip code of 80123 is *huge* and encompasses parts of Bow Mar, Littleton, Governor’s Ranch, unincorporated Jefferson County and Arapahoe County. Several months ago, the Supreme Court decided that municipalities could receive taxes from internet sales. Well, our little town currently receives some tax revenue from internet sales, but not *all* revenue from those sales. This happens because many of our residents don’t use **Columbine Valley, CO 80123** as their address, and when they don’t, it’s difficult for big corporations like Amazon, Wayfair, Overstock, COSTCO, etc. to pick and choose where they should send collected tax revenue. As such, it’s easy for them to send the tax revenue they collect to Littleton because 80123 indicate the sale is from a Littleton address, *not Columbine Valley*.

So as we approach the holiday season, I suggest you note on your holiday correspondence that you live in Columbine Valley, not Littleton. If we must pay sales tax, let those tax dollars to go to our Town’s coffers, not Littleton. It’s one small way our citizenry can help collect the tax revenue it is due.

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**MAYOR &
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



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(Term Expires April 2020)

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(Term Expires April 2022)

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(Term Expires April 2020)

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Or Email To:

BoardofTrustees@columbinevalley.org

From the Mayor, continued

And just as a little FYI, here are some of the many ways our tax revenues help our town: We have our own police force, which is outstanding with 24/7/365 officers to watch-over our little town of 580+ homes. We have our own governing body with a Mayor and Town Trustees (volunteer/unpaid). We have our own budget (approximately \$2M per year), our own snow plowing, our own parades, parks, town hall, concerts, road and we control our own destiny. We have neighbors who care and 11 homeowner associations that are self-governing. In other words, we have a great little town and should be proud of it.

Remember, as the holidays approach, please consider this request, and change all your correspondence and especially online retailers to **Columbine Valley, CO 80123**. Have a wonderful holiday season and a very Merry Christmas.

WILD PLUM UPDATES

Due to weather and unanticipated problems with utilities, the Fairway Lane widening effort has been delayed until next spring. The developers of Wild Plum are completing the installation of the new water line under Fairway, with that work wrapping up in mid-December. Throughout the winter, Fairway Lane will be open for use and will be maintained by the developer to ensure ease of use by residence and snow removal operations by the Town.

Wild Plum Schedule—as of December 2018

Grading	Complete
Pipe & Sewer	Complete
Concrete	Complete (Fairway in 2019)
Asphalt	1st layer complete, finish in 2019
Landscape	Underway—to continue in 2019
Model Homes	Late Spring 2019
Fairway Widening	Spring 2019
Platte Canyon Road	Complete



MASTER PLAN—VISION SURVEY

The Town of Columbine Valley will be sending out Town Vision Surveys to all residents in early January. The survey will be the first public engagement step to gather vital information for a Master Plan update. Your responses will help us establish a clear plan for the future of the Town of Columbine Valley. We want to hear what you like about living in Columbine Valley, what is important to you, and what improvements you would like to see. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard! Look for the survey to arrive in your mailboxes in early January.

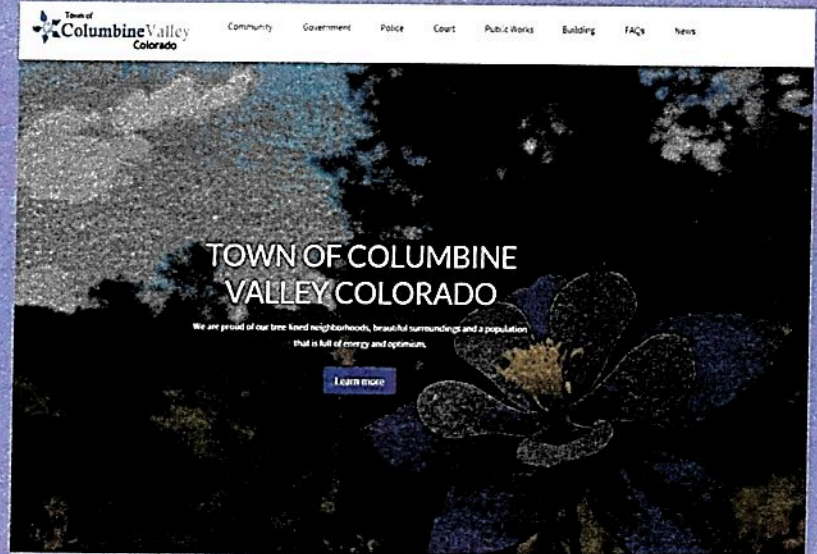


Web Site Update!

The Town is excited to announce a new look to our web site coming in January. Staff is hard at work on updating content and functionality.

The new site will allow information to be updated weekly and will include several interactive functions designed to improve usability including: interactive maps, report a concern, a full year calendar and more.

Please visit www.columbinevalley.org in early January to see these exciting improvements.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the residents in Columbine Valley who contribute to our community through service on a Town or HOA board, commission or committee.

A special thanks to the volunteers and sponsors who made Concerts in the Park and 4th of July Parade and Festival possible including Vectra Bank, Designs by Sundown, ICON Engineering, ABC Investments Team at Remax Professionals, Riveting Frame and Design, Southwest Auto and 4x4, and Hanson Brothers Printing.

A final word of thanks to the citizen volunteers who continue to contribute their valuable time volunteering at Town Hall sorting, scanning and filing historical archives!

CVPD Reminder—Package Watch

Packages delivered while you are away from home are an easy target for thieves, and with the holiday season upon us, we will see a significant increase in thefts. Please consider some of the listed suggestions to help prevent these thefts from occurring.

- Ask neighbors to keep an eye out for the package and hold it until you get home
- Track your package electronically so you know when it is delivered
- Consider having the package delivered to work, or a neighbor who is home
- Install video cameras and post a sign warning that cameras are in use
- Pick up packages at the terminal
- Require a signature on all deliveries

Additionally, if you receive a lot of packages you may consider purchasing electronic protection devices such as Package Guard, or Ucella

DATES TO KNOW

- **Dec 24/25:** Town Hall Closed—Merry Christmas!
- **Jan 1:** Town Hall Closed—Happy New Years!
- **Jan 8:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan 15:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan 21:** Town Hall Closed—MLK Jr. Day
- **Feb 12:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Feb 18:** Town Hall Closed—Presidents Day
- **Feb 19:** 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
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2019 Town Directories:

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 Spring newsletter.

If you are a new resident and are not in the Directory, please email Dana 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.

