

# COLUMBINEVALLEYVOICE

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## From the Mayor:

At the writing of this article, our mountains are having one of the best snowfall packs experienced in years, and Columbine Valley is doing OK also. Town staff is working hard to remove the snow shortly after it falls

and I believe we are doing a pretty good job. This year, we will retire one of our snowplow vehicles (a 1999 Tahoe) and replace it with a newer, 2013 Expedition, recently retired from the Columbine Valley Police fleet. This is a great example of the ways we continue to use what we have while trying not to spend money unnecessarily.

Over the past several months, many residents have pulled me aside to encourage me to continue to emphasize the fact that we live in Columbine Valley, not Littleton, and to remind all our residents to use Columbine Valley as their last line of address; *especially* with their internet purchases. Taxes will be collected whether you use Columbine Valley or Littleton, but the revenue generated by those taxes need to go to *your town*, not the other guys. Please, on everything you purchase, use Columbine Valley as your place of residence and delivery.

The Planning and Zoning commission for the Town has begun work on updating the 2007 Master Plan. A master plan is a guiding document intended to illustrate what the Town will be like in the future, and will be used as a reference for future leaders as they make decisions about the Town. The updating process will take most of 2019 and has numerous opportunities throughout for public engagement and participation. Hopefully, you were one of the many residents to complete the recent Vision Survey or join in the open house held last month.

Finally, we are quite aware of how the road construction and lack of pavement has impacted residents on the back side of Fairway Lane. Unfortunately, the weather has not cooperated and it's now looking like the stretch may not be restored until April. Hopefully, the weather will favor conditions that will resolve Fairway sooner rather than later. In the meantime, please let us know if there are issues that we need to take into consideration, and we thank you for your patience.



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**WILD PLUM DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

On site work continues to progress with landscaping work anticipated to advance rapidly this spring. That will include more paths and trails, irrigation and plantings, along with hardscape features such as monument signs, pergolas, fire pits and the play area.

The Town is now reviewing the plans for two model homes and based on conversations with Lennar we anticipate construction will begin on two model homes and two spec homes in May. The homes are being planned for lots on the south end of the site.

Fairway lane water infrastructure work has concluded, but the widening effort is on hold until late March or April when asphalt work resumes throughout the metro area. This has left the residents living on and utilizing Fairway Lane on a semi-patched road that is less than ideal. The Town continues to work with citizens and the developer to maintain the best conditions possible under the circumstances.

**Wild Plum Schedule—as of March 2019**

Grading and Earthwork	Complete
Pipe and Sewer Installation	Complete
Concrete and Gutter Installation	Complete
Road and Asphalt	Complete
Platte Canyon/Hunter Run Improvements	Complete
Begin Landscape Installation	Started, complete fall '19
Begin Construction on Model Homes	Permitting, start May '19
Fairway Lane Widening Improvements	Started, complete spring '19



## Columbine Valley Police Department partners with RING

The Columbine Valley Police Department is proud to be the first law enforcement agency in Colorado to join the Neighbors app by Ring, a program which aims to reduce crime by connecting people, security cameras and law enforcement. The Neighbors network has been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries, and keeping neighborhoods like Columbine Valley safe.

The announced partnership with Ring will provide 100 residents discounts to purchase select home security devices. During the promotional period residents may receive a \$100 discount code on a first-come-first-served basis. **Here is how it works:**

- Call Town Hall for information on how to receive the discount code.
- Download the Neighbors app on iOS and Android here: <http://download.ring.com/columbinevalley> or by texting 'columbinevalley' to 555888 from your smartphone.
- Opt-in to join your neighborhood.
- Customize the geographic area you want to receive notifications for (users cannot participate in other neighborhoods).
- Receive real-time alerts from your neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team that inform of crime and safety alerts as they happen.
- View local crime and safety posts via a live feed or interactive map.
- Share text updates, photos and videos taken on any device, including Ring's home security devices.



## COLUMBINE VALLEY MOSQUITO PROGRAM

The Columbine Valley Mosquito Control Program has three main components: weekly larval site inspections throughout the spring, summer, and fall, 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.

The Town does not engage in calendar or automatic weekly fogging. 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 helping protect, among other things bees and aquatic life in the nearby Platte River.

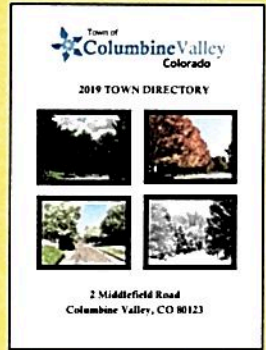
It is safe to remain outside when fogging occurs, but individuals may choose to go inside and batten down the hatches; this decision depends on personal sensitivities. In any case, all remnants from the fog trucks should be undetectable within a few minutes of the truck passing by.

Residents can be placed on a call list which notifies residents when spraying will occur in Columbine Valley. If you would like to learn more, please visit [ColumbineValley.org/mosquitos](http://ColumbineValley.org/mosquitos).

# 2019 Town Directories

Town Directories have been mailed to all Columbine Valley households and additions, deletions and corrections are included on this page.

If you did not receive your directory, or are a new resident and are not in the Directory, please email Dana Struthers at [dstruthers@ColumbineValley.org](mailto:dstruthers@ColumbineValley.org) with your name, address and phone number.



**ADD:**

**GOOD, Ran and Laura**  
35 Niblick Lane  
**Laura cell (720) 341-7828**

**GRIFFITH, Nick and Sara**  
10 Arabian Place  
**Nick cell (785) 213-0311**

**HILL, Chris and Laura**  
15 Niblick Lane  
**Ava and Carter**  
**(720) 502-3936**

**PAGE, Reid and Allison**  
14 Wedge Way  
**Neely and Declan**  
**Reid cell (303) 514-7359**  
**Allison cell (303) 548-0576**

**URBINA, Jim and Val**  
67 Spyglass Drive  
**(303) 347-2511**

**CORRECTIONS:**

**HOGUE, Stuart and Kim**  
11 Middlefield Road

**DELETE:**

**CANNON, Bryan and Dawn**  
15 Niblick Lane



## New Web Site Launched

The Town's updated website launched on February 18th with a new look and additional content designed to keep you more informed and up to date. There are several new features including the "Updates" tab, a more robust Calendar feature, easy to use FAQs, and a new Public Works section. Still to come will be an interactive Town Map and additional content updates.

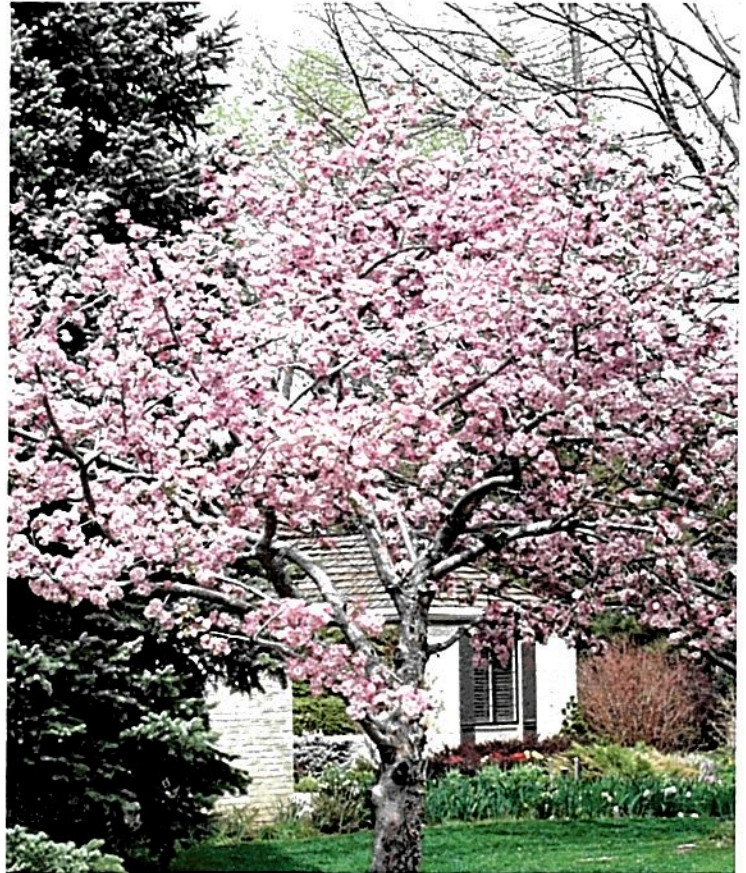
## SPRING CLEANING EVENTS

There will be an **on-site shredding service** in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday May 11<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 **semi-annual dumpsters** will be placed in the parking lot at Town Hall from noon, Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> until 5 PM on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. No **LANDSCAPE MATERIALS** or **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** including oil-based paint, mercury, gasoline, degreaser, cleaning compounds and garden chemicals are allowed. 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. There is a fee for television recycling: \$20 under 26"/\$50 for 26"+.

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. These items should never be disposed of in your home trash container or dumpster, or poured into any type of drain.



## Garage & Yard Sales

One sure sign that spring has arrived is the commencement of garage and yard sales. However, did you know that in Columbine Valley individual garage, yard and estate sales are prohibited by the Town's municipal code? Each HOA is permitted to have one coordinated event each calendar year at which residents can open their homes, yards or garages for an annual purge of unwanted items. Check with your HOA to see if they have scheduled an event this year.

The Town also maintains a list of vendors offering off-site sale and removal services to help residents if they have missed their HOA's annual event.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

The Town of Columbine Valley will host a prescription drug collection point at the Town Hall on April 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 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.

## DATES TO KNOW

- **Mar 20:** Master Plan Open House; 6:30 p.m.
- **Apr 9:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Apr 16:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Apr 27:** Drug Take Back Event
- **May 14:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **May 21:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **May 15-17:** Spring Clean Dumpster Event
- **May 27:** Town Hall Closed—Memorial Day

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

## TOWN STAFF

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Town Planner

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Admin Assistant

Brent Kaslon  
Assistant Planner

Hobbes Hayden  
Public Works

Troy Carmann  
Town Engineer

Joanna Czarnecka  
Senior Construction Manager



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### MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a well-attended public open house on February 20 to hear about citizen's vision for the future of the Town.

Another open house, this time focusing on **Parks, Trails and Open Space**, will be held on **March 20 from 6:30—8:00 PM** at Town Hall.

These events are part of the year long process to update the Town's Master Plan and all citizens are encouraged to participate. Look for more events throughout the summer and into the fall as this guiding document is updated. Questions about how and when to participate can be answered by contacting Town Hall.

### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Town of Columbine Valley is excited to announce the 2019 Summer Concerts in the Park series, sponsored by Vectra Bank and ABC Investments Team at Re/Max Professionals

This summer on **June 27, July 18 and August 8**, Columbine Valley residents are invited to enjoy a great line up of musical entertainment and food truck vendors at Columbine Park at Town Hall. August 8 will also mark the **Town's 60th Anniversary** celebration so be sure to mark your calendars now!

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.