

## DATES TO KNOW

- **Dec 25:** Town Hall Closed—Merry Christmas!
- **Jan 1:** Town Hall Closed—Happy New Years!
- **Jan 14:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan 20:** Town Hall Closed—MLK Jr. Day
- **Jan 21:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Feb 11:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Feb 17:** Town Hall Closed—Presidents Day
- **Feb 18:** 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

Bret Cottrell  
Chief of Police

Dana Struthers  
Support Services Manager

Stephanie Thelen  
Building Dept. Coordinator

Hobbes Hayden  
Public Works Manager

Dinae Dreessens  
Public Works

Lee Schiller  
Town Attorney

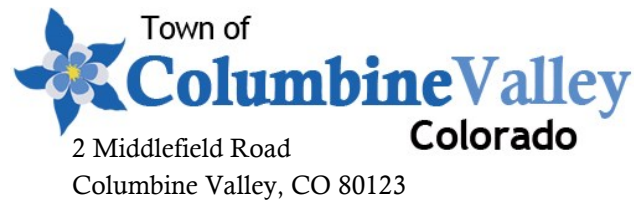
Angie Kelly  
Finance Director

Phil Sieber  
Town Planner

Brent Kaslon  
Assistant Planner

Troy Carmann  
Town Engineer

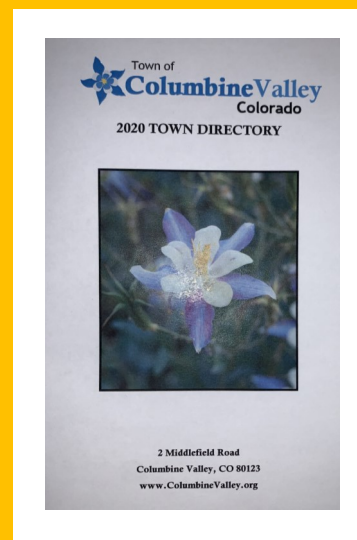
Joanna Czarnecka  
Senior Construction Manager



## 2020 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](mailto: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.



# COLUMBINEVALLEYVOICE

WINTER 2019



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## From the Mayor:

As we close on 2019, I am pleased to report that Sandy Graham, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission ("P&Z") and her outstanding commission have finalized and produced a far-sighted **Master Plan for the Town of Columbine Valley**. The Master Plan is not only a historical document that shows us where the Town has come from, but where we might go in the future.

The Commission collected hundreds of community responses via mailed and electronic surveys, held 3 different focus group meetings, received feedback from our HOA's, and integrated public comment from a public hearing. All comments were considered and the Commission attempted to incorporate the suggestions from Town citizens. It's an excellent document and we owe these selfless volunteers a heart-felt THANK YOU.

The Commission members are: Sandy Graham Chair, Eric Chekal Vice Chair, Dale Irwin, Mimi Kuchman, Marilyn Meister, Jeff Sahr, Jay Neese and Jim Tarpey. Additionally, the commission was guided by Phil Sieber, Town Planner and Brent Kaslon, Assistant Town Planner. And while hundreds of hours were spent reviewing, editing and refining the plan by all commission members, staff and consultants, a special thank you goes out to Sandy Graham, Jay Neese and Phil Sieber. At the regularly scheduled Trustee meeting in November, the Board of Trustees adopted and accepted the 2020 Master Plan.

Lastly, it is the **holiday season**: time to drink hot chocolate, send greeting cards, and connect with new and old friends and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a joyous holiday season and a wonderful new year. Here's hoping all your holiday wishes come true!

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Mayor of Columbine Valley ~ it is an honor and a privilege.



## MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Richard Champion, Mayor  
(Term Expires April 2020)

Bruce Menk, Mayor Pro Tem  
Trustee (Public Safety)  
(Term Expires April 2022)

Kathy Boyle,  
Trustee (Building)  
(Term Expires April 2022)

Gale Christy,  
Trustee (Community Affairs)  
(Term Expires April 2020)

Bill Dotson,  
Trustee (Planning)  
(Term Expires April 2022)

Gary Miles,  
Trustee (Finance)  
(Term Expires April 2020)

Roy Palmer,  
Trustee (Public Works)  
(Term Expires April 2020)

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## WILD PLUM UPDATES

Lennar has pulled permits and plans to begin construction on two model homes in early 2020. There are two additional plan reviews in progress which would bring the total to four non-custom plans to have completed the Town's review process.

Three of the 11 custom lots along Fairway have been sold, with one permit having been issued and scheduled to start construction late this year.

On-site items recently completed include the upper detention pond, site irrigation, installation of feature walls, mail kiosks, finishing fence across rundowns, revegetation on Cooley Lake open space areas, and finishing signs.

Projects still underway include fine grading and reseeding, finishing up fire pit and plaza, finishing up retaining walls, finishing crusher fines trail by the ditch, bollard installation, and installing the boardwalk.

The installation of rock between the Town wall and new sidewalk along Platte Canyon road has yet to begin due to ongoing discussion about how best to mitigate grading issues and potential water damage to the wall.

## 2020 COLUMBINE VALLEY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS



There are three seats on the Board of Trustees, as well as the position of Mayor that are open in April 2020. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Board of Trustees here are some important dates to know:

- January 7, 2020 – Nomination Petitions for Trustee and Mayor are available at Town Hall
- January 27, 2020 – Complete Nomination Petitions must be filed at Town Hall by 4:00 p.m.
- March 16, 2020 – Ballots will be mailed to each eligible Columbine Valley voter
- April 7, 2020 – Ballots to be returned to Town Hall by 7:00 p.m.

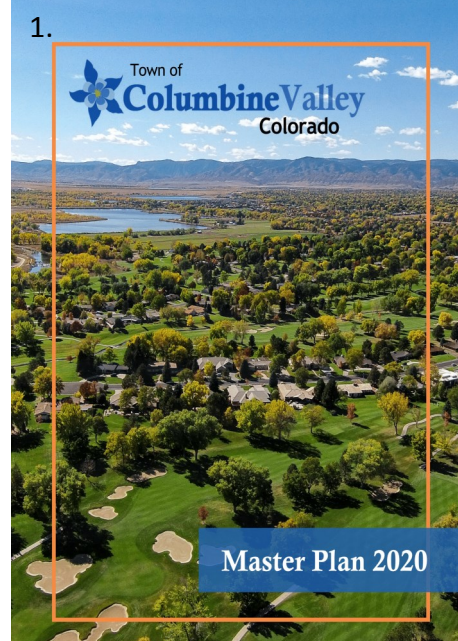
Trustees serve four year terms and the community at-large (there are no districts in Columbine Valley). The Mayor's term is for two years, with a three term limit. For further information including requirements for running, job descriptions and time commitments, please call J.D. McCrumb at Town Hall at 303-795-1434 or via email at [jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org](mailto:jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org)

## MASTER PLAN—VISION SURVEY

The Town of Columbine Valley has a new Master plan! Adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission in October after a public hearing, and approved by the Board of Trustees in November the Master Plan 2020 is now in effect.

The plan is used in many ways. For residents, the plan envisions how the community might grow. For prospective residents and business owners, it describes the type of community into which they would move. For prospective developers, it outlines the Town's expectations for types and sizes of developments. For the Town staff, it guides their review of development applications and for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Trustees; it guides deliberations on their land-use decisions and influences annual budgets.

The plan will be available online in January 2020, and copies are available now at Town Hall if anyone is interested in obtaining a copy.



## Town Budget Adopted

At their meeting on December 10, the Board of Trustees adopted the 2020 Town Budget. The process for adopting the annual budget begins in late summer, with staff making recommendations for capital projects and other upcoming needs of the Town, as well as offering revenue projections. The Trustees then consider and discuss draft budgets at their public meetings in September and October, and hold a public hearing on the proposed budget in November.

This year's budget is \$2,204,764 and includes public safety, public works, planning and engineering, capital, administrative costs and a transfer into reserves for future infrastructure expenditures. The budget is available for review on the Town web site or at Town Hall.

## 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. Special thanks to the volunteers and sponsors who made Concerts in the Park and 4th of July Parade and Festival possible. Finally, thank you to the citizen volunteers who continue to contribute their valuable time volunteering at Town Hall, Mara Marks and Sara Green!

## CVPD Reminder—Porch 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 taking extra precautions to ensure the only surprises this season are good ones!

## Responses to your comments & FAQs:

- In September the Board of Trustees adopted a ban on short-term rentals in Columbine Valley. This means that homeowners cannot rent out their home for any period less than 90 days. If you have any questions about home rentals in Columbine Valley, please contact Town Hall.
- Please remember this holiday season that Republic Services, the Town's trash provider, will only collect your bin plus three additional bags each week. For more information visit the Town's website.
- When plowing snow, the town always makes one preliminary pass of the entire town before coming back to clean up street edges. To review the entire snow removal policy, visit the Town's website.