

# COLUMBINEVALLEYVOICE

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## From the Mayor:

The Town of Columbine Valley has had a wonderful summer! Starting off with our **Summer Concert in the Park** series, many people came out to enjoy the bands, food (and rain) in Columbine Park next to Town Hall.

We also had a great **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Festival** where families, friends and neighbors decorated their golf cars and bikes to caravan through the streets. I estimate that over 100 golf carts participated in the parade and the crowd was well over 400 residents. The morning festivities ended with root beer floats, kids cookie decorating, face painting, wonderful entertainment by Kelly Spicer and a show stopping flyover by two F-16's from the 140th Wing Unit of the Colorado National Guard out of Buckley Air Force Base. The evening was punctuated by a great fireworks show at Columbine Country Club, proudly sponsored by the Town of Columbine Valley.

Our summer season was brought to a wonderful if not soggy close with the recognition of the **Town's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** featuring the Hazel Miller Band. It was very well attended and everyone rocked out for almost an hour until a torrential rainstorm brought our fun to an end.

In addition to all the fun, your Board of Trustees is hard at work with the business of the Town. A Capital Improvement Program was adopted for next year, and staff and the Board are currently working on the 2020 Town Budget, which will be adopted at the end of the year.

And now we look forward to the fall season, with all its varied colors, the kids back in school (yea!), and hopefully a winning season for the Broncos. Enjoy the transition of seasons!

## MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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## WILD PLUM UPDATES

The Wild Plum development will remain in the control of Lennar, with Toll Brothers choosing not to proceed with the vertical development of the 84 homes on the interior of the property. Lennar has indicated to the Town that they are “full speed ahead” with construction of model homes anticipated to begin in early 2020.

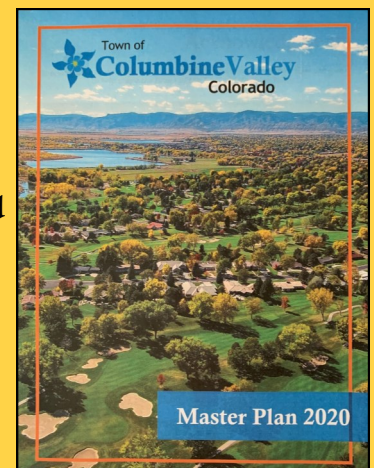
Items still to be completed over the next four weeks are primarily landscape related but also consist of small roadway, concrete, and trail repairs. Ongoing projects include completing the upper detention pond, site irrigation, fine grading and reseeded, installation of feature walls, mail kiosks, finishing up fire pit and plaza, finishing up retaining walls, finishing crusher fines trail by the ditch, finishing fence across rundowns, revegetation on Cooley Lake open space areas, bollard installation, finishing signs and installing the boardwalk.

Once these projects are completed, the Town will perform another site inspection to review all landscaping, infrastructure and utilities. Repairs are also scheduled for Hunter Run and there remains some finish work to be completed along Platte Canyon Road.

## 2020 Master Plan Work Concluding Soon

The Planning and Zoning Commission is in the final stages of drafting an update to the Columbine Valley Master Plan, last reviewed in 2007. Since January, the Commission has been working with Town staff and consultants to develop a plan which will guide the decision makers of the Town for the next 5-10 years. In doing so, they have engaged the public in numerous town halls, digital and mail surveys, outreach booths at summer concerts, and through opportunities for public comment at the monthly Planning and Zoning Commission meetings. Public comment has provided important information and direction to the Commission as they draft various chapters in the plan including Parks, Trails and Open space, Transportation, Landuse, and Stormwater Management.

Citizens will have another chance to comment at a Public Hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30p.m. at the Columbine Valley Town Hall; after hearing from the public the Planning Commission will consider adopting the final document and referring it to the Board of Trustees for action at the November Trustees meeting. To review the complete Master Plan draft, or to ask specific questions about the draft, the process for development, or the use of the Master Plan, please contact the Town Planner at Town Hall.







## GRACEFULL CAFÉ DAY

On Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> members of Columbine Valley staff will be volunteering at Gracefull Café, a restaurant in downtown Littleton. Gracefull Café's goal is to be a gathering place in the community for people to eat well, develop new friendships, make new connections, and have opportunities to give back to their community. Join us between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for breakfast or lunch at 5610 South Curtice Street. Town offices will be open throughout the day.

## Columbine Park Opportunity

Watch for the sale of recognition bricks in our December newsletter. The town would like to build a stage in Columbine Park next to the town hall entirely with donated funds. The stage will have a floor of donation bricks, customized with the names of your family, or children or a memorial brick for a friend or family member. The cost per brick will be \$100.00. What a great way for your family to leave a legacy in Columbine Valley.

## Capital Improvement Program

At their August meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2020. This document outlines capital expenses for the coming year, and anticipates future needs of the Town for the next decade. It is an important planning and budgeting tool that identifies non-reoccurring, capital projects and equipment purchases, provides a schedule estimating when those costs will be incurred and estimates how much each project will cost. The CIP also identifies options for financing the plan including grants, federal, state or county funds, and developer contributions.

The 2020 CIP includes immediate projects such as repairs to the drainage way between Burning Tree (Spyglass) and Old Town (Fairway), and longer-range projects including a study of sidewalk feasibility along Platte Canyon between Village Court and Ponds Circle. The total 2020 outlay will be \$124,000. To learn more, view the 2020 CIP on the Town's web site at: [columbinevalley.org/capital-improvement-program](http://columbinevalley.org/capital-improvement-program).



## RESIDENT WELCOME PACKETS

If you are a new resident in Columbine Valley, please stop by Town Hall to pick up your Welcome Packet! These packets include all the information you need as you settle into your new home including, a need-to-know brochure, a town directory, building department quick-tips, a history of the Town, and other bits and pieces you may find helpful. Columbine Valley Town Hall is open Monday – Friday from 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. You can also request a packet via email by contacting [stephaniet@columbinevalley.org](mailto:stephaniet@columbinevalley.org).





## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATES (& SNOW REMINDERS)

There was no major road work conducted by the Town in 2019, with the exception of the Fairway Lane expansion adjacent to Wild Plum, and nothing is planned for 2020 as the Town's roadwork infrastructure is in solid condition. There have been a few concrete pans replaced as needed throughout Columbine Valley and the town will conduct crack and seal treatments as necessary this fall.

A small sinkhole will be repaired at the intersection of Par Circle and Middlefield Road before the end of the year and Public Works continues to replace the old concrete light poles throughout Town as needed.

Snow is just around the corner and the Town of Columbine Valley is getting ready. Snow operations consist of three elements: snow plowing, application of traction materials and ice control.

Snow plowing will begin when the snow depth reaches ½" of accumulation on the roads and the objective is to have all roads clear within 24 hours of the snow having stopped falling. Crews will plow based on established routes, with main roads being plowed first followed by feeder streets. After an initial pass by snow crews a second pass will occur to clear snow from gutter-pan to gutter-pan within 24 hours, while ice build-up and other clean-up operations may take several days depending on weather conditions.

The Town also distributes ice slicer as needed for traction and safety. These operations will be limited to hills, intersections and curves and may be applied before, during or after snow events depending on conditions.

To report a snow-related problem during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM please call 303-795-1434. For snow emergencies after business hours or during weekends or holidays call Arapahoe County Dispatch at 303-795-4711 and ask to speak to a Columbine Valley Police Officer. For more information please visit the Town's web site or call Town Hall.



**ICE SLICER:** The Town applies a product called Ice Slicer to the streets before or after freezing rain or snow events depending on temperatures and conditions, and whenever ice is present on the street surface. It is applied at all intersections, steep hills and sharp curves.

Ice Slicer is a naturally occurring salt that is mined and shipped from Southern Utah. It is a material that both Littleton and CDOT use regularly and comes from the same deposit as Real Salt, the #1 selling food grade sea salt that is sold in health food stores. It contains micro-nutrients that should not harm pets or lawns.

# Columbine Valley Fall Community Programs

The town is once again prepared to help residents as they clean up and clean out for winter. We have several events coming up to help as you prepare your home and garage for winter.

The Town will once again be partnering with Front Range Flu Shots to offer seasonal shots to members of the community on Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> between 7:30 – 9:00 am and between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. The shots range in price and insurance cards must be presented at the time of service. Co-payments may apply.

Pre sign-up is not required but is appreciated. To sign up for the Nasal Spray or High-Dose shot, please call Town Hall at 303-795-1434

There will be an **on-site shredding service** in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday October 12<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 **dumpsters** will be placed at in the parking lot at Town Hall from noon, Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> until noon on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. No landscape materials and NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS allowed. Latex paint is not a hazardous waste, and can be safely disposed of with your regular household garbage once it is dried and no longer liquid. To dry latex paint, remove the lid from the paint cans, mix in an absorbent to speed the drying process (such as kitty litter, dirt or sand) and allow the paint to dry completely before disposing with your regular trash pickup. Once the two dumpsters are full there is no additional dumping.

As always the Town offers to all residents free **Electronic disposal** (\$20.00+ fee for televisions). Bring electronics to Town Hall during normal business hours. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit [www.columbinevalley.org/electronic-drop](http://www.columbinevalley.org/electronic-drop).

The Town will host a **prescription drug collection** point at the Town Offices on October 26<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.

Please drop off your unused or expired medications at Town Hall to a uniformed Columbine Valley police officer for proper and safe disposal of these drugs so they don't become a future problem.





## Columbine Valley Police Ask You:

- Please remember to always lock your house, garage and car doors at all times. Keep valuables out of sight or secured in your home and keep in mind that if your car is unlocked criminals have access to your garage door opener and other personal information.
- Don't forget that overnight Parking in Columbine Valley is prohibited between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. If you must park on the street overnight, call the Town office for a temporary permit. If you need a permit before or after the Town Hall hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM or on weekends, please call Arapahoe County Dispatch at 303-795-4711 and ask for a Columbine Valley Police Officer so that you may notify them that you will need to park overnight. Please be certain your guests are made aware of this ordinance so that embarrassing and annoying tickets can be avoided.
- Visit us online to register for the Columbine Valley residents House Watch program. Anytime residents will be absent from their home for a vacation, long weekend or business trip, please complete the online House Watch form on the Town's website, [Columbinevalley.org](http://Columbinevalley.org). Simply type in your information; the police will then be aware to look for any strange activity at your home.



## 2020 Town Directory: Send Updates Today

Work is already underway on the 2020 Town Directory. If you have recently moved to Columbine Valley, please be sure to contact the Town staff and provide us with your name and phone number(s) for publication. The Directory also provides an option for multiple numbers (cell phones) and will list the names of children living at home for households that would like to do so. The Town also keeps an unpublished list of email addresses for emergency use if you are willing to provide that as well.

Fill out the enclosed form and return by mail or in person to Town Hall, email [dstruthers@columbinevalley.org](mailto:dstruthers@columbinevalley.org) or call Town Hall at 303-795-1434





## History of Columbine Valley: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

The Town is proud to make available to residents "A History of the Town of Columbine Valley", first authored by Bill Newton in 1978, along with a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary update authored by Sandy Graham, resident and Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission. This 20+ page booklet discusses both the factual elements of the Town's history as well as numerous stories relevant to who we are today. Starting with the founding of the country club, to the flood of 1965 to the numerous annexations and expansions of recent decades, this booklet was printed to help all residents appreciate Columbine Valley. Copies are available for pick-up at Town Hall.

## SUMMER EVENT THANKS!

The Town would like to thank everyone who celebrated our nation's independence at the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and festival – once again we broke attendance records for this event! Thank you to Cub Scout Packs 608, American Legion Post 103 and the 140<sup>th</sup> Wing Unit for their contributions to this event.

The Town would also like to acknowledge the generosity of this year's Presenting Sponsors ICON Engineering and additional support from ABC Investments Team at REMAX Professionals without whose support this year's event would not have been possible.

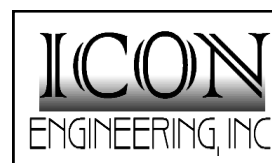
Thanks also to everyone who attended a Concerts in the Park at Town Hall this summer. The Town received tremendous feedback for these events and we are already hard at work planning next year's concerts. These events would not have been possible without the financial support of sponsors Vectra Bank, ABC Investments Team at REMAX Professionals, and Southwest Auto 4x4.

Finally, thank you to Vectra Bank, ABC Investments Team at REMAX Professionals for their sponsorships of the Town's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the August Concert in the Park. Their contribution made the free ice cream and face painting possible. What a great way to end the summer season in Columbine Valley!



## SUMMER EVENT SPONSORS

*Without the support of these companies  
the 2019 summer events could not have happened.*



**SOUTHWEST**  
**Auto and 4x4**

## DATES TO KNOW

- **Oct 7:** Flu Shot Clinic at Town Hall; 7:30 & 5:00 p.m.
- **Oct 8:** P & Z Commission Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 12:** Shred Event at Town Hall; 9—Noon
- **Oct 15:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 16-18:** Dumpsters at Town Hall
- **Oct 26:** Drug Take-Back at Town Hall; 10—2:00 p.m.
- **Nov 19:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov 28, 29:** Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

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

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## Denver Water Project on Platte Canyon Road

As part of Denver Water's continuous effort to maintain and replace aging infrastructure, starting in September 2019 Denver Water crews will be replacing approximately 900 feet of water main along South Platte Canyon Road between West Christensen Lane and Fairway Lane. The purpose of this project is to increase capacity in the water system in your area to accommodate new residential developments.

The majority of the work is being conducted at night, and access to Columbine Valley via Fairway Lane will be closed for several days. Traffic will be impacted during the installation of the new 12-inch main along South Platte Canyon Road. One lane of through-traffic will be maintained in both directions. Additionally, the work may include impacts to the Columbine Valley bike path. A pedestrian and bicyclist bypass around the construction will be used while the bike path is impacted.

Construction updates will be provided via Nextdoor as the project date approach. If you have questions, please contact Julie Seagren with Denver Water at 303-628-6421 or [Julie.Seagren@denverwater.org](mailto:Julie.Seagren@denverwater.org).