

# COLUMBINEVALLEYVOICE

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## From the Mayor:

Are there more kids in Columbine than 5 or 10 years ago? The Town doesn't have precise data, but my guess is yes. And what a great thing it is.

But as our demographics are changing, so too are some of our challenges. In the last several months I've had close to a dozen unsolicited comments from residents about the growing conflicts arising from shared use of our "sidewalk-less" streets. The most common concern is the growing prevalence of kids (as young as 6 or 7) zipping in out of the cars and trucks on motorized scooters, bikes and skateboards ... some with vehicles faster than golf carts ... and many ignoring the stop signs and basic traffic protocols. Almost none of the scooters have lights. And last month I also saw a kid driving a golf cart on the street. Not sure how old, but so young they had to stand up to steer and reach the acceleration pedal. (The Police will intervene when they see someone under 16 operating a golf cart.) But right now, there are no ordinances against kids operating motorized scooters or skateboards or "bikes."

The Town (especially our Police) doesn't want to be big brother. We all like to see kids headed to a friend's house or the pool and enjoying our community. And I'm not sure there's anything we can do ... or should do in the short run. But I would hate to see an accident happen.



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## From the Mayor (cont.)...

That's why our Town Trustee Board has decided to tee up this issue in the larger sense at one of our near-term monthly meetings. We'll be looking at things like speed limits: are there areas of heavy use (like around the Club) where speeds should be lower? Are speed bumps an option? Are there things like lighting, different road-striping, or signs that would help? What about an age minimum to operate an electric scooter?

Personally, I don't see this as a major problem, yet. But I do think it's worth paying attention to and perhaps making some minor changes to try and keep our kids safe. If you have thoughts, ideas or other comments please share them with me or one of our Town Trustees. As drivers, take just an extra second to look around for, and give a wide berth to, pedestrians and kids on the street. And most importantly, you have to be an involved parent. If you have kids on bikes or scooters, please remind them to cross at intersections, obey stop signs and stay away from traffic.

## TRASH SERVICE CHANGES

Starting October 1, there will be changes to trash service from Republic. They will only serve the 96-gallon bins they have provided to you. Extra trash bags or items outside of the bins will not be collected due to company policy changes requiring drivers to remain in their trucks. There are two solutions you can utilize for additional trash:

- If you regularly have overflow trash, you can order an additional bin directly from Republic.
- You can schedule pick-up of additional materials with Republic on the instances you need it by contacting them directly.

Republic Contacts:

Don Archuleta: [DArchuleta@republicservices.com](mailto:DArchuleta@republicservices.com)

Anna Berckmann: [ABerckmann@republicservices.com](mailto:ABerckmann@republicservices.com)

The Town is working on several options to help alleviate times with heavy waste, such as fall landscaping. Check the website for updates.

## COOLEY LAKE

**Reminder:** Fishing in and trespassing around Cooley Lake is not allowed. The lake is a wildlife refuge, home to diverse species and unique birds. Public access has been restricted since 1994.



## WILD PLUM CONSTRUCTION ACCESS

A new, temporary construction access has been installed at the Wild Plum Development connecting the Damsire Drive and Wild Plum Lane cul-de-sacs. This connection was decided upon at the time the development was approved by the Board of Trustees as a compromise between Columbine Valley HOAs to share the burden of construction traffic. The construction access will be in place for approximately one year until the completion of the sixth house on Damsire Drive.



The Town and developer are asking for all Columbine Valley residents' cooperation to NOT utilize this connection for automobile traffic. To best enforce the use for its intended purpose, and to support the residents nearest the Damsire Drive connection, only Wild Plum contractors working on the Damsire Drive homes should utilize the temporary connection. Questions or reports of abuse can be directed to [jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org](mailto:jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org).

## FLOCK CAMERAS

The Flock Safety traffic cameras are installed and active at seven entrances to the town: Hunter Run, Burning Tree, Fairway Lane, Middlefield Road, Village Drive, Wilder Lane, and Brookhaven. We are in the 60-day trial period. Comments and questions may be directed to Town Administrator JD McCrumb ([jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org](mailto:jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org)) or Police Chief Bret Cottrell ([bcottrell@columbinevalley.org](mailto:bcottrell@columbinevalley.org)).

### You can still support the Columbine Stage!

To order a legacy brick for your family, stop by Town Hall or visit [www.polarengraving.com/townofcolumbinevalley](http://www.polarengraving.com/townofcolumbinevalley).

## Fall Events



**9/18 & 25, Hazardous Material Roundup**  
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | *Eglewood Service Center, 2800 S. Platte River Dr.*

Residents can safely dispose of household hazardous materials such as batteries, motor oil, and pesticides. A co-pay and proof of Columbine Valley residency will be required.

### 10/4, Flu Shot Clinic

7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
*Town Hall*

Front Range Flu Shots LLC will offer flu immunizations. Fees range in price and a co-pay may apply. You must present your insurance card.

### 10/9, Fall Shred Event

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | *Town Hall*  
Bring your confidential documents and records to be shredded while you watch! Check the website for a list of what can and cannot be shredded.

### 10/23, Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | *Town Hall*

Town Hall serves as a prescription drug collection site for this national event to help keep unwanted or expired drugs out of the wrong hands.



## DIRECTORY UPDATES

Work on the 2022 Town Directory will soon begin. Please send in any changes to your printed contact information or fill out the Directory Form under “New Residents” on the website. Updates and new submissions may be sent to Communications Coordinator Erin Acheson by October 31 at [eacheson@columbinevalley.org](mailto:eacheson@columbinevalley.org).

## NO VISIT LIST

Columbine Valley Municipal Code allows residents to sign up on a “No Visit List” that prevents any solicitor, peddler or hawker from visiting the resident’s home. Add your address to the list by emailing [eacheson@columbinevalley.org](mailto:eacheson@columbinevalley.org).



## *DATES TO KNOW*

- **September 6:** Town Hall Closed for Labor Day
- **September 18 & 25:** Hazardous Material Roundup
- **September 21:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **October 4:** Flu Shot Clinic
- **October 9:** Fall Shred Event
- **October 19:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **October 23:** Prescription Take-Back Day
- **November 16:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **November 25-26:** Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

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