

COLUMBINEVALLEYVOICE

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From the Mayor:

I am looking forward to a return to “normal” in Columbine Valley in 2021. Our Town staff is in the process of planning for a variety of services and events that are usually offered by our Town but were curtailed due to COVID. As you will see in this newsletter, we are anticipating three summer concerts this year. We also hope to have our biggest ever 4th of July parade and shared fireworks with Columbine Country Club. Additionally we are also offering the drug take-back, our document shred event, and are hoping to bring back some sort of refuge event in place of having the dumpsters at Town Hall.

From my perspective I’m hoping that 2021 will be a quiet, uneventful year. Upcoming 2021 agenda items for our Town Trustees to consider include possible construction of a sidewalk along the east side of Platte Canyon; from the entrance to the Villages extending South to the stoplight at the Wilder Elementary crossing. We will also be looking at a plan for future trails and open space. We also in the process of updating our Capital Improvements Program to ensure a reliable road and stormwater system for many years to come. Finally, although our Town is mostly developed, we hope to discuss and create a framework for possible future annexations: Should we? Under what circumstances? Are there any unincorporated areas around Town that could be candidates?

Our Town meetings are always public and available to view online and very soon back to in-person. Please join us if you’d like to learn more.

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SUMMER EVENTS ANNOUNCED!

The Town is thrilled to announce a full return of summer activities for 2021. Mark your calendars for the concerts in Columbine Park at Town Hall, featuring:

The Long Run, Thursday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Hazel Miller, Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Bad Candy, Thursday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Food trucks will be confirmed closer to the event. All participants will be asked to adhere to any health department guidelines in place on the date of the event.

On July 4th residents can expect all their favorite activities including:

Pancake Breakfast

Cart Parade & Decorating Contest

The Party Crasher Drumline, and

New this year the Party Crasher Brass Band

Music and Kids Entertainment at Town Hall

Also new this year, a **Family 5K Walk/Run** co-sponsored by Columbine Country Club! Watch for registration information in the June newsletter and at www.ColumbineValley.org

DON'T FORGET....

Recycling Reminders

To ensure what you put in recycling bins actually gets recycled, remember these guidelines:

- NEVER put your recyclable items in plastic bags! It fouls the sorting equipment
- Break down cardboard boxes. It will open up space in your bin.
- Rinse food jars, bottles and cans before recycling them.
- Don't recycle pizza boxes! The grease prevents them from being recycled.

Trash Can Reminder

Please be reminded that in Columbine Valley your trash and recycle containers must be kept out of view from the public right-of-way except when they are at the curb on pick-up day. Check with your HOA about any specific storage regulations.

Mosquito Control Program

The Columbine Valley Mosquito Control Program has three main components: weekly larval site inspections, 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 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.



SPRING CLEAN-UP EVENT

There will be an on-site **shredding service** in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday May 8, 2021 from 9:00 am 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. CD's DVD's, hard drives, floppies and videos will be accepted for destruction but this service can only be performed 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 **semiannual dumpster events** have been suspended at this time. The Town is working with Republic Services to develop a program to benefit residents in the future. The event has become increasingly popular in recent years and due to over-use and abuse could not be supported at this time. Town staff is hopeful that an announcement about future programs will be made soon. Large item pick-up can be arranged privately by calling Republic Services.

The annual **Hazardous Material Round-up** is still scheduled for September 4th and 11th.



DATES TO KNOW

- **May 8:** Shred Event at Town Hall; 9:00—noon
- **May 18:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **May 31:** Memorial Day, Town Hall Closed
- **June 15:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **June 24:** Concert in the Park at Town Hall; 6:30 p.m.
- **July 4:** 5k Walk/Run, Parade and Festival; 7:00 a.m.
- **July 5:** Independence Day Observed, Town Hall Closed
- **July 15:** Concert in the Park at Town Hall; 6:30 p.m.

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

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Stay Safe at Wild Plum—Remain on the Trails

The Wild Plum development has ample trail and open space which will serve the entire Town for generations to come. However, as the weather warms, please remember that for now Wild Plum is an active construction zone.

The trails are being maintained, with benches and trash cans in place for residents use and enjoyment, but there have been several instances of pedestrians, golf carts, and of parents with strollers and little kids on bikes circling around the construction site. The site supervisor has requested pedestrians and bicycles utilize the trails but stay off the roads for the safety of everyone.

Please also remember that the crushed gravel paths along the Wild Plum perimeter are for pedestrian and bicycle use only—motorized vehicles, including golf carts are prohibited from utilizing the gravel pathways.

