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From the Mayor:

I am Roy Palmer, your new Mayor in Columbine Valley. It is an honor to represent our Town and I welcome your input even as I ask your patience in these very weird times.

If you do not know me, I am recently retired. My wife Linda and I have been married 33 years. We have an adult son, not living with us. We reside in Villa Avignon, near Town Hall. You may have seen us walking our black lab or in our golf cart headed to the Club. Over the years I have been involved in numerous civic and charitable activities; such HOA's, on the Board of the Denver Zoo, Denver United Way, the Metropolitan Football Stadium District, and the Colorado Senior Golf Association. I have also served as a Town Trustee for the past four years.

I decided to run for Mayor because I have always felt that community service is a way to give back. Plus, we have a great Board of Trustees. We do not always agree, but there is no rancor or hidden agendas. Thanks to the leadership from Richard Champion and Gale Christy (our previous two Mayors), the Town is in generally great shape.

As you can imagine, the Corona virus impacts have dominated my initial attention and the focus of our Town staff. Many of our Town services have been handled remotely and our staff have been working from home or singly in the office. They are doing a great job juggling all the necessary functions and staying coordinated with Arapahoe County and Tri-County Health. Financially, our Town is better off than most cities because we do not have a big commercial retail sales tax base, but we still have some significant budget challenges. We estimate that the Town may lose up to \$376,000 in revenue in 2020 against a total budget of about \$1.9 million. That is about 20%. Some of those dollars are one-time funds, such as building permit and sales/use tax revenue that will hopefully just be delayed. But the Town is also down in sales tax from sources including Columbine Country Club, the purchase of new automobiles and other "non-essential" purchases.

MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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(Term Expires April 2022)

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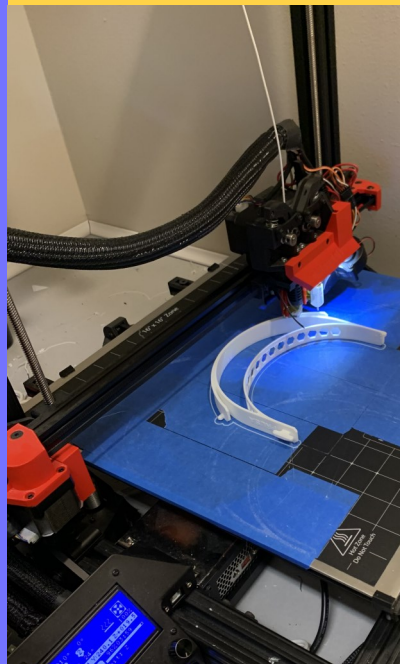
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COVID Operation Updates

The Columbine Valley Town Hall reopened on May 20 with limited access. Public hours are currently 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. To make an appointment, call 303-795-1434 or contact individual employees by email. Everyone entering the building is asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Homeowner Association and other public meetings are still not permitted at this time.

All essential functions, including Police and Public Works remain operational, all Building Department functions are operational but with a reduced schedule. Municipal Court will resume in June, and trash service remains limited to only the provided blue bins. Call Town Hall or check the Town's website for updated information.



3D PRINTING PPE

The Town's 3D printer is taking a break from printing street sign parts and has been hard at work printing some of the 18,000 urgently needed PPEs for the local healthcare and first responder communities—the Town is printing parts of face shields.

Partnering with *Make 4 Covid*, who's members include higher education and medical and individual makers from across the state, the group provides electronic print files to anyone with a 3D printer, allowing them to print parts needed for face shields. After they are printed, the group drops them off at local hospitals where they are disinfected and assembled.

From the Mayor, Continued

At our May meeting the Town Trustees approved a budget decrease of \$ 273,000 and reserve spending of up to \$103,000. Much of the decrease came from our Public Works' budget. That means unless it is an emergency street repair, you probably will not see a lot of street work this summer. Likewise, for financial and distancing reasons, expect to see fewer community events (like our concerts). As of this writing I am very hopeful that we can still have our 4th of July parade, it may look different than previous years because of distancing restrictions, but it is a tradition I feel we need to maintain. We will keep you posted on all changes as they develop. Check updates on our Town website at www.columbinevalley.org.

Through all of this I am reminded of what a wonderful place in which we live. I will endeavor to get the Town back to normal as soon as possible ... but in a safe and practical way. I look forward to seeing you soon.

2020 CENSUS UPDATE

The 2020 Census is in progress and an accurate count is critical to the Town of Columbine Valley. The census directly impacts funding the Town will receive over the next decade. The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and happens every ten years. To date, households have had the opportunity to respond by online, by phone and by mail.

Throughout the summer, the U.S. Census Bureau will be following up in person with households that have not yet responded to the census. The Town's No Visit List does not apply to census takers, but those individuals will all carry photo IDs with a U.S. Department of Commerce a watermark, and expiration date. If you wish to verify a census takers identity, you can contact the Regional Census Center at 972-510-1800.

LANDSCAPING PERMITS



Did you know that some landscaping projects require a building permit through the Town and others do not? Projects such as planting flowers and trees, irrigation systems, and flat work such as driveways, patios, and pavers do not require a permit.

Once a project comes out of the ground, such as decks, pergolas, seating or retaining walls, fire pits, out-door kitchens or built-in BBQs, and hot tubs, (or anything else requiring a gas line or electrical work) do require a permit from the Columbine Valley Building Department.

If you aren't sure if the scope of your project requires a permit, call Town Hall to find out. And remember to always check with your HOA prior to beginning any work.

Summer Events

After much deliberation and consultation, the Town has decided to cancel the June and July **Summer Concerts** in the Park. While this is disappointing, we believe it is the prudent action in response to all the unknowns surrounding COVID-19. At this time, the August 6th concert is being held as a "tentative" date with a decision to be made by mid-July.

The Town's annual **4th of July Parade** is scheduled to proceed in an abbreviated and socially distanced way. The pancake breakfast, cart decorating contest and festival at Town Hall will not take place this year. However, residents are still invited to decorate their golf cart and join us for a caravan through Columbine Valley.

- Begin to line up at 8:00 a.m. at the corner of Driver and Fairway Lanes.
- The Town will draw cart parking spaces on the street. Please keep only one cart per space.
- We ask that when not in your cart, you wear masks and maintain appropriate social distance.
- Bicycles, scooters, wagons, etc. are strongly discouraged, and families will be required to stay together.
- The cart caravan will step-off at 8:20 a.m. and follow Fairway Lane, ending this year near Columbine Country Club.
- The Town Hall building and parking lot will be closed and no public restrooms will be available.

While this year's events are far from what everyone was looking forward to, the Town is excited to be able to provide an opportunity to celebrate our nations independence together, and looks forward to 2021 for what we expect will be a grand return to this wonderful Town tradition!

Watch the Town's web site for updates.

DATES TO KNOW

- **June 16:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m. *
 - **July 4:** Parade; gather at 8:00 a.m.
 - **July 4:** Town Hall Closed for Independence Day
 - **July 21:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m. *
 - **August 6:** Concert in the Park at Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.
 - **August 18:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- * Town meetings are currently being held virtually with all opportunities for public participation conducted in writing or online. Please check the Town's web site for more information.

TOWN STAFF

J.D. McCrumb
Town Administrator

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Stephanie Thelen
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Hobbess Hayden
Public Works Manager

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Public Works

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Town Attorney

Angie Kelly
Finance Director

Phil Sieber
Town Planner

Brent Kaslon
Assistant Planner

Troy Carmann
Town Engineer

Joanna Czarnecka
Senior Construction Manager



COLUMBINE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

FIREWORKS

Fireworks that leave the ground or explode are illegal per State Statute. Anyone found lighting such fireworks will be subject to a citation from the Police Department.



GOLF CARTS

Please remember the ordinance regarding the operation of golf carts has been revised. Only a LICENSED driver at least 16 years old may operate a golf cart on public roadways of Columbine Valley. In the interest of safety, golf carts are considered a motor vehicle and therefore are regulated by the same traffic laws. The Columbine Country Club maintains a separate set of rules for operation on the golf course; these rules are not applicable to public roadways.

