

# COLUMBINEVALLEYVOICE

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## From the Mayor:

As Mayor, I am frequently asked about the cost of building permits in Columbine Valley ... and why they are so expensive. Most recently this came from the contractor who is remodeling our home. The short answer is Columbine Valley collects sales and use tax at the time the permit is issued, where most municipalities collect at the point of sale. So, while Columbine Valley is not the most expensive building permit fee in the state, we do collect more up front.

But remember, the sales and use tax we collect through building permits is a large percentage of our Town revenue. In addition, the Town gets a small portion of your property taxes (about 7%), and retail sales tax from every single business in the Town ... (which is only one; Columbine Country Club). Most Towns have many retail businesses, and they are primarily funded by the resultant sales tax. We have but one.

The Town recognizes that all the Wild Plum, Wilder Lane and Willowcroft revenue is one-time. There are not any more large, undeveloped parcels left in our boundaries. That is why we are banking these one-time revenues and have created a capital projects reserve fund that is now over \$1.5 million and growing. This will be used to pay for expected, future road and public works projects.

What we aren't doing is spending the "construction windfall" on current operations. Our operating budget roughly increases as the cost of labor and inflation increases. There will come a time when the scrapes and re-models slow down dramatically ... and I believe Columbine Valley will be well positioned to withstand that, without having to raise taxes.

## MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## ENTRANCE SECURITY TRIAL

Beginning in July Columbine Valley will be testing security cameras at seven entrances to the town: Hunter Run; Burning Tree; Fairway Lane; Middlefield Road; Village Drive; Wilder Lane; and Brookhaven from Bowles. These cameras are a product offered by Flock Safety. They record and manage data from every vehicle entering the town at the specific locations where they are installed. Among the data the system is able to record are the color and make of the vehicle, the license plate number and the specific time the vehicle entered the town. The system does not record any images of the occupants of the vehicles, only information related to the vehicle.

Statistics show that approximately 70% of all crime involves the use of a vehicle. This system is currently in use by over 500 law enforcement agencies in 36 different states. Bow Mar, which is served by the Columbine Valley Police Department has Flock cameras installed and our police have been successful resolving a number of criminal matters based on the evidence captured by the cameras.

Data captured by the cameras is stored on a cloud system and can be accessed by police for 30 days. The data can be sorted in a variety of ways to identify certain types of vehicles, license plate numbers, the number of times a particular vehicle entered the town, etc.

The system is also programmed to immediately identify certain license plate numbers known to be associated with criminal activity such as stolen vehicles or plates. When detected, this type of information is immediately sent to our on-duty officers in their patrol cars.

The testing of this system is intended to give CVPD officers more exposure to the use and effectiveness of it, and to give our citizens time to see and understand the system. Based on the feedback from both the police and our citizens, the Board of Trustees will decide whether to permanently contract with Flock for continued use of the cameras and their technical support. Consequently, we encourage you to provide your thoughts over the 60-day trial period.

Your questions are also welcome. Just contact the Town Administrator at [jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org](mailto:jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org) or Police Chief at [bcot-trell@columbinevalley.org](mailto:bcot-trell@columbinevalley.org). You can also get some valuable information from the Flock website [www.flocksafety.com](http://www.flocksafety.com).





# FAMILY 5K WALK/RUN

The Town is excited to partner with the Columbine Country Club and introduce this opportunity for Columbine Valley families to start the holiday off in the fresh morning air.

Sunday, July 4, 2021

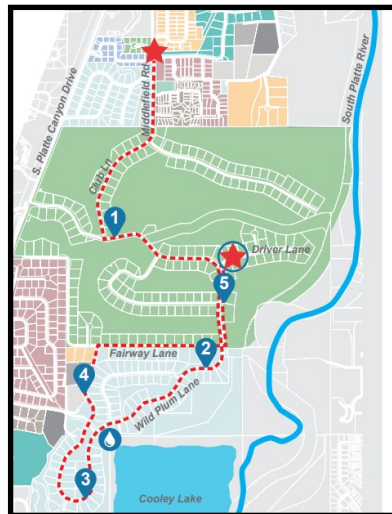
7:00 a.m. start time; 6:45 check-in at Town Hall

\$5.00 per person

Register between June 1 and June 11

- [www.ColumbineValley.org](http://www.ColumbineValley.org), or
- at Columbine Valley Town Hall

T-shirt pick-up between June 28—July 2 at Town Hall



## SAT. JULY 3RD FIRE WORKS AT CCC

The Town is once again partnering with Columbine Country Club to open the driving range to all Town residents for fireworks viewing.

Starting at 8:00 PM please access the driving range from the front of the Country Club (east side). Sunset is at 8:30 and the show will begin shortly there-after.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets. No food, beverage or restrooms will be provided by the Town or Country Club.

This will be a great lead-in to the 5k, Parade and festivities the next day!

# 4th of July Parade!



At the Columbine Valley Town Hall

7:00 a.m.—5k Walk/Run Start

At the corner of Fairway & Driver Lane

7:30 a.m.—Pancake Breakfast

8:00 a.m.—Cart Decorating Contest

Most Original

Most Creative

Most Patriotic

8:20 a.m.—Mayor's Welcome

8:30 a.m.—Singing of the National Anthem

8:40 a.m.—Parade Kick-Off

Featuring American Legion

Party Crashers Brass & Drums

At the Columbine Valley Town Hall

9:00 a.m.—Festival at Columbine Park

Featuring Live Entertainment  
sponsored by ABC Investments Team

Face Painters & Balloon Artists

Root Beer Floats and more!



## DATES TO KNOW

- **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:** Parade and Festival; activities start at 7:30 a.m.
- **July 5:** Town Hall Closed for Independence Day
- **July 15:** Concert in the Park at Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.
- **July 20:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **August 5:** Concert in the Park at Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.
- **August 17:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.

## TOWN STAFF

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Town Engineer

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Public Works Associate

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Senior Construction Manager



## RECYCLE SERVICE CHANGES

Republic Services is changing the schedule for recycle pick-up in Columbine Valley. Service will remain on Mondays of every other week, but the schedule will shift by one-week starting on Monday, June 7. That means that recycle will be collected as planned on Tuesday, June 1 (accommodating the Memorial Day Holiday), and then again on Monday June 7 and every other week after that. The schedule has been updated on the Town website's Community Calendar but the calendar in the 2021 Town Directory is no longer correct. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may cause.

## PICK-UP AFTER YOUR POOCH

At their May meeting the Board of Trustees adopted a new ordinance specifically prohibiting the deposit of dog or cat excrement on public, HOA, or private property other than the animal's owner or requiring the immediate collection of such waste for proper disposal. This ordinance is the result of an increase in un-neighborly behavior by some pet owners. Violators can be fined or cited by police. Call Town Hall if you have any specific questions.