

COLUMBINEVALLEYVOICE

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From the Mayor:

We recently received the 2020 Census data for our Town. Nothing earth shattering to report, but I found some of the information worth sharing.

As of 2020 the population of Columbine Valley was 1,502 people, living in 600 homes, which is an average of 2.77 persons/household. We have no multi-family housing or mobile homes. 22% of our residents were under the age of 18 (although I think we are adding more kids daily). Ethnically we are not very diverse, being 91% Caucasian.

The most interesting statistic I saw is that from 2010 – 2020, Columbine Valley had a 19.6% increase in population; which out of the 272 municipalities in Colorado, places us in the top ten percent of fastest growing. Percentage wise, we grew more than Denver and Aurora did during this time period. This growth does not include Wild Plum, which will add 95 new homes at full build-out by the end of 2022 and increase our population by close to 20% more than our 2020 numbers. Other fast-growing Colorado towns in the time period tended to be bedroom communities like Firestone, Lafayette, and Castle Rock.

While the future is sometimes hard to predict, it's a given that Columbine Valley (absent some unforeseen and unplanned annexation) has almost no more developable land. Our Town Trustees and our Town staff are now working to understand how our budget will be impacted beyond 2022, when revenue streams from building permits and developer fees will dwindle to a few scrapes and some large home remodels, but will be offset by increases in our property tax base and sales tax collections. Overall I think we'll be in good shape heading into slow growth future. — Roy Palmer, Mayor of Columbine Valley

MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Roy Palmer, Mayor
(Term Expires April 2022)

Bruce Menk, Mayor Pro Tem
Trustee (Public Safety)
(Term Expires April 2022)

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(Term Expires April 2022)

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(Term Expires April 2022)

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(Term Expires April 2022)

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TOWN DIRECTORIES

Thank you to everyone who updated their contact information with Town Hall for the 2022 Town Directory! This year the directory will not automatically be mailed to all residents. Printed copies will be available for pick up at Town Hall starting December 27. Please check your name, address and phone number(s) carefully and notify the Town if there are any corrections needed, which will be included with the Spring newsletter.

If you are a new resident and are not in the Directory, you can complete the Directory Form at www.columbinevalley.org/new-residents/ and return it to Town Hall. Residents always have the option to not have their information published; however, the Town appreciates having the information so we can contact you in the event of an emergency or other official use.

We are also launching a new online Town Directory in 2022 through DirectorySpot, a secure service that serves as both directory and communications platform. Through DirectorySpot, the Town will be able to send email newsletters directly to residents who opt-in as well as text alerts about urgent and important news.

Participation in DirectorySpot is optional though encouraged as we do intend to make the online directory the primary directory over the coming years. To sign up for DirectorySpot, please email your name, street address and email address to Erin Acheson, Communications Coordinator, at eacheson@columbinevalley.org. You will be entered into the platform and be granted access to update the rest of your contact information directly.

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF DOGS

At their meeting in November, the Board of Trustees updated the Town's municipal code relating to the number of pets allowed in each home in Columbine Valley. Each household is now permitted to have only three dogs; this applies to all zoning districts, including agriculturally zoned lots. Anyone who currently has more than three dogs is required to license those animals with the Town on or before January 30, 2022. Additionally, once a pet passes away or is otherwise no longer in permanent residence within the Town, the owner may not replace that pet so that the total number of dogs stays below three per household. If you have any questions, or for households with more than three dogs who need to register their animals, please contact jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org.

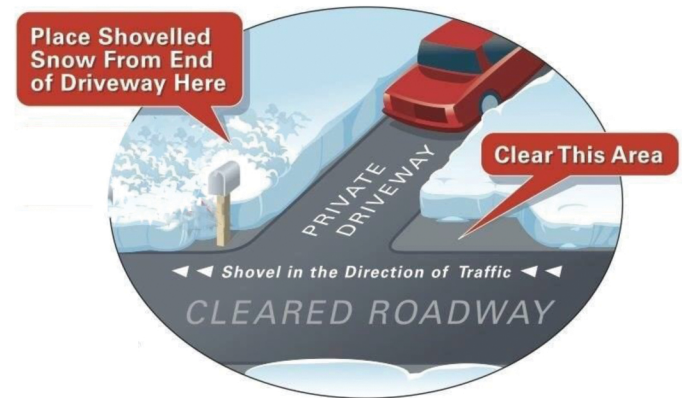
IT'S SNOW TIME

Did you know there is a better way to shovel your driveway? Following the instructions in the diagram to the right will limit the need to re-shovel after the plows come through your area.

Clearing the area right before your driveway provides a place for the street snow to land before it gets to your driveway.

As a reminder, the Town's Public Works Department tries to provide snow removal to all Town streets within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling and commences once the snow has reached a depth of 1/2 inch. Main roads and arterials will be plowed first.

Avoid the "Second Shovel"



2022 TOWN BUDGET

The Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the proposed 2022 Town Budget at their December meeting. The budget, which includes the general operating funds, capital funds, open space funds, conservation trust funds, impact fee funds and transportation fee funds, is available for review on the Town's website at www.columbinevalley.org/budgets-finance/. There are no significant capital expenditures proposed in 2022. The Town's budget covers administrative, public safety, and public works costs for the town, and is proposed to be just over \$2.4 million in 2022. The Trustees will adopt the budget by resolution at their meeting in December.

2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

There are five seats on the Board of Trustees, as well as the position of Mayor, that are open in April 2022. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Board of Trustees, here are some important dates to know:

- January 4, 2022 – Nomination Petitions for Trustee and Mayor are available at Town Hall
- January 24, 2022 – Complete Nomination Petitions must be filed at Town Hall by 4:00 p.m.
- March 14, 2022 – Ballots will be mailed to each eligible Columbine Valley voter
- April 5, 2022 – Ballots to be returned to Town Hall by 7:00 p.m.

The three Trustee candidates with the most votes will each be elected to a four-year term. The two Trustee candidates with the fourth and fifth highest number of votes will be elected to two-year terms. All candidates are at-large; there are no districts in Columbine Valley. The Mayor's term is for two years, with a three term limit. For further information including requirements for running, job descriptions and time commitments, please contact J.D. McCrumb at Town Hall at 303-795-1434 or via email at jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org.

TOWN MEMORABILIA WANTED

The Town, and a group of citizens led by Trustee Kathy Boyle, is interested in documenting the history of Columbine Valley through an exhibit at Town Hall. If you have articles, stories, memorabilia, artifacts or photos of Columbine Valley's history and would be willing to have them on display, please contact J.D. McCrumb at 303-795-1434 or jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org.

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DATES TO KNOW

- **December 14:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:15 p.m.
- **December 24:** Town Hall Closed for Christmas
- **December 31:** Town Hall Closed for New Year's Day
- **January 11:** Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **January 17:** Town Hall Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- **January 18:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **February 8:** Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **February 15:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **February 21** Town Hall Closed for President's Day Holiday

TOWN STAFF

J.D. McCrumb
Town Administrator

Bret Cottrell
Chief of Police

Dana Struthers
Support Services Manager

Stephanie Thelen
Building Dept. Coordinator

Hobbes Hayden
Public Works Manager

Ben Dreessen
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Brent Kaslon
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Chief Building Inspector

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Town Engineer

Joanna Czarnecka
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