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## From the Mayor:

Denver Water has started construction on the water system update in Old Town. While this isn't a Town project (or schedule) our staff has been working closely with Denver Water to understand the timing and impact to our residents. Paramount is the issue of how their pavement patch or overlay interacts with our own plans to resurface streets. We probably will look to 2023 for some major road work of our own once Denver Water has finished. We have not finalized details yet but hopefully will in the next several months. If you live on one of the streets that is impacted in the first wave (Fairway, Club Lane, Niblick, Driver, etc.) you should be getting more info from the Town and Denver Water as the project moves forward.

Elsewhere in the Town the build-out of Wild Plum continues rapidly and will be largely complete by year's end. There are still some issues that the developer is working on, including the open space on the Southeast end, but by and large the project is going well. We have many new residents as a result ... Welcome!

We'll have a new Town Board seated in April. Many of the faces will be returning, including myself for another two-year term as Mayor. We'll be welcoming a new Trustee (but long-time resident) in Al

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## MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Roy Palmer, Mayor  
(Term Expires April 2022)

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

Kathy Boyle,  
Trustee (Planning)  
(Term Expires April 2022)

Bill Dotson,  
Trustee (Finance)  
(Term Expires April 2022)

Ed Icenogle,  
Trustee (Building)  
(Term Expires April 2022)

Mike Giesen,  
Trustee (Community Affairs)  
(Term Expires April 2022)

Jim Tarpey,  
Trustee (Public Works)  
(Term Expires April 2024)

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## From the Mayor (cont.)

Timothy. But sadly, we'll be missing the Deputy Mayor and Public Safety Trustee, Bruce Menk. Bruce is term limited but has done an enormous amount for the Town over the years. He is a voice of reason, strength and historical knowledge. We will miss him enormously. Thank you, Bruce. I consider you a friend to me and to the entire Town of Columbine Valley.

Other items the Town is discussing or planning include the summer events schedule (concerts, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, etc.). We're also discussing and moving toward an ordinance that would require roll-off dumpsters and porta-potties to be off public streets and in driveways and then, only for shorter durations. Finally, we continue to see the effects of a tight labor market and inflation on our operations. It's been especially difficult to recruit, train, and compensate our police department, but our Chief Bret Cottrell does a remarkable job and as of this writing we have a full staff of good officers who serve our community.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

We have joined the Neighbors Public Safety Service (by Ring) in an effort to connect with residents and improve the safety of our community. The Neighbors App allows you, the user, to share photos, videos and information related to local crime and safety incidents so fellow residents can stay informed.

The Columbine Valley Police can view what local residents have posted publicly to Neighbors and can now chime-in with relevant updates or safety alerts to help residents stay informed. You do not need a Ring device to join Neighbors. Anyone with a smartphone can download the Neighbors App in order to receive updates and have the option to post photos or videos from any device. Learn more and get the App at <https://ring.com/neighbors>.

Feel free to spread the word and make sure to always report criminal activity or emergency situations directly to the Columbine Valley Police by contacting Arapahoe County Dispatch at 303-795-4711 or 911 in the event of an emergency.

# WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Denver Water has begun a water main replacement project within Columbine Valley anticipated to last through winter 2022.

The first phase includes:

- Fairway Lane from South Platte Canyon Road to Club Lane
- Club Lane from Fairway Lane to Niblick Lane
- Niblick Lane from Club Lane to the end of the cul-de-sac

Future phases include:

- Fairway Lane from Club Lane to Damsire Drive
- Wedge Way from Fairway Lane to Fairway Lane
- Driver Lane from Fairway Lane to the end of the cul-de-sac
- Cleek Way from Driver Lane to the end of the cul-de-sac
- On the golf course (to be completed in fall/winter 2022 to minimize impact to golf activity)

Working hours are typically Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., but emergency operations outside of those times may be necessary. Denver Water will notify homes directly who will be impacted by temporary water outages or shut-offs. Residents may contact Denver Water Customer Care at 303-893-2444 or visit [www.denverwater.org/pipes](http://www.denverwater.org/pipes) for additional information.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANCELED

The Town of Columbine Valley's April 5, 2022 municipal election will be canceled due to the lack of contested seats for Mayor or Trustees.

Only one candidate filed a petition for the position of Town Mayor, and only three candidates submitted petitions for the three open Trustee positions. The new Mayor and Trustees will be sworn into office at the Trustees Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 19.

Criminals look for easy targets. You can make it more difficult for them by following the #9PMRoutine! Many vehicle burglaries, and to a lesser degree, stolen vehicles, occur as a result of vehicles being left unlocked. Criminals walk through neighborhoods, trying vehicle door handles, hoping to find an unlocked vehicle. The best way to prevent vehicle burglaries is to remove all of your valuables, lock your vehicle's doors upon exiting and take the keys to the vehicle inside your residence.



# LESSONS FROM THE MARSHALL FIRE

*From South Metro Fire Rescue's Community Risk Reduction Bureau*

You've undoubtedly spent time the past few weeks reflecting on the impact left by the Marshall Fire. Our hearts go out to the many Coloradans affected. This tremendous tragedy has also led many to wonder if a similar wildfire could ever occur in our fire district. The answer is yes. Our district could be affected by a number of large scale emergencies. This can be a frightening thought for many, but our hope is to empower Columbine Valley residents to prepare for such an emergency. Throughout 2022, we will share lessons learned from the Marshall Fire with you. Here are a few to start:

**Lesson 1:** Property owners benefit from keeping their property clean and green with these urban area mitigation tips:

- Keep vegetation watered adequately, free of dead material, and maintained
- Selectively prune to reduce plant density while maintaining age diversity
- Remove dead leaves, twigs, and needles from gutters, the base of exterior walls, and from under decking regularly
- Trim vegetation away from the structure. Branches should be no closer than 10 feet from the structure, including the roofline and deck.

**Lesson 2:** Have a “go bag” ready with critical items to include a 3-day supply of medications, essential documents, policy numbers, a hard copy of emergency contacts, and pet supplies.

**Lesson 3:** Register for ArapAlert, the county's reverse emergency notification system.

**Lesson 4:** Create a home evacuation plan and practice it. Family members need to know and understand their role and responsibilities during different emergency scenarios.

**Lesson 5:** Inspect and test smoke alarms. Replace alarms that are more than 10 years old.

**Lesson 6:** Inventory your home and assets. Contact your insurance carrier to help determine if your policy meets your current needs.

For additional information on wildfire and disaster preparedness, visit [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org) or contact the Risk Reduction Specialist assigned to Columbine Valley, Selena Silva at [selena.silva@southmetro.org](mailto:selena.silva@southmetro.org).

## SPRING EVENTS

### Prescription Drug Take Back Day

**Saturday, April 30**

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. @ Town Hall

Bring your expired and unneeded prescription drugs to Town Hall to be safely disposed of as part of the National Drug Take Back.

### Spring Shred Event

**Saturday, May 7**

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. @ Town Hall

Securely dispose of important documents you no longer need at our annual Spring Shred. All shredded paper will be recycled.

### Electronics Recycling

**Year-Round @ Town Hall**

Did you know you can bring electronics to be recycled to Town Hall? There is a charge for TVs, but most other items can be dropped off for free.

Learn about what we can accept at <https://columbinevalley.org/electronic-drop/>

# ARAPAHOE COUNTY ALERTS

ArapAlert is the system that is used in Arapahoe County to inform citizens when emergencies are happening in their area. ArapAlert utilizes the CodeRed system to allow public safety agencies to warn citizens and visitors of dangerous conditions and other important information. With ArapAlert, the agencies can call, text or email widespread alerts to warn of dangerous incidents or weather. This is the system used by Littleton Police and South Metro Fire Rescue and all residents are encouraged to sign up. Visit [www.arapalert.org](http://www.arapalert.org) to learn more and sign up for notifications.



# SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars for these summer 2022 events

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursday, June 23

Thursday, July 14

Thursday, August 4

Food trucks will be on site at 6:00 p.m. and the music starts at 6:30 p.m.

Bands will be announced this spring.

## 4TH OF JULY PARADE & FESTIVAL

Monday, July 4

7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Featuring a 5K Fun Run, pancake breakfast, bike and golf cart parade, music, and more!

## TOWN DIRECTORY UPDATES

This section removed for privacy. Please refer to the printed newsletter for this information.

Please send any directory corrections or additions to Erin Acheson at [elacheson@columbinevalley.org](mailto:elacheson@columbinevalley.org).

## RECYCLING TIP

What's the number-one thing you can do to make sure what you recycle gets recycled?

**DON'T** put your recyclables in plastic bags! Bags foul the sorting equipment.

Place cans, bottles, papers and other accepted items loose into your big blue bins.

# 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](mailto:jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org).

Follow the Town on Nextdoor!



## DATES TO KNOW

- **March 8:** Planning & Zoning Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **March 15:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **April 5:** Municipal Election Day
- **April 12:** Planning & Zoning Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **April 19:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **April 30:** Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- **May 7:** Spring Shred Event
- **May 10:** Planning & Zoning Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **May 17:** Board of Trustees Meeting; 6:30 p.m.
- **May 30:** Town Hall Closed for Memorial Day

## TOWN STAFF

J.D. McCrumb

Town Administrator

Lee Schiller

Town Attorney

Bret Cottrell

Chief of Police

Sue Blair

Finance Director

Dana Struthers

Support Services Manager

Brent Kaslon

Town Planner

Stephanie Thelen

Building Dept. Coordinator

Jim Thelen

Chief Building Inspector

Hobbes Hayden

Public Works Manager

Troy Carmann

Town Engineer

Ben Dreesen

Public Works Associate

Joanna Czarnecka

Senior Construction Manager

Erin Acheson

Communications Coordinator