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From the Mayor:

Lately it seems our staff and Trustees are spending time on issues at our borders, in other jurisdictions. Our ability to impact those events varies. Here are examples of some current events we are following and/or engaged with trying to shape:

Future of the Nevada Ditch: This is the ditch that enters the Town at the southwest corner of Wild Plum Farms and runs along the east side of the par 3 golf course and the Villages. It is owned and operated by Denver Water but as development has taken place, customers served have dwindled to just a handful of small users on the northeast side of Town. There has been speculation over the years that Denver Water might eventually abandon the ditch, which brings into question things like maintenance and flood control.

Development West of Platte Canyon at the end of Christensen Lane: This is not in the Town, but may impact traffic on Platte Canyon and potential cut throughs on Fairway Lane. We are also very interested in flood mitigation on the ditch that runs through there and into the pond on the golf courses' 10th hole. We want to ensure that any development that happens up-stream improves, not worsens, sedimentation and flooding through Columbine.

Development on the Southwest corner of Bowles and Platte Canyon: Construction at the Millstone at Columbine property at the southwest corner of Bowles and Platte Canyon Road is underway. This

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From the Mayor (cont.)

property is located in unincorporated Arapahoe County and consists of 22 single-family homes. The Town opposed the traffic plan which allows for right and left-turn movements from the development onto Platte Canyon Road. The Town did not succeed in changing the designation of this intersection as full movement, but will be watchful as the development is built out to see the impacts and if any further statements are warranted.

"Reynolds Landing" River improvements and Park: There is a major effort underway, led by the Mile High Flood Improvement District and South Suburban Parks and Rec, to reshape the Platte River and adjacent land on the east side at the Brewery. (River east of Wild Plum and along the 13th hole on the golf course.) This is a major project that would create more recreation opportunities ranging from kayaking to fishing to wading. It will also increase access to the river on the east side and realign the Mary Carter Greenway to improve wildlife habitat and create open space. The Trustees were briefed on this project at our February meeting. Construction is tentatively planned to start in the winter of 2023.

Platte Canyon road improvements: The Town is part of a multijurisdictional work group looking for funding and pushing for improvements to Platte Canyon. This is a state highway that runs through two counties and the edge of our Town, so there are complex issues. Among other things, we are promoting a sidewalk along the east side from the Villages to the traffic light and a right turn lane from southbound Platte Canyon to Coal Mine.

If you're interested in any of these projects, talk to one of our Trustees or staff. If you are aware of development, zoning or other issues near our borders that we should be focused upon, please let us know.

Electronics Recycling

Effective immediately, the Town is no longer able to accept any electronics for recycling. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and will be working towards restoring this service sometime in the future.

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

Lou Oswald & Brandi McCubbin

15 Brookhaven Trail Lou cell: 361-205-5286 Brandi cell: 303-718-1268

Markham & Kristine Hawkins

24 Wedge Way Markham cell: 817-944-0047 Kristine cell: 214-924-1678

Randy & Sally James 14 Damsire Drive Sally cell: 720-934-8794

Bob & Karyn Downs 36 Latigo Place Bob cell: 720-880-8955 Karyn cell: 303-921-9494

2023 Town Directories are available for pick-up at Town Hall. You can also still opt in for the online directory by sending your name, street address, and email address(es) to eacheson@columbinevalley.org.

DUMPSTER ORDINANCE

Columbine Valley Trustees passed an ordinance in April 2022 prohibiting dumpsters, storage units, portapotties and the like in the street for any reason. These items will need to remain on your property. For more information, visit https://columbinevalley.org/ dumpsters-etc/.

STREET CLOSURES

Spring Events DEA NATIONAL & TAKEBACK

Apr. 15, Spring Shred Event 9:00 AM-12:00 PM | *Town Hall* Bring your confidential documents and records to be shredded while you watch! Check the website for a list of what can and cannot be shredded.

Apr. 22, Prescription Drug Take-Back Day 10:00 AM-2:00 PM | *Town Hall* Town Hall serves as a prescription drug collection site for this national event to help keep unwanted or expired drugs out of the wrong hands.

Mark Your Calendars!

Jun. 22, Concert in the Park Jul. 4, Fourth of July Annual Parade & Festival Jul. 13, Concert in the Park Aug. 10, Concert in the Park

Work is already underway on the many street and infrastructure projects scheduled for this spring and summer. Concrete stormwater projects started in January and will continue throughout town into April or May. These projects may introduce lane closures for a day or so at a time; HOAs and homeowners with properties adjacent to the work will be notified by email and with door hangers prior to the work. Asphalt work is scheduled to start in April (weather dependent) and progress throughout the summer. Some of this work will require the Town to close entire streets, with no automobile access from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM. We recognize this will be a significant inconvenience for residents on those streets, but the work should be limited to one or two days. The Town will be communicating these closures as far in advance as possible. We will be sending emails to HOAs and to impacted residents who have signed up to receive emails from the Town. To sign up for the emails, email eacheson@columbinevalley.org. The Town will also post closures on the website and hang door hangers on each impacted home 24-48 hours in advance. If you have specific questions about whether your street will be impacted, please contact the Town at jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org, jhayden@columbinevalley.org, or by calling 303-795-1434.

SPRING GUTTER CLEANING

Spring is coming and that means it's time to prepare your home for spring weather! Don't forget that each resident is responsible for keeping the gutters in front of your home clean and free of sediment and debris build up. Many streets in Columbine Valley are fairly flat and even the smallest amount of lawn waste, dirt, or trash can cause pooling in the gutter pans. Each year, gutter pans can settle or shift causing new areas for potential pooling of water. The Town repairs or replaces as many pans as possible each year, with those causing the worst pooling receiving top priority. If you have gutter pans that need to be replaced, contact the Town at <u>jhayden@columbinevalley.org</u>.

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DATES TO KNOW

- Mar. 21: Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Apr. 6: Municipal Court, 3:00 PM
- Apr. 11: Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Apr. 15: Spring Shred Event, 9:00 AM
- Apr. 18: Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Apr. 22: Prescription Drug Take Back Day, 10:00 AM
- May 4: Municipal Court, 3:00 PM
- May 9: Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 16: Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 29: Town Hall Closed for Memorial Day

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