# **COLUMBINE**VALLEY**VOICE**

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# FROM THE MAYOR

Here in Columbine Valley, we are lucky to have so many talented volunteers step up to help run our Town government. You can always be sure our community is guided by steady hands, and you can be confident that the Board of Trustees and the Planning & Zoning Commission take their jobs seriously and make informed decisions.

Over my eight years of service as a Mayor and a Trustee, I've served with some remarkable people, including this year's outgoing Trustees Kathy Boyle and Jim Tarpey. I was also honored to serve with Richard Champion, Gale Christy, Dave Cope, Bill Dotson, Mike Giesen, Ed Icenogle, Mimi Kuchman, Gary Miles, and Al Timothy—plus six years with your incoming Mayor, Bruce Menk.

As Mayor, Bruce will bring experience from his 47-year law career, service on HOA and nonprofit boards, and, of course, his duties as a Columbine Valley Trustee from 2014–2022. I have the utmost confidence in Bruce as he takes over the reins this April.

I would be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge another significant Town leader with whom I served: Sandy Graham. As a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for 22 years

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#### MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Roy Palmer, Mayor (Term Expires April 2024)

Bill Dotson, Mayor Pro Tem Trustee (Public Safety) (Term Expires April 2026)

Kathy Boyle Trustee (Community Affairs) (Term Expires April 2024)

Mike Giesen Trustee (Finance) (Term Expires April 2024)

Ed Icenogle Trustee (Public Works) (Term Expires April 2026)

Jim Tarpey Trustee (Planning) (Term Expires April 2024)

Al Timothy Trustee (Building) (Term Expires April 2026)

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Or Email To: BoardofTrustees@columbinevalley.org

## MAYOR (continued)

(16 as Chairwoman), Sandy was instrumental in guiding the Town through tremendous growth, including the development of Brookhaven, Villa Avignon, Columbine Valley Estates, Willowcroft Manor, Wilder Lane, and Wild Plum. Her invaluable leadership on two updates to the Town's Zoning and Land Use codes, Master Plan, and Trail Master Plan help us ensure responsible growth. Sadly, Sandy passed away in January 2024 after a battle with cancer. We will miss her sparkly personality as much as her knowledge and willingness to serve.

I want to thank you for your trust in me over the years and, once again, assure you that our Town is in great hands. And now, it's time for me to retire from Town government to devote myself more fully to my golf game.

-Roy Palmer

### MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANCELED

The Town of Columbine Valley's April 2, 2024, municipal election has been canceled due to a lack of contested seats. Per Colorado law, if the number of candidates filing for office is equal to or less than the number needed to fill the positions, the election may be canceled.

The deadline to file candidate petitions was Jan. 22, 2024. At that time, the Town had received three petitions for the available Board of Trustee seats and one petition for the Mayor's seat. The Mayor and three new/returning Trustees will be sworn into office at the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Congratulations and thank you to our newly elected officials:

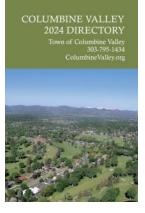
- Mayor: Bruce Menk, two-year term
- New Trustee: Dave Huelskamp, four-year term
- New Trustee: Betsy McCain, four-year term
- Returning Trustee: Mike Giesen, second four-year term

Bill Dotson, Ed Icenogle, and Al Timothy are continuing in the middle of their four-year terms. Trustees serve a four-year term and the Mayor serves a two-year term. All positions are atlarge; there are no districts in Columbine Valley. If you have any questions about the election cancellation, please contact J.D. McCrumb at Town Hall at jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org or 303-795-1434.

# SAVE THE DATES FOR 2024! 🗞

Saturday	Saturday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
April 13	April 27	June 20	July 4	July 11
SPRING SHRED	PRESCRIPTION	CONCERT IN	PARADE &	CONCERT IN
EVENT	TAKE-BACK DAY	THE PARK	FESTIVAL	THE PARK
Thursday Aug. 1 CONCERT IN THE PARK	Saturdays Sept. 14 & 21 HAZ-MAT & ELECTRONICS ROUNDUP	Monday Oct. 7 FLU SHOT CLINIC	Saturday Oct. 12 FALL SHRED EVENT	Saturday Oct. 26 PRESCRIPTION TAKE-BACK DAY

## 2024 DIRECTORIES!



Copies of the Columbine Valley 2024 Directory are available for pickup at Town Hall, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. If you have changes to directory information, please email kanton@columbinevalley.org or call Town Hall at 303-795-1434. Thanks!

#### Q&A: Do I need a building permit for this?

Many home improvement projects and repairs require a building permit from the Town. To see if your next project needs a permit, visit ColumbineValley.org > Building > Permits for an overview. If you have further questions, call Town Hall at 303-795-1434. Please note that Town building permits and HOA approvals are different things.

## PACKAGE THEFT

According to the United States Postal Service: "From 2018–2023, postal inspectors arrested almost 9,000 suspects for theft of mail and packages." Following a few simple tips from USPS may help pre-



vent theft of items delivered from the post office:

- Promptly pick up mail
- Inquire about overdue mail
- Arrange for prompt pickup

Depending on the value of shipped items, consider using the "hold for pickup" option or request signature confirmation. To report package theft, visit emailus.usps.com/s and provide as much information as you can. This reporting is for packages shipped by USPS (not UPS or FedEx).

# Where to Find What You Need Online

How do you get an overnight parking permit? How many dogs can you own? What projects need a building permit? You'll find answers and many tools for questions like these at ColumbineValley.org.

Community 🗸	Government \vee	Police ~	Court ~	Public Works 🗸	Building 🗸
Parking & Overnight Permits No Solicitation / No Visit List	Mayor & Board of Trustees > Board of Trustees Agendas &	House Watch Tips While Away	Municipal Court Pay Summons	Trash & Recycling Snow Removal Street	Building Permits Inspections



#### TOWN CALENDAR

- March 19 ...... Board of Trustees Meeting
- March 21 ..... Municipal Court
- April 13 ...... Spring Shred Event at Town Hall
- April 16 ..... Board of Trustees Meeting
- April 18 ..... Municipal Court
- April 27 ...... Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
- May 16 ..... Municipal Court
- May 21 ..... Board of Trustees Meeting
- May 27 ..... Memorial Day, Town Hall Closed

#### TOWN STAFF

J.D. McCrumb Town Administrator

Bret Cottrell Chief of Police

Dana Struthers

Support Services Manager

Bonnie Zapata-Diaz Building Dept. Coordinator

Hobbes Hayden Public Works Manager

Dinae Dreessen Public Works Associate

> Kelly Anton Communications

Lee Schiller Town Attorney

Diane Rodriguez Finance Director

> Brent Kaslon Town Planner

Jim Thelen Chief Building Inspector

Troy Carmann Town Engineer

Joanna Czarnecka Sr. Construction Manager