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Above: Scooby lounging on her patio sofa and enjoying golf course views.

FROM THE MAYOR

In my first communication as Mayor of Columbine Valley, I want to thank and give credit to a number of people who have volunteered their time to serve the Town and leave it in the excellent situation it now enjoys financially and organizationally.

I am following three excellent Mayors with whom I've been able to serve over the last 10 years: Gayle Christy, Richard Champion, and Roy Palmer. These three have led the town through several development projects, culminating in the largest in recent memory, Wild Plum. All of these projects have resulted in well-planned communities—thanks in large part to our excellent Planning Committee supported

by our quality professional Town Staff. In conjunction with the tax base provided by these new communities and some excellent long-term planning for our capital needs, these Mayors and our Boards of Trustees have allowed the town to fully pay for essentially a complete replacement of all streets in Old Town as a part of work done by Denver Water. Even with this major capital improvement, the Town still maintains excellent reserves to address our future needs.

In addition to Mayor Palmer, I want to thank our recently term-limited Trustees, Jim Tarpey and Kathy Boyle. Both have been important members of the Board.

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MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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MAYOR (continued)

A brief word about me. I'm a retired lawyer who grew up in Boulder and attended the University of Colorado Law School. Following law school, I worked as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1979, I returned to Denver and worked for the law firm of Hall & Evans as a civil litigator. In addition to my trial practice, I served for five years as the Managing Partner of the firm, a position described as "being like the manager of a ballet company, only with more prima donnas."

In 2006, my wife, Phipps and I moved to Niblick Lane in Columbine Valley. At that time, virtually all of the houses were the original homes built in the 1950s and 1960s, and they were inhabited by the original owners. There were virtually no children on our street. Over time, Niblick has seen houses totally remodeled or torn down and replaced with new, beautiful homes. Along with the residential upgrades have come younger families and lots of kids. Along with this vibrant upgrade to our street and throughout all of Columbine Valley have come some new challenges for our Town. **The challenge that I feel most passionate about is safety, especially for our children.**

Over the past several years, the Town has received an increased number of concerns about speeding in the Town, particularly in areas where children are going to and from school. **As most of you know, the maximum speed limit in the Town is 25 mph.** As the result of various circumstances, the speed limit adjacent to the Country Club is 15 mph and the speed limit from Platte Canyon to Club Lane was recently reduced to 20 mph. Just this week, public comment at the Board of Trustees meeting raised substantial concerns about speeds on Hunter Run from Platte Canyon to Wild Farm. The Board will be looking into this situation.

We are asking everyone to be more attentive to our speed limits, particularly as the children are out of school and on their bikes, scooters, mini motorcycles, and skateboards. Speaking of bikes, scooters, and the like—we know that mixing all these wheels with golf carts and children presents some serious safety challenges. In hopes of helping our children and their parents better understand the rules pertaining to these various means of transportation, our Police Department will be conducting Scooter & Bike Safety Training (see p. 4 for details). I encourage your participation.

In closing, I want to thank all of the people who encouraged me to take on the role of Mayor and expressed their confidence in my ability to follow in the tradition of success of our previous three Mayors. I am humbled by that confidence and intend to work diligently to meet those expectations.

—Bruce Menk, Mayor



4th of July Parade & Festival

Don't miss our free annual festival featuring plenty of family fun!

- ★ 7 a.m. Family Fun 5K
- ★ 7:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
- ★ 8 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 Kickoff Featuring American Legion and Party Crashers Brass & Drums
- ★ 9 a.m. Festival at Columbine Park at Town Hall with Live Entertainment, Face Painters, Balloon Artists, Root Beer Floats, and More!



Show Off Your Dogs Around Town!

Is your dog as cute as Scooby (cover) or Columbine Valley Grand-dog and Avalanche fan Sydney (at left)? Coloradans

and Columbine Valley residents love their canines! Send us your best pictures of your dog(s) with a recognizable Columbine Valley background so we can share them in the future. Email pictures with each dog's first name to KAnton@ColumbineValley.org.

THURSDAY

SUMMER CONCERTS

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">JUNE 20</h2> <p style="margin: 0; color: white;">MICHAEL FRIEDMAN POP JAZZ BAND</p>
<h2 style="margin: 0;">RHYTHM <i>and</i> BLUES</h2>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">JULY 11</h2> <p style="margin: 0; color: white;">MONTAGE CONTEMPORARY R&B</p>
	<h2 style="margin: 0;">AUGUST 1</h2> <p style="margin: 0; color: white;">STEVE THOMAS BAND 1980s POP BAND</p>

Food Truck at 5:30 p.m. • Picnics Welcome
 Music from 6:15–8:15 p.m.
 Visit ColumbineValley.org for Details



5 Ways to Learn About Street Maintenance

“Are they working on *my* street?”

As summer construction season hits, Staff is committed to answering that question and keeping you as informed as possible. (The “as possible” disclaimer is because schedules change due to issues such as weather and crew availability.) The Town communicates about street maintenance in the following ways:

1. Website
2. Email
3. Door tags
4. Nextdoor
5. HOA presidents

For full details, visit ColumbineValley.org > Public Works > Street Maintenance 2024. The website is updated first.

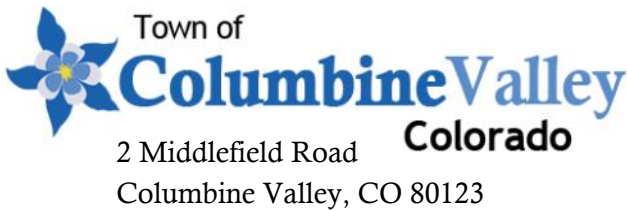
SCOOTER & BIKE SAFETY TRAINING!



Saturday, June 8, 2024

10 a.m.–noon • Columbine Country Club (at the tennis courts' small overflow parking lot off Club Lane)

The Columbine Valley Police Department welcomes kids of all ages to learn more about safely riding scooters, e-scooters, bikes, and e-bikes around Columbine Valley. Show off your skills in our cone zone, meet police officers, and check out their cool cars! Free and open to the public. Questions? Call 303-795-1434.



TOWN CALENDAR

- June 8** Scooter & Bike Training
- June 18** Board of Trustees Meeting
- June 20** Summer Concert in the Park
- July 4** 4th of July Parade & Festival
- July 11** Summer Concert in the Park
- July 16** Board of Trustees Meeting
- Aug. 1** Summer Concert in the Park
- Aug. 20** Board of Trustees Meeting

TOWN STAFF

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