

# COLUMBINEVALLEYVOICE

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## FROM THE MAYOR

This will be my last column as Columbine Valley Mayor. As the result of ongoing health issues, I have determined I must resign as Mayor.

It is with sadness that I make this decision as I have enjoyed my service to the Town as a Trustee for a number of years and most recently as Mayor. Yet I am comfortable with my decision because I know the Town is in excellent condition going forward.

The Town is governed by a thoughtful, dedicated, and caring Board of Trustees who will continue to guide us in the future. I appreciate all the help I have received from Bill Dotson, Mayor Pro Tem.

The Town is fortunate to be managed by an outstanding professional staff led by J.D. McCrumb, Town Administrator, and Bret Cottrell, Police Chief.

As I explained in an earlier column, the Town is in solid financial condition. In short, there do not appear to be any financial surprises in the foreseeable future.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Mayor.

—Bruce A. Menk, Mayor

See p. 2 for details on filling the vacancy.

## MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Bruce Menk, Mayor  
(Term Expires April 2026)

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

Betsy McCain  
Trustee (Community Affairs)  
(Term Expires April 2028)

Mike Giesen  
Trustee (Finance)  
(Term Expires April 2028)

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

Dave Huelskamp  
Trustee (Planning)  
(Term Expires April 2028)

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

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[BoardofTrustees@columbinevalley.org](mailto:BoardofTrustees@columbinevalley.org)

## Board of Trustees Vacancy

The resignation of Mayor Bruce Menk will leave a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. At their meeting on June 17, the Trustees will need to appoint a qualified elector to fill the vacancy through the end of the mayor's current term, which is April 21, 2026.

Should the board appoint a current Trustee to fill the role of Mayor, that would create another vacancy that would need to be filled by a qualified elector at the Trustees meeting in July. That person would also serve until April 21, 2026.

Please reach out to J.D. McCrumb at Town Hall if you have any questions about the appointment process.



## THURSDAY SUMMER CONCERTS



**JUNE 19**  
THE LONG RUN  
Eagles Tribute Band



**JULY 10**  
MARGARITA BROTHERS  
Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band



**AUGUST 7**  
COUNTRY MUSIC  
PROJECT

**Food Truck at 5:30 p.m. • Picnics Welcome**  
**Music from 6:15–8:15 p.m.**  
**Visit [ColumbineValley.org](http://ColumbineValley.org) for Details**



## Coexisting with Coyotes

Columbine Valley residents are lucky to enjoy frequent wildlife sightings thanks to the Town's proximity to open space and the South Platte River. Spring brings mating and birthing season for wildlife—including coyotes—so it's important to remember safe behaviors around these animals.

- Keep dogs on leash when outside; Columbine Valley has no off-leash areas for dogs.
- Feed pets indoors or remove food and water dishes from any outdoor enclosures after each feeding.
- Do not feed or approach wild animals.
- If you encounter a wild animal, "haze" it by yelling and waving your arms.

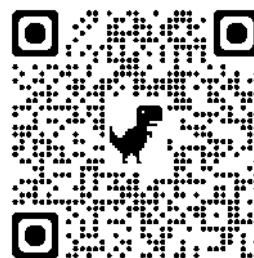
For more information:

- Details: [ColumbineValley.org](http://ColumbineValley.org) > Public Works > Wildlife & Animal Control
- Wildlife assistance: Call Colorado Parks & Wildlife at 303-291-7227



## Funding Challenges for South Metro Fire

The fire department that serves Columbine Valley, South Metro Fire Rescue, is facing a budget shortfall due to changes in state funding. Take a quick survey and learn more about the challenges, options for alternative funding, and the possibility of reducing essential emergency services at [EngageSouthMetro.org](http://EngageSouthMetro.org).



## SCOOTER & BIKE SAFETY TRAINING!



**Saturday, July 26, 2025**

**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.

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Festival

Don't miss our free annual festival featuring plenty of family fun! Meet on Friday, July 4, at the corner of Fairway & Driver Lanes.

**7 a.m.** Family Fun 5K

**7:30 a.m.** Breakfast Burritos

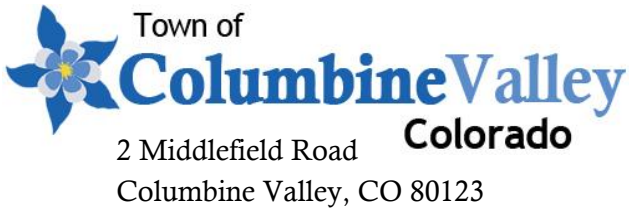
**8 a.m.** Cart Decorating Contest

**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!



## TOWN CALENDAR

<b>June 17</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>June 19</b>	Concert in the Park: Eagles Tribute Band
<b>July 4</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Annual Parade & Festival
<b>July 10</b>	Concert in the Park: Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band
<b>July 15</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>Aug. 7</b>	Concert in the Park: Country Music Project
<b>Aug. 19</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>Monthly</b>	Court Dates: Visit <a href="http://ColumbineValley.org">ColumbineValley.org</a> > Court > Municipal Court

## TOWN STAFF

J.D. McCrumb  
Town Administrator

Bret Cottrell  
Chief of Police

Lucy Martinez  
Municipal Court Admin.

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