

COLUMBINE VALLEY VOICE

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FROM THE MAYOR

As we head into another year, I am pleased to share that the Town Board of Trustees will vote to hold the mill levy tax rate on Columbine Valley property taxes at the same level for the third consecutive year.

Many of you will recall the statewide controversy a couple of years ago when property valuations led to substantial increases in property taxes for homeowners and businesses. In response, taxing authorities across the state faced decisions

about whether to capture that additional revenue opportunity. At that time, our Board made a deliberate decision to temporarily lower the mill levy rate collected within the Town to keep tax revenue level with the previous year. That approach carried through the 2025 budget and now will continue in 2026.

The Town is pleased to announce that a fiber-optic infrastructure installation project will soon be underway throughout the Town.

Beginning early next year, residents will see the installation of high-capacity fiber that will bring fast, reliable, next generation connectivity capability to homes. The project will be carried out by Intrepid Fiber, a Colorado-based company with considerable experience installing fiber networks in communities across the state and in Minnesota.

The work will lay the foundation for improved internet speeds, greater service reliability, and expanded

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MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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access to modern digital services for our residents. Work will begin in early 2026, and residents will be informed about the process.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention a recent situation that received local news attention. You may have heard about an incident in Bow Mar where our Police Department, which provides police protection services there, investigated a porch pirate theft in Bow Mar. While the incident became a media attention situation for a short period of time, I would like to emphasize that your Trustees continue to have full confidence in our Police Department's professionalism and integrity. They face complex situations daily and make difficult decisions in real time, all with the goal of protecting our community. We can all be justifiably appreciative of the work our officers do every day to keep both our Town and Bow Mar safe. A statement by the Town relating to this incident has recently been included on the Town's website.

May the holiday season bring you peace, joy, and good health in the year ahead!

—Bill Dotson, Mayor

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

In April 2026, three seats on the Board of Trustees and the position of Mayor will be open. If you are interested in running for an office, make note of these important dates:

- **Jan. 5, 2026:** Nomination Petitions for Trustee and Mayor available at Town Hall
- **Jan. 26, 2026:** Completed Nomination Petitions must be filed at Town Hall by 4 p.m.
- **March 16, 2026:** Ballots will be mailed to each eligible Columbine Valley voter
- **April 7, 2026:** Ballots to be returned to Town Hall by 7 p.m.

Trustees serve a four-year term and the Mayor serves a two-year term. All positions are at-large; there are no districts in Columbine Valley. For more information on requirements for running for Trustee or Mayor, job descriptions, and time commitments, please contact J.D. McCrumb at Town Hall at jdmccrumb@columbinevalley.org or 303-795-1434.

Reminder: If you are new to Columbine Valley, contact kanton@columbinevalley.org to join our email list and receive notices about events, road work, trash service, and more.

2025 PUBLIC WORKS ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Throughout 2025, the Public Works department delivered a wide range of improvements that support the safety, reliability, and overall quality of life in Columbine Valley. From roadway maintenance to infrastructure upgrades and tree care, the team worked diligently to ensure the Town remains well-maintained and welcoming. The following highlights summarize this year's key accomplishments.

Infrastructure Improvements

- Gutter Pan Replacement—Phase 2 Completed:** More than 3,600 square feet of gutter pans were replaced, marking the successful completion of Phase 2 of the Town-wide gutter pan project.
- Street Lighting Upgrades:** The last remaining concrete light poles were replaced with durable fiberglass poles equipped with energy-efficient LED fixtures, improving reliability and reducing energy use.

Street & Pavement Maintenance

- Stop Bar Repainting:** New stop bars were repainted on all streets that received chisel seal treatment, improving visibility and safety at intersections.

- Townwide Crack Sealing:** All Town streets were crack-sealed to extend pavement life and reduce long-term maintenance needs.
- Hunter Run Pothole Repairs:** Additional pothole repairs were completed along Hunter Run to enhance drivability and reduce vehicle wear.
- Wild Plum Asphalt & Concrete Repairs:** Multiple asphalt and concrete repairs were completed throughout Wild Plum to address aging pavement and improve roadway conditions.

Facilities, Assets, and Landscaping

- Eagle Gate Rebuild:** The Eagle emergency access gate was fully rebuilt to ensure dependable operation for emergency personnel.
- Brick Stockpile Acquisition:** A stockpile of bricks was purchased to streamline and accelerate future Town Wall repair projects.
- Middlefield Ash Tree Work:** Ash trees along Middlefield were pruned to improve visibility and overall tree health, and three trees were removed due to overcrowding.



SUCCESSFUL FALL LEAF DROPOFF!

After a long hiatus, the Town brought back fall leaf collection for residents. On Saturday, Nov. 1, scores of residents brought bag after bag of leaves. The 10-yard dumpster was overfilled by 11 a.m., and many residents expressed appreciation and interest in more events. To improve the event next year, staff is looking into multiple dates, multiple dumpsters, and additional staffing to help with unloading along with the possibility of home pickup.

SAFETY on WHEELS!

In the fall newsletter, the Town highlighted safety issues involving golf carts, scooters, and e-bikes, including possible consequences of unsafe driving and riding. (See the insert at ColumbineValley.org > Community > Newsletters.) Thank you to all the residents who offered positive feedback on this safety effort—and continue to be watchful and share their concerns with staff. A few reminders:

- Ride scooters and e-bikes at responsible speeds, and keep scooters off trails
- Follow all rules of the road, including traffic signs, when driving a golf cart
- Please monitor your children
- Call dispatch 303-795-4711 to report unsafe driving or riding

Thank you for helping keep all Columbine Valley residents and visitors safe!



TOWN CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY
Dec. 25–26	Christmas Holiday (Town Hall Closed)
Jan. 1	New Year's Day (Town Hall Closed)
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Town Hall Closed)
Jan. 20	Board of Trustees Meeting
Feb. 16	Presidents Day (Town Hall Closed)
Feb. 17	Board of Trustees Meeting
Court Dates	ColumbineValley.org > Court > Municipal Court

TOWN STAFF

J.D. McCrumb Town Administrator	Kelly Anton Communications
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Lucy Martinez Municipal Court Administrator	Diane Rodriguez Finance Director
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