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FROM THE MAYOR

Fall is the time when the Board of Trustees and Town Staff work together on the Town's budget and long-term financial plans. I'm pleased to report that our Town's financial position remains strong. That strength is the result of years of sound financial management by both past and current Trustees and Staff.

As Wild Plum is completed, Columbine Valley is transition-

ing to a more steady-state phase. I'd like to share a few thoughts about our financial planning process and provide an update on e-bike safety.

Financial Planning

Throughout this year, Town Staff is presenting updates to the Board on each department and the value it provides to our community today and into the future. During the fall, Staff prepares

and presents the Town's detailed annual budget for review, along with a narrative explaining the assumptions and reasoning behind the numbers.

Every two years, we also review and update our Capital Improvement Plan. This year, staff will present a new multi-year operational financial plan that looks ahead at potential changes in both revenue and expenses.

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These planning efforts all help ensure the Town remains financially strong while continuing to provide the high level of service our residents expect. If you're interested in learning more, I encourage you to check the agenda for upcoming Board meetings.

E-Bike Safety Update

E-bikes provide our young residents with a fun and convenient way to travel around Town. Let's all do our part to encourage safe riding habits so they can continue to enjoy those opportunities safely. I believe we made meaningful progress on our e-bike safety initiative this summer.

- The Trustees approved an e-bike ordinance that provides guidance for the various categories of electric-powered vehicles. You'll find details and the ordinance at [Columbine Valley.org](http://ColumbineValley.org) > Police > E-Vehicles & Golf Carts.
- The ordinance gives our police officers the authority to issue Town citations when necessary. While enforcement is sometimes appropriate, our primary goal remains preventing accidents and encouraging safe riding habits.
- We have continued using our e-bike warning card program. This allows an officer to issue a warning card to a child instead of a citation, with a follow-up phone call from a parent to the officer within 24 hours.
- During the month of June, only two warning cards were issued to children. That's encouraging, but I continue to hear from residents who observe unsafe riding practices, so there is still work to do.

The three intersections with traffic signals that border our community remain areas of particular concern as well. Please be careful in those areas.

Thank You to Our Town Staff

I'd like to close by expressing my sincere appreciation to our Town Staff for the outstanding work they did on this summer's events. Kelly Anton, our Communications and Events Coordinator, oversees every aspect of our 4th of July celebration as well as our three summer concerts. The entire Town Staff—who all contribute in some capacity to our events—did an exceptional job and the events were enjoyed by residents of all ages.

The next time you see a member of our Town Staff, please take a moment to thank them for everything they do to make Columbine Valley such a wonderful place to live.

—Dave Huelskamp, Mayor



10 Ways Public Works Builds a Better Town

Every day the professionals in Public Works look for ways to improve the Town, whether it's plowing snow, replacing a Stop sign, or managing stormwater. Take a look at department highlights to date and what's to come in the fourth quarter.

Highlights for Q1–Q3

1. Managed full-depth pavement reconstruction on portions of Hunter Run Lane to ensure smooth, safe roads.
2. Completed a refresher on snow removal to ensure safe, consistent, and effective winter operations.
3. Replaced 3,600 linear feet of concrete gutter pans to address significant deterioration and drainage-related concerns.
4. Achieved certification in stormwater permit management from the Colorado Stormwater Center and Colorado State University.
5. Converted paper stormwater maps into an interactive, GIS-based digital map for the 100+ inlets in town.
6. Maintained stormwater outfalls, including clearing debris and trapped sediment to keep the stormwater system functioning properly.

Priorities for Q4

1. Monitor the fiber-optic cable installation with all stakeholders—including residents, installers, engineers, and water rights holders—to minimize disruption while achieving faster and more reliable internet service.
2. Replace faded street name signs throughout Town as part of the street sign program, which is designed to improve visibility and make streets easier to identify.
3. Implement the Town's snow and ice removal standards to ensure timely, thorough salt spreading and snow plowing, maintaining safe passage for residents and visitors.
4. Review projects such as street maintenance and concrete replacement for the anticipated acceptance of Wild Plum by the Town.



Bus Stop Safety

The Littleton Public Schools bus

stops for 2026 are the same as last year: Brookhaven Lane & Brookhaven Trail ★ Doral Lane & Cypress Point Way (SW corner) ★ Doral Lane & Spyglass Drive (NE corner) ★ Fairway Lane & Wedge Way (NW corner) ★ Hunter Run Lane & Thoroughbred Run (SE corner) ★ Hunter Run Lane & Wild Plum Lane (at the walking path, S side of the street) ★ Middlefield Road & Augusta Drive (NW corner) ★ Middlefield Road & Village Drive (NW corner).

In addition to the LPS stops, Denver Christian School has a stop at Fairway & Club Lanes.

Please remember that **everything on wheels must stop** for buses with flashing red lights.

As always, call the Police Dispatch number if you witness unsafe driving or riding: 303-795-4711.

Town Hall at Your Service!

Visit ColumbineValley.org > Community > Events & Services for details on specific events!



Flu Shot Clinic

Oct. 5

7:30–9 a.m.

5–6:30 p.m.

Stop by Town Hall in the morning or afternoon for a flu shot.

Shred Event

Oct. 10

9 a.m.–noon

Bring boxes and bags of paper to shred and recycle at Town Hall!

Prescription Take-Back

Oct. 24

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Drop off any expired or unneeded medications at Town Hall for safe disposal.

Leaf Pickup

Nov. 2 & 9

With Trash Service

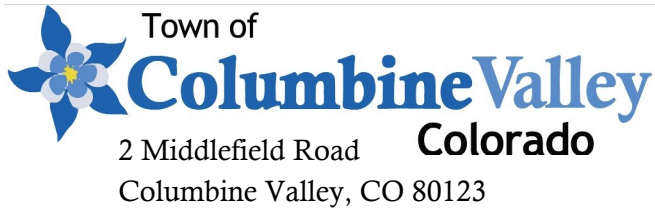
Place up to 10 bags of leaves out with trash/recycling.

E-Waste Collection

Dec. 1–4

8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Bring unwanted consumer electronics to Town Hall for recycling; copay will apply to larger items.



TOWN CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sept. 7	Town Hall Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 15	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept. 17	Municipal Court
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Oct. 20	Board of Trustees Meeting
Nov. 17	Board of Trustees Meeting
Nov. 19	Municipal Court
Nov. 26–27	Thanksgiving Holiday

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