

Town of Columbine Valley

2011 Fall Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish all of our citizens a happy conclusion to the summer and a great fall season...2011 has been a good year for our Town so far as we have avoided serious problems and have maintained a high level of community services, despite the difficult economic times. The Board and staff continue to work within a balanced budget framework, spending less than we receive in revenue and that's a very good thing.



We've had several folks ask when a building permit is required and when it isn't. Accordingly Jeff May, our Building Commissioner, has put together the following information. A building permit is always required when a new house or addition is planned, and in the demolition of a house or part thereof. Also, an updated electrical system, major plumbing improvements, renovated bathrooms, kitchens, and other interior rooms all require permits. Other projects requiring permits include:

- window and door replacements
- water heater replacement
- furnace and air conditioning replacement
- electrical service changes or upgrades
- sink, stool, shower replacement
- deck replacement or major enlargement
- roof replacement and/or skylight installation

Projects not requiring building permits:

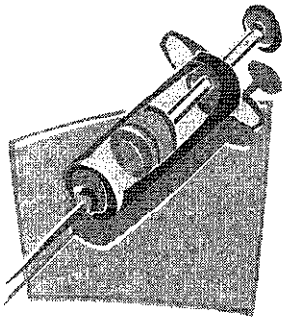
- accessory buildings such as tool or storage buildings not exceeding 120 square feet
- retaining walls not over 2 feet in height
- sidewalks and driveways
- window awnings
- swings, playground equipment, tree houses
- prefabricated swimming pools less than 24 inches deep
- repair of broken or defective electrical receptacles or switches
- painting, wall-papering, new carpet when not part of a larger project
- clearing of stoppages or repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, fixtures, or drains
- replacement of plumbing fixtures provided water, vent, waste piping is not altered

And please remember, most physical changes to buildings and landscaping require prior approval of your Home Owners Association before you apply to the Town for a permit...When in doubt about any improvement desired at your home, feel free to call the Town Office.

Thank you for your attention to this newsletter and participation in our community.

Gale Christy, Mayor

FLU SHOTS



Front Range Flu Shots, LLC, will be providing seasonal flu immunizations at the Town Hall.

DATE: Monday, October 3, 2011
TIME: 7:30 am—9:30 am
5:00 pm—7:00 pm
LOCATION: 2 Middlefield Road
COST: Flu Shot: \$26.00
FluMist Nasal Spray: \$32.00

SHREDDING PROJECT

There will be an on-site shredding service in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Residents may bring any documents and records they would like destroyed safely and can witness their destruction. Unacceptable items are vinyl notebooks, phone books, newspapers and hard back books. They will destroy/shred CD's, DVD's, hard drives, floppies and video's but can only perform this service off site, where the owner of the shredding company witnesses all destruction. It is required that all such material be kept separate from the paper when brought to the Town Hall.

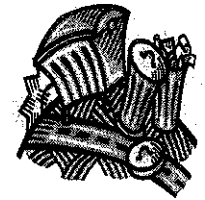
All shredded paper will be recycled in an environmentally friendly manner.



FALL CLEANUP

The dumpsters will be brought in at noon Thursday, November 10, and picked up at noon Saturday, November 12. They will be placed in the Town Hall parking lot. Remember, **NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**. Many common products found in your home such as oil-based paint, mercury, gasoline, de-greaser, cleaning compounds and garden chemicals may be hazardous and should be disposed of properly. You may call Arapahoe County Disposal Service at (303) 795-3834 for more information.

Please do not put electronics, refrigerators or other major appliances in or around the dumpsters. Please call the Town office for these items, we have a recycler who will take most anything away you no longer need. The Town office will be the collection site but please call first to ensure the items you have are eligible for this program.



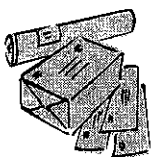
DISPOSAL FOR VEHICLE BATTERIES, TIRES AND OIL: Tires, car batteries (lead-acid batteries) should never be disposed of in your home trash container or dumpster, or poured into any type of drain. These materials can be easily recycled instead. Most automotive shops and stores (Checker Auto Parts or Pep Boys) accept car batteries and used motor oil for recycling at no charge. Car tires may be recycled at tire shops when you purchase new tires.

DISPOSAL OF LATEX PAINT: Latex paint is NOT a hazardous waste, and can be safely disposed of with your regular household garbage once it is dried out and no longer liquid. To dry latex paint, remove the lid from the paint cans, mix in an absorbent to speed the drying process (such as kitty litter, dirt or sand) and allow the paint to dry completely before disposing with your regular trash pickup.

NEW DIGS



There are a couple of businesses near the Town that might be convenient for the residents of Columbine Valley. One is a little grocery store called "Bert's All American Market" located off Bowles just east of the Grease Monkey. They are a fresh food market & specialty store and each product sold is made in the U.S.A. Please visit their website at www.bertsallamericanmarket.com.



The second store is called "Postal City Plus". It is located in the parking lot of the old Albertson's on the northern end. They have products and services for anything shipping related. They also have a full line of office and school supplies while they give their customers "Superstar Customer Care". You can visit their website at www.postalcityplus.com for more information.



TRASH BINS

Please be sure to bring in your trash cans the same night the trash has been picked up. And please do not put them in front of your mailbox as this makes delivering your mail more difficult.



LEASH LAW

There is a leash law in the Town of Columbine Valley. All dogs must be on a leash, in the hands of a competent person when off your property. Dogs should not be allowed to run free and citations will be issued for this offense. Walking on the golf course is considered trespassing and will be enforced. Please be mindful of other people's property and pick up after your dog. Please take any deposits left by your pet to your own trash.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

There is no overnight parking in the Town of Columbine Valley between the hours of 3:00 am to 6:00 am and there are signs posted at all entrances to the Town. If you must park on the street overnight, call the Town office for a permit. If you need a permit before or after the Town Hall hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or on weekends, please call Arapahoe County Dispatch at (303) 795-4711 and ask for a Columbine Valley Police officer to notify them that you will need a permit to park overnight. Please be certain your guests are made aware of this ordinance so that embarrassing and annoying "No Parking" tickets can be avoided.



COYOTES.....



Please remember coyotes are wild animals & should never be fed. Do not approach pups, adults rarely abandon their young. Coyote parents are good parents.

Coyotes can lose their fear of people & will kill cats & dogs. Keep your pets on a leash when walking them and do not leave them unattended, especially at night. Do not leave pet food outside. Keep your garbage in a tightly sealed container & out of reach of all animals.

If you meet a coyote, you can throw rocks and use a loud, authoritative voice to scare them away. As always, pay attention to your surroundings & whenever possible keep your distance.

A FEW REMINDERS

- For your safety, please keep your garage doors closed at all times
- Each property owner is responsible for keeping the gutters in front of his or her home clean of mud, grass clippings, leaves, etc.
- With school back in session, please be mindful of the kids walking to and from school in the streets