

# Town of Columbine Valley

## Winter 2009

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### CELEBRATE!!!

Welcome to 2009 in the Town of Columbine Valley. While there are several new items written within this Newsletter, I wish to cover two items of interest on behalf of our community.

**50th Anniversary of the Town of Columbine Valley**— Last fall we began discussions and planning for 2009 as the Town's 50th Anniversary. The Board of Trustees approved establishing a committee to plan activities in anticipation of the celebration. The committee is chaired by Trustee Jim Newland with several planning meetings already held. Representative include residents of the Town, HOA's and the Columbine Country Club (has been asked to participate). We will be announcing several activities as they become more fully defined. We are also including local "historians" to prepare information, narrative and photos covering the highlights of the past years. Also, the annual July 4th parade will include activities in celebration of the anniversary. Most importantly, a community-wide event is scheduled for **Sunday, August 23rd** at the Town Hall. This will include a picnic, music and social events to mark 2009. We hope the citizens will actively participate in the year's activities. Anyone interested in joining the planning group is welcome or if you have suggestions, please contact Trustee Newland or Ann Jennings at the Town Hall.

**Decrease in local mill levy from Drainage Way E**— In 1998, the voters of Columbine Valley were asked to support a bond issue to address the periodic flooding of our community from the west. The primary issues resulting in flooding include suburban development to the west (Southwest Plaza et al) and the large water retention ponds within the Three Ponds subdivision. Our Town has suffered several summers of sheet flooding across Platte Canyon. Fortunately minimal damage occurred, but clearly this situation presented a major potential problem of flooding into Columbine Valley as many homes were located in the FEMA designated floodplain. The Town was faced with two options (1) piece meal development and construction along the Drainage Way, parallel to Platte Canyon, with internally generated funds and estimated to take 6-7 years to complete or (2) ask for funding of a bond issue to establish a single project. Voters passed the bond issue by a margin in excess of 78%. The price tag was \$365,000, to be paid over a 10 year period. We are pleased and delighted to inform the residents that the bond issued for this project was fully paid-off in February 2009. This final payment of the bond has effectively reduced your mill levy by 1.25 mills for 2009. In this difficult economic climate in which we find individuals and governments scrambling, this is good news for our property holders. In addition, please know that your Board of Trustees continues to manage the Town's business with an approved budget and constantly monitors both our potential decline in revenues and acts with responsive management of expenses.

~Jim McShane, Mayor





## FROM THE COLUMBINE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

### PUFFERS BEWARE

Columbine Valley, Littleton and unincorporated Arapahoe County have recently experienced an increase in auto thefts. Four auto thefts have occurred in our area in the last few weeks (two in Columbine Valley and two west of S. Platte Canyon Road as of the writing of this article). Two of the thefts involved vehicles that were left unattended while warming up (Puffers). On two occasions, 3 subjects were observed pulling up to the residence in a stolen white Jeep, where one subject would get out and steal the vehicle that was warming up. Additionally, several cars have been broken into throughout the area. Two of these vehicles were stolen due to the keys being left in the ignition.

### SOME IMPORTANT TIPS:

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended while warming up
- Always lock your vehicle and never leave your keys in it
- Do not leave valuables such as iPods, GPS, or cameras in plain view
- Carry your insurance and registration in your purse or wallet
- Consider purchasing a remote starting unit that disables your vehicle if somebody attempts to steal it while it is warming up

Report any suspicious persons or incidents IMMEDIATELY at (303) 795-4711 (Arapahoe County Dispatch). In the event of an emergency, call 911.

~ Bret Cottrell, Chief of Police



### 2009 Directory

Please take a moment to look through your new directory. Same as last year, we have inserted an Allied Waste calendar on the inside of the back cover for pickups, recycling & holidays. And on the inside of the front cover is some important information from the Police Department.

The phone extensions for the office employees & Police Officers are on page 2, if you call the office & inadvertently get a voicemail box for the wrong person, just dial the four digit extension number of the person you wish to reach and you will be connected with that person's voicemail. Please notify me if you have any trouble or difficulties with this system.

Also included in the directory is information regarding parking permits, parking restrictions & house watches. Please read this information & keep for reference.

### CORRECTIONS/CHANGES/REMOVALS:

- Correct: Huber, BEN and Sara (not Charles), 5 Riviera Court
- Change: Halouska, Don and Anne TO Rogers, 4 Fairway Lane
- Remove: Shaw, Pam, 28 Brookhaven Lane from "Streets & Numbers Listings" section
- Correct: Frommer, Dick and Mary Ellen (not Fromma), 61 Fairway Lane

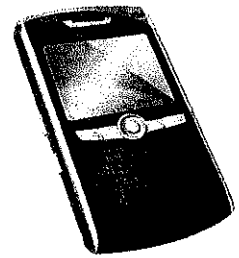


Due to last minute corrections, there are several small & minor errors within the directory.

If you find any other errors or have corrections to be made, please contact me so I can make the necessary changes.

## 2009 Directory (cont)

**NEW RESIDENTS:** If you are a new resident, please notify me with your name, address & phone number. If you wish to have your name listed but not your phone number, please state "Non-Published".



**ALL RESIDENTS:** I am constantly updating the "Office Copy Directory" with information that is *not* for publication & will remain in the office. For those of you who have not yet done so, I am looking for additional phone numbers where you can be reached, email addresses & any other information you feel would be important for us to know. We will use this information in case of emergencies and would like to eventually send the newsletters &/or any information from the Town by email. If you do not wish to receive your newsletters or anything from the Town by email, please let me know.

All of this information can be sent to me at [dstruthers@columbinevalley.org](mailto:dstruthers@columbinevalley.org) or by filling out the form below & returning it to the Town office at your convenience.

As always, thank you for your cooperation.  
~Dana Struthers

### TOWN DIRECTORY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (for directory) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT PUBLISH PHONE NUMBER IN DIRECTORY

Please notify me if you are going to be out of town during the months of January &/or February, as the Post Office will not deliver your directory. You may pick up your directory at the Town office upon your return.

OUT OF TOWN IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY