

TOWN OF COLUMBINE VALLEY

WINTER 2013

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FROM THE MAYOR

As the year 2013 nears conclusion it is important for me to report to you some of the Town's noteworthy accomplishments. I won't try to describe them in detail, but offer the following list for your information.

- Our land development processes (ordinances) -- zoning, subdivision regulations, etc. were totally rewritten and adopted by the Board of Trustees.
- The Town's ordinances were codified, organized, and / or re-printed in a more understandable, easy-to-read format. They are now being placed in a hard-back book cover to insure their usability.
- With Ann Jennings' retirement, we recruited and interviewed candidates, hiring J.D. McCrumb as our Town Administrator /Town Clerk on June 1st.
- Our Public Works "department" replaced the deteriorated wrought iron fence on Platte Canyon with a new, improved fence.
- We've entered into a 5-year contract with the Town of Bow Mar to provide it with police and court services, insuring a more long term, reliable law enforcement program for both Bow Mar and Columbine Valley.
- The Town has entered into a contract with Design by Sundown, a private contractor; to provide snow plowing services, rather than relying on off-duty police officers or part-time employees to do this work with "older, smaller" equipment.
- Each member of the Board of Trustees has written a job description for his specific responsibility which can be used for newly elected Trustee orientations.
- The Trustees embarked on a Street Maintenance Program to provide that all of our streets receive major improvements during the next 3 to 5 years. Reserve funds (savings account) will be used to finance this program.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees reviewed and the Board approved the re-zoning of the Wolf and Grimm properties at the southeast corner of Middlefield Rd and Bowles Ave from Agricultural to Planned Development Residential (41 patio home lots).
- The Town's staff has prepared a new logo for Columbine Valley which will help identify our new website, our quarterly newsletter, other publications and documents, and Town vehicles.
- The Town's financial team maintained the precedent of managing our finances in the "black", with revenues exceeding expenditures -- and no debt in 2014.



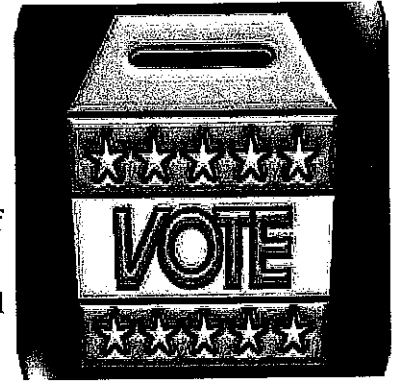
These accomplishments represent the highlights of 2013...and are not intended to describe all of the day-to-day services provided by the Town. If you have questions please feel free to call J.D. McCrumb at 303-795-1434. On behalf of the Town's Board of Trustees, we hope you find this report to be of interest to you. Have a great fall season and Happy Thanksgiving.

Gale Christy

SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

The Town is conducting a Special Election on December 10, 2013. The Ballot will consist of one question regarding the rezoning of the property known as 3550 and 3600 West Bowles Avenue, from RA, Residential Agriculture to PR, Planned Residential, and the Willowcroft Plan Development and Final Plat.

The election will be by mail ballot. Mail ballots will be mailed beginning the week of November 18. Voters may opt to cast a ballot at the Voter Service and Polling Center located at Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road. All voted mail ballots must be received by the Town Clerk or at the Voter Service and Polling Center by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 (Election Day) in order for your vote to be counted. Ballots received after 7 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted. Postmarks do not count as a received date.



Visit the voter service and polling center to: (1) drop off your ballot; (2) cast a ballot in person; (3) request a replacement ballot; (4) register to vote or update your registration information; or (5) vote using equipment and facilities for persons with disabilities.

For further information, please call J.D. McCrumb at Town Hall at 303-795-1434.

SNOW REMOVAL

The Town has contracted a private company to remove snow this winter. This is a departure from years past when part-time employees and off-duty police officers were responsible for this task.

The goal of the Town of Columbine Valley is to provide snow removal to all Town streets within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. The Town's priority is to keep arterial roadways and bus routes open to facilitate emergency traffic and then to clear snow from all remaining residential streets. Plowing will commence once snow has reached a depth of 3 inches and will be cleared with an 8-foot lane in each direction.

Residents are encouraged to refrain from parking on the street during and immediately following a snowstorm. Parked vehicles and other obstructions interfere with the safe and continuous operation of snow removal equipment. Plow drivers will do their best to avoid pushing snow into cleared driveways, however, they have very little discretion as to where the snow can go and their priority is to clear the streets to ensure safe travel.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

There are three positions on the Board of Trustees, as well as the position of Mayor, that are open in April 2014. Trustee's terms are for four years with a two-term limit and the Mayor term is for two years, with a three-term limit. If you are interested in running for any of these open positions, here are some important dates to know:

- Monday, February 10, 2014 - Nomination Petitions for Trustee and Mayor are available at Town Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 28, 2014 - Complete Nomination Petitions must be filed at Town Hall by 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 10, 2014 - Ballots will be mailed to each Columbine Valley Elector
- Tuesday, April 1, 2014 - Ballots must be returned to Town Hall by 7:00 p.m.

A Candidate Orientation will be held at Town Hall on Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. for anyone who would like more information about being Mayor or a Trustee and a full description of candidate requirements and deadlines. For further information, please call J.D. McCrumb at Town Hall at 303-795-1434.

NEW TOWN WEBSITE

The Town of Columbine Valley is excited to announce the January 20th launch of its new official website www.columbinevalley.org. The site will feature new content, improved navigation and easy access to Town documents and resources. It will also feature an area where residents can stay up to date on any development happening in Columbine Valley.





RECAP OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who took advantage of the recent flu shot clinic, shred event and fall clean-up dumpsters.

More than 60 people got their annual flu shot at the event on October 8, the largest number in the history of this service. The Town destroyed approximately 4,500 pounds of paper at the shred event and we more than filled the two roll-off dumpsters during the three days they were available at Town Hall.

Based on the large turnout for each of these, you can expect to see them again in 2014.

LOCK YOUR DOORS

The Columbine Valley Police Department was recently involved in the apprehension of a small group of thieves who had been committing burglaries throughout the metro area – including in Columbine Valley. Incidents such as these prompt us to remind you to be vigilant and take a few extra steps to keep your home, automobiles and valuables secure.

- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended (even to warm it up on cold days).
- Don't leave valuables inside your vehicle. If you must leave valuables then secure valuables out of sight in the vehicle.
- Don't leave your car windows down or doors unlocked, keep doors locked even when the car is in your garage.
- Keep garage doors closed and locked.
- Do not hide keys under mats, in mailboxes or other common hiding spots.

To report a crime or suspicious activity, call Arapahoe County Dispatch at 303-795-4711.

2014 BUDGET

From a financial perspective, the Town continues to maintain a positive position. Our budgets have been met and we continue to have a healthy reserve. We are pleased to have paid off all remaining debt on the Town Hall facility in 2013 and look forward to commencing a multi-year road repair initiative in 2014. The Board of Trustees will approve the 2014 Budget at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.



PROPOSED SENIOR CENTER

The Board of Trustees is aware that a Senior Living Center may be proposed at the southwest corner of Bowles Avenue and Watson Lane in Littleton. There has been a great deal of concern expressed by the adjacent and nearby residents in both Columbine Valley and Littleton.

Town staff is in contact with the Littleton Planning staff and have been assured that when a rezoning case is submitted a full and complete referral will be sent to Columbine Valley. The staff will then contact the adjacent Homeowner Associations and other neighbors for their comments. The Trustees will review the case and the citizen comments before submitting their concerns to Littleton. This will be done prior to any public hearings by the City of Littleton.

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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 28; Friday, November 29; Wednesday, December 25; and Wednesday, January 1. We will be closing at Noon on December 24 and December 31.

If you need any non-emergency Police assistance on these days, or anytime outside of normal business hours, please call Arapahoe County Dispatch at 303-795-4711.

Happy Holidays from everyone at Columbine Valley!

2014 DIRECTORY

The 2014 Town Directory will be published at the beginning of next year. If you are a new resident & would like to be in the directory, you can fill in the bottom portion of this letter and return it to the Town office or email it to dstruthers@columbinevalley.org. If you do not wish to have your phone number published in the Directory please write "non-published" in the phone number section. If you choose to be "non-published", we would ask that you give the Town office your phone number & e-mail addresses for official or emergency use ONLY.

If there were any corrections that needed to be made to the 2013 Directory, fill out the form & return it to the Town office as well.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

(email addresses will not be published)