

Design professional sought to serve on downtown district

The city is seeking a qualified design professional to serve on its Derby Review Board to support the revitalization of the city's Derby downtown district.

This unpaid, open position requires candidates with a design background and experience in architecture, urban planning or landscape design. Ideally, candidates will have an understanding or interest in revitalizing the Commerce City community. Members collectively review and take action on development applications within the Derby area with the goal of maintaining compliance with the Derby sub-area and design standards.

The Derby Review Board meets a maximum of once a month, the third Tuesday evening of the month, and is comprised of five regular members appointed by city council.

About Derby

Derby is the heart of Commerce City's historic city dating back to the 1880s, and is considered a key commercial and activity center in future city planning efforts. The ongoing revitalization of the historic Derby Downtown District calls for diversifying the business community through encouragement of new shops, restaurants and other services while supporting existing business growth. There are 130 individual properties which make up the Derby area, which has a triangular shaped layout bordered by 72nd Avenue, Highway 2 and Magnolia Avenue.

Learn more about Derby, its sub-area plan, design standards, and apply for the position by visiting www.c3gov.com/derby. Deadline to apply is Feb. 27, 2015. The new member is anticipated to begin in April 2015.



On Jan. 2, the Commerce City Police Department was challenged by a group of children to a game of floor hockey at the Recreation Center. The next Cops vs Kids event is Feb. 13.

Nominate grand marshals for Commerce City Memorial Day Parade

Commerce City is soliciting grand marshal nominations for the city's 51st annual Memorial Day Parade.

This year's event begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2015 in the heart of Commerce City. Billed as the largest parade in the state and one of the largest in the country, more than 10,000 people traditionally in attendance, with 130 parade entries that stretch approximately 4 miles.

The person(s) selected for the Grand Marshal must be a (current/former) Commerce City resident, served in the active military and able to participate in the parade. Nomination forms can be completed online or downloaded at www.c3gov.com/parade.

Submit nomination forms by Feb. 27, 2015 to:

City of Commerce City
c/o Michelle Halstead
7887 E. 60th Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022

For more information, call 303-289-3719 or mhalstead@c3gov.com.



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Historic Preservation Plan

City Council approves historic preservation plan

The city's first historic preservation plan was approved by City Council during the Jan. 5, 2015 meeting.

The historic preservation plan identifies ways the city can recognize and preserve the things that make a place unique and includes actively preserving, celebrating, using, and promoting special places within the community. To draft the plan, the city's planning division worked with several contributing entities including historic preservation professionals, the Commerce City Historical Society and interested community members.

"One of the main purposes of the plan is to serve as a guiding document for historic preservation efforts," said City Planner Paul Workman. "This allows us to retain an identity that our residents can be proud of. It's an initial step in preserving our community."

The City of Commerce City was incorporated in 1952 making it a relatively young municipality. However, the communities that formed Commerce City have been in existence since the 19th century. With the rapid growth and dramatic change that has occurred in the city the past 15 years, it is important to ask questions about how to honor the built environment while integrating it with the future of Commerce City.

"Preserving the history of an area plays a vital role in maintaining the established character of a place," Workman said. "That sense of place leads to unique areas or districts that can strengthen local economies and foster civic pride."

In addition to highlighting the history of the area the plan also acknowledges the importance historic preservation can have for economic redevelopment opportunities. For example, the rehabilitation and reuse of historic buildings are opportunities to stimulate the local economy and provide space for new businesses.

The next steps are to implement and prioritize elements of the plan.

To download a copy of the Commerce City Historic Preservation Plan visit, www.c3gov.com/hpp.

Meet the Capital Improvement Program Citizen Advisory Committee

City Council established the CIP Citizen Advisory Committee to advise the city on matters relating to the implementation of 2013 voter-approved Ballot Issue 2K. The mission of the committee is as follows:

- To receive staff reports on the progress of each approved CIP project in relationship to established schedules, budget allocations, project goals, and quality management guidelines.
- To provide advice to City Council on opportunities and issues related to the implementation of the five approved CIP projects, specifically relating to the three key program elements of:
 - Accountability – Demonstrating effective stewardship of taxpayer dollars
 - Engagement – Provide tangible opportunities for community members to engage
 - Potential – Leverage civic support and progress beyond the initial five projects
- To review and provide comment on public engagement and public information plans.
- To promote public awareness and understanding of the voter-approved CIP projects and the implementation of each.



(left to right: Sandy Carruthers, DeLilah Collins, Maura O'Neal, Brian Connor, Joby Rittenhouse, Jonathan Popiel, Gordon Hamby, Colleen Becker)

Sandy Carruthers is a Community Enterprise volunteer, a Commerce City Recreation Center participant (since 1987), and performs other various community involvement. She served on the Quality Community Initiative (QCI) Committee from 2011-2013, the Parks and Recreation Senior Advisory Committee from 2008-present and the Conoco/Suncor Citizen Advisory Committee from 2000-present. Sandy holds a bachelor's degree and unclassified graduate work from the University of Northern Colorado. She has been a resident of Commerce City, Ward I for nearly 24 years.

DeLilah Collins is the e-rate and education technology coordinator for the Colorado Department of Education. She served on the Quality Community Initiative which was instrumental in developing the requirements for the 2K initiative. She currently serves on the Quality Community Foundation Board, holds a bachelor's degree in information technology business systems analysis and is a resident of Commerce City, Ward IV.

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Maura O'Neal is the media relations and communications manager for the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. She is a member of the Commerce City Cultural Council and served on the Commerce City Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee and the Quality Community Initiative. She received her bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and her master's degree from the University of Colorado. She is a resident of Commerce City, Ward IV.

Brian Connor is a senior vice president in the Commercial Lending Department of Citywide Banks. He is a current member of the Commerce City Cultural Council, the 27J Accountability Committee, and a 2014-2015 participant in Engage 27J. He has a first and third grader attending Landmark Academy at Reunion and volunteers his time in both of his children's classrooms. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Colorado Denver and is a 9-year resident of Commerce City, Ward IV.

Joby Rittenhouse is an attorney at Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, an energy firm in Denver. He holds a bachelor's degree in international political economics from Colorado College, a master's degree from the Colorado School of Mines, and a law degree from the University of Denver. He lives with his wife, Kait, in Commerce City, Ward IV.

Jonathan Popiel is a project development manager for Hensel Phelps. He has been actively involved in the construction/engineering industry for nearly 15 years and a resident of Commerce City for 11 years. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado in 2001. He is happily married to his beautiful wife Julie and is a father of 2-year-old twin daughters, Hannah and Jenna. He is a resident of Commerce City, Ward IV.

Gordon Hamby is a certified anti-bias/anti-bullying trainer for the No Place for Hate Institute. He is also an independent trainer and motivational speaker. His community service includes The Women's Bean Project, Denver Feed a Family, The Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation, Junior Achievement, and the Matthew Sheppard Foundation. Gordon graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Colorado Denver with a bachelor's degree in communications and a minor in ethnic studies. He is a proud resident of Commerce City, Ward I.

Colleen Becker has worked for Kaiser Permanente for 14 years and is currently a full-time student at the University of Denver. She is double majoring in public policy and sociology and hopes to apply to law school in the spring. She is passionate about her community and is eager to find ways to help make it better for its citizens. She has been a resident of Commerce City, Ward III for seven years but has lived in Adams County for more than 30.

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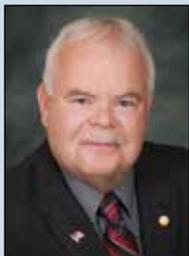
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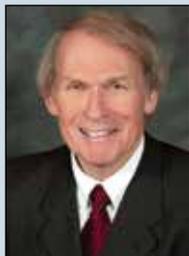
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Come by the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., or watch us live on Comcast Channel 8 or www.c3gov.com on the first and third Monday night.



Minor Home Repair program offers grants for needed home repairs

Low-income residents whose homes are in need of repair may qualify for the city's new Minor Home Repair program. The Minor Home Repair program provides funds to low income residents who are in need of repairs that will make their home a safe, sanitary and energy efficient dwelling. The grants, provided federally through Housing and Urban Development (HUD), include repairs such as roof repair, gutter work, drainage and plumbing, electrical, heating and energy efficiency.

"Housing systems that are in danger of failure or that could lead to a major health, safety or sanitary concerns are the primary homes which qualify for the Minor Home Repair Program," said Housing Coordinator Tracy Jones.

Applications will be sent to interested home owners who have verified preliminary eligibility with the Commerce City Housing Authority. If the application is approved an on-site visit is conducted to determine essential repairs before a bid is released to local contractors.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The home must be a single-family residence.
- Mobile homes must have Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) manufacturer certification labels (manufactured after 1976).
- The applicant must own the home (name be on the Deed of Trust) and the home must be the applicants primary residence.
- The applicant's annual household income may not exceed amounts shown in the following chart as determined by HUD.

If you are interested in the Minor Home Repair program call 303-289-3696 to schedule an initial telephone interview to determine preliminary eligibility.

Family Size	Income Limit
1	\$42,950.00
2	\$49,100.00
3	\$55,200.00
4	\$61,350.00
5	\$66,300.00
6	\$71,200.00
7	\$76,100.00
8	\$81,000.00

Income limits are subject to change, as published by HUD.

We continually look for ways to improve communication with the community and enjoy hearing what you would like to see. Contact Commerce City Connected Editor Yvonne Castellanos at ycastellanos@c3gov.com or 303-289-3684 with questions or comments.

NEWS BRIEFS

Stand up to crime, become a victim advocate

Applications to become a volunteer victim advocate are currently being accepted for the February 2015 Victim Advocate Training Academy

Join the Brighton and Commerce City police departments' victim services unit (VSU) and help those who have been a victim of a violent crime in the community.

In August 2014, the Commerce City and Brighton victim services units merged to better serve victims in both communities and help increase the amount of full-time advocates. In 2014, the combined unit served more than 3,000 victims and provided 882 on-scene responses.

Volunteer advocates provide on-scene crisis intervention with victims and witnesses of crime, sudden death and other emergency situations. Volunteer victim advocates also provide support, information and referrals. Advocates provide assistance with the criminal justice system and victims' rights information in both communities.

"The VSU provides immediate crisis intervention during the first 24-48 hours following a traumatic event by providing immediate assistance, support and resources," said Kim Messina, victim advocate coordinator. "Our victim advocate ensures that all crime victims are notified of their rights and are treated with fairness, dignity and respect during the open police investigation."

Each volunteer is required to volunteer a minimum of four, 12-hour shifts per month, including evenings, weekends and occasional holidays. Volunteers are required to respond within 30 minutes of dispatch contact.

In order to participate, volunteers must:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Be able to undergo and pass a background investigation
- Be a holder of a valid Colorado driver's license with a good record
- Have valid auto insurance
- Be compassionate and non-judgmental
- Be able to maintain confidentiality
- Have strong interpersonal skills
- Be able to perform under emotional and adverse conditions
- Bilingual strongly needed
- Be willing to commit to at least 12 months

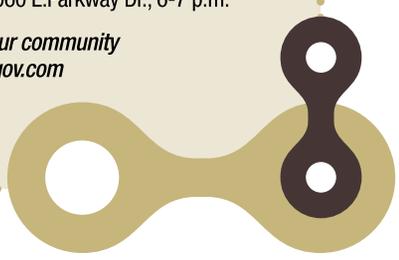
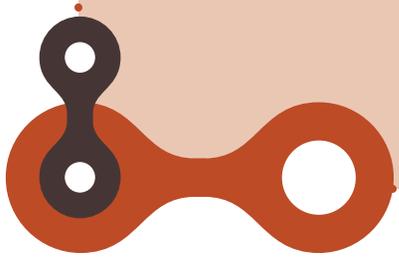
Volunteer victim advocate applications are due by Feb. 13, 2015. There will be a victim advocate training late that month.

For information on how to become a victim advocate volunteer, visit www.brightonco.gov or contact Victim Service Coordinator Kim Messina at 303-655-2308 or kmessina@brightonco.gov.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 2 City Council regular meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E.60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Feb. 3 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E.60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 3 Senior focus group, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 1-3 p.m.
- Feb. 6 Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-9 p.m.
- Feb. 6 Night of the Stars local talent show, Brighton Cultural Center, 300 Strong St., 6 p.m.
- Feb. 6 Primetime for Preschoolers, Anythink Libraries, 7185 Monaco St., 10:30 - 11 a.m.
- Feb. 7 Wild Wings – The Secret Life of Owls!, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd, 10-11 a.m.
- Feb. 7 Middle School Madness, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-10 p.m.
- Feb. 7 Be a Can Fan – Trash and Recycling information, King Soopers Marketplance, 15051 E.104th Ave., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Feb. 9 City Council study session, Civic Center, 7887 E.60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E.60th Ave., 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E.60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 12 Wild Valentine, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd, 10-11 a.m.
- Feb. 13 Wild Valentine, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd, 10-11 a.m.
- Feb. 13 Cops vs. Kids - Dodge ball, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 4 p.m.
- Feb. 14 Be a Can Fan – Trash and Recycling information, King Soopers, 4850 E.62nd Ave (note correct address), 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Feb. 16 City Council regular meeting, CANCELED
- Feb. 16 City offices closed
- Feb. 17 Swim lesson registration open
- Feb. 17 Derby Review Board, Derby Resource Center, 7270 Monaco St., 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17 Quality Community Foundation meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E.60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Family Night-Sports Galore, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-9 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Cops vs. Kids – Basketball, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 4 p.m.
- Feb. 21 Who's Tracking Who?, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd, 1-2:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21 Family Fun Saturday, 7185 Monaco St., 2-3 p.m.
- Feb. 23 City Council study session, Civic Center, 7887 E.60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Feb. 23 Summer Camp Enrollment Begins, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 5:30 a.m.
- March 2 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E.60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- March 3 2015 Summer Camp packet assistance, Recreation Center, 6060 E.Parkway Dr., 6-7 p.m.

For more information about our community calendar and events, visit c3gov.com





Check to see when new trash and recycling cans are being delivered to your home!

All residents should have received a welcome packet by beginning of February that provides a detailed overview of the new trash and recycling

services rolling out in February and March. Most households will not experience a change in collection day and those who do will be notified through mail at least a week before a change. For more information about the new trash services visit, c3gov.com/trash.

What do I need to do? It's easy!

- Service will not be interrupted and the switchover to the new cans should be seamless.
- Households will receive two new cans (one for trash and one for recycling) sometime between the end of February and through March. **Check the schedule below to know which week to expect your new cans.**
- Once your new cans arrive, begin using them for all trash and recycling needs.
- Continue following your pick-up schedule unless you are notified of a change. Most households will not experience a change in schedule.
- After you receive your new cans, all trash and recycling materials MUST fit into these new WM issued cans, otherwise they will not be picked up. Because the trucks are designed to automatically lift the new cans, items outside of these cans will not be picked up.
- Dumpster service does not change.

Improved service!

- More room for recycling! Each household receives a 96-gallon can for recycling. That's five times the space the 18-gallon bins provide.
- Trash stays in its place. All 96-gallon cans have lids to prevent trash and recycling from blowing around. No more trash bags and blowing items along neighborhood streets.
- Easy-to-use containers. Sturdy wheels and handles make cans easy to maneuver.
- Less impact to the community. The new truck fleet runs on compressed natural gas and are quieter and lighter in design.
- Thoughtful use of city funds. The new service saves the city more than \$600,000 annually, which can now be reinvested into existing and new city services.

New Can Delivery Calendar*: Check out the schedule to see when your new cans arrive!

February/March 2015: New Can Delivery Schedule						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 22	Monday 23 <i>Collection Days Receive Carts this Week</i>	24	25	26	27	28
March 1	Tuesday 2 <i>Collection Days Receive Carts this Week</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8	Wednesday 9 <i>Collection Days Receive Carts this Week</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	Thursday 16 <i>Collection Days Receive Carts this Week</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	Friday 23 <i>Collection Days Receive Carts this Week</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	April 1	2	3	4

*Most residents will NOT experience any changes in their collection days. Once you receive your can, just begin using it on your normal collection day. **If your collection day changes, you will be notified via mail one week or more prior to a change.**

www.c3gov.com/trash

NUMBERS TO KNOW

- Access Housing Inc. 303-289-7078
- Adams County Food Distribution Center..... 303-286-4193
- Adams County Head Start 303-286-4141
- Adams County Housing Authority 303-227-2075
- Adams County School District 14 303-853-3333
- Adams County Sheriff's Office 303-654-1850
- Adams County Social Services 303-287-8831
- Adams County Workforce 303-453-8627
- Alternatives to Family Violence 303-657-0492
- Center for People with Disabilities 303-422-8662
- Children's Outreach Project 303-429-0653
- Colorado Access Advantage 720-744-5101
- Commerce City Health Services 303-289-1086
- Commerce City Library 303-287-0063
- Community Enterprise 303-288-4783
- Denver Rescue Mission 303-294-0157
- Department of Motor Vehicles 303-654-6010
- Derby Resource Center..... 303-289-1735
- Families First 303-745-0327
- Family Tree 303-227-2205
- Housing Authority 303-289-3698
- Migrant Education Program 303-288-4641
- New America School 303-523-9634
- North Metro Community 303-255-6595
- Partnerships for Healthy Comm 303-422-2483
- Platte Valley Medical Center 303-659-6404
- Project CASE 720-933-1227
- Salud Clinic 303-286-8900
- School District 27J 303-655-2900
- The Senior Hub..... 303-426-4408
- South Adams Fire District 303-288-0835
- South Adams County Water & Sanitation District 303-288-2646
- Tri-County Health Department 303-288-6816
- Voices Community Resource Center 720-542-5360
- Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention 303-429-3530
- Waste Management Recycle Schedule 303-797-1600

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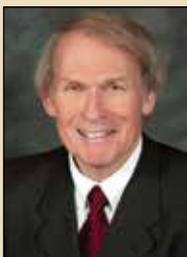
- Commerce City Civic Center 303-289-3600
- City Manager's Office 303-289-3612
- Community Development 303-289-3683
- Economic Development 303-289-3620
- Communications Division 303-289-3719
- Parks and Recreation 303-289-3760
- Public Works 303-289-8150
- Buffalo Run Golf Course 303-289-1500
- Bison Grill..... 303-289-7700
- Senior Center 303-289-3756
- Police Department (non-emergency) 303-288-1535
- Police Department (Administration) 303-287-2844
- Civic Center 7887 E. 60th Ave.
- Police Dept. 7887 E. 60th Ave.
- Parks and Rec 6060 E. Parkway Dr.
- Municipal Service Center (MSC) 8602 Rosemary St.

GOVT LOCATIONS

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Visit c3gov.com for more information.

COUNCIL CORNER



Jim Benson, Ward IV

Construction has begun on the Pioneer Park outdoor leisure pool. The city council has voted to name this project, which is a small water park, "Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park." Groundbreaking has occurred on the new park in Fronterra, between Stuart Middle School and Second Creek Elementary. Other parks that are located in Turnberry and Villages at Buffalo Run East are in the design stage and should be finished during 2016. During 2016 construction will begin on the widening of Tower Road between 80th Avenue and 104th Avenue. Environmental site work is continuing on the new recreation center property.

A REMINDER that city council elections are again coming up in November 2015. Ward representatives to be elected are in Ward 2 (the southernmost part of the city) and Ward 4 (my ward, which is the northeast part of the city, east of Chambers Road). In addition, two at-large seats are up for election, for a total of a possible four new councilmembers. Please take some time to evaluate the people that you would like to see run for these positions and discuss these elections with your neighbors, so that we may have the most highly qualified candidates run. I am term limited, so I will not be running again for the Ward 4 seat.

TAKE A CHANCE – even if you lose the election, you wind up making a lot of new friends.

Free public Wi-Fi at the recreation center and golf course

Free public Wi-Fi is now available at the Commerce City Recreation Center and Buffalo Run Golf Course. Register for classes, book tee times, and surf the net using personal wireless devices!

Summer camp Start your summer planning – enroll your child in summer camp!

It's never too early to start planning for summertime activities, as summer camp is just around the corner. Laugh, Experience, Achieve, Play (LEAP), Commerce City's state-licensed and CCAP-approved summer camp, offers many fun activities for kids and teens between the ages of 6 and 15. Ensure your child's safety, while he or she has the best summer yet! Certified instructors supervise the campers on field trips, activities and play in the recreation center. Specialty camp programs this year include weekly themes and partial week camps for teens at Second Creek Elementary School.

Interested parents should attend an informational meeting on March 3 to walk through the enrollment process and receive a schedule of field trips and weekly themes. This meeting is not mandatory, but will be helpful in navigating the lengthy, state-required enrollment form.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the recreation center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., with staff on hand to answer questions and help parents complete the paper enrollment form. Enrollment packets can be downloaded for free online at c3gov.com/camp starting Monday, Feb. 23, or are available as hard copy that day at the recreation center for a \$10 fee.

Bring the following information and documentation to the March parent meeting and have a staff member walk you through the enrollment process:

- A printout of the enrollment packet
- Child's photo
- Colorado immunization records signed by a doctor
- Health history signed by a doctor
- Completed emergency card
- Addresses and phone numbers for family doctor, dentist and preferred hospital

Deadline for summer camp enrollment and a mandatory parent meeting is May 12. For more information about summer camp, visit c3gov.com/camp or contact Yasmin Cassini at 303-289-3659 or ycassini@c3gov.com.



PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

Commerce City Recreation Center

6060 E. Parkway Dr.
303-289-3760
c3gov.com/recreation

Buffalo Run Golf Course

15700 E. 112th Ave.
303-289-1500
buffalorungolfcourse.com

Spread the Love

Spread the love with donations of peanut butter and/or jelly jars now through Feb. 13 and support the Adams County Emergency Food Bank in Commerce City.

The goal of Spread the Love is to deliver 1,000 jars to the food bank at a time when food donations are at the lowest and in the highest demand after the holidays. The Adams County Emergency Food Bank provides nutritionally complete food items to more than 4,000 people per month.

Public drop-off locations include:

- Commerce City Recreation Center and Older/Adult Senior Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr.
- Commerce City Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave.
- Conter Estates, 6600 East 60th Place
- Wells Fargo Bank, 6025 Parkway Dr.
- Adams County High School and Kearney Middle School students may also drop-off jars in their school cafeterias.

Thanks for spreading the love and making a difference for families in Commerce City.



Register for youth soccer camps

Register by March 15 for girls and boys soccer programs. All leagues are co-ed and open to kindergartners through fourth grade. Go online to c3gov.com/sports or call 303-289-3789 to register.

Middle school madness

Come dressed to impress for the annual Valentine's Day dance on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 7-10 p.m. Grades 6-8. \$2/per person
Commerce City Recreation Center



Sweet dining deals for Valentine's Day

Now taking reservations for Valentine's Day dinner. \$75 per couple, includes a 4-course, prix fixe menu. Call 303-289-7700 to make your reservation. View the full menu online at BuffaloRunGolfCourse.com/dining.



The Parks and Recreation staff with seniors last year, in the annual senior focus group.

Senior focus group

The parks and recreation department is hosting its fifth annual senior focus group, Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. The goal of the focus group is to gain insight from the older adult community on programming such as day trips, seminar subjects and health classes offered at the recreation center.

The feedback received from the focus group helps determine the best possible plan for the 2015 year. It is the city's continued goal to ensure the older adult community is experiencing the highest quality of life.

If you have any questions, contact Derrick Tripp, senior services supervisor at 303-289-3761 or dtripp@c3gov.com.

Once upon a Time

Daddy & Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Friday, February 6 • 6-9 p.m.
7451.101 • \$10/\$12 per person

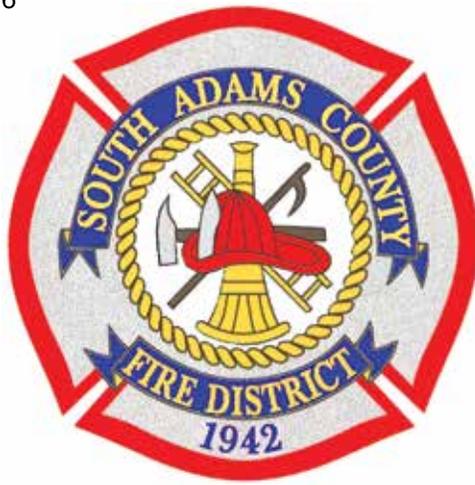
Register by Tuesday, February 3,
and receive the early discount.

Ages: 4 and up
(Fee increases \$3 after 2/3)

The Recreation Center gymnasium transforms into a fairytale wonderland for the annual Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance "Once Upon a Time." Join your little princess for a night of dancing, games and prizes. Uncles and nieces, grandfathers and granddaughters are also welcome.

To register visit c3gov.com/recreation
or call 303.289.3789





South Adams County Fire Protection District

6550 E. 72nd Ave., Commerce City, CO 80022 • 303.288.0835

Fire safety tip of the month

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. It has no odor. CO gas is poisonous. It can make a person feel sick and can be deadly. In the home, heating and cooking devices that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

CO ALARMS

- CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. It is best to use interconnected alarms. When one sounds, all CO alarms in the home sound.
- Follow the instructions on the package to properly install the CO alarm.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- Replace CO alarms according to the instructions on the package.
- Know the sounds the CO alarm makes. It will sound if CO is detected. It will make a different sound if the battery is low or if it is time to get a new CO alarm.
- If the battery is low, replace it.
- If the CO alarm sounds, you must get fresh air. Move outdoors, by an open window or near an open door. Make sure everyone in the home gets to fresh air. Call the fire department from a fresh air location. Stay there until help arrives.

PREVENT CO POISONING

- When warming a vehicle, move it out of the garage. Do not run a fueled engine indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not blocked. Clear snow away.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- Clear all debris from dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace vents.
- A generator should be used outdoors. Use in a well-ventilated location away from windows, doors, and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO. Only use them outside.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.



SACFD class of 2014 graduates 10 new firefighters

“When a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What he does after that is all in the line of work.” ~Edward F. Croker

A year of dedication, hard work, and sacrifice has led 10 young men to fulfilling their dreams of becoming a firefighter. Saturday, Jan. 17, was the day these probationary firefighters have been waiting for, the day of academy graduation. Reggie Buckalew, John Cardenas, Robert Hamlin, Jamin Hutchcraft, Russell Johnson, Jon Lodge, Filiberto Martinez, Brandon Michaels, Michael Parks, and Christopher VanDijk were sworn in and badges pinned on surrounded by family, friends and fellow firefighters.

Academy life was not easy for these new firefighters. The academy started with 17 recruits, but after hours of physically and mentally demanding training, time spent away from families, over 200 hours of hands on training book work, 150 hours of rides with current firefighters to be exact, and the emotional toll that these two combined can have, only 10 overcame the challenges and rose to the occasion.

Congratulations to these exemplary firefighters and welcome to the brotherhood.



SACFD class of 2014 Filiberto Martinez, Robert Hamlin, Jamin Hutchcraft, John Cardenas, Jon Lodge, Reggie Buckalew, Michael Parks, Christopher VanDijk, Russell Johnson, and Brandon Michaels

Citizen update, February 2015

During the fall of 2011, the South Adams County Fire Protection District #4 contracted with Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) to conduct an in-depth report on the districts' ability to provide emergency services.

The ESCI report addressed several areas the department needed to improve upon to provide emergency services to a growing community. Specifically, 24/7 station staffing, emergency medical services, fire prevention, fire protection, stations and apparatus. This is a very brief overview of ESCI's 253 page recommendations. To provide an acceptable level of service to the community one of ESCI's many recommendations was the need to increase funding to support this effort. The citizens of Commerce City approved a mil levy increase to take effect in 2014 to support these recommendations. The approved mil levy increase allowed the fire department to proceed with interviewing and testing potential firefighters for hiring. The newly hired firefighters were placed at stations 23 (72nd Ave. and Monaco St.) and station 28 (104th Ave. and Walden St.). As a point of clarification, for the balance of this update the fire district will be referred to as the fire department

The fire department is approaching its first anniversary with career (paid) firefighters responding from two stations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. As we make the transition from a 100 percent volunteer suppression force to a combination of career and volunteer firefighters, the board of directors would like to share a brief progress report. As promised, the fire department has staffed two stations, station 23 and 28 during the first quarter of 2014, resulting in the hiring of 22 new firefighters. The many hours of fire service related training for the newly hired firefighters surfaced the need for a full time training officer and safety officer who have been added to keep our firefighters safe and efficient.

With the addition of career firefighters, the need for living quarters, bunk rooms, kitchens, training and exercise areas have become a priority. These items were not considered when some of the fire stations were built 20 plus years ago. With the immediate need for living quarters, the fire department is preceding with plans to rebuild station 4 (built in 1975) at 8600 Rosemary Street. The rebuilding of Station 4 is planned to be fully functional by the end of December 2015, and staffed with career firefighters in early 2016. Station 4's location will provide first responders with access to main roadways regardless of train or roadway traffic within the fire departments boundaries.

Plans are being developed to relocate the departments administrative and fire prevention offices from station 23, 6550 E 72nd Avenue, to another location during early 2016. Relocation of the administrative and fire prevention offices will allow the department to repurpose station 23 by addressing the stations inadequate living quarters. Station 23 was original built in 1975, living quarters were not considered. The repurposing of station 23 will be addressed (2016) once the administrative and fire prevention offices are relocated.

As the department addresses and plans for current and future staffing and housing needs, we will also address our aging fire apparatus, several are presently 20 plus years of age.

The fire department thanks our citizens for their support as we move forward, providing services to our growing community.