

## New police recruitment program pays for academy, offers position for residents

**Join the ranks of excellence and learn more about this new program at orientation March 18**

Honesty. Integrity. Competence. Teamwork. These are a few of the character traits the Commerce City Police Department is seeking from well-qualified candidates who desire to have a career in law enforcement.

Under a limited program, applicants who are successful in this application process will be sponsored by the city to attend the Adams County Sheriff's Office Police Academy. During the 20-week training, tuition and equipment are included and recruits will receive an hourly pay rate of \$18. Individuals must successfully complete the academy, and pass state certification and the department's field training program.

### Eligible individuals must:

- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Have a high school diploma or GED;
- Be able to perform all physical demands of the job as stipulated in the job description;
- Be a United States citizen or possess proper I-9 documentation; be able to communicate effectively in written and spoken English;
- Be a Commerce City resident, employee, contracted employee or volunteer; and
- Commit to three years of service by signing an agreement with the city.

Successful candidates will commit to the department's core values: trust, respect, excellence, leadership, and restraint, and have demonstrated these characteristics.

The city offers competitive salaries and benefits. Police officers that are deemed proficient in all aspects of the job currently earn \$25.60 per hour. There are up to five positions available during this recruitment.



*The Boys & Girls Club new 20,000-square-foot facility will be developed just two blocks from Kearny Middle School and allows the Boys & Girls Club to double its capacity reaching more than 1,000 youth each year. The new club is on the corner of E. 62nd Avenue and Holly Street and will serve as an anchor for the larger redevelopment of the former Mile High Greyhound Park. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Club, visit [www.bgcmd.org](http://www.bgcmd.org)*

**Be part of the ranks of excellence today! Orientation is scheduled March 18 from 6-7 p.m., at the Commerce City Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave. Light refreshments will be provided.**

### HOW TO APPLY

Visit [c3gov.com/jobs](http://c3gov.com/jobs) to apply online. **Filing Deadline: March 29, 2015.**

Online applications and completed personal history statements are reviewed according to qualifications outlined. Candidates selected for the positions are required to complete background examination, psychological testing and drug screening. City policy requires that selected candidates provide documentation in the form of official transcripts of the highest level of education attained by the candidate that is listed on their application materials.

For any questions, please contact Police Department Professional Standards Technician Anya Jones at (303) 727-3934 or [anjones@c3gov.com](mailto:anjones@c3gov.com).

*Founded in 1950, the Commerce City Police Department has grown to be one of the metro area's major enforcement agencies. It operates out of a state-of-the-art facility. The department consists of approximately 100 officers and has an operating budget of \$13.5 million. Police patrol more than 35-square miles of the city. During the last four years, the city has seen a 12 percent reduction in major crimes, in part due to a commitment to community policing strategies. Learn more about the city's police department at [www.c3gov.com/police](http://www.c3gov.com/police).*

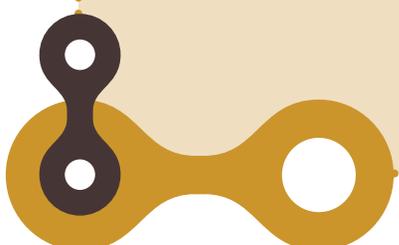
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## SPRING BREAK HAPPENINGS

### GRADES 6-8

#### Middle School Madness

Make a splash at the Middle School Madness pool party! Grades 6-8. \$2 per person at the door or text the keyword "EPICREC" to 77948 to get in FREE and receive recreation updates. Standard text messaging rates apply.

Sat 3/21 7-10 p.m. Recreation Center

#### Spring Break Trips

Take a fun filled trip and make a splash with swimming at the recreation center. Get the most from your school vacation when you join us on these exciting field trips! Lunch is not included in the trip price. Please bring a sack lunch, water bottle, swim suit, and towel with you. Ages 6-10

Mon 3/30	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	7601.101	Dinosaur Ridge and Hiking in Morrison	\$30/\$35 per trip
Wed 4/1	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	7601.102	Miner's Maze	\$30/\$35 per trip

### AGES 9-12

#### Rescue Kids

Be a hero like our men and women in uniform. Come to the Commerce City Recreation Center to meet firemen, police officers and more. Also, learn hands on what it takes to be your favorite rescue worker!

Mon-Thur 3/23-3/26	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	7101.101	SAFCD, Fire station #8, 10326 Walden St	\$15/\$25
Tue-Fri 3/31-4/3	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	7102.101	Recreation Center	\$15/\$25

### AGES 9-17

#### Cops vs Kids

Bring your friends or join a team to battle the cops in a fun game. Registration starts at 4 p.m. the day of the event.

Thur 3/26	Dodgeball	Stuart Middle School	FREE
Fri 4/3	3 on 3 Basketball	Pioneer Park	

#### Bike with Cops

Spend the day on your bike with Commerce City police officers. Participants receive safety information and equipment such as helmets, learn how to maintain your bike, learn the rules/laws of the road and trails, and how to get help while biking.

Thur 3/26	Ride begins at 9 a.m.	Second Creek Elementary School parking lot	FREE
Thur 4/2	Ride begins at 9 a.m.	Adams City High School parking lot	FREE

#### Bike Rodeo

Commerce City police officers set up a mini "city" course with traffic lights, signs, railroad crossings, and other hazards to learn laws and safety skills.

Tue 3/24	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Landmark Elementary School parking lot	FREE
Tue 3/31	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Central Elementary School parking lot	FREE

### AGES 11-17

#### Teen Night Around Town

Join us in your neighborhood park for an outdoor party with inflatables, games, sports and food.

Wed 3/25	5-7:30 p.m.	River Run	FREE
Wed 4/1	5-7:30 p.m.	Pioneer Park	FREE

#### Zombie Survival 101

Learn basic wilderness survival skills with a zombie twist in all sorts of terrain and situations. Experience, share and learn from wilderness instructors.

Sun 3/16-6/14 9 a.m-3 p.m. \$60/\$85

[WWW.C3GOV.COM/RECREATION](http://WWW.C3GOV.COM/RECREATION)

## City announces new director of finance



City Manager Brian McBroom announced Feb. 9 the appointment of Sheryl Carstens as the city's new director of finance. Carstens replaces Roger Tinklenberg, who recently was named as the city's administrative services officer, responsible for organizational development and oversight of the human resources, information technology, finance departments as well as the city clerk's office.

"Sheryl is the right leader for this department," said McBroom. "Not only has she demonstrated a keen sense of fiscal responsibility, but she is an effective and innovative manager, implementing financial solutions to meet the needs of our growing community."

As the city's finance director, Carstens oversees a staff of 30 and is responsible for a wide variety of financial activities, ranging from managing pension plans and fund investments, preparing the city's biannual budget, verifying cash expenditures, maintaining compliance with state and federal grants, as well as collecting and enforcing the city's sales and use tax.

"I am excited to continue my career with Commerce City in this new role," said Carstens. "As a growing and diverse community, there are many opportunities to ensure local government can meet service expectations of its residents while remaining fiscally responsible to taxpayers. I'm especially excited to oversee the new bond program approved by voters in 2013, which will provide necessary infrastructure such as roads and recreation projects for years to come."

Carstens has been the interim director since March 2014 and previously served as the city's controller. In that role she had oversight of and directed the city's financial transactions and records, including revenue collection, disbursements, payroll, fixed asset accounting, investments, debt management, financial reporting and annual audit. Carstens also oversaw the general improvement districts and Urban Renewal Authority.

## COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



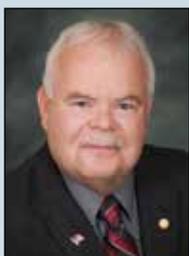
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Term expires 2017

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





# BE A CAN FAN

## Rollout for new trash and recycling service has begun

### ***New 96-gallon trash and recycling cans are delivered through the month of March***

Commerce City's new fully automated trash service begins rolling out this week, as the first of 29,000 new 96-gallon cans are delivered to each household. The new trash service places more of a focus on minimizing environmental impacts, improving neighborhood appearance and continuing quality pickup service.

The service change was a result of a competitive procurement process completed last summer, with city council approving a five-year contract with Waste Management Oct. 6, 2014. The new Fully Automated Collection (FAC) service saves the city more than \$600,000 annually and is more environmentally responsible, with less impact to roads, compressed natural gas for the entire truck fleet, and larger cans for recycling.

Unlike the previous trash service, fully automated collection provides each household with a 96-gallon trash and a 96-gallon recycling can at no additional cost. Waste Management uses trucks designed to automatically lift the new cans without the driver leaving the vehicle. This means all items, including yard waste, must fit inside the new containers. The city enhanced its recycling program, replacing the 18-gallon recycling bins with a 96-gallon lidded container, to keep items from blowing around the neighborhood.

"The city strives to provide high quality trash and recycling service for all residents," said Public Works Director Maria D'Andrea. "We had to consider how much the city has grown from previous contracts while also reviewing other collection trends so we could agree on a service that will benefit everyone in the community at an affordable rate."

Residents can expect minimal interruption to service as the new service begins, using their new cans once they are delivered. Most residents will not experience a change in collection day, but those who do received a letter from Waste Management. More information about the service is available online at [c3gov.com/trash](http://c3gov.com/trash) or by calling 1-800-482-6406.

While 96 gallons can accommodate approximately six bags of trash on a weekly basis, residents can help reduce impacts by taking advantage of the recycling program and larger can.

Each household also will receive five free large-item pickups as part of the new service. The city is also offering options to those residents who feel the cans may be too large or require additional capacity. After May 1, households can downsize to smaller 64- or 32-gallon can at no charge. Residents who need more capacity beyond the free standard service can purchase additional cans for \$2.80 a month or less, depending on size and will be billed on a quarterly basis.

"We are one of two cities in the Denver metro area that provide service at no additional direct cost to residents," added D'Andrea. "If households do need additional services, they are very affordable. I encourage all of our residents to be 'A Can Fan' and support this transition as the city continues to grow and embrace new methods that improve operations."

For more information on Commerce City trash and recycling services visit [c3gov.com/trash](http://c3gov.com/trash) or call 1-800-482-6406.



## Find us on Facebook

Spring break is coming up!  
Share with us what you're doing.  
[Facebook.com/CommerceCity](https://www.facebook.com/CommerceCity)

## CALENDAR

- Mar 2 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Mar 3 2015 Summer Camp Packet Assistance/Help, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-7 p.m.
- Mar 3 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Mar 4 Capital Improvement Program Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Civic Center, Council Chambers, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Mar 7 Wildlife Viewing Tours, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Mar 8 Recreation Center closed – Staff Emergency Training
- Mar 9 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Mar 10 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-7:30pm
- Mar 10 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Mar 11 Twitter Town Hall, Tweet @RepPerlmutter, 8-8:30 p.m.
- Mar 14 CO Youth Adventures, Estes Park: Stanley Hotel Tour and Snowshoeing, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Ages 11-17
- Mar 14 Wildlife Viewing Tours, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Mar 15 Wildlife Viewing Tours, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, 6550 Gateway Rd., 1-3 p.m.
- Mar 16 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Mar 17 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-7:30pm
- Mar 17 Quality Community Foundation Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Mar 21 Middle School Madness-Pool Party, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-10 p.m.
- Mar 22 Wildlife Viewing Tours, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, 6550 Gateway Rd., 1-3 p.m.
- Mar 23 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Mar 23-25 Rescue Kids, TBD, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Mar 24 Bike Rodeo, Landmark Elementary School parking lot, 10566 Memphis St., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Mar 25-28 Rescue Kids, TBD, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Mar 25 Teen Night Around Town, River Run Park, 11515 Oswego St., 5-7:30 p.m.
- Mar 26 Bike with Cops, Second Creek Elementary School parking lot, 9950 Laredo St., 9 a.m.
- Mar 26 Cops v Kids-Dodge ball, Stuart Middle School, 15955 E. 101 Way, 4 p.m.
- Mar 28 Wildlife Viewing Tours, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Mar 28-Apr 4 Lifeguard training certification class, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., times vary
- Mar 30 The Denver Poor Farm, Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center, 6505 E. 60th Ave., 11 a.m., \$5 for lunch.
- Mar 30 Swimming lessons registration opens, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 5:45-6:20 p.m.
- Mar 31 April 3 – Rescue Kids, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 1 p.m.
- Mar 31 Bike Rodeo, Central Elementary School parking lot, 6450 Holly Street, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Apr 1 Teen Night Around Town, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 5-7:30 p.m.
- Apr 2 Bike with a Cop, Adams City High School parking lot, 7200 Quebec Parkway Dr., 9 a.m.
- Apr 3 Cops vs. Kids, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 4 p.m.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Register today and be prepared!**

### **Save a life today with low-cost first aid and CPR training courses** **Trainings are offered at \$25 per class**

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), 70 percent of people feel helpless during a cardiac emergency due to not knowing how to perform CPR. Save a life with this low-cost CPR/AED training course March 11. Upon completion of the course, participants receive an American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver CPR/AED certification card valid for two years.

**March 11 • 5:30-9 p.m. • recreation center • cost: \$25**

Need First Aid certification? Learn how to respond and treat for injury, medical and environmental emergencies. Upon completion of the course, participants receive an American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver First Aid certification card valid for two years.

**March 10 • 5:30-8:30 p.m. • recreation center • cost: \$25**

In a time of a real emergency, these trainings provide participants with the knowledge and tools to respond to an emergency. Being prepared can save your life and those who are around you.

For more information about the course or to sign up, contact Emergency Manager Kirk Dominic at 303-289-3792 or [kdominic@c3gov.com](mailto:kdominic@c3gov.com)

### **Scholarship available to support furthering your education** **Applications due April 24**

The Quality Community Foundation (QCF) provides scholarships for post-secondary education for residents of Commerce City. Funding for the QCF scholarship is made possible through fund raising efforts of the QCF. Each recipient receives funding for post-secondary education up to \$4,000 over a 4-year period.

#### **Scholarship eligibility requirements:**

- Must be a resident of Commerce City
- Must currently be or have been accepted to attend a college, university or vocational school in Colorado.
- Have achieved and will continue to maintain an acceptable grade point average of 2.0 (transcripts required for each stage of scholarship program).

Applications can be found on the city website [www.c3gov.com/QCF](http://www.c3gov.com/QCF) or can be picked up at the civic center, 7887 E.60th Ave., or at Commerce City high school councilor's offices. Applications are due April 24, 2015.

For further information and/or to pick up an application please contact Leigh Ann Noell, 303-289-3625.

## Construction on track for outdoor pool and neighborhood park

Crews are working hard to complete the game-themed Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park in time for this summer's grand opening. The entrance now has steel and decking. Concrete has been poured to form the walls of the lazy river and leisure pool. Framing, roofing, plumbing and concrete pouring continue for the bath house and mechanical building. Located at 60th Avenue and Monaco Street, the center will include an outdoor leisure pool, lazy river, three water slides, toddler pool, and interactive play structure.



Construction is accelerating at the new neighborhood park in Fronterra Village, opening this summer/fall. Crews tied the sanitary sewer and irrigation water pipes into the existing system in Joplin Street between 101st Way and 101st Avenue. Concrete pouring continues throughout the site to form sidewalks and trails. Located at 101st Way and Joplin Street, the 19.8-acre park will have a hillside slide, small skate park, playfields, picnic areas, playgrounds, walking/jogging trails, fitness stations and more.

Commerce City would like to remind you that construction is occurring close to many of your neighborhoods, schools and parks. Please follow our tips to help insure your safety. Thank you for your patience during construction as this temporary pain will create a long-term gain for the community.

- Never play on or around construction equipment.
- Stay out of fenced areas. It is unsafe and against the law.
- Always pay attention to warning and safety signage. Do not let your cell phones, headphones, texting or game-playing divert your attention.
- Never go near construction areas after dark. Holes and sharp objects can be obscured.
- Drive slowly and be patient in construction areas.
- Stay away from utilities and exposed wires.
- Always read construction updates and door hangers as they contain important safety and traffic information.
- Call 911 in the case of an emergency! Be sure to share these safety tips with your friends and family to keep them safe.



## Construction Sidewalk Tours

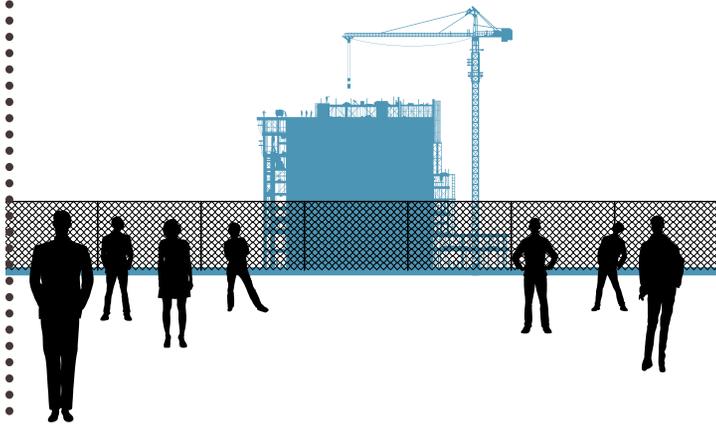
Join us for sidewalk tours of capital improvement projects in construction. See the progress first-hand and ask the project team questions. RSVP to Angela Shelbourn no later than one week prior to each tour (ashelbourn@c3gov.com, 720-635-1030). These are working construction sites and no onsite access will be permitted. Tours are weather dependent and will be canceled if snow is present. Stay tuned for the announcement of additional tours in next month's issue of Connected.

### AVAILABLE TOURS:

Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park • 6 p.m. on the last Wednesday of March, April and May (3/25, 4/29, 5/27)

Meet in front of the fence by the construction trailer in the southeast parking lot of Pioneer Park (just south of 60th Avenue and Monaco Street). This is a sidewalk tour. No onsite, behind-the-fence access is permitted.

RSVP to Angela Shelbourn no later than one week prior to each tour (ashelbourn@c3gov.com, 720-635-1030).



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.



Youth Commissioners, Lissete Zamora-Galarza, Paola Chavez, Armando Barraza, Ana Ruiz, Tori Perez and Megan McKinney, pose for a photo while attending the Cherry Creek Diversity Conference on Jan. 31.

## Sign up today and be part of the 51st annual Memorial Day Parade

From military units and bands to floats, antique cars and horse entries, Colorado's largest Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2015, starting at 10 a.m. and citizens have the opportunity to play an active role in this special event. Join us as we come together and commemorate those who have put their life at risk for our country.

Groups can apply to participate in the parade; all parade entrants are required to recognize and observe the parade's purpose and design of honoring our country's military veterans. Visit [c3gov.com/parade](http://c3gov.com/parade) to review the rules and regulations and download the printable entry form. Commerce City must receive applications by May 20.



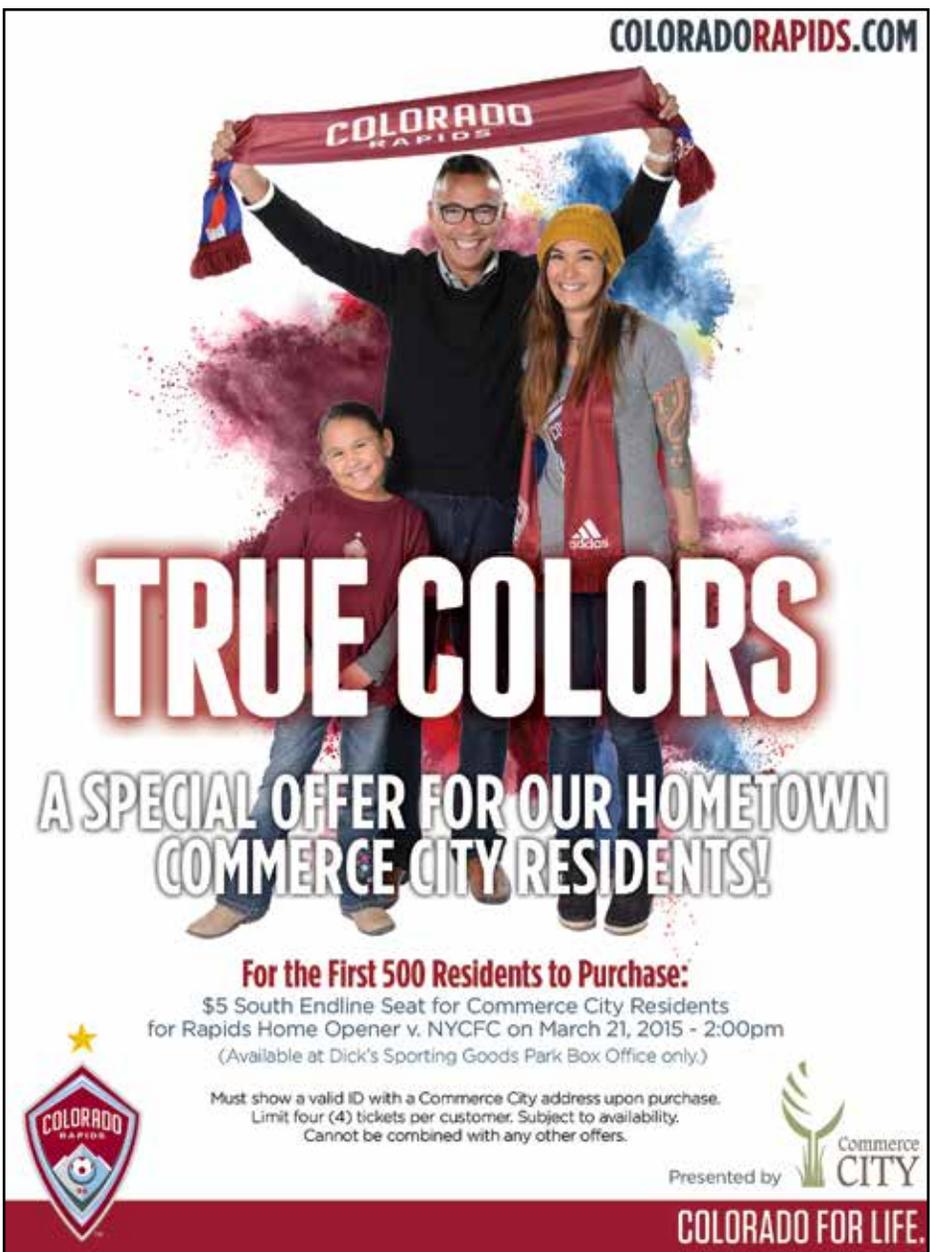
## New roadway at existing 96th Ave. will complete connection to Tower Road

The project constructing a new roadway connecting 96th Avenue with Tower Road, will soon be completed according to staff. Pending bad weather, construction of the roadway is scheduled to be completed by the end of March.

The new roadway, which runs from Nucla Street to Tower Road is four lanes and includes a new bridge over Second Creek. A traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of 96th Avenue and Tower Road. To complete the road connection crews will begin detouring traffic in early March along Chambers Avenue to 104th Avenue and Tower Road.

The road extension and bridge will be key for the Buffalo Highlands Metropolitan District, a master planned community project at 96th Avenue and Buckley Road. Two national homebuilders have wanted to start in the area but have found that it's not possible to obtain financing for infrastructure. The city loaned a majority of the funds needed for the road and bridge construction and Buffalo Highlands Metro District will repay the loan at 6 percent interest with a 25-year term. In addition to supporting the overall growth and development of Commerce City, the extension provides another road spanning the city from Interstate 76 on the west to E-470 on the east.

**Come and learn about the history of Commerce City at the Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center, 6505 E. 60th Ave., on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., or by appointment, 303-288-2590.**



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## A SPECIAL OFFER FOR OUR HOMETOWN COMMERCE CITY RESIDENTS!

**For the First 500 Residents to Purchase:**  
 \$5 South Endline Seat for Commerce City Residents for Rapids Home Opener v. NYCFC on March 21, 2015 - 2:00pm  
(Available at Dick's Sporting Goods Park Box Office only.)

Must show a valid ID with a Commerce City address upon purchase. Limit four (4) tickets per customer. Subject to availability. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

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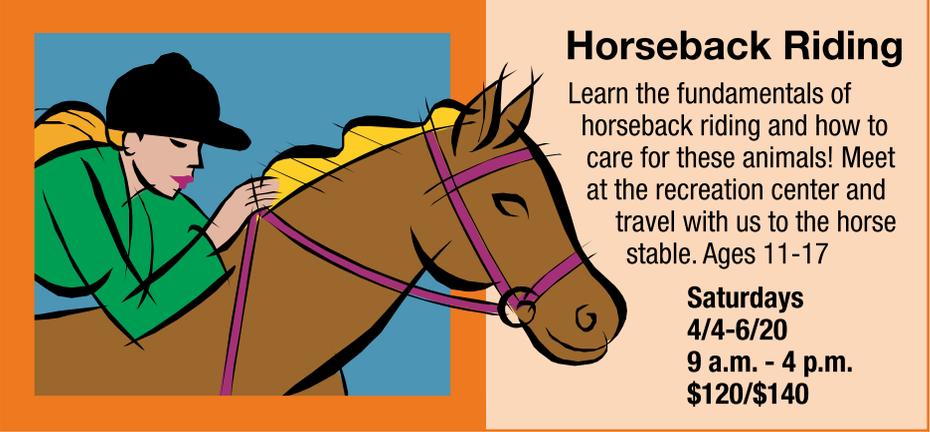
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# Adopt-A-Street

The City of Commerce City Adopt-A-Street Program allows civic-minded families, businesses, and groups to adopt a section of street in the city to keep clear of litter and debris. Groups who successfully participate in the program are recognized with an Adopt-A-Street road sign at the clean-up site. Visit our website for more information or contact Leonard Dietz by phone at 303-289-8147 or by email at [ldietz@c3gov.com](mailto:ldietz@c3gov.com).

**For more information visit [c3gov.com/adopt](http://c3gov.com/adopt)**

## Horseback Riding

Learn the fundamentals of horseback riding and how to care for these animals! Meet at the recreation center and travel with us to the horse stable. Ages 11-17

**Saturdays**  
**4/4-6/20**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**\$120/\$140**



On Feb. 6, the recreation center gymnasium transformed into a fairytale wonderland for the annual Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance themed, "Once Upon a Time." Fathers, uncles and grandfathers joined their little princesses for a night of dancing, games and prizes.

# You are key in the battle against stormwater runoff

## Small steps can help prevent stormwater runoff

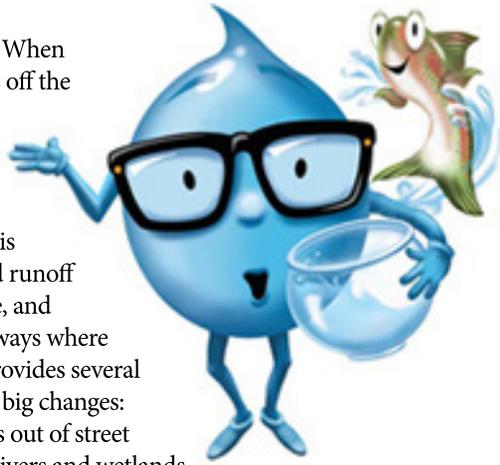
Stormwater runoff is a significant cause of water pollution in the country. When rainwater, snowmelt or irrigation water doesn't soak into the ground, it runs off the land or developed surfaces, carrying unfiltered pollutants into open bodies of water such as creeks, streams, rivers and lakes. These pollutants can have negative effects on fish and wildlife populations, healthy vegetation, recreational areas and even drinking water supplies.

While city programs and prevention strategies reduce runoff pollution, it is still important for residents to minimize the amount of pollutants that could runoff their property. Household items such as motor oil, dirt, chemicals, pet waste, and lawn fertilizers are some of the substances that can eventually go into waterways where they seriously harm water quality. The Environmental Protection Agency provides several examples of how residents and businesses can take small steps to help make big changes:

- Dispose of garbage accordingly. Keep litter, pet wastes, leaves, and debris out of street gutters and storm drains--these outlets drain directly to lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals properly, not in storm sewers or drains.
- Clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze. Do not hose the materials into the street.
- Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorous to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into water sources.

The Commerce City Public Works Department works to minimize the negative impact of stormwater runoff by ensuring systems are properly planned, constructed and maintained. The city maintains 2,476 storm drain inlets that flow into several bodies of water such as Sand Creek and the South Platte River.

For information about how to safely dispose of polluting substances, contact Commerce City Public Works at 303-289-8150. To report illegal or suspect activity to the Commerce City storm system please contact the City's Stormwater Hotline at 303-227-8801.



## 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

## COUNCIL CORNER



Jadie Carson, Ward III

These are exciting times for youth in Commerce City. As you read this, six members of the Commerce City Youth Commission will be heading to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National League of Cities conference. City Council also will have adopted the city's first ever youth master plan, which is a roadmap to assess and guide city driven youth programming and services, supporting youth success in the city. The new Suncor Boys & Girls Club construction is well underway, and will open this fall. The new outdoor leisure pool at Pioneer Park will open this summer as will a new neighborhood park.

I'm proud to be part of a city council that is dedicated to improving the lives of youth in Commerce City. Since creating the Youth Commission in 2012, 21 middle and high school students have learned about local and state government, participated in local events and helped create the master plan areas of focus. Youth commissioners first traveled to our nation's capital last year. It was exciting to see them interact and make friends with other teens and experience the city's history and culture. I want all of our teens to consider participating in the commission, which gives them access to this experience.

For many years, the city implemented programs and initiatives that support youth, ranging from safe routes to school grants, recreation programs, student resource officers, nonprofit partnerships and more. While individual program objectives exist, the city had not adopted a programmatic approach to youth program investments, with identified measures of success. The youth master plan coordinates the city's existing efforts and aligns future activities to address five key issue areas important to the city's youth:

- Early Childhood Development
- Youth Development
- Education
- Health & Safety
- Neighborhoods & Community

City Council also discussed how to advance this strategic vision at our recent retreat and I am optimistic that in 2016 we will create a one-stop-shop for all youth and family services provided by and coordinated with the city. Learn more about the youth commission and master plan at [www.c3gov.com/youth](http://www.c3gov.com/youth).

## CITY NUMBERS

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](http://c3gov.com) for more information.

## Free tax preparation available

### Residents earning less than \$50K a year eligible for free filing assistance

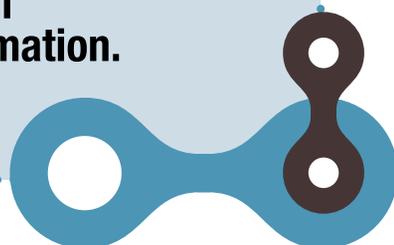
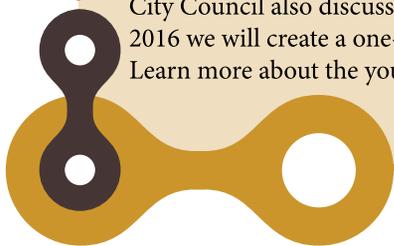
Tax season is coming up and representatives from the Adams County Treasurer's Office are providing free tax preparation and electronic filing for all taxpayers with a combined income of \$52,000 or less.

Beginning every Thursday, Jan. 29, to April 9, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Volunteers are available to assist with tax preparation at the Commerce City Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr.

Taxpayers are helped on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointments are needed. Those interested should bring copies of the following items:

- Last year's tax return
- Social Security cards for yourself and your dependents
- All W-2 forms, 1099 forms, proof of any household income received and any deductible expenses.

For more information, contact George V. Mazzotti Jr. at 720-523-6163.





## PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

**The Commerce City Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr. will be closed for staff training on March 8.**

### 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

## Fishing Derby

Join Commerce City Parks and Recreation, Bass Pro Shops, and the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge for the 8th annual fishing derby. Interact with professional fishermen, compete in the derby and win prizes. Please bring your own fishing poles and lures. Ages: 3-15

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge  
Sat 4/11 FREE

Derby 1 7401.101 9-10 a.m.  
Derby 2 7401.102 10:30-11:30 a.m.



## Now enrolling for summer camp

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](http://c3gov.com/camp) 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](http://c3gov.com/camp) or contact Yasmin Cassini at 303-289-3659 or [ycassini@c3gov.com](mailto:ycassini@c3gov.com).



## 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. All soccer games are played Saturday morning at Dicks Sporting Goods Park. Go online to [www.c3gov.com/sports](http://www.c3gov.com/sports) or call 303-289-3789 to register.



On Feb. 19, Commerce City Recreation staff delivered 500 peanut butter and jelly jars to the Adams County Emergency Food Bank as part of the city's annual Spread the Love campaign. Thanks to all who participated in this year's campaign.

## Have some free time? Volunteer for senior services!

Make a difference in the senior community and volunteer to be a van driver for recreation center sponsored day trips or a courtesy desk receptionist in the senior services area. Van drivers receive free trip admission and meals where applicable. Qualifications required for receptionist: good customer service skills, able to communicate effectively, maintaining cleanliness, basic computer skills, tracking of information. Qualifications for van driver: must be at least 18 years old, must pass background check, must pass CPR/First Aid/AED (see news brief on pg. 3 for training opportunities) training, good motor vehicle record, van driver certification (provided), and ability to assist with the loading and unloading of passengers on vans. Volunteers are recognized at an annual dinner in the fall. For more information, please contact Derrick Tripp at 303-289-3761 or [dtripp@c3gov.com](mailto:dtripp@c3gov.com).



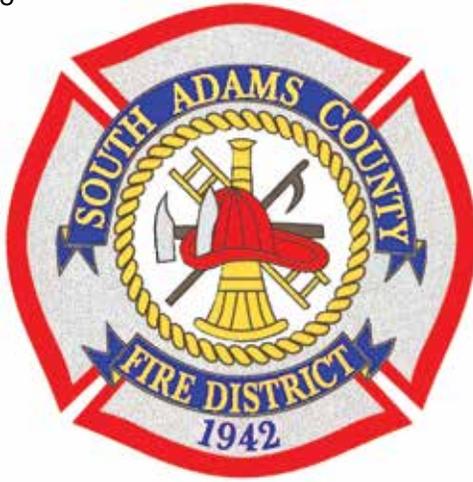
## Buffalo Run Golf Course opens April 4 for spring season!

### Men's Club Meet and Greet

The Buffalo Run Men's Club Meet and Greet is Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m. Existing members and potential new members of the men's club are encouraged to attend. **Learn about membership benefits, including discounts on green fees, merchandise and dining, and how to register for the upcoming golf season.** Light appetizers and one free drink ticket are provided for each attendee. **Enter to win giveaways and prizes.** One lucky winner will also win FREE GOLF FOR A YEAR. To qualify, attendees must either bring a guest or be part of a pair of guests. Members and nonmembers receive one additional entry per guest they bring to be entered in the drawing. Must be present to win.

### Homemade Irish food for St. Patty's Day at the Bison Grill

Experience real homemade Irish food at the Bison Grill **March 14-17** as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The celebration is 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with drink specials all day. Call 303-289-7700 for reservations and more information. Remember to wear your green!



# South Adams County Fire Protection District

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

## Fire safety tip of the month

### Smoking and home fire safety

The place where we feel safest — at home — is where most smoking-materials structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Smoking materials, such as cigarettes, are the leading cause of fire deaths. Smoking material fires are preventable.

#### Smoking Safety

- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes.
- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and dens or in bedrooms.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.

#### Put It Out!

- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dry grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite.
- Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out; dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.

#### Smoking and Medical Oxygen

Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than normal. It can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.

#### Be Alert!

- To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you must be alert. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs that make you drowsy, or have consumed alcohol.
- Never smoke in bed.

### FACTS

The risk of dying in a home structure fire caused by smoking materials rises with age.

One out of four fatal victims of smoking-material fires is not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.

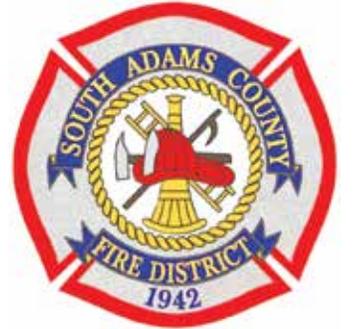


## I wonder what the symbol that firefighters wear means?

The symbol we see worn proudly on a firefighter's uniform, painted on the side of the large fire trucks, and hung high on flags and fire stations, is a symbol that has had great importance to fire departments for centuries. The Maltese Cross not only represents the fire service, but each of the eight points on the cross hold significant meaning which each firefighter must uphold: honor, generosity, dexterity, courage, loyalty, devotion, gallantry and contempt of death.

This honored symbol originated with a group of eleventh century knights who were serving in a Jerusalem hospital, they became known as the Order of the Knights Hospitaller and later became the Knights of St. John. They assisted the Knights of Crusaders in their effort to win back the holy land. As the knights attacked the city walls the Saracens threw glass bombs of highly flammable liquid and flaming torches. Many of the knights were badly burned and some faced agonizing deaths. Risking their lives, the knights struggled desperately to help their brother-in-arms, dragging them to safety and beating out the flames. Thus, these men became our first firefighters and the first of a long list of courageous firefighters. Their heroic efforts were recognized by fellow crusaders who awarded each year a badge of honor - a cross similar to the one firefighter's wear today. Since the Knights of St. John lived for close to four centuries on a little island in the Mediterranean Sea named Malta, the cross came to be known as the Maltese Cross.

The Maltese Cross is your symbol of protection. It means that the firefighter who wears this cross is willing to lay down his life for you just as the crusaders sacrificed their lives for their fellow man so many years ago. The Maltese Cross is a firefighter's badge of honor, signifying that he works in courage - a ladder rung away from death.



On Jan. 31, the fire department and Belle Creek residents came together to support Jazmyne Davis, a teenager who is fighting against cancer. Jazmyne was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer in 2013. Marching together, Jazmyne felt support and love from her community and her fellow firefighters.

