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

Colorado's largest Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 25, 2015. Sign up today and have an active role in this special event.

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, complete the online nomination form, or to download the printable nomination form. Commerce City must receive applications by May 20.



City Council, with the Youth Commission, attends the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. From left to right, Councilman Douglas, Fernando Chavez, Margarita Sena, Elain Shubat, Paola Chavez, Yosselin Vidana Rodriguez, Victoria Perez, Councilwoman Carson and Councilman Amador.

## Help maintain your neighborhood and avoid violations

Summer is just around the corner and our city's neighborhood services inspectors will be in full force addressing violations on properties. Last year's top violations included weeds, inoperable vehicles, outdoor storage, garbage and trash and parking on unapproved surface.

Don't be fined. Take care of your property. It is in the community's interest to maintain clean, friendly neighborhoods; not only do well-maintained properties add value, but everyone will feel a pride of ownership in their neighborhood. For more information on violations, visit [www.c3gov.com/neighborhoodservices](http://www.c3gov.com/neighborhoodservices).

Learn what you need to do to keep your property in code. There were a total of 4,697 violations in 2014 and violations can easily become costly due to fines. According to the city's code:

- **Weeds:** Weeds and grass must be kept shorter than the length identified currently in the Commerce City Code. Weed means any herbaceous plant that, due to height, smell, appearance, or injurious nature, has a blighting influence on the neighborhood.
- **Inoperable Vehicles:** Vehicles that are inoperable, meaning unlicensed and improperly licensed, as well as vehicles in disrepair or that cannot be legally driven on the street, and are not permitted to be in view by public right away. All vehicles should be registered and operable.
- **Maintenance of sidewalks:** Snow, sleet, hail or ice from the sidewalks adjacent to the property, including those on public rights-of-way, must be removed within 24 hours from the last accumulation of such snow, sleet, hail or ice.
- **Outdoor Storage:** Items not intended to be stored outside, such as appliances, furniture, and tires, are not permitted to be stored in public view, even if covered.
- **Parking on unapproved surface:** The owner or occupant of a single-family residence cannot park, place or store; or allow the parking, placing or storing of any vehicle tractor, or trailer on the property of such residence unless it is parked, placed or stored on a surface previously approved by the city.

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# YOUTH HAPPENINGS

## GRADES 6-8

### Middle School Madness

Bring your friends and take over the recreation center for the evening at the annual spring fling event featuring a live DJ! \$2 per person or text the keyword EPICREC to 77948 and get in FREE and receive recreation updates! Standard text messaging rates apply.

Sat 4/25 7-10 p.m. Recreation Center

## AGES 6-10

### 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 exciting field trips! Lunch is not included in the trip price. Please bring a sack lunch, water bottle, swim suit, and towel with you.

Wed 4/1 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 7601.102 Miner's Maze \$30/\$35 per trip

## AGES 9-17

### 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 4/2 Ride begins at 9 a.m. Adams City High School parking lot FREE  
Fri 4/10 Ride begins at 9 a.m. Alsop Elementary 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.

Mon 4/13 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pioneer Park FREE

### Cops vs Kids

Sign up as a team or come and join a team to battle the cops in a sports game! Check in at 4 p.m.

Fri 4/3 3-3 Basketball Pioneer Park FREE  
Fri 4/10 Ultimate Frisbee Fairfax Park 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 4/1 5-7:30 p.m. Pioneer Park FREE

### Horseback Riding

Meet at the recreation center and travel to Longview Stables in Aurora. Learn the fundamentals of horseback riding and caring for these animals during this 12-week program.

Sat 4/4-6/20 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet at the Recreation Center 7501.101 \$120/\$140

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

# Commerce City approves first youth master plan

## City continues its investment in supporting its youth

Commerce City achieved another milestone in its dedication to improving the lives of youth with city council's unanimous approval of the city's first youth master plan March 2, 2015.

The vision of the Commerce City Youth Master Plan is to identify community and social investments in youth so current and future generations can have meaningful livelihoods. It specifically examines ways in which the city can have a positive effect on its youth population while harmoniously supporting the city's mission to provide valuable services and programs, create a sustainable community, and enhance the quality of life in the community.

"Adams County, including Commerce City, has the highest proportion of children to adults compared to the rest of the state," said Youth Commission Coordinator Julia Emko. "By investing in our youth, the city is positioning itself to have a stronger, more contributing population for generations to come."

The city has implemented programs and initiatives that support youth for years, ranging from safe routes to school grants, recreation programs, parks and open space, to youth commission, school resource officers, nonprofit partnerships and more. The Commerce City Youth Master Plan will harness the city's existing efforts and align future activities with an eye toward addressing five key issue areas of importance to the city's youth in a programmatic manner. Those areas include early childhood development, youth development, education, health and safety, and neighborhoods and community.

"By understanding where to focus, the city can thoughtfully move forward improving our strategic partnerships, programs, and investments so they are consistent with the plan," added Emko. "Working with our community partners on improving our youths' lives is key to success."

The Commerce City Youth Commission, established by city council in 2012, is a primary source for creating the master plan and will continue to be advocates in achieving its goals. For more information about the youth commission and to view the entire youth master plan, visit [www.c3gov.com/youth](http://www.c3gov.com/youth).



The Regional Transportation District's "signature bus tour" stopped by the Commerce City Recreation Center and gave people a chance to sign the specially branded bus.

## COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



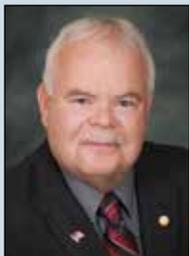
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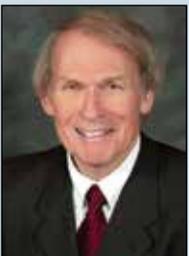
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Come by the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., or watch us live on Comcast Channel 8 or [www.c3gov.com](http://www.c3gov.com) on the first and third Monday night.





*Thank you to citizens for allowing City Council to attend the annual National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. and have an opportunity to represent the city. During their trip, city council met with white house staff, Colorado congressmen and senators, and pentagon staff.*

**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](mailto:ycastellanos@c3gov.com) or 303-289-3684 with questions or comments.**

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Play golf May 29 and support education scholarships

The Commerce City Quality Community Foundation is sponsoring its 11th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Friday, May 29, 2015 at the Buffalo Run Golf Course. The tournament raises funds to assist Commerce City residents in furthering their education at any Colorado university, college or vocational school.

The tournament will begin at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start. Attendees could win one or all three hole-in-one prizes, a 2015 Mustang, 2015 F-150 or a 2015 Harley Road Glide. The QCF welcomes teams and single golfers to participate.

Scholarships are awarded in increments of \$1,000 yearly, up to a maximum of \$4,000, upon proof of acceptance to a Colorado higher education institution. Applicants must be a Commerce City resident and carry at least a 2.0 GPA. Applications are due April 24.

For more information about the scholarship program or an entry form to participate in the golf tournament visit [c3gov.com/QCF](http://c3gov.com/QCF) or contact Leigh Ann Noell at 303-289-3625.

### Engaging communities, empowering victims of crime

#### City honoring national Victims' Rights Week

Each year, the city and City Council recognizes Victims' Rights Week as a time to promote awareness of victims' rights and what to do in a domestic violence case. The city's Victim Service Unit (VSU) heads up this effort and also operates 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week to support victims of crime. Last year, the VSU supported 3,046 victims of crime. Victims' Rights Week, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, is a reminder that victims have the right to an active role in the criminal justice process, and are treated with fairness, respect and dignity.

This year, Colorado celebrates 20 years of Victims' Rights which entitles victims the right to be present, informed, and heard. Under the Colorado Victims' Rights Act, victims are provided with immediate crisis intervention; follow-up support; special services for juveniles, elderly and disabled victims; referrals to organizations that provide medical, mental health, and social services; along with referrals to organizations that provide translation services and financial assistance. Victims also have the right to information on obtaining public records, including police reports and information on protective orders.

Many victims are often frightened about stepping forward due to fear of the police or their attacker. With the support of the VSU, the victim has a safe place to stay, access to food and other daily necessities, and supplies for their children. The police ensure safety of the victim while investigating the crime.

The VSU is always open for donations from individuals and businesses, for items such as gift cards, hotel vouchers, diapers, infant formula, and pre-paid phones. Victim services volunteers are welcome and must be 21 years old, successfully pass a background check, and commit to four shifts of 12 hours of volunteer time per month following 40 hours of training. For more information on becoming a victim advocate or receiving VSU help, contact Victim Advocate Coordinator Kim Messina at 303-289-8198.

In 2014, the Commerce City Victim Advocate Services combined through a cooperative effort with the City of Brighton to better serve our communities.



## CALENDAR

- April 1 Teen Night Around Town, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 5-7:30 p.m. Ages 11-17.
- April 1 Spring Break Trip – Miner's Maze, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ages 6-10
- April 2 Bike with Cops, Adams City High School parking lot, 7200 Quebec Parkway, 9 a.m.
- April 3 Cops v Kids-Basketball, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 4 p.m. Ages 9-17
- April 4 Horseback Riding – Meet at Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ages 11-17
- April 5 Recreation Center is closed in observance to Easter
- April 5 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Ages 11-17
- April 6 City Council regular meeting, Civic Center, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- April 7 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- April 8 Public Design Meeting for neighborhood park in Turnberry, Turnberry Elementary School Cafeteria, 13069 E. 106th Place, 6-7:30 p.m.
- April 9 Public Design Meeting for Neighborhood Park in Villages at Buffalo Run East, Stuart Middle School Cafeteria, 15955 E. 101st Way, 6-7:30 p.m.
- April 10 Bike with Cops, Alsup Elementary School parking lot, 7101 Birch St., 9 a.m.
- April 10 Cops v Kids-Ultimate Frisbee, Fairfax Park, 6850 Fairfax Dr., 4 p.m. Ages 9-17.
- April 11 Fishing Frenzy Derby, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9 a.m. Ages: 3-15
- April 11 Horseback Riding – Meet at Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ages 11-17
- April 12 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Ages 11-17
- April 13 City Council study session, Civic Center, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- April 14 Neighborhood park in Fronterra sidewalk tour, Fronterra Park, 10020 Joplin St., 6 p.m.
- April 14 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- April 14 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- April 18 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- April 18 Horseback Riding – Meet at Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ages 11-17
- April 19 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Ages 11-17
- April 20 Father Son Game Challenge, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 6.-8:30 p.m.
- April 20 City Council regular meeting, Civic Center, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- April 21 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- April 21 Quality Community Foundation meeting, Civic Center, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- April 22 Adult COED Softball league meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr. 5:30pm
- April 23 Adult Men's Softball league meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr. 5:30pm
- April 24 Quality Community Foundation Scholarship Applications due by noon at Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave.
- April 24 Family Night-Spring into Action, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 6-9 p.m.
- April 25 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- April 25 Middle School Madness-Sports, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 7-10 p.m. Grades 6-8
- April 25 Horseback Riding – Meet at Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ages 11-17
- April 26 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Ages 11-17
- April 27 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- April 29 Community Sidewalk Tour: Future Site of Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park, 5951 Monaco St., 6-7 p.m.
- May 2 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 2 30th Annual Pancake Breakfast, Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., 7-10 a.m.

### April 8-24: Vote for your favorite design themes and elements for the new neighborhood parks in Turnberry and Villages at Buffalo Run East

Design is underway for the new neighborhood parks in Turnberry and Villages at Buffalo Run East, scheduled to open in 2016. The sites will include playgrounds, multi-use fields, picnic shelters and restrooms. These are the second and third neighborhood parks in the voter-approved Issue 2K project. The neighborhood park in Fronterra is under construction and scheduled to open this summer.

Public meetings are being held in April to obtain input on the park themes and elements. Voting ballots will be available online and at the civic center and recreation center locations for those unable to attend the public meetings. Public input will be incorporated into the final designs, which will begin immediately following the voting period. Final designs will be unveiled to the public through a widespread outreach campaign this summer.

**Public Design Meeting for Neighborhood Park in Turnberry**  
Wednesday, April 8 at 6 p.m.  
Turnberry Elementary School Cafeteria • 13069 E. 106th Pl.

**Public Design Meeting for Neighborhood Park in Villages at Buffalo Run East**  
Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m.  
Stuart Middle School Cafeteria • 15955 E. 101st Way

For more information, visit [c3gov.com/CIP](http://c3gov.com/CIP). For timely updates and photos about the CIP projects follow us on Facebook.



## Free Day at the Landfill.

Open to Commerce City and Henderson Residents

- Proof of city residency (Commerce City or Henderson) required (Colo. driver's license/tax statement).
- Must wear reflective safety vest while unloading – bring your own or purchase for \$1.50.
- No charge for cars, vans or SUVs. The first 5 yards for pickup trucks and trailblazers are also no charge; however, anything that exceeds the 5 yard maximum will be subject to a current gate rated charge plus applicable taxes and fees.
- All loads must be covered.
- Appliances with refrigerants (air conditioners, refrigerators, etc.) must have certification of chlorofluorocarbon removal.
- Mattresses and box springs are subject to a fee of \$28 each.



Non-acceptable items: tires, car batteries, used oil, hazardous materials/liquids. These items may be discarded during household chemical collections sponsored by Tri-County Health Department.

Saturday, April 18  
7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more info: 303-371-5115  
8480 Tower Road



### Construction Sidewalk Tours

Join us for sidewalk tours of capital improvement projects in construction. See the progress first-hand and discuss with the project team. These are working construction sites and no onsite access will be permitted. Tours are weather dependent and will be canceled if rain or snow is present. Additional tours will be announced as they are scheduled. For information on capital improvement projects, call 303-C3-WORKS (303-239-6757) or visit [www.c3gov.com/QCL](http://www.c3gov.com/QCL).

#### AVAILABLE TOURS:

Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park • 6 p.m. • 4/29, 5/27

Meet in front of the fence by the construction trailer in the southeast parking lot of Pioneer Park (south of 60th Avenue and Monaco Street).

Neighborhood Park at Fronterra • 6 p.m. • 4/14, 5/12

Meet in front of the fence by the construction trailer on the north side of the park site (just east of Joplin Street on 101st Way). Street parking available on 101st Way. Do not park in school lot.

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

## Get involved.



Visit [c3gov.com/boards](http://c3gov.com/boards) for information and to download an application.

Get involved in city decisions; serve on a board, commission, or authority. Commerce City is seeking individuals to serve as members for the Cultural Council (2 vacancies), Derby Review Board (2), Capital Improvement Project Citizen Advisory Committee for Ward II (2) and Ward III (1), and the Quality Community Foundation (8).



### COUNCIL CORNER



Rick Teter, Ward II

In March, the city transitioned to its new fully automated trash and recycling service and by now, all Commerce City homes should have received their new trash and recycling cans. I'm very excited about this new service and so are most of the residents I talk with.

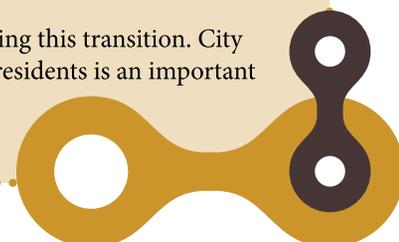
For some, I know this is a difficult transition. Even for me, this is a change I have to get used to. Before, I was able to put out as much garbage and yard waste as I wanted. Now, everything must fit into the new cans. I'm glad the 96-gallon cans provide a lot of space and I can put even more in the recycling can.

More than 30,000 cans were distributed to over 15,000 city households last month and while most of this transition was smooth, some experienced glitches during the process. Both city staff and Waste Management will continue to work hard to correct any issues.

If you haven't already, take some time and educate yourself about the new service and rules at [www.c3gov.com/trash](http://www.c3gov.com/trash). There is a complete informational packet (which was mailed to every household). Many of the frequently asked questions can be found in the FAQs on that page too. Most inquiries have been about the new arrival of cans. Other inquiries have been about yard waste, storage of cans, swap out for smaller cans, or missed service. Check page 5 for the top 10 FAQs.

If you receive a tag from WM on your can, read it carefully and comply so you don't become a repeat offender. If you have questions or concerns, let WM know immediately so they can address it. Call 303-289-8150 or visit [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) for online chat.

I want to thank our residents for their patience during this transition. City council believes that providing this no-fee service to residents is an important part of creating a quality community.





# BE A CAN FAN

## Top 10 FAQs

Throughout March, Commerce City has been transitioning residential trash and recycling collection services to a fully automated system. We understand some residents may still have questions about the changes in service. The following is a list of the most frequently asked questions (FAQs) so far. Visit [c3gov.com/trash](http://c3gov.com/trash) to view an expanded list of FAQs.

**What if I choose not to use the recycling can?** Recycling preserves natural resources, extends the life of our landfills, helps the City keep service costs down and conserves resources for future generations; however, you are not required to use the recycling can. Call Waste Management (WM) at 1-800-482-6406 to schedule a pickup if you do not want to use the recycling can.

**What if I want to order an additional can?** An additional 96-gallon can is \$2.80 a month, an additional 64-gallon container is \$2.65 a month and an additional 32-gallon can is \$2.50 a month. To order an additional can and/or extra services, contact WM at 1-800-482-6406.

**What if I don't have space for two cans?** There are two smaller size cans to select from, which may better fit your space. Beginning in May, there is a 3-month period during which residents can switch out their cans for smaller sizes (either 64- or 32-gallon).

**What if I didn't receive my new cans?** You should have already received your new 96-gallon cans as a part of the new service. If you have not received the cans call Public Works at 303-289-8150.

**What if I have trash accumulated before my new cans were delivered?** Transfer the accumulated trash into to your new can and place out on your scheduled trash day. Trash placed in old containers, or trash bags placed on curb will not be serviced; all trash, including yard waste, must be placed in the new can.

**What do I do if my trash is not picked up on my trash day?** Trash cans need to be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on your pickup day, but no earlier than 7 p.m. the evening before. If your trash or recycle can is not serviceable or is too full, the driver will leave a hanging tag on the can explaining the reason it was not picked up. To report a missed pickup, call WM directly at 1-800-482-6406.

**When is my recycling going to be picked up?** Recycling is collected every two weeks on your scheduled trash pickup day. Per the recycling schedule the green weeks represent properties located north of 96th Avenue and yellow represents properties south of 96th Avenue

**What should I do with my old containers?**

- Sell privately
- Donate to a charitable organization
- Give away to a friend in need
- Discard during the free landfill day April 18

**I'm used to putting my yard waste outside of a can and bundled on the curb. The new service requires that all materials, including yard waste, must fit into the can.**

**What if my yard waste does not fit into the can?**

Yes, all materials, including yard waste, must fit into the new cans. Specifically, yard waste must be put into the trash can, not recycle. If you are unable to fit yard waste into the 96-gallon trash can:

- Try holding on to the waste until your next collection day.
- Purchase additional can service from WM.
- Install a mulching blade on the lawn mower.

**My neighborhood association required me to purchase a Waste Management can.**

**What should I do with it?**

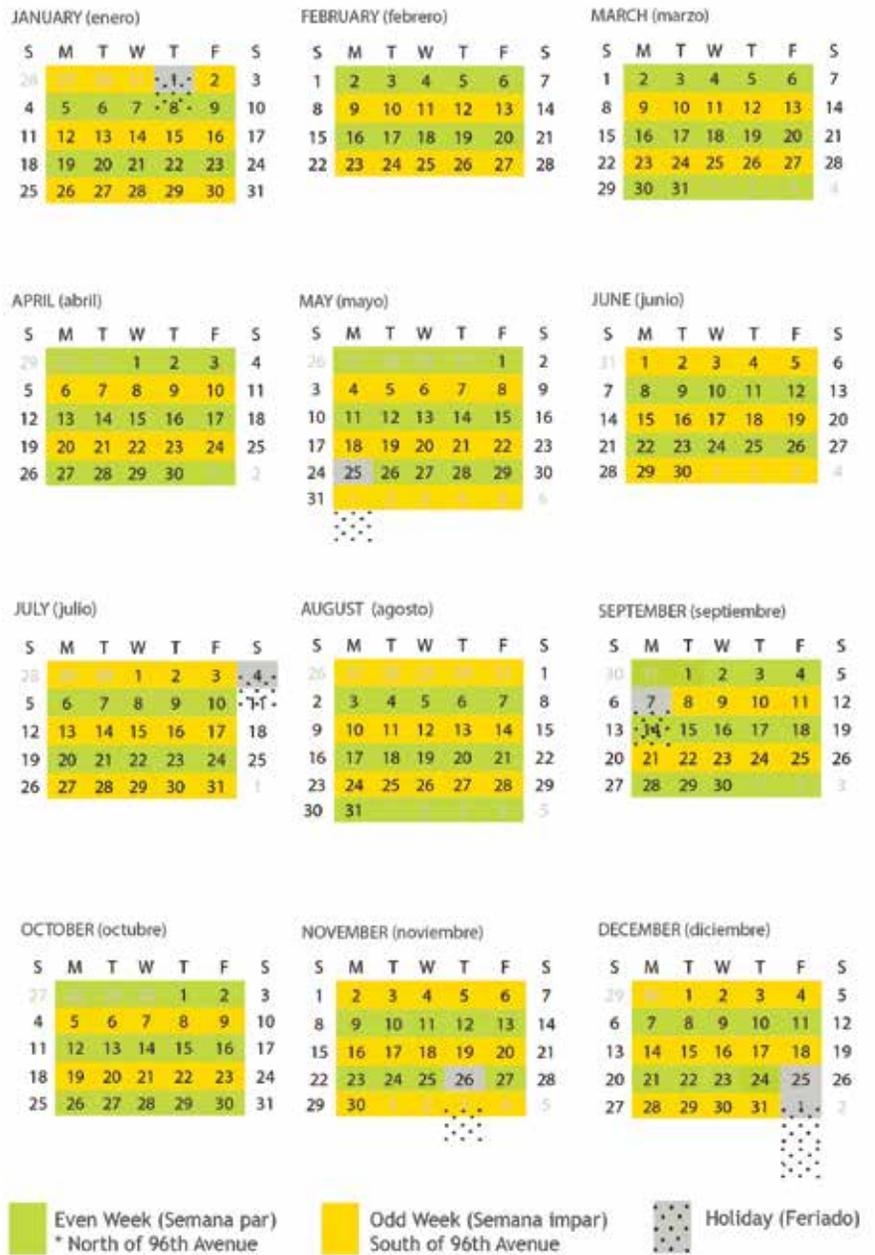
There are a few different things you can do with your existing WM can:

- Use it as a second can for additional trash. There is a fee associated with this so contact WM for more information and to arrange for the additional service.
- Get rid of it. Contact WM and they will pick it up at no charge during the month of April. Use it for storage or other personal uses.
- Give it to a friend, relative, etc. who lives in another community.
- Sell it to someone.

Unfortunately, there is no reimbursement for already purchased WM cans. The city is providing each household with two cans, one trash and one recycling. These cans belong to the address and must remain at the address after residents move. Any can purchased by the homeowner belongs to them.

*Commerce City and Waste Management staff will be on hand at the Commerce City Recreation Center (6060 Parkway Dr.) with recycling information on April 25. Be sure to stop by with any trash service questions you may have and check out displays that show how the recycling process works. Staff will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents can also use the opportunity to donate their 18-gallon recycle bin that was used under the previous recycling service.*

## 2015 Recycle Calendar / Calendario de reciclaje de 2015



## Calling youth artists - Submit your winning art today!



The City of Commerce City invites all youth residents in 4th-8th grades to submit an original art piece that reflects the importance of recycling. The winning piece will be incorporated into the design of the new solar-powered receptacles going into Pioneer Park and the Commerce City Recreation Center this summer.

**Deadline to submit is April 17, 2015**

Read the complete contest guidelines and download an entry form at [c3gov.com/trash](http://c3gov.com/trash).

**Parents: donate your old 18-gallon recycling bin on April 25 at either location:**

- Recreation center: 6060 E. Parkway Dr. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- MSC building: 8602 Rosemary St. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Rec Center closed April 5 to observe Easter

# PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

## Go on a high-tech treasure hunt

Geocaching is a fun, real-world outdoor treasure hunt where players locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using a GPS device. Join us for a high-tech scavenger hunt in Commerce City. Ages 11-17

Saturdays 4/18 - 5/9 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 7351.101 \$10/\$13  
To register, call 303-289-3789 or c3gov.com/register.

## Reel in the biggest catch at the Fishing Frenzy 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

Sat 4/11 Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge FREE  
**Derby 1** 7401.101 9-10 a.m. • **Derby 2** 7401.102 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
To register, call 303-289-3789 or c3gov.com/register.



### 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

## Get out and play youth baseball

Step up to the plate and register for youth baseball starting April 6. Youth ages 5-14 learn the fundamentals of baseball, teamwork and sportsmanship. Games are held at Pioneer Park. Save on fees when you register by May 3. To register, call 303-289-3789 or c3gov.com/register.



## Splash into summer! Registration opens April 6.



## When school is out, summer camp is in

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.

Enrollment packets can be downloaded for free online at c3gov.com/camp or are available as hard copy that day at the recreation center for a \$10 fee.

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.



## COMMERCE CITY'S 30TH ANNUAL

# Pancake Breakfast

**DIG IN TO A HEARTY FAMILY BREAKFAST THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE!**



### SATURDAY, MAY 2 • 7-10 A.M.

JOIN US AT THIS FUN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
PANCAKE FOOD TRUCK • SILENT AUCTION & FREE ENTERTAINMENT: MUSIC • CRAFT CORNER • BOUNCERY HOUSE

Buy your tickets in the Senior Lobby or online at c3gov.com/register using the code 4601.208.



Proceeds benefit special interest groups programs and the Goodfriends scholarship at the recreation center, which provides financial assistance to older adults.

COMMERCE CITY RECREATION CENTER  
6060 E Parkway Drive • 303.289.3720



# LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?



## Commerce City Parks, Recreation & Golf is hiring seasonal employees!

### Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park. Opening June 2015.

- Lifeguards (Ages 16+, 90 positions available!) No experience necessary. Lifeguards are certified and trained upon employment.
- Guest relations & concessions (Ages 15+)

### Pioneer Park

- Batting cage attendants (Ages 18+)

### Buffalo Run Golf Course & Bison Grill

- Golf course maintenance workers
- Golf cart attendants
- Restaurant servers
- Cooks and dishwashers

### Work in a fun environment and gain experience in the field of recreation.

Seasonal employee perks include discounted Commerce City Recreation Center membership and discounted green fees at Buffalo Run Golf Course.

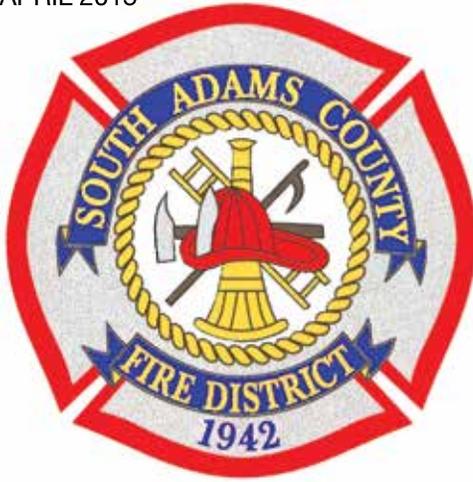
View all open positions and apply online at c3gov.com/jobs.



# EASTER BRUNCH

Enjoy an Easter brunch with your loved ones at Bison Grill on April 5. The brunch includes an array of fresh baked pastries and fresh fruit, smoked salmon, shrimp, a large assortment of breakfast and lunch entrees including made-to-order omelets and a chef's carving station with ham and beef, and a variety of tempting desserts. This incredible brunch is \$29.95 per person for adults and \$13.95 per person for children, which includes all non-alcoholic beverages. Reservations are required and seating is available from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call 303-289-7700 to make your Easter brunch reservation today.





# South Adams County Fire Protection District

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

## Fire safety tip of the month

### Microwave Oven Safety

With busy lives, families rely on the microwave oven as a quick way to heat up a meal, warm up a drink or defrost dinner. While the convenience of the microwave oven is something we take for granted, safety should not be. By following a few simple safety tips you can prevent painful burns and possible fires.

#### Safety Tips

- Purchase a microwave oven that has the label of an independent testing laboratory. Make sure to complete and return the product registration card. This way the manufacturer can reach you if there is a recall on the product.
- Plug the microwave oven directly into the wall outlet – never use an extension cord.
- Make sure the microwave oven is at a safe height, within easy reach of all users.
- Open food slowly, away from the face. Hot steam or the food itself can cause burns.
- Food heats unevenly in microwave ovens. Stir and test before eating or giving to children.
- Never heat a baby bottle in the microwave. Since a microwave oven heats unevenly, it can create hot pockets, leading to burns. Warm a bottle in a bowl of warm – not hot or boiling – water, or by running it under the tap.

#### Microwave Use

- Always supervise children when they are using a microwave oven.
- Use only microwave-safe food containers or dishes. Never use aluminum foil or metal in a microwave oven.
- If you have a fire in the microwave, leave the door closed, turn the oven off and unplug it from the wall. If the fire does not go out, get outside and call the fire department.

### FACT

Scald burns are the leading cause of injury from microwave ovens.



## Get to know your SACFD firefighters

**Name:** John Edison Cardenas

**Title/Rank:** Firefighter (volunteer)

**Work Location:** Stations as assigned

**Years with the department:** 1

**What is your favorite part of the job?** My favorite part of the job is being able to serve my community alongside a group of professionals that have a common goal and purpose.

**How has SACFD changed you?** SACFD has changed me by teaching me that with clear communication and well thought out actions a team of people can accomplish almost any task, no matter how daunting it may seem.

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up in Southern California.

**Outside SACFD:** I am a special education teacher at Turnberry Elementary School.

**Three words to describe you:** Thoughtful, Hard working, Proud

**Who is your hero? Why?** My hero is anyone who shows perseverance and accomplishes goals that lead toward making them or their community better.



Firefighter John Edison Cardenas.  
Photo courtesy of Jonathan Miraval.



SACFD firefighters conducting ice rescue training at the Reunion pond.

## Breaking the ice

If you noticed a giant hole in the ice at the Reunion pond, don't be alarmed, it was only the SACFD conducting ice rescue training.

In the last few years, the climate has shifted, moving some of Denver's worst snowstorms and freezing temperatures to the early months of spring. It's always good to be reminded of the dangers of walking on the ice in the many rivers, streams and ponds in the area, especially as children and pets have a tendency to wander into icy areas. Many incidents occur when a citizen will follow their dog onto the ice, leading to an emergency.

The firefighters of SACFD, paramedics and EMTs from Northglenn Ambulance took to the ice, geared up in buoyant ice rescue suits, and worked on the many skills required in an effective ice rescue. For some of the newest members of the SACFD, it was their first time in the frigid waters and there were many lessons to be learned, from learning the proper technique of wrapping a safety line around a victim to the proper signals to communicate with the crew on the shore.

"Always have an ambulance ready to receive them," said instructor and firefighter, Nathaniel Romero. "Be prepared to do CPR if needed. Treat victims gently because they have a higher chance of injury from the cold and could be injured already from the fall."

Instructor and firefighter, Augdon Greening advises victims to, "Stay calm, stay near the ice shelf, stay moving, and if you see someone or something fall into the ice do not go in. Call 9-1-1."

The best advice, as always, is to avoid walking on ice.



# Spring in Colorado! Be Prepared for a Wet or Dry Season



Commerce City winter conditions can often cause trees, shrubs, and lawns to need a little supplemental water. The rapidly changing weather can create periods of dry air, low precipitation, and fluctuating temperatures. If watering during the winter dry spells, please follow these winter watering tips:

- Water only by hand before the April 15 - October 15 separate irrigation system season, to prevent sprinkler system freezing.
- Hand water the root zone when air and soil temperatures are above 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Be sure to remove your hose from the hose bib to prevent freezing if the temperature happens to plummet.

When winter is finished and spring has arrived, it will be time to start up your sprinkler system for the season. When it comes to a home's irrigation system, a little maintenance goes a long way. Follow these simple tips for sprucing up your sprinkler:

**Inspect.** Check your system for clogged, broken, or missing sprinkler heads. If you are not the do-it-yourself type, go with a pro, one that understand the value of water conservation.

**Connect.** Examine points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses. If water pools in your landscape or you have large wet area pen (or 1/32nd of an inch) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month!

**Direct.** Are you watering the driveway, house, or sidewalk instead of your yard? Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the landscape.

**Select.** An improperly scheduled irrigation controller can waste water and money. Update your system's watering schedule with the season, or select a WaterSense labeled controller to take the guesswork out of scheduling.

Customers served by the District's Separate Irrigation System may find the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nt8rnlFWqw> helpful. This video provides information on irrigation system startup and operations.



The Center for ReSource Conservation is partnering with South Adams County Water and Sanitation District to put conservation into action and we need your help. If you have an in-ground sprinkler system for your lawn, you will save

water and money by scheduling a no cost Slow the Flow Water Consultation. Simply schedule an appointment to meet with a Water Conservation Technician at your home. The service usually takes 90 minutes and involves a visual inspection, data collection, and in-depth evaluation. The technician will deliver a clear and actionable list of suggestions to reduce water use and runoff at each property, while keeping landscapes and lawns healthy. Slow the Flow saves an average of 5,000 gallons of water per outdoor watering season for each resident. Collectively, Slow the Flow saved 12.5 million gallons in 2014. That is enough to fill about nineteen Olympic-sized swimming pools! Call 303.999.3824 to schedule your consultation.

For more information visit [www.conservationcenter.org/slow-the-flow-2](http://www.conservationcenter.org/slow-the-flow-2)

**For complete information regarding the South Adams irrigation season and how to manage your system, please refer to your next customer billing insert or go to our website for additional details.**

Visit the District's website for additional information and news

[www.sacwsd.org](http://www.sacwsd.org)

We also provide online pay options.

Customer Service & Billing Information:

Phone: 303.288.2646

Email: [billing@sacwsd.org](mailto:billing@sacwsd.org)

Para Información en Español:  
Phone: 303.288.2646

The Board of Directors for South Adams holds monthly business meetings the **second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.** in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices located at 6595 East 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Commerce City.

Meetings are open to the public.

## CALENDAR

April 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

## Avoiding and Managing Wastewater Sewer Backups

From time to time, the South Adams public sewer system or private sewer lines may experience a blockage causing a backup into a customer's basement. Normally, backups are a result of grease build-up from pouring grease down kitchen drains and/or flushing non-disposable items down toilets (diapers, rags, toys, etc.) that can clog the sewer lines. In time, nothing can flow past the clog and eventually it may backup into private sewer lines and possibly basements.

South Adams has a program using jet trucks and cameras to properly maintain sewer mains. However, unidentified blockages do occur within South Adams' 65 sq. mi. service area, through no fault of the District. Likewise, property owners may not be aware that there may be a problem lurking in the lines on their private property that could cause major problems.

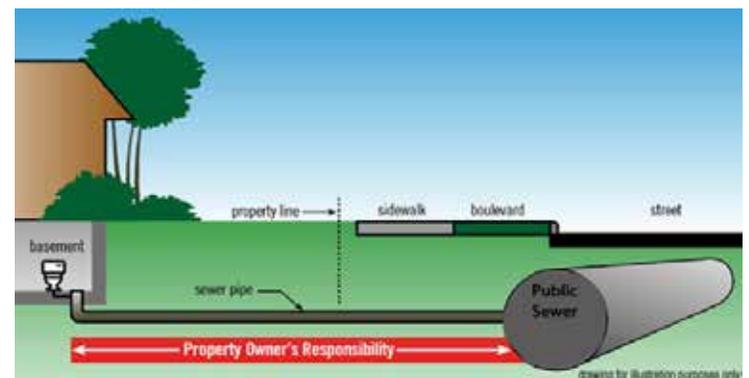
Help prevent a wastewater sewer backup by practicing the following guidelines and suggestions:

- Never pour grease down sink drains, garbage disposals or toilets.
- Dispose of heavy paper products in the garbage (e.g., paper towels, diapers etc.).
- Do not throw debris, rocks or dirt down manholes or into storm water drains, and please report any suspicious activity to the police.
- Remove trees/tree roots that are growing near or over your sewer service lines.
- Restaurants and commercial building owners must have grease interceptors that are properly designed, installed, and regularly maintained.
- Any fixtures (toilets, sinks, bathtubs, washing machines subject to backflow of sewage should be protected by a backwater prevention device or check valve. Backwater devices are especially important in below grade basement fixtures.

- Your current homeowner' policy most likely does not cover sewer back-up losses.

To find out, please contact your policy provider and they may offer coverage for this type of occurrence for a nominal additional cost. Make sure that your policy coverage is well defined in writing before signing a contract. Exclusions may be included based on pre-existing conditions, limits on coverage, and limits on your choice of contractors to complete repairs

The sketch below illustrates a large public sewer line that is maintained by South Adams, and a private service line that is the maintenance responsibility of the property owner.



If you have experienced backups in the past in your sewer service line, you may want to look into a routine maintenance program that could prevent any unexpected backup problems.

If you do experience a sewer back-up call the South Adams immediately at 303-288-2646 to help identify where the blockage has occurred. South Adams Water and Sanitation District can provide additional information on how to safely clean-up sewer back-ups if it should occur in your home.

## The South Adams County Water & Sanitation Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors are elected to serve on the board by property owners and residents included within South Adams' service boundary. Directors are elected to serve a four-year term, with two-term limits. Board terms are staggered and elections are held every two years in May.

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**Glen Murray**  
President  
2<sup>nd</sup> four-year term  
Expires: 5/2016



**Joann Moss**  
Secretary  
1<sup>st</sup> four-year term  
Expires: 5/2016



**John Kuchar**  
Treasurer  
1<sup>st</sup> four-year term  
Expires: 5/2018



**Mizraim Cordero**  
Director  
1<sup>st</sup> four-year term  
Expires: 5/2018



**Aaron Phillips**  
Director  
1<sup>st</sup> four-year term  
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