

Learn more about city and community resources at a neighborhood outreach event

Every year, the city hosts neighborhood outreaches to foster community awareness about available city programs and services, as well as those offerings provided by partner agencies and nonprofit organizations. These free summer barbecues, serve as an information and resource exchange for residents. There will be free food, live music, clowns, inflatables and interactive stations for all ages.

Mark your calendar!

June 11, River Run, 11515 Oswego St., 6-8:30 p.m.
August 13, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 6-8:30 pm.

Does your organization serve Commerce City residents? Learn more and register to participate in the outreach by May 8 by contacting Derrick Tripp at 303-289-3761 or dtripp@c3gov.com

96th Avenue extension set to open May 7

A new roadway that will extend 96th Avenue all the way to Tower Road is opening in early May and the city will mark the occasion with a ribbon cutting on May 7, 10 a.m. The new roadway, which runs from Buckley Road to Tower Road, includes a new bridge over Second Creek as well as a new traffic signal at the intersection of 96th Avenue and Tower Road. The road extension and bridge is instrumental 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.

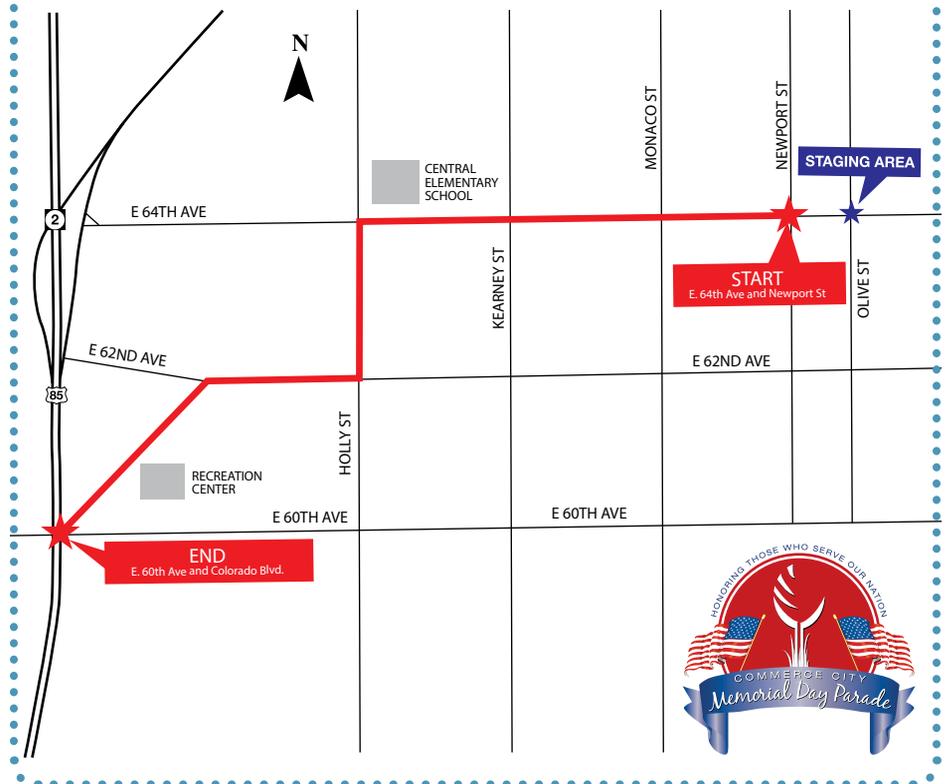
In addition to supporting the overall growth and development of Commerce City, the extension provides another road spanning the city from Interstate 76 on the west to E-470 on the east. The road is currently two lanes, but has the capability of being widened to four lanes in the future.

Join us for the ribbon cutting May 7, 10 a.m. at the intersection of 96th Avenue and Buckley Road.

City hosts state's largest Memorial Day parade

From military units and bands to floats, antique cars and horse entries, Colorado's largest Memorial Day parade celebrates 51 years of honoring veterans Monday, May 25, 2015, starting at 10 a.m. at 64th Avenue and Newport Street. Join your friends and neighbors at this celebration to salute those men and women who have fallen while serving our country with honor and valor.

Join us for a brief ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial at Veteran's Memorial Park (6015 Forest Drive) at 9:30 a.m., to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The parade begins at 10 a.m. immediately following this ceremony and lasts approximately two hours.



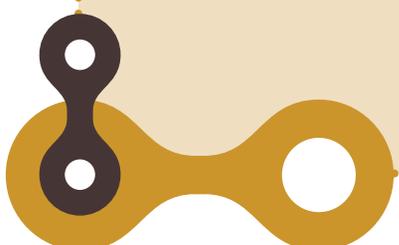
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Celebrate National Public Works Week at the public works open house May 19

Commerce City is joining communities nationwide this month to recognize National Public Works Week (NPWW) May 17-23. Simply put, there would be no community without the quality of life public works provides. Whether it is maintaining roads and bridges, plowing snow, or managing the many construction projects taking place in Commerce City, the public works department is an integral part of how our city functions. Due to the essential nature of public works service the theme for this year's celebration is, "Community Begins Here."

"Our public works employees are the unsung heroes of the community," said Maria D'Andrea, director of public works. "They are critical in carrying out our city's mission by planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our community."

Since community begins with public works, join us as we celebrate NPWW with an open house, by taking a tour of the facility, painting snow plows, seeing how signs are made and hopping into one of our trucks to learn about how the public works department serves Commerce City. Come down to the Municipal Services Center (8602 Rosemary St.) May 19 anytime from 4-8 p.m., for live music and free food/beverage.

Bring your family to the public works department open house!

Tuesday, May 19 – 4-8 p.m.

- Live music
- Free food and beverage
- Building tours
- Touch a truck
- Paint a plow
- Sign making
- Traffic operations
- Water conservation
- Capital project(s) information
- Games and contests

NEWS BRIEFS

Peña Boulevard ramp to start construction in 2016

City council approved interchange contract with City and County of Denver

During the April 6 meeting, city council approved an interchange contract with the City and County of Denver to share costs on the construction of the new Peña Boulevard ramp with expected construction to begin early 2016.

Under the agreement, both cities agree to share all costs associated with the ramp, which range from \$23,000-\$28,000 from 2016 through 2020. Three elements the cities will share are the annual maintenance, slap replacement and any major maintenance the ramp may need.

A tentative schedule has been created for this project:

- April – May 2015: Solicit and procure design firm
- June – August 2015: Preliminary design
- Sept. – Nov. 2015: Final design
- Dec. 2015: Ads for bids
- Jan. – July 2016: Construction begins

Join City Council for a live telephone town hall meeting

City council members will host a live telephone town hall meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 3. Council members will provide information on current capital projects, city services and upcoming activities. Residents can ask questions of city council during the hour-long call, provide input and participate in an electronic poll.

This is the city's second telephone public forum from the comfort of your home, through the use of innovative telephone technology. If you live within the city, you may receive a random telephone call through an automated system and will be invited to listen in on this important public telephone forum. If you are not called but would like to participate, call toll free at 1-877-229-8493 and enter PIN 111980.

Honor officers during National Police Officers' Memorial Day

Police honor fallen officers in May 15 ceremony

In 2014, the United States lost 35 officers who were killed in the line of duty. On May 15, the city recognizes and celebrates the important work the men and women of the police department perform every day for the community during a special ceremony.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the calendar week which May 15 falls is proclaimed as National Police Week. Join the police department during the National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Ceremony on May 15 at the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., starting at 8 a.m. After the ceremony, blue ribbons will be available to display on vehicles, a symbol of respect to those police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Come the week of May 4 and pick up a blue ribbon and support National Police Week. Ribbons will be available at the front desk and in the police records lobby. For more information about National Police Week, visit nleomf.org.

104th Avenue widening on schedule

The E. 104th Avenue widening project remains on schedule to meet the estimated February 2016 completion date. The improvements include widening the existing two-lane road to four lanes. In addition to supporting the overall growth and development of Commerce City the added lanes will improve traffic flow, reduce the risk of traffic accidents and improve driving conditions.

Traffic signals and raised medians are being installed in addition to acceleration, deceleration and turning lanes. An additional two-lane bridge is also being built next to the existing Interstate 76 overpass. The widening and installation of the new railroad crossing just east of US Highway 85 was completed in December. Concrete paving is approximately 50 percent complete, and the new bridge over Interstate 76 is 90 percent complete, with the installation of the pedestrian guardrail remaining. Street lighting installation began in April on the south side of E. 104th Avenue in addition to the construction of a bridge over the O'Brian Canal.

Recent closures of Havana Street at E. 104th Avenue have been necessary for pipe installation. Another Havana Street closure will begin in May and is anticipated to last through September. Directional signage will be installed prior to the closure to assist area businesses. Work in the area will include the installation of a water-quality and a trickle pond, which will help to facilitate drainage. Florence Street will be open during this closure for area businesses, but commuters are encouraged to use US Highway 85 or Highway 2 as an alternate route.

Regular construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Occasional night and weekend work is scheduled when possible to help facilitate traffic. Commerce City is grateful to area businesses and residents for their understanding and patience during construction. If you have questions about the project or would like to receive email notifications leave a message on the project hotline or email 104thAve@PublicInfoTeam.com. Visit c3gov.com/104 for more information.

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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.

Five city business all-stars recognized for achievements

The city honored five local business all-stars at the seventh business appreciation awards event March 19. Held at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, the breakfast also featured a keynote speaker, Colorado Rapids President Tim Hinchey.

"Commerce City has a thriving business community driven by the energy, advanced manufacturing and logistics industries," said Michelle Claymore, economic development director. "Our five business all-stars exemplify how companies throughout the community are redefining commerce for the next generation, employing innovative strategies and investing in capital improvements to position their business for long-term success."

City Council members and emcee Susie Wargin presented awards in the following categories:

- Business "On the Move" Awards: Platte Valley Medical Center, Ziggi's Coffee
- Entrepreneurial Spirit Award: ACT Underground, LLC
- Pam Downs Lilac Award for Leadership: Rocky Mountain Recycling, Inc.
- Business of the Year Award: Suncor Energy



City Council members congratulate the five business all-stars at Commerce City's business appreciation awards breakfast event March 19.

CALENDAR

- May 2 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 3 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 3 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- May 4 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- May 4 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 5 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- May 5 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 6 Capital Improvement Program Citizen Advisory Committee Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6 p.m.
- May 7 Mom Son Lego Mania, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-8:30 p.m.
- May 9 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 9 Middle School Madness-Spring Fling, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-10 p.m.
- May 10 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 10 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- May 11 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- May 11 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 12 Community Sidewalk Tour, Fronterra Neighborhood Park Construction Site, 10020 Joplin St., 6 p.m.
- May 12 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- May 12 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- May 12 2015 Camp Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-8 p.m.
- May 12 Free Mental Health First Aid Training - Adult Module, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 15 National Peace Officers Memorial Day, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 8 a.m.
- May 17 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- May 18 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- May 19 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- May 19 Quality Community Foundation Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- May 20 Teen Night Around Town, Los Valientes Park, 7300 Magnolia St., 3-5:30 p.m.
- May 24 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- May 25 Commerce City Civic Center and Recreation Center CLOSED
- May 25 City Council regular meeting canceled
- May 25 Memorial Day Parade ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 6015 Forest Dr., 9 a.m.
- May 25 Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Memorial Park, 6015 Forest Dr., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- May 27 Community Sidewalk Tour, Paradise Island Pool Construction Site, 5951 Monaco St., 6 p.m.
- May 29 Quality Community Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament, Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave., 7:30 a.m.
- May 29 Free Mental Health First Aid Training - Adult Module - En Español, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 31 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- June 1 Mini Camp. Register by May 29, 303-289-3789.
- June 1 City Council Regular meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- June 2 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- June 4 Cine en el Parque (Movies in the Park), Fairfax Park, 6850 Fairfax Dr., 7 p.m. FREE



New trash and recycling service is rolled out

Make sure you're following the guidelines, otherwise items may not be picked up!

Commerce City would like to thank residents for their patience and understanding this past February and March as the city transitioned to a new trash and recycle service with Waste Management (WM). More than 27,000 trash and recycling cans were delivered citywide and with the help of residents, the transition went well.

City staff continues to work with WM and residents through issues that have been identified due to the transition to this new service.

WM truck drivers continue to run into issues along pickup routes. If cans are not serviceable for some reason, the driver will leave a hanging tag on the can explaining the reason. **To make sure your items are in compliance and picked up, remember to follow these guidelines:**

- Do not use your recycling cans for overflow trash, they are intended for recycling only. If household trash is continually placed in a recycling can, you may lose your recycling privileges with the city.
- Have cans out by 7 a.m. on pickup day.
- Handles on the trash and recycling can(s) need to be facing the house with the wheels at the curb 3 feet from other can, cars, driveways, mailboxes or any obstruction.
- All household trash and yard waste must be placed inside of your trash can. Overflow items placed on side/top of can will not be picked up.
- Do not place concrete, dirt, rock, hot ashes, coals, flammable materials, or household hazard waste in can.
- If you call WM to report a missed pickup, confirm new pickup day/time and makes sure your can is placed out to be serviced.

Beginning on May 1 and through July 31, residents are able to swap their 96-gallon can for a smaller size at no additional cost. Can sizes are 64 and 32 gallons. Keep in mind, the larger cans are useful for additional yard waste throughout the year.

Contact Waste Management 1-800-482-6406 with questions or visit c3gov.com/trash for more information.

Illegal Dumping:

It is considered illegal dumping when any garbage, trash, or waste of any kind (junk, debris and furniture) is left on the property of another.

Report Problems:

To report problems on public or private property call Commerce City Neighborhood Services at 303-227-8860.

Why report illegal dumping?

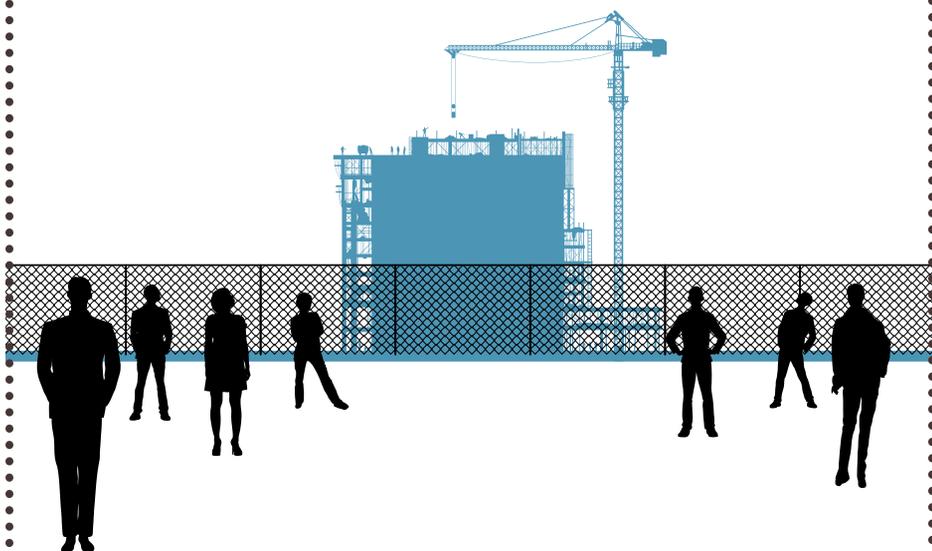
Dumping hazardous waste puts people's health at risk and can harm the environment. Illegal dumping can also be associated with other forms of illegal activity. If tolerated, it sends a message to violators that it is allowable to dump garbage in the community and detracts from the allure of the city.

Major construction milestones at Paradise Island Pool and Fronterra Neighborhood Park

As you travel by Pioneer Park, you will see major construction at 60th Avenue and Monaco Street as the three water slides and tower are being constructed at Paradise Island Pool. The first aquatic center of its kind in Commerce City, the 2-acre site features three water slides, lazy river, sport pool, leisure pool, activity pool and more. Stay tuned for information on the tentative June opening in next month's issue of Connected. In the meantime, season passes go on sale at the Commerce City Recreation Center at 6060 E. Parkway Dr. on May 5.



The first of three neighborhood parks to undergo construction in the capital improvement program, Fronterra Neighborhood Park, is bypassing major construction milestones. The playground structure and restroom have been installed and construction of the skate area and shelters is underway. Opening this summer, the 19.8-acre nature and fitness-inspired site features a hillside slide, small skate area, play fields, sheltered picnic areas, playground, hard court, walking/jogging trails and fitness stations.



See the progress by attending a community sidewalk tour

AVAILABLE TOURS:

Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park • May 27 at 6 p.m.

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). RSVP required to Angela Shelbourn at ashelbourn@c3gov.com or 720-635-1030.

Fronterra Neighborhood Park • May 12 at 6 p.m.

Meet in front of the fence by the construction trailer on the north side of the park site (just east of Joplin Street on E. 101st Way). Street parking available on E. 101st Way. Do not park in school parking lot. RSVP required to Angela Shelbourn at ashelbourn@c3gov.com or 720-635-1030.

These are just a few of the projects coming to you from Commerce City's \$137 million capital improvement program, made possible from a 2013 voter-approved 1 percent sales and use tax increase for parks, recreation and road projects. Learn more at www.c3gov.com/QCL and 303-C3-WORKS (303-239-6757).

EAT FOR CHANGE



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Commerce City Youth Commission. Just come into the Commerce City Chipotle on **Thursday, May 14th**, from **5:00pm to 9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Commerce City Youth Commission.



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Police department renews focus on community policing

As part of the vision of the Commerce City Police Department to be the standard of excellence for public safety and service in this region, the department has split the city into three zones and has designated a commander and a crime prevention officer to build stronger and effective relationships within the city.

This new focus has four main objectives:

- Focus on crime prevention and reduction of crime.
- Build and improve community relationships with residents and business owners.
- Use data and analysis to identify crime trends to improve service delivery.
- Reduce repeat calls of service by identifying and addressing crime trends.

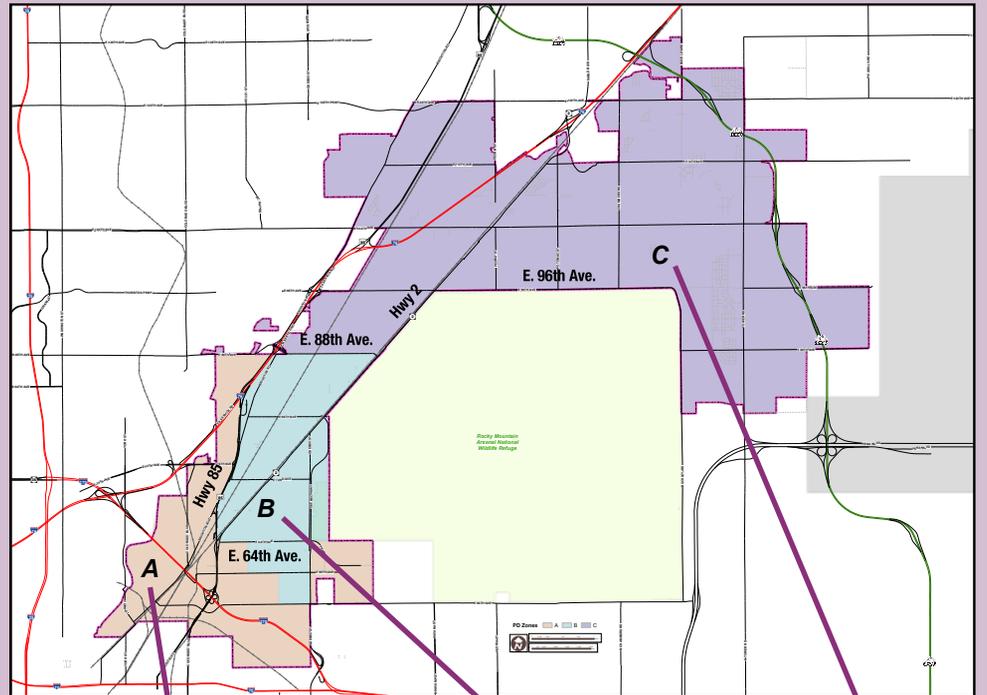
In order to support the objectives and the department's vision, officers Anna Bungartz, Damian Thompson and Elizabeth Couture were selected to serve as crime prevention officers in one of the three city zones. As part of their duties, these officers will be out and about in their assigned areas, proactively engaging with residents and involving them in crime prevention and educational activities. So stop by the police department's booth at one of the neighborhood outreaches, on June 11 at River Run Park or August 13 at Pioneer Park, and say "hi!"

The three zones with their respective commander and crime prevention officer:

- Zone A (peach) – From 48th Avenue to 88th Avenue west of Highway 85
- Commander Harold Chatman and Officer Anna Bungartz
- Zone B (blue) – From 56th Avenue to 88th Avenue east of Highway 85 to Quebec Parkway
- Commander Dennis Moon and Officer Damian Thompson
- Zone C (purple) – from 88th Avenue to 124th Avenue
- Commander David Cabbage and Officer Elizabeth Couture

For more information about the police department visit c3gov.com/police.

NEW CITY ZONES



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JUNE 2-5

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*Crystal Elliott,
Council At Large*

COUNCIL CORNER

Happy spring!

Ode to the joys of spring when the flowers bloom and the birds sing. I truly enjoy this season! There are so many things in our city soon to be new in bloom. A few of the capital improvement projects that passed by the voters in 2013 are in full swing. The first is the Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park, scheduled to open in June. Next in line is the 19.8-acre Fronterra Neighborhood Park scheduled to open this summer.

Very exciting times with new elements of recreation evolving in our city!

A big change is the fully automated trash and recycling service. Although change can be challenging with our daily routines, this is a beneficial program for our city by reducing environmental impacts while improving the esthetics of neighborhoods. And last but certainly not least, the continued benefit of the most cost effective program for our residents as they will not be billed for standard city service. I do believe very soon these growing pains will be behind us as we see our city continue to grow as the sign of the times.

I truly enjoy what I do in my role as a public servant. Recently, I have been able to dedicate more time and have been more involved in several aspects of the city. I am currently serving my third year on the Commerce City Cultural Council. I enjoy the dedication and diligent efforts of this group promoting culture with music, art and dance in our city. The council has no less than seven and no more than 15 members, so if you are interested in participating on this council or other boards or commissions please check c3gov.com/boards to complete an application online. I encourage your participation in the city.

I have also become active in our minority business community, educating myself with the concerns of these business owners. As a newly small-business owner myself, I can relate to the trials and tribulations owners encounter. However, I encourage unity within our diverse community as everyone benefits patronizing all local businesses. The city's economic development team has been busy with recent ribbon cuttings of new businesses growing near the King Soopers Marketplace. We are becoming a vibrant economic community.

I hope this spring season finds you in good health and happy spirits. These are exciting times in our city. Be well.



Be on the lookout for street sweepers

Street sweeping has begun and will continue through November in order to keep the city clean and beautiful. To assist with operations and prevent debris from washing into the storm water system, residents should do the following:

- Park your vehicles off-street between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on scheduled street sweeping days.
- Sweep the sidewalk in front of your residence so this debris can also be picked up.
- Trim limbs that encroach the sidewalk or hang over the street to a height of 15 feet above the roadway.

Schedules may vary by a day or more in the event of inclement weather. Check out the route map to see when street sweeping happens in your area.

For more information, visit c3gov.com/streetsweeping to view the schedule or call Commerce City Public Works at 303-289-8150.

Route #1	Date:
Quebec Parkway west to Magnolia Street	March 23 rd – April 1 st August 10 th – August 14 th
64 th Avenue north to 80 th Avenue	June 1 st – June 5 th October 19 th – October 23 rd

Route #2	Date:
Quebec Parkway west to Dahlia Street	April 2 nd – April 10 th August 17 th – August 21 st
Sand Creek Drive north to 64 th Avenue	June 8 th – June 12 th October 26 th – October 30 th

Route #3	Date:
Ivanhoe Street west to Fairfax Drive	April 13 th – April 22 nd August 24 th – August 28 th
69 th Avenue north to 72 nd Avenue	June 15 th – June 19 th November 2 nd – November 6 th
Brighton Boulevard west to Colorado Boulevard	
Saurini Boulevard north to 70 th Avenue (Adams Heights)	

Route #4	Date:
Subdivisions: Eagle Creek, Foxton Village,	April 23 rd – May 1 st August 31 st – September 4 th
Harvest Meadows, Turnberry Village,	June 22 nd – June 26 th November 9 th – November 13 th
Potomac Farms, North Range Village,	
The Village at Buffalo Run, The Highlands at Buffalo Run,	
Outlook and Fairway Village	

Route #5	Date:
Subdivisions: Fronterra, Reunion South,	May 4 th – May 13 th September 7 th – September 11 th
Buckley Ranch, Buffalo Mesa, Reunion North,	June 29 th – July 3 rd November 16 th – November 20 th
The Reserves at Buffalo Run	

Route #6	Date:
Subdivisions: River Oaks, River Run East,	May 14 th – May 22 nd September 14 th – September 18 th
Stillwater, River Run West, The Dunes,	July 6 th – July 10 th November 23 rd – November 27 th
BelleCreek and Claybar Creek	

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.



Commerce City, Bass Pro Shops and the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge celebrated the eighth annual fishing derby Saturday, April 11. Children and parents interacted with professional fisherman, learned about the different aspects of fishing, won great prizes and competed in one of the fishing derbies.



Children all over the city took advantage of the bike rodeo and bike with cops events during spring break. Children learned about bike safety and received a free helmet and certificate for participation.



Find us on Facebook

Have a great picture of the Memorial Day Parade? Share it with us on our Facebook page!

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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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.



Teen Night Around Town

Join us for a party in a park near you! Enjoy an outdoor party with music, inflatables, games, sports, and food. The best part is, it's all FREE!

Wed 5/20 Los Valientes Park 3-5:30 p.m.

Wed 5/27 Fairfax Park 5-7:30 p.m.

Middle School Madness

Bring your friends for Middle School Madness and the recreation center is yours for the evening. Middle School Madness is open to grades 6-8. NEW this month, 5th graders are invited to attend the May spring fling event and learn more about Middle School Madness.

Sat 5/9 7-10 p.m. Commerce City Recreation Center

When school is out, camp is in

Adventure Trek camp is a fantastic opportunity for youth and teens ages 11-15 to have fun and make new friends. Field trips happen every day at camp and may include rafting, horseback riding, paddle boarding, challenge course, hiking, reservoir activities and much more.

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.

Get out and play youth baseball

Step up to the plate and register for youth baseball. 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.



City Council recognized two outstanding local youth, Sophia Sunday and Micayla Bellamy, who represented Commerce City at the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards (ACMCYA). Both nominees attended an awards banquet at the Bison Grill on March 18. Bellamy was also honored as one of Adams County's Top 23 students at a banquet at Riverside Country Club on April 30. ACMCYA is an annual award program that recognizes Adams County teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their lives.

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



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 and 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.



Escape to Paradise Island at Pioneer Park

Buy your pass in advance and skip the lines to make a splash at opening weekend in June at the new outdoor leisure pool. Season passes and ID cards go on sale May 5 at the Commerce City Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr.

For more information and updates on hours, rates and the grand opening, visit c3gov.com/paradise and follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/commercecity](https://www.facebook.com/commercecity).

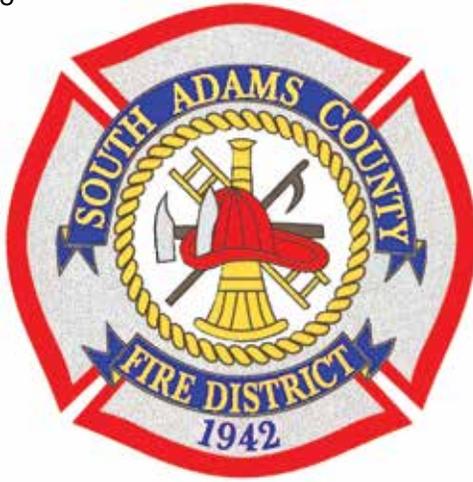


MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Enjoy Mother's Day brunch with your loved ones at Bison Grill on May 10. 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. to 1:30 p.m.



Call 303-289-7700 for reservations.



South Adams County Fire Protection District

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

Fire safety tip of the month

Basement fire safety

Follow these basement safety tips to help keep your home fire-safe.

Early warning devices

- Install a smoke alarm in the basement. Test the alarm each month, and clean as needed. The basement smoke alarm should be connected to other smoke alarms in your home.
- If you have oil, gas or wood burning equipment in the basement, you should also have a carbon monoxide alarm installed in the basement.

Utilities

- Maintain easy, quick access to your fuse box or circuit breaker panel.
- Keep the burner access doors on gas water heaters and gas furnaces closed to prevent flames from escaping and starting a fire.

Housekeeping

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from the furnace, oil burner, wood stoves, water heaters, and other heat-generating equipment.
- Keep oily rags in airtight containers and away from heat sources.
- Trash should not be stored in the basement.
- Washers and dryers should be plugged directly into wall outlets.
- Clean lint filters every time you use the dryer. Clean the dryer vent ductwork every year.
- Keep stairs free of clutter and safe for quick exit in an emergency.

For more information
and free resources, visit

[usfa.fema.gov/
prevention/outreach](http://usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach)



SACFD lateral academy is in full swing

The South Adams County Fire Department volunteer lateral academy is in full swing. This year, SACFD accepted 12 lateral firefighters to take part in the academy. These lateral firefighters are already state certified in basic firefighting and hazmat operations having previous experience from other departments or state certified fire academies like Red Rocks Community College.

Chad Ray and Ricky Teter, both part of the SACFD training division, project the academy to last anywhere from eight to 12 weeks depending on the lateral firefighters' performances.

"The lateral academy is not like a regular academy, most recruits have experience or have been trained to have basic firefighting skills and have already passed the Colorado state firefighter certification," explained Training Coordinator Ray. "Therefore, there isn't necessarily a 'final' test for the lateral recruits to complete. The lateral academy as a whole is really a constant evaluation of the recruits skill level and knowledge. So, they are always being tested. The main advantage is that we teach them our (SACFD) approach to fire fighting and how our department operates on fire calls."

Once the training division is satisfied with the skill set of each recruit, they will be cleared to begin their one-year probationary period under the guidance of the lieutenants and battalion chiefs. Although no longer in academy, they will be required to continue their training by completing and performing a skill task book and attending regular monthly department training.

Upon the completion of the probationary year the chief, battalion chiefs, training division and safety officer will determine if the recruit has met all the requirements of a probationary member and if he/she should be given full member status as a volunteer firefighter with SACFD.

Volunteer firefighters within SACFD continue to play an essential role within SACFD, working alongside the career firefighters and serving the growing community.

SACFD takes pride in being a combination department and is excited to welcome 12 more volunteers to the ranks.



South Adams County Firefighter
Nicholas Bendinelli plays bass
drum with the pipe and drum corps
at FDIC International 2015.
Ten firefighters from South Adams
County attended the annual
firefighter training conference.

Get to know your SACFD firefighters

Name: Nathaniel Romero

Title/Rank: Firefighter

Work Location: SACFD Truck 28

Years with the department: Four years

What is your favorite part of the job? Favorite part is when it's all on the line, when all your training must be utilized with no time for a mistake in order to produce the best possible outcome for the citizens of our district.

How has SACFD changed you? SACFD has changed me by teaching me to enjoy every day on this earth because some of the calls we have been through are proof that tomorrow is never a promise.

Where did you grow up? I was born and grew up here in the Denver area.

Outside SACFD: I am a tile setter/remodel subcontractor.

Three words to describe you: Loyal, strong and hard working.

Who is your hero? Why? My hero has always been my mother for working so extremely hard to provide for her kids and never giving up or complaining.



Firefighter Nathaniel Romero