

Residents invited to come together at this summer's neighborhood outreaches

Bring your family to enjoy this Commerce City summer tradition. Enjoy free food and entertainment, while learning more about the city, local nonprofit organizations, and service providers.

City staff is serving up FREE all-beef hotdogs, chips, fresh veggies, and watermelon slices at two neighborhood outreaches this summer. Children can bounce around in inflatables, get their faces painted, enjoy the toddler fun zone, and be entertained by a balloon artist and magician. The whole family can enjoy live music.

Elected officials, city staff, local school districts, health organizations, developers and representatives from area agencies and businesses are on hand to provide information about their programs and answer any questions you might have.

"Come and share in the fun at our neighborhood outreaches," said Derrick Tripp, recreation supervisor of programs and facilities. "There will be free food, interactive activities for the kids, and great music. You can also learn much more about local service organizations and meet elected officials. This will be a fun-filled night for the whole family. Be sure not to miss it!"

Neighborhood Outreaches

Thursday, June 11

6-8:30 p.m.

River Run Park (11515 Oswego St.)

Live music from Funkiphino

Thursday, August 13

6-8:30 p.m.

Pioneer Park (5950 Holly St.)

Live music from The Chris Daniels Band



Residents of all ages can enjoy the food, music and festivities at the neighborhood outreach events.



City staff happily cook and serve the food for attendees.

Changes in police department target community engagement, improve safety

Commerce City places the highest value on the safety and protection of the people of the city, businesses that operate here, and the police force that protects them. That's why the police department has been focused on becoming the standard of excellence for public safety in the region, by updating how officers engage our residents and address safety concerns.

The department is two years into a five-year process to increase public safety, do a better job protecting residents and improve officer morale. While this transition hasn't been easy, we are on the right track, establishing several metrics to evaluate success, including:

- Achieving community safety by having a lower crime rate than 75 percent of our peer communities of populations 50,000 – 99,999.
- Improving traffic safety by reducing traffic crashes below our five year average of 373.
- Providing excellent customer service, by reducing citizen complaints below our five year average.
- Responding to at least 75 percent of priority one calls for service in 7 minutes or less.
- Reducing vicious animal and loose animal calls for service below our five year average.

The first quarter results are available online at c3gov.com/police.

Commerce City's residents deserve the best possible protection we can provide and that takes deliberate work. We have reduced the number of police pursuits by improving training and adhering to policies that specifically identify when such high-risk travel is required. The department implemented new tracking software and collection procedures for property and evidence management to ensure people's rights are defended and criminal rights are properly prosecuted. The department also expanded its crime victim program, resulting in a 22 percent increase of individuals served.

It's never been a more difficult time to be a police officer. National media stories highlight officer misconduct, which seem to far outweigh daily acts of heroism by officers that occur in our community. It takes tremendous sacrifices by officers and their families to dedicate their professional career to keeping you safe. The department looks forward to earning your trust every day and partnering with the community to keep us all safe. For additional questions, please call Chief Troy Smith 303- 289-3631.

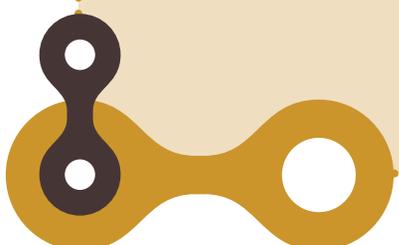
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Leadership Commerce City launches August 7

Applications accepted through July 1

Leadership Commerce City is a new program that develops future leaders for their roles and responsibilities in the community. Participants will learn more about the Commerce City community, to build leadership for a quality community.

Sponsored by the Adams 14 Education Foundation and Suncor Energy, the program brings diverse people together to broaden their experiences and perspectives. Created in partnership with the Adams 14 School District, City of Commerce City, Commerce City Historical Society and School District 27J, leadership skills are emphasized in all classes which challenge participants to enhance their management skills through class assignments, field trips and experiential learning.

Leadership Commerce City is a 10-month program held from 8 a.m. – noon the first Friday of each month, beginning August 7. The program cost ranges from \$25-\$75 and scholarships are available. Interested individuals should visit <http://foundation.adams14.org/> to learn more and submit an online application by July 1, 2015.



NEWS BRIEFS

New street signs give historic Derby neighborhood unique look



Many don't think about the importance of street signs within a community, but the function they serve is unquestioned. These essential traffic signs received a fresh look in Derby this spring when the city installed new ones that feature an insignia unique to the district.

"The signs help contribute to the overall identity of the district while also providing a sense of place to the Derby neighborhood," said City Planner Jared Draper.

One of the original railroad towns in the Front Range, Derby ultimately combined with Irondale and Adams City to officially form Commerce City in 1952. The District is bordered by 72nd Avenue, Highway 2 and Magnolia Avenue and is still often referred to as the heart and soul of Commerce City.

Efforts to revive this area of the city began in 2005 and continue today with initiatives and incentives to redevelop commercial areas, invest in infrastructure and build additional residential projects. The revitalization of the Derby District calls for diversifying the business community through encouragement of new shops, restaurants and other services while supporting existing business growth. There are 130 individual properties which make up the Derby sub-area including residential and commercial properties, parks and churches.

"As we continue revitalization efforts in the Derby District improvements such as the new street signs are great opportunities to make enhancements that establish Derby as a destination," said Draper.

The new street signs were purchased with funds from the Commercial Catalyst Program. Programs such as the Commercial Catalyst Program are designed to encourage business and property owners to update building facades, signage and landscaping within the Derby District.

For more information about Derby, visit www.c3gov.com/derby.

Traffic concerns? Call the traffic hotline

Is there a suspicious vehicle parked in your neighborhood? Do you have on-going speeding problems in your area? If so, call the Commerce City Police Department traffic complaint hotline at 303-727-3939, a one-stop destination to provide residents and businesses with a single point of contact to address traffic concerns throughout the city. The hotline assists with quicker resolution of public complaints and ensures accountability for follow-up from the police department.

When residents call the hotline, they are asked to leave a detailed message. The traffic sergeant on duty checks the hotline daily and residents can expect a follow-up within 48 hours of leaving the complaint, but only if they leave their contact information in the message.

The traffic hotline is available 24 hours a day, but it does not replace 911 for emergency calls. This is one of many steps the department is taking toward fulfilling the vision of providing excellent customer service to the community.



Unexpected wet May delays grand opening to later this summer

Even though we needed the rain, construction of the Paradise Island Pool did not. Due to the unrelenting rain throughout the month of May, the grand opening of the city's NEW outdoor leisure pool will take place later this summer. Check the city's website www.c3gov.com for the latest opening information..

You can still buy season passes and ID cards at the Commerce City Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Drive. For a complete list of admission fees and hours, view the summer activity guide or visit www.c3gov.com/paradise.

The game-themed outdoor leisure pool is one of five projects in Commerce City's voter-approved capital improvement plan. The 2-acre site is located on the east end of the park, adjacent to the existing spray ground feature. Learn more about the city's capital improvement projects at www.c3gov.com/QCL.

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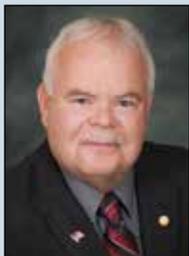
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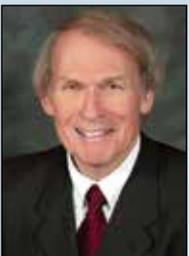
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Come by the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., or watch us live on Comcast Channel 8 or www.c3gov.com on the first and third Monday night.

The best defense against mosquitoes is personal defense

Commerce City runs a comprehensive integrated mosquito management program. The program has been developed specifically to reduce the mosquito population in Commerce City and decrease the risk of West Nile Virus (WNV) transmission.

Residents can do their part in controlling mosquitoes by removing, draining, or cleaning standing water that might collect in wading pools, tires, boats, clogged gutters or bird baths – areas ripe for breeding. Mosquitoes only need a few teaspoons of water to reproduce, so carefully inspecting the property is important.

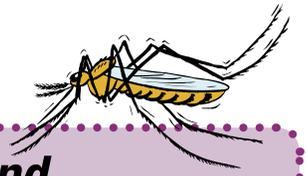
Fight the Bite Colorado also recommends the following personal defenses:

- Limit outdoor activity at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Use effective repellents such as ones with DEET (read instructions).
- Wear long sleeves when outside during active hours.

OtterTail Environmental Inc. is contracted to trap and monitor the West Nile Virus through systems that are set throughout the community. The traps are periodically analyzed to determine an appropriate treatment program that addresses mosquito nuisance and disease prevention.

Anyone with a treatment request or concern regarding mosquitoes is encouraged to call the mosquito hotline at 303-273-2878, managed by OtterTail Environmental. Visit www.c3gov.com/mosquito for more information.

Find more tips on how to protect you and your family at www.fightthebitecolorado.com.



Remember and practice the four Ds:

- **DEET** – use DEET-enhanced insect repellent
- **Dress** – in long-sleeves and pants
- **Dusk to Dawn** – avoid the outdoors from dusk until dawn
- **Drain** – drain standing water outside your home

Veterans honored at annual Memorial Day parade

The city honored veterans during the 51st annual Memorial Day celebration on May 25. Albert Amador, Jr. and Sergeant Major Jeffery L. Polliard, both served as Grand Marshals for the parade. Mr. Amador is a veteran of the Korean War, while Sergeant Major Polliard served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Albert Amador, Jr. was born in Julesburg, Colo. in 1930, the youngest of eight children. In 1950, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve and entered the Korean War in 1951. He trained for one week before deploying with 5,000 other men on a ship to Korea. He served in the Battle of the Punch Bowl, seeing action in one of the last battles of the movement phase of the Korean War. During the battle, a grenade landed on his backpack, but did not deploy as it was a dud.

Amador served eight months in Korea before deploying to Japan, where he was responsible for prisoner transportation. For his service, Amador received various honors, awards and recognition, including the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the United Nations Service medal, and has been authorized to receive the Purple Heart. After returning home to Colorado, he continued his service in the U.S. Army Reserve until 1956.

He and his wife Gloria have three children, and eight grandchildren. They have been residents of Commerce City for 50 plus years.

Sgt. Maj. Polliard was born and raised in Brockway, Penn. and enlisted into the U.S. Navy in 1981 after graduation.

After completing his submarine training, he deployed to the U.S. submarine base in Holy Loch, Scotland. He served as a missile technician, patrolling the ice-packed waters of the Arctic Circle and the Mediterranean Sea on a 425-foot submarine with a crew of 145. In 1987, he relocated to Colorado and joined the Army National Guard, serving in numerous positions along the Front Range until transferring to the 8th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team. After the September 11 terrorist attacks, he served in civil support testing for weapons of mass destruction.

In 2004, Sgt. Maj. Polliard transferred to the 169th Field Artillery Brigade and was a part of the immediate response to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Shortly after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, Sgt. Maj. Polliard traveled by military Humvees and Chinook helicopters to Alexandria, La. where he assisted in recoveries, clearing roads and moving boats in Saint Bernard Parish, one of the hardest hit areas.

He deployed to northern Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from April of 2006 to July of 2007. Part of his mission was using radar systems to detect rockets on counter-mortar missions to protect troops.

Since his return from Iraq, he has served as the Operations Sergeant Major for the 169th Field Artillery Brigade, Command Sergeant Major for 3rd Battalion, 157th Field Artillery and Operations Sergeant Major for the Colorado Army National Guard. Sgt. Maj. Polliard will retire from the Armed Forces in December of this year having completed over 34 years of service.

Sgt. Maj. Polliard has been married to his wife, Christine for 27 years. The couple resides in Brighton, Colo. with their son Zachary and daughters Rachel and Gabriella.



May 25 marked the 51st anniversary of the city's Memorial Day parade. It's one of the largest in the state, drawing crowds from all over metro Denver.

CALENDAR

- June 1 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- June 1 5 – Mini Camp
- June 2 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- June 3 City Council Telephone Town Hall, Call in 1-877-229-8493, pin number 111980, 7 p.m.
- June 4 Cine en el Parque (Movies in the Park), Fairfax Park, 6850 Fairfax Dr., 7 p.m. FREE
- June 7 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- June 8 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- June 9 Bike with Cops, Dick's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- June 9 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- June 9 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- June 10 Teen Night Around Town, River Run Park, 11515 Oswego Street, 5-7:30 p.m.
- June 11 Neighborhood Outreach, River Run Park, 11515 Oswego St., 6-8:30 p.m.
- June 12 Bike with Cops, Prairie View Middle School, 12915 E. 120th Ave., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- June 13 Rockies Skills Challenge, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- June 14 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- June 15 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- June 16 Bike with Cops, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- June 16 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- June 16 Quality Community Foundation Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- June 17 Teen Night Around Town, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 5-7:30 p.m.
- June 19 Bike with Cops, Alsup Elementary School, 7101 Birch St., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- June 22 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- June 24 Ceremonial Dedication of Paradise Island Pool, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly Street, 4-6 p.m.
- June 24 Teen Night Around Town, River Run Park, 11515 Oswego St., 5-7:30 p.m.
- June 25 Ultimate Survivor, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- June 27 Youth Baseball Day, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly Street, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- June 30 Bike with Cops, Landmark Academy, 10566 Memphis St., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Teen Court provides valuable life experience

The Commerce City Teen Court program celebrated another successful year at the Commerce City recreation center on April 23. All seventeen students representing five middle and high schools throughout the city attended.

The teen court program provides selected students an opportunity to participate in a mock jury trial where the jury hands down a sentence to a juvenile offender who has committed a first-time misdemeanor charge. The program provides the youth an opportunity to work with the justice system in an experiential environment to increase their understanding of the system and the impact that crime has on our community.

“The teen court program is beneficial for the students and our staff who work with these amazing kids,” said Officer Kayla Fender. “There is a broader impact on the community, too. The participants learn valuable skills and have a positive experience with the justice system that is even a little fun.”

The program is successful due to broad staff and community support. Local merchants Wendy’s, Little Caesars’ pizza, McDonalds and La Casa Del Rey provide incentives and rewards to all participants. The city recognizes and thanks school resource officers: Kayla Fender, Jennifer Kunigi, Mike Vasquez, and Chris Castillo as well as the mentor attorneys Karen Stevens, Esq., Patricia Hutton Esq., and Robert Sheesly, Esq.

The program runs from August through April. If you are a student interested in being a part of this program, please contact the school resource officer at your middle or high school. If you are an attorney interested in participating, please contact Beverly Weant at 303-289-3788.



Students from Landmark Academy, Stuart Middle School, Adams City Middle School, Kearney Middle School and Adams City High School celebrate their teen court experience.



Two future engineers and Paws, the public works mascot, take in the public open house held May 19 at the municipal services center. Employees and residents celebrated National Public Works Week May 17-23 to recognize the essential nature of public works services in support of everyday quality of life.



Commerce City Parks & Recreation is hiring seasonal employees!

Various Locations

- Parks worker

Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park

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

Pioneer Park

- Batting cage attendants (Ages 18+)

Buffalo Run Golf Course & Bison Grill

- Golf and restaurant positions available

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.



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The movie will be announced on our website and social media. Call for more information.

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Everyone plays a part in keeping the community beautiful

Summer is just around the corner and neighborhood services inspectors will be in full force addressing violations on properties. Top violations received last year were related to outdoor storage, weeds, inoperable vehicle, parking on unapproved surface, overgrown vegetation onto sidewalks and streets, and lack of proper building permits.

Be a good neighbor and 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. Failure to maintain your property up to the city's code can result in a fine. For more information on violations, visit www.c3gov.com/ns.

Be a good neighbor all year round

- Cut weeds and grass to a height of 8 inches or less.
- Keep vegetation off of sidewalks and streets.
- Items not intended to be stored outside, such as furniture and tires, are not permitted to be stored in public view even if covered.
- Keep your sidewalk clean. After a snowfall, you have 24 hours to remove the snow and ice.
- Vehicles that have expired plates are unlicensed, or are in disrepair, must be stored in a fully enclosed structure.
- Junk shall not be stored in public view.
- Apply for appropriate building permits. Download a building permit application online at www.c3gov.com/permit.

For more information about city codes and a definition of junk, view the city's land development code at www.c3gov.com/codes.



Ruler not to scale.

Managing noxious weeds supports healthy land

Managing noxious weeds throughout the city is crucial to protecting many of the city's natural land resources. To combat noxious weeds, the city created its first noxious weed management plan which was adopted by city council May 18.

The plan establishes a coordinated program that includes education, prevention measures, good stewardship, and control techniques, while promoting options that are environmentally safe, practical, timely and economically feasible.

"Noxious weeds can be detrimental to crops and native plants, may be poisonous to livestock, carry diseases or parasites, and can have overall negative effects on agricultural ecosystems," said Chris Cramer, community development director. "They're just not good for the land and managing them will curb possible issues they can cause."

Landowners are also responsible for managing noxious weeds on their property. For a list of noxious weeds and to view the Commerce City Noxious Weed Management Plan, visit www.c3gov.com/weeds.



On May 15, the city celebrated National Peace Officers' Memorial Day. During the ceremony, the men and women of the police department were recognized for the important work they perform every day.

COUNCIL CORNER

Mid-year report

Well, we are halfway through 2015. Just a few short months ago we were enjoying winter weather... oh wait, that was a few weeks ago! Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate to help complete important projects throughout the city.



Council members joined the Buffalo Highlands Metropolitan District to celebrate the substantial completion of E. 96th Avenue in early May, with the road's opening about two weeks later. The new Paradise Island Pool is scheduled to open later this summer, with the new Fronterra Neighborhood Park following shortly after. The Suncor Boys & Girls Club will open to students this August. Engineering work on the Tower/Pena on-ramp is underway. We anticipate the remaining neighborhood parks to start construction at the end of the year, along with Tower Road. Design work is occurring on Highway 2 widening and E. 104th Avenue construction is on schedule for a 2016 completion. Staff will also begin the programming and design process for the recreation center projects – and your input from the beginning will ensure both facilities represent the needs of our community.

City Council is hosting its first-ever telephone town hall meeting Wednesday, June 3, 2015. We hope you have a chance to join us to learn more about what's happening in the city – but more importantly, we want to hear from you. Call in at 7 p.m. to 1-877-229-8493, pin number 111980. If you miss it, the complete call will be online the following week at c3gov.com.

From town halls to neighborhood outreaches, there are plenty of opportunities to get engaged and involved to make Commerce City YOUR quality community. Visit c3gov.com/boards to learn how to serve on a board or commission. You can also consider running for city council in the November election – visit c3gov.com/elections for more information. Or simply report concerns or questions about neighborhood issues – like graffiti, potholes or permits to c3gov.com/askC3 to be resolved.

Thank you for allowing us to serve. We look forward to seeing you out and about this summer!



Commerce City's FREE 4th Fest is July 4, and begins outside the south end of Dick's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way. Outdoor festivities kickoff at 5 p.m. with **karaoke, a ropes course, zip line, bungee trampoline, frisbee golf, climbing wall, inflatables** and many other activities for all to enjoy. Outdoor activities wrap up at 9 p.m., right before the firework show!

Rapids game with fireworks:
Entertainment at 5 p.m. Game at 7 p.m.

Visit c3gov.com/events for more information.



The winning park designs are in!

Thanks to all the community members who weighed in on their favorite park themes, features and elements for the parks in Turnberry and Villages at Buffalo Run East neighborhoods. The City received a grand total of 625 ballots for the design contest, making it the largest voting turnout yet.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar book-inspired theme and a multi-use hard court are the most popular selections for Turnberry Park.



The Rocky Mountains theme and a multi-use hard court are the most popular selections for the park at Villages at Buffalo Run East.



The project team is completing designs based upon these results. The final designs will be presented later this summer in Connected, on the website and in displays around the city. Both parks are expected to begin construction in late 2015 and complete in mid-2016.

Watch the new Tower Road widening project video

Design of the Tower Road widening project is in full force with construction expected to start later this year. View the brief video at www.c3gov.com/Tower to see how the road is going to improve commuting and safety for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians in Commerce City.

Learn about all the city's capital improvement projects at www.c3gov.com/QCL.

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 Julia Emko at jemko@c3gov.com or 303-289-3782 with questions or comments.



Congratulations to the Commerce City Youth Commission for raising \$5,230 during two fundraising events this year. Most of funds, \$4,966, were collected during a fundraising event at the Colorado Singh Sabha temple on April 25. Another \$264 was collected during the Chipotle fundraiser on May 14. Thank you to all supporters, and a huge thanks to Colorado Singh Sabha. Learn more about the youth commission at www.c3gov.com/youth.



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Keep up to date with summer activities and events.

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

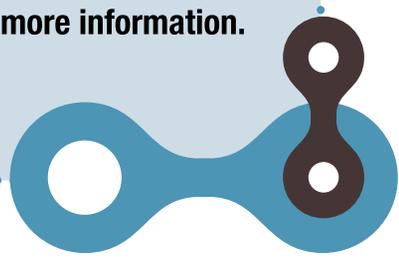
CITY NUMBERS

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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

GOVT LOCATIONS

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.

Visit c3gov.com for more information.



Celebrate summer in Commerce City with these great events

PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

Neighborhood Outreach

Bring your family to enjoy this Commerce City summer tradition. Enjoy free food and entertainment, while learning more about the city, local nonprofit organizations, and service providers.

Thur 6/11 River Run Park 6-8:30 p.m.
Thur 8/13 Pioneer Park 6-8:30 p.m.

4th Fest

With one of the state's largest fireworks displays, inflatables and interactive games, live entertainment outside and the Colorado Rapids taking on the Vancouver Whitecaps FC inside the stadium, Commerce City knows how to throw a party for our nation's birthday. The fun outside the stadium is free to all who come. Tickets for the game must be purchased through the Colorado Rapids by calling 303-825-GOAL

Sat 7/4 Dick's Sporting Goods Park 5-9 p.m.

Fall preschool enrollment begins July 1

Kinder Kids introduces your child to the fundamentals of reading, grammar and science while helping them build social skills through art, music, movements, dramatic play and storytelling. Classes begin September 7. Download an enrollment packet starting June 1 at c3gov.com/preschool or call Yasmin Cassini at 303-289-3659 for more information.

Ages 4-5 (Must be 4 by Oct. 1)

Monday-Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$126/\$140

Due at the time of registration. This is a non-refundable fee that will be applied to September's tuition.



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! Ages 11-17.

Wed 6/3 Fairfax Park 5-7:30 p.m.

Wed 6/10 River Run Park 5-7:30 p.m.

Wed 6/17 Pioneer Park 5-7:30 p.m.

Wed 6/24 River Run Park 5-7:30 p.m.



Volleyball skills clinic at the Commerce City Recreation Center

This fun and exciting camp develops the basic fundamentals of volleyball, while focusing on sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill development. Each player receives a camp shirt.

Fee: \$30/\$36. To register by the June 28 deadline, call 303-289-3789 or c3gov.com/register.

Grades 3-5 7/6-7/8 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Grades 6-8 7/6-7/8 1-3:30 p.m.

Hammondaire Hoop Group International Skills Camp

This camp is designed to help athletes become better basketball players by taking their game to the next level. Players learn from former and current professional basketball players from around the world and each camper receives a camp shirt. Fee: \$45/54. Camp is at the Commerce City Recreation Center. To register by the June 1 deadline, call 303-289-3789 or c3gov.com/register.

Grades 3-8 (Coed) 6/8-6/10 9 a.m. - Noon



A great horned owl rests on a branch in Commerce City on May 2.

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

FATHER'S DAY BBQ

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 to **Noon to 9 p.m.**

Father's Day BBQ
Treat dad to a Father's Day BBQ at Bison Grill on Sunday, June 21. The BBQ is \$18.95 per person. Reservations are suggested, but not required. Call **303-289-7700** to reserve a table today!

The Commerce City Recreation Center's game room is closed June 1 – September 8 for summer camp.

Escape to Paradise Island at Pioneer Park

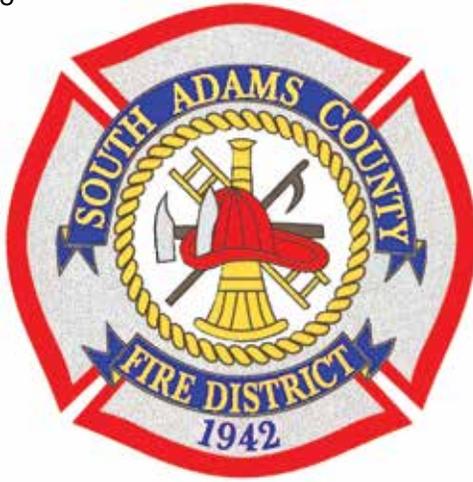
Save 50%
on individual and family season passes now until June 19.

Grand opening summer 2015.

Buy your pass in advance and skip the lines. Season passes are on sale now at the Commerce City Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Drive.

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.





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Fire safety tip of the month

Grilling safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

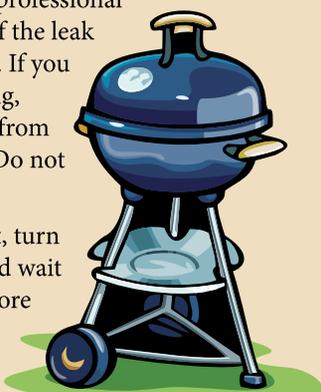
Charcoal Grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call 911. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.



South Adams Fire Fighters attend 88th annual fire conference

This year marked the 88th Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC), the largest fire service conference in the world. Its stated goal is "to educate and train the fire service." Members of the South Adams County Fire Department (SACFD) joined firefighters from around the world to not only train, but to network and share ideas.

Ten fire fighters from the SACFD participated in hands-on training and workshops at FDIC. The conference, which takes place annually in Indianapolis, Ind. provides fire fighters the opportunity to train and work with some of the best minds in the fire service, work on skills, delve deeper into the science of modern firefighting, and hone leadership skills.

The first two days of Hands on Training (HOT) evolutions included deeper exploration of the basic skills of engine companies, hose line stretches, vent-enter-isolate-search techniques, vehicle extrication, forcible entry, and aerial ladder placement. There were also classes such as Man vs. Machinery with members of the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) and Boston Fire Department that dealt with the more obscure aspects of the job, such as equipment entrapment, children caught in swings or fingers caught in lock tumblers. Members also participated in live burn evolutions and a five fire dynamics evolution with the UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute and National Institute of Standards and Technology. This year, just over 6,000 firefighters participated in HOT evolutions.

The rest of the week consisted of classroom sessions covering everything from aggressive truck functions to leadership skills, firefighter fitness to risk management, and department policy to the latest testing in the science of fire behavior. Members of the SACFD attended as many workshops as possible to bring a wide array of skills, ideas, and information back to the department.

The week also afforded several opportunities to network. Not only did members of the SACFD have a chance to sit and talk shop with members of departments from all over the globe, they managed to carve time with legends of the fire service like Lieutenant Ray McCormack, a 32-year veteran of the FDNY.

Several exhibitors and retailers filled the convention center and Lucas Oil Stadium, showing some of the latest products for the fire service. Many of them hosted evening events, complete with pipe and drum bands.

Lieutenant Jeff Woog expressed it best, "FDIC is something that every person in the fire service needs to experience in their career. Quality classes you won't find elsewhere, taught by the best instructors in the world. You literally recharge after an FDIC experience!"

Get to know your SACFD Fire Fighter

Name: Kevin Simpson

Title/Rank: Volunteer Firefighter/Engineer for my crew

Work Location: The stations that I primarily respond from are St. 22 and St. 27

Years with the department: Going on my fourth year with SACFD, and six years all together as a volunteer firefighter.

What is your favorite part of the job? Everything about the job is my favorite. From developing myself through training, to responding to calls of those on their worst day, to watching a child's eyes light up when you show them around the rig. If you enjoy what you do, it doesn't seem like a job at all.

How has SACFD changed you? Through the stringent standards, development and training into becoming the firefighter I am today. All in all, what I've learned and experienced through this department, surpasses that of the small volunteer department that I was a part of in the late '90s.

Where did you grow up? Englewood, Colo.

Outside SACFD: I am a protective security officer for the Federal Government and Homeland Security and love spending time with my wife and three daughters.

Three words to describe you: Dedicated, honest, and humble.

Who is your hero? Why? My mom. Based on the fact that she raised me on her own. She sacrificed a lot to make sure that I was well taken care of.



SACFD firefighter Chris VanDijk at vent-enter-search training during FDIC.



Firefighter Kevin Simpson