



Guests make a splash at the game-themed pool.

City celebrates the completion of first voter-approved capital project

New outdoor leisure pool, Paradise Island, now open

Commerence City celebrated the opening of the city's new outdoor leisure pool, Paradise Island at Pioneer Park (5951 Monaco St.), on July 10. The pool is the first of five projects to be completed in five years as promised through the \$137 million voter-approved capital improvement program.

Paradise Island is a great asset to local residents as well as surrounding communities. The first of its kind in Commerence City and a state-of-the-art aquatic facility, the 2-acre center features:

- A 5,000-square-foot, zero-depth leisure pool
- Three water slides (speed, body flume and inner tube)
- A 250-foot lazy river with a variety of sprays and geysers
- An activities pool for lap lanes, swim lessons and volleyball
- Shaded areas

Prices range from \$4 for a one day drop-in - \$84 for an individual season pass for residents with an identification card from the recreation center. The pool will remain open through Labor Day. Learn more about fees, hours, rules and rentals at www.c3gov.com/paradise.

"With more than 50,000 residents and growth projected to continue, having an outdoor place for all generations helps achieve our vision of a Quality Community for a Lifetime," said Mayor Sean Ford. "I want to thank voters for their trust in the city and helping us to meet the needs of current and future residents."

The outdoor leisure pool is one of five projects funded by a 1 percent sales and use tax increase approved by voters in 2013 to build, operate and maintain five projects over the next five years.

The projects include:

- Three new neighborhood parks (Fronterra, Turnberry and Villages at Buffalo Run East)
- Widening of Tower Road from E. 80th to E. 103rd avenues
- New recreation center at Second Creek
- New additions to existing recreation center
- New outdoor pool at Pioneer Park (completed July 2015)

Learn more about the city's capital improvement program at www.c3gov.com/QCL.

2015 municipal election process begins; information session August 6

The 2015 election season is coming. Voters will elect a Mayor, council members for Ward II and Ward IV as well as two individuals to represent the city at-large during the coordinated election. **Residents interested in elected office must meet the following requirements:**

- Citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- City resident for at least 12 months preceding appointment
- Resident of ward (not applicable for at-large seats) for 25 days immediately preceding appointment
- Cannot be serving a felony conviction (including probation or parole)

To become a candidate, residents must file a notarized candidate affidavit with the city clerk within 10 days of publicly announcing their intent and either accepting a donation or expending funds in support of their candidacy. Candidates must submit completed nomination petitions, signed by at least 25 registered electors within the ward or city by 5 p.m. August 24 to be placed on the ballot. Nomination petitions are available 8 a.m. Tuesday, August 4, at the city clerk's office, 7887 E. 60th Ave..

Commerence City will host a candidate information session at 6 p.m., Thursday, August 6, 2015, for potential candidates. While not mandatory, the meeting at the civic center will provide all candidates with details on campaign rules and regulations. Information about the city's structure, budget, and current activities also will be provided so candidates have information on current city operations and projects. Learn more at c3gov.com/elections.

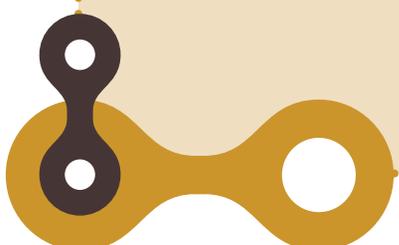
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NEWS BRIEFS

Keep children safe in school zones

Slow down, be aware and drive safely

More than 20,000 students in Commerce City are returning to school soon. The police department is asking students and parents to be cautious when walking and driving to and from school as the new year begins.

Here are a few tips to stay safe in school zones, consistent with the department's mission of creating a safe community in which to live, work and play:

- Allow yourself extra time in the morning to ensure timely student arrival at school. Leaving five minutes earlier reduces driver frustration and traffic related backups.
- Use designated student pickup and drop off routes recommended by the school. Contact your school to make sure you know where these are located.
- Do not allow students to exit vehicles into traffic or allow them to cross streets in an unsafe manner. Students should use designated crosswalks and/or designated drop off locations.
- Pay attention to your speed when entering school zones. School zones are designated by flashing lights morning, midday and afternoon when school is in session. Expect speed enforcement.

Last year, the police department gave out 259 citations for speeding in a school zone. Citations can range from \$160 to \$2,650. **In order to keep children safe and reduce the possibility of getting a citation, the police departments ask drivers to:**

- Reduce their speed to the speed limit indicated by the sign
- Be aware of parking signs and fire zones
- Be aware of stop signs and red lights
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks
- Yield to a school bus with red flashers activated

Traffic impacts near the civic center during Labor Day weekend

Drivers may experience some traffic congestion around the Commerce City Civic Center, Quebec Street and E. 60th Avenue, during Labor Day weekend due to the three-day Phish concert at Dick's Sporting Goods Park.

The event allows camping on the surrounding fields and grounds from Friday, Sept. 4, at noon through Sunday, Sept. 6, at noon.

"The number one priority for the police department is to ensure every resident and person attending this event is safe," said Commander Harold Chatman. "During this event, there will be no interruption to everyday patrol functions and services."

Police will have an estimated 12 officers on traffic control, working at intersections along Quebec Street and near the civic center. Around 8 p.m. Friday entry to Dick's Sporting Goods Park will be closed along E. 60th Avenue and traffic will be directed toward Prairie Gateway.

Traffic on Prairie Gateway and E. 60th Avenue will be able to exit onto Quebec Street going north or south.

Residents can also call the traffic hotline that provides residents and businesses with a single point of contact to address traffic concerns within the city. Callers can leave a detailed message at 303-727-3939 24-hours a day. A traffic sergeant checks the hotline daily and responses will be provided within 48 hours.

Impact your community by becoming a victim advocate volunteer

Training academy starts Oct. 17

Looking for an impactful way to volunteer in the community? Join the police department's Victim Services Unit (VSU) and provide support to those who have been a victim of a violent crime or traumatic situation. The VSU – a joint program between Commerce City and Brighton - provides immediate crisis intervention during the first 24-48 hours following a traumatic event. This may include assistance, support or resources such as gift cards, diapers, hotel vouchers, as well as providing information on victims' rights in the legal system.

"Our goal as victim advocates is to provide victims with information and resources they need in order to overcome the traumatic situation they have gone through," said Kim Messina, victim advocate coordinator.

When victim advocates meet with victims of violent crimes they:

- Provide emotional support and crisis intervention
- Help victims understand their rights and options

Applications to become a volunteer victim advocate are currently being accepted for the fall 2015 Victim Advocate Training Academy. If selected, volunteers must complete a 40-hour training beginning October 17.

Volunteers must be 21 years of age; attend the 40-hour training; and be able to take four, 12-hour, on-call shifts per month. The VSU can also accept support through donations, such as gift cards, diapers, pre-paid phone cards and hotel vouchers.

To become a volunteer, applications can be found online at brightonco.gov/348/Become-a-Volunteer. For more information on volunteer opportunities in the VSU, contact Kim Messina at 303-655-2308 or kmessina@c3gov.com.



Recycle like a pro!

Standard residential trash and recycling collection services for Commerce City residents includes a 96-gallon can for recycling which makes going green easier than ever. Not only will recycling save room in regular trash cans, residents who participate are also cutting down on pollution, conserving materials, saving energy, and significantly reducing the size of landfills.

Commerce City residents are not billed for standard residential trash and recycling collection services and Waste Management provides a number of options to help residents meet a number of household waste collection needs. The city utilizes a fully automated system which reduces environmental impacts and improves neighborhood appearance while providing quality pickup service.

Recycle container placement guidelines for day-of service are the same as trash guidelines. Recycling service is bi-weekly.

- Place all recyclable items in containers loosely, not in bags.
- Do not place plastic bags of any kind, food waste or yard waste in your recycle container.
- Recycling collection occurs every other week on the same day as your trash collection.

If you are unsure of your trash & recycling day or have any other service questions contact Waste Management at 1-800-482-6406.

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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.

Schools partner with police officers to keep students safe

As students head to school in August, parents and students alike will see uniformed police officers and their vehicles at the school. Dedicating five police department employees to serve as school resource officers (SROs) for the Adams 14 and 27J school districts aligns with the department's vision to be the standard of excellence for public safety and service in this region.

SROs are sworn police officers who have office hours within each school they serve. Their role is one of problem solver, youth advocate, mentor, counselor and positive role model for students. They not only serve as liaisons between the school and the police department, but also enforce the laws and provide school security.

"Our priority as a school resource officer is making sure all children are safe while attending school," said school resource officer Mike Vasquez. "My position gives me the ability to build trust with students. Because they see me every day, students are more willing to come to me and report any suspicious activities and/or people."

SROs will be at the Back to School events. Come by and say hi!

	Nick Lombardi SRO for Lester Arnold High School, Anythink Public Library and Adams City High School		Kayla Fender SRO for Stuart Middle School, Second Creek Elementary School, Turnberry Elementary School, Landmark Academy Charter School
	Chris Castillo SRO for Adams City High School		Jennifer Kunugi SRO for Adams City Middle School, Alsup Elementary, Kemp Elementary and Hanson Elementary
	Rory Coonts SRO for Prairie View High, Thimmig Elementary School and Belle Creek Charter School		Mike Vasquez SRO for Kearney Middle School, Central Elementary, Rose Hill Elementary, Sanville Preschool and STARS Early Learning Center

An SRO is in charge of:

- Educating students in crime prevention and safety
- Training students in conflict resolution and crime awareness
- Addressing crime and disorder problems and gang and drug activities within the schools

Habla con el oficial de recursos de tu escuela en el evento de regreso a clases:

Adams City Middle School September 2 • 3:30-5 p.m.	Lester Arnold High School Fall Fest October 27 • 4-7 p.m.
Adams City High School TBD	Monaco Elementary August 6 • 5-6:30 p.m.
Alsup Elementary August 12 Primary: 5-5:45 p.m. Intermediate: 5:45-6:30 p.m.	Prairie View Middle School August 17 • 4-7 p.m.
Central Elementary August 6 • 4-6 p.m.	Prairie View High School August 17 • 5-7 p.m.
Dupont Elementary August 7 • 2-4 p.m.	Rose Hill Elementary August 11 • 5-7 p.m.
Hanson Elementary August 12 • 6-7 p.m.	Second Creek Elementary August 18 • 5:30-7 p.m.
Kearney Middle School August 12 • 4-6 p.m.	Stuart Middle August 20 • 5-8 p.m.
Kemp Elementary August 6 • 5-6 p.m.	Thimmig Elementary August 25 • 4-6 p.m.
	Turnberry Elementary August 17 • 5-6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

- Aug. 3 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Aug. 4 National Night Out – Location and times to be determined by participating neighborhoods.
- Aug. 4 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Aug. 4 Candidate petitions available, 8 a.m., city clerk's office, 7887 E. 60th Ave.
- Aug. 5 Teen Night Around Town, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 5-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 5 Recreation Center Programming Elements Public Meeting #1, Recreation Center, Multi-purpose Rooms A and B, 6060 Pkwy Dr., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 6 Candidate Information Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 6 Recreation Center Programming Elements Public Meeting #2, Recreation Center, Multi-purpose Rooms A and B, 6060 Pkwy Dr., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 6 Music in the Park Rain Date (Rudy Grant and the Buffalo Riders), Southlawn Park, Reunion Pkwy and Southlawn Circle, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 10 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Aug. 11 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Aug. 11 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Aug. 12 Recreation Center Programming Elements Public Meeting #3, Belle Creek Family Center, 10693 Belle Creek Blvd., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 13 Neighborhood Outreach, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 6-8:30 p.m.
- Aug. 13 Recreation Center Programming Elements Public Meeting #5, Belle Creek Family Center, 10693 Belle Creek Blvd., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 17 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Aug. 18 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- Aug. 18 Quality Community Foundation, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Aug. 19 Teen Night Around Town, Los Valientes Park, 7300 Magnolia St., 3-5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19 Non-certified police recruitment information session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7 p.m.
- Aug. 24 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Aug. 24-Sept. 8 Commerce City Recreation Center Closed for Annual Maintenance
- Sept. 1 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Sept. 8 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.

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.

COUNCIL CORNER



Steve Douglas
Council at Large

And so it's ONE down, and FOUR to go! The future has arrived in Commerce City.

The opening of Paradise Island Pool has generated positive reactions and lots of excitement. It is a state-of-the-art Water Park that is cutting edge, while welcoming to all. Commerce City can be proud that we have a unique and impressive attraction for people of all ages to enjoy; something that will cause other municipalities to look to Commerce City in understanding how to accomplish.

This is the result of what the 2K ballot initiative, approved by the voters in 2013, truly represents for funding future CIP (Capital Improvement Projects); mandating five major projects in five years. In fact, the first park project in Fonterra, of the "Three Parks Project", will be completed in August, with work on the Tower Road Widening Project also starting later this year.

With all of this said, the grand finale will definitely be the New Recreation Center. In the months ahead we are going to have public open engagement about what you envision, and I'd like to take this opportunity to urge everyone to participate by giving your input. I'm taking this opportunity to personally reach out to every resident CITY-WIDE.

The New Recreation Center can include, for example; high tech fitness equipment, 40 foot rock climbing wall, indoor track four lanes, a Multi-Activity Center (MAC) that could possibly consist of a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system, and can be configured with a stage, conference tables, or as a general large meeting auditorium with seating capacity ranging from 600 to 800 people, an Olympic-size Pool and a Leisure Pool, Masters Swimming classes; SCUBA, aqua aerobics and private swim lessons, indoor roller hockey, and indoor artificial turf for flag football and soccer.

By now you get the picture of what the potential could be. Let's keep the conversation going with Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc., or please contact me directly. I am always accessible at 720-205-2621 or at sdouglas@c3gov.com. With seeing the success of our FIRST of FIVE, it's time to realize that what we imagine is becoming reality. These projects are your projects – our projects. Make your voices heard, because in the end, it's our city and our future.

Make your community a better place, become a Commerce City police officer

City will pay for training and time for up to five new recruits

A successful recruitment in June resulted in 175 applications and three Commerce City residents being hired to attend a 20-week police training at the Adams County Sheriff's Office beginning July and paid for by the city. Now, the department is seeking additional recruits and is extending the unique offer to all Colorado residents.

The new recruitment strategy focuses on investing in top-notch candidates to join the ranks of excellence. The department is looking for candidates who have an interest in serving the community, desire a career in law enforcement, and demonstrate the character traits of honesty, integrity, competence and teamwork. While the first round of recruitment was only open to Commerce City residents or affiliates, the current recruitment is open to all Colorado residents.

Successful applicants will be sponsored by the city to attend the next Adams County Sheriff's Office Police Academy. The sponsorship includes tuition and equipment and an hourly pay rate of \$18. Individuals must successfully complete the academy and pass state certification and the department's field training program.

Interested in applying? You must:

- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Have a high school diploma or GED;
- Be able to perform all physical demands of the job as stipulated in the job description;
- Be a United States citizen and or resident or possess proper I-9 documentation;
- Be able to communicate effectively in written and spoken English;
- Be a Colorado resident;
- Not have applied with the police department within 12 months; and
- Commit to three years of service by signing an agreement with the city.

The city offers competitive salaries and benefits. Bilingual Spanish speakers a plus, and being a Commerce City resident or possessing an affiliation is a preferred qualification. There are up to five positions available. Please review the complete job description before applying.

Be part of the ranks of excellence today! An information session is scheduled August 19 from 6-7 p.m., at the Commerce City Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave. Light refreshments provided.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit c3gov.com/jobs to apply online.
Filing Deadline: August 24, 2015.

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

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

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Commerce City is one of the fastest growing cities in Colorado

According to consumer finance site NerdWallet, Commerce City is the 13th best place to start a business in Colorado. Here are some of the new projects that are either completed or near completion:

- Jimmy John's, AT&T and Little Caesars' - in Reunion Marketplace, north of 104th Avenue on Chambers Road
- Perfect Teeth Dental - SW corner of 104th Avenue and Chambers Road;
- MVP Physical Therapy suite #700 on E. 104th west of Potomac Street.
- North Forest Office medical building on E. 104th west of Potomac Street.
- Taco Bell restaurant in the Belle Creek neighborhood north of E. 104th Avenue entrance.
- Oneida Street Partners on Oneida Street north of E. 80th Avenue.

The city's monthly development report can be found online at www.c3gov.com/devreport. By selecting

"Get City Alerts" on the website, you can sign up to receive the report directly to your inbox.

TAKE PART IN

America's NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

National Night Out Tuesday • August 4 • 2015

The Commerce City Police Department encourages you to join your friends, family and neighbors in taking a stand against crime by organizing neighborhood activities designed to bring people together in targeting crime in the community.

ACTIVITIES YOU MIGHT WANT TO ORGANIZE INCLUDE:

- Block Party/Cookout
- Sidewalk Art Projects
- Flashlight Walk
- Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt





The first 20 groups to register their event will receive a \$100 gift card to Target, Wal-Mart or King Soopers to use for their Aug. 4 event.

To register your neighborhood activity, contact Officer Anna Bungartz at 303-727-3994 or abungartz@c3gov.com.

c3gov.com/police



Provide input on recreation center programming elements

Commerce City residents are encouraged to provide feedback about programming elements planned for current and future recreation centers during public meetings in August. City staff will present possible programming elements for the sites and ask for resident input to help shape the final plans. To allow for the most participation, there will be four public meetings with the same information presented at each meeting. Join us for one of the meetings listed below:

- Public Meeting #1: Aug. 5, 6-7:30 p.m., Commerce City Recreation Center, Multi-purpose Rooms A and B, 6060 Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO 80022
- Public Meeting #2: Aug. 6, 6-7:30 p.m., Commerce City Recreation Center, Multi-purpose Rooms A and B, 6060 Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO 80022
- Public Meeting #3: Aug. 12, 7:30-9 p.m., Belle Creek Family Center YMCA, 10693 Belle Creek Blvd., Henderson, CO 80640
- Public Meeting #4: Aug. 13, 5:30-7 p.m., Belle Creek Family Center YMCA, 10693 Belle Creek Blvd., Henderson, CO 80640

Come celebrate the new Fronterra Park

Join us at Fronterra Park on Aug. 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the second voter-approved capital project. Neighbors, students and their families are invited to zoom down the hill-side slide, climb the boulders, play games and bring your own picnic lunch or buy one from the food truck to enjoy on the grass or under the picnic shelters.

Help local students pack the bag

Join the police department in collecting school supplies for local students throughout the month of August.

Items most commonly needed include:

- Pens • No. 2 pencils • Loose-leaf paper • Three-ring binders
- Backpacks • Round scissors • Crayons • Notebooks

Drop-off donated school supplies at the information counter in the civic center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., the police substation, 18240 E. 104th Ave., or the recreation center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., by Aug. 30.

For more information, please contact Officer Anna Bungartz at 303-727-3994 or abungartz@c3gov.com.



PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

Recreation center closed August 24 – September 7

The Commerce City Recreation Center will be closed August 24 – September 7 for annual cleaning and maintenance. Classes and trips are suspended during this time, but you don't have to stop exercising. Keep the momentum going by swimming laps in the new outdoor leisure pool or exploring one of the city's 17 parks, 25 miles of trails and 700 acres of open space.

- Paradise Island at Pioneer Park (5951 Monaco St., 303-289-3769) features a central leisure pool, lazy river, and a 32-foot wide by 75-foot long activity pool for lap swim and water walking, Monday-Thursday from 10-11 a.m. For pool hours and rates, visit www.c3gov.com/paradise.
- Get more information on parks, trails and amenities by viewing the interactive online map at c3gov.com/parks. Fall registration remains open at the recreation center. Walk-in and phone registrations are available 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. To register, call 303-289-3789 or visit 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

Register now for fall sports leagues

Flag football

Participants learn the fundamentals of running, catching, passing and defending in a fun game setting. Practices are once a week (to be determined by coach) and one game a week on Wednesday or Thursday evenings at Dick's Sporting Goods Park or Pioneer Park. Register by August 16, program starts week of August 24.

Division I (coed) Kindergarten and Grade 1: \$40/\$48

Division II (coed) Grades 2 & 3: \$45/\$54

Youth lacrosse

This fun and challenging program develops the basic fundamentals of lacrosse, along with promoting teamwork and sportsmanship. Players meet twice a week for practice and games are held on Saturdays at various locations throughout the Denver metro area. Equipment rental is available for an additional charge. Register by August 16, program starts week of August 17.

Ages 6-8, 8-10, 10-12 and 12-14: \$45/\$54



Youth volleyball

Develop the basic fundamentals of volleyball, along with promoting teamwork and sportsmanship. Players meet twice a week for practice and tournaments are held on Saturdays at various locations throughout the Denver metro area. Register by August 23, program starts week of August 31.

Grades 3-5 and 5-8: \$45/\$54

Adult softball league

Get your team together or sign up on the individual player list to join a team. Call 303-289-3763 for more information.

Tuesday night men's D-recreation league: Starts August 11

Wednesday night coed D-recreation league: Starts August 12

Thursday night men's industrial league: Starts August 13



Fall registration opens August 3

Look for the parks and recreation activities guide in mailboxes.



Get out and play at Buffalo Run Golf Course!

Junior Golf Scramble
Monday, August 3
4 p.m. • \$25

Get Golf Ready
August 11, 13, 18 and 29
5:30-7 p.m. • \$99

Golf Divas 18-hole
Four-lady team scramble with lunch
August 15
8 a.m. • \$79

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.

PIONEER PARK - 5950 Holly St.
Thursday, 8/13 • 6-8:30 p.m.

Fall Preschool Enrollment Begins July 1

Small class size: two instructors and maximum of 15 children
State-licensed program • Continuous, school-year program
Enrollment begins July 1

Kinder Kids Preschool

Kinder Kids introduces children to the fundamentals of reading, writing and science while helping them build social skills through exciting activities that include art, music, movement, dramatic play and storytelling. Children must be 4 years old by Oct. 1, 2015 to participate.

\$126/\$140 is due at time of registration.

This is a non-refundable fee that is applied to September's tuition.

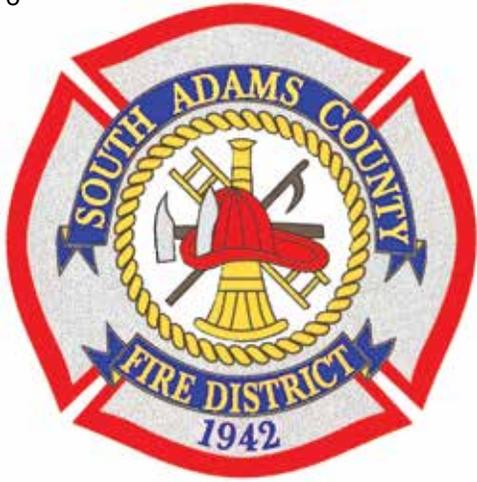
Ages: 4 - 5

Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Download an enrollment packet now at c3gov.com/preschool

C3GOV.COM/PRESCHOOL
303-289-3659





South Adams County Fire Protection District

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

Fire safety tip of the month

Lightning safety

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when storms strike.

Outdoor Safety

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.

Indoor Safety

- Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You **can** use a cell or cordless phone.
- Do not wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes.

FAST FACT

Lightning may strike as far as 10 miles from any rain.



South Adams County Fire Department receives grant to improve mutual aid response

The South Adams County Fire Department (SACFD) was recently awarded a grant to help cover the cost of new SCOTT SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). According to A Shift Battalion Chief Derek Ross, "The new packs are a crucial part of being able to run mutual aid calls with surrounding departments as well as those departments coming to our help if needed for major incident calls."

The previous MSA packs SACFD had in use since approximately 1999 are reliable and fully functioning, but are limited in use during emergency situations involving surrounding department firefighters. In the unfortunate case of a down or trapped firefighter running out of breathable pack air, the MSA SCBAs are unable to easily hook up to other packs in use by other departments. This capability to trans-fill breathable air while rescuing a down or trapped firefighter can mean the difference between life and death. With this grant SACFD has been able to help cover the cost of 90 new SCOTT SCBA packs and masks that are compatible with the bordering fire departments of Brighton, Adams County and Denver.

Before the new SCOTT SCBA packs could be put in service, all career and volunteer SACFD department firefighters had to complete a four-month long training program that included classroom and hands on learning as well as live fire training. Being able to wear and troubleshoot the new SCOTT pack needs to become like second nature so in the case of an emergency there is no hesitation in its use. One of the most common trainings includes confidence drills where firefighters are blindfolded and put through a maze simulating a collapse situation. Air packs are purposely bled low on air to provide a realistic simulation of running out of breathable air. With safety officers looking on, firefighters make their way through the maze successfully while hooking up to each other's SCOTT packs using a "buddy breather" system. This system allows the firefighter low on air to share air in the other's packs while still exiting the hazardous conditions.

All SACFD firefighters have been put through countless variations of this drill as well as Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training. RIT is utilized when a firefighter inside a structure calls for help for various reasons.

SACFD has met with multiple surrounding agencies to train and go over the protocols for helping in these types of firefighter emergencies. In the case of a mutual aid call it is of vital importance to make sure all RIT teams are able and equipped to help all firefighters on the fire ground with an emergent air replacement system if needed.



Firefighters from South Adams County overhaul a fire at an industrial facility on July 4th. Several units from SACFD, Denver Fire, and Northglenn Ambulance worked together on the incident.

Get to know your SACFD firefighter

Name: Augdon Greening

Title/Rank: Lieutenant

Work Location: Station 27/Station 22

Years with the department: 4

What is your favorite part of the job? I could list so many aspects of the job that I love. There is one part that always puts a smile on my face when I think of it... this job is a child's dream! Little kids dream of one day putting on the gear and riding in a fire truck. Even being able to do this as an adult on such a professional level, I dream about and look forward to getting back to the firehouse and fulfilling a little kid's dream!

How has SACFD changed you? South Adams County Fire Department has provided me with life lessons that I have been able to adapt towards relationships and responsibilities outside the walls of the firehouse. It takes a great person to be a firefighter, and being a firefighter makes great even better.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Thornton, Colo. and will spend the rest of my life in the great northern suburbs of Denver.

Outside SACFD: I am a full time EMT.

Three words to describe you: Passionate, honest, fair.

Who is your hero? Why? My hero is the person in my life that has truly taught me and shown me what it means to be a great person. From my personal life to the fire department, each of his lessons is carried with me day in and day out. My dad.



SACFD firefighter Augdon Greening.