

## Free health screenings and information at 9Health Fair/Feria de Salud

Take time to care for yourself and your family with free and low-cost health services at the city's eighth annual 9Health Fair/Feria de Salud. Men, women and children can take advantage of the screenings and services during the event Saturday, Nov. 7 at Adams City High School, 7200 Quebec Parkway, from 7 a.m. to noon. No ID is required.

The fair offers more than 20 free health screenings, including: blood pressure, children's and teen's vision, type 1 diabetes screening for children, kidney screening and rheumatoid arthritis. Low-income and uninsured attendees can receive free flu shots and low cost screenings are available for blood chemistry, blood count, INsureFIT Colon Cancer take-home kits, Hemoglobin A1C, flu shots, vision, oral health and more.

Limited appointments are available for free mammograms, breast exams and PAPs. Medical practitioners will be onsite to answer medical questions for children and adults and offer referrals for further treatments. For more information about available screenings, please visit [www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org).

There are also wellness activities and resources for improving health and fitness within your family.

Want to volunteer during the fair? Register online at the 9Health Fair website. Volunteers are asked to commit at least one morning from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the fair. For more information on the 9Health Fair | Feria de Salud, visit [www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org). For questions about the fair or volunteering, contact Glenys Trost, 303-289-3728 or [gtrost@c3gov.com](mailto:gtrost@c3gov.com).



Free and low-cost health services are available for families at the annual 9Health Fair | Feria de Salud on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Adams City High School Drama Department presents:

# ¡BOCON!

Directed by: Renee Luedders

October 8 - 10 @ 7pm

A fable filled with humor and mysticism and song, tells the story of twelve-year-old Miguel who flees a repressive military regime in Mexico for Los Angeles. A natural storyteller and irrepressible "big mouth" or bocón, Miguel loses his voice when his parents are taken and begins a metaphorical journey north to the City of Angels. Along the way he meets up with an unusual traveling companion, La Llorona. Through their magical friendship, Miguel finds his voice and the courage to cross the border to a new life. Miguel's story is relevant to any child who is learning the many meanings of finding one's own "voice."

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](mailto:jemko@c3gov.com) or 303-289-3782 with questions or comments.

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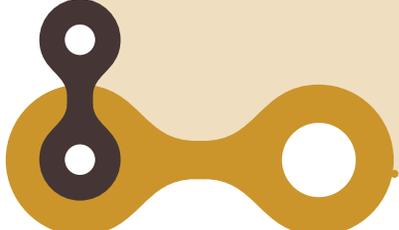
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## Learn more about the candidates running for City Council

In November of this year voters will elect a mayor, two at-large council members, and representatives from Ward II and Ward IV for four-year terms. Candidates were certified Aug. 28 and a lot draw determined the listed ballot order as seen in the article below. All candidates were asked to complete a questionnaire. Excerpts from of their answers are seen her, but please go to [www.c3gov.com/elections](http://www.c3gov.com/elections) to view their complete responses as well as video.



**GORDON HAMBY**  
Candidate for Mayor

**Fast Facts:**

Age: 58  
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Life Coach  
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Years lived in Colorado: Native

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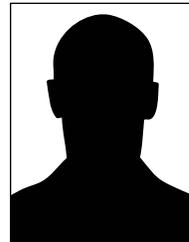
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**Why are you running for council?**

I am running for City Council out a very strong sense of community service and dedication to the city and her residents. To this end, I believe that I have a unique and very strong skill set, not only in community service, but in leadership as well, and in connecting with and empowering people of all backgrounds and ages. My skills, expertise, and experience are especially applicable as our city grows at a very rapid rate and becomes more and more diverse in nature. At this crucial time in Commerce City's history I believe that I have a full and relevant grasp on the global nature of our community, socially, professionally, educationally, and personally.

**What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?**

- Capital projects: The capital projects identified by the 2013 vote and 2K ballot issue, and called the "five in five" are wonderful opportunities to not only bring much desired, high profile projects to the community, but also a great opportunity to create a balance of development that truly serves the needs of the entire city. From rec centers, parks, and pools, to road development and creating better traffic flow and access, our city can use this opportunity to bring pride and a sense of achievement both from within our community and from without.
- Workforce development: As our city develops at a rapid rate, we have a great opportunity to examine and analyze how we are addressing work force development within our community. In standing with the vision of a "Quality community for a lifetime", we must be sure that we seize this opportunity and develop a strong work force from within. It is not enough to create jobs for talent coming from other cities and states, it is vital that through our overall development plans we begin developing a strong work force from the people that are already living in, and are dedicated to our city. This relies on not only development of our adult work force and continuing education, but also on creating a consistent path from school to career for our vibrant and amazing young people.
- Community building: Along with creation and completion of capital projects, and the opportunity to enhance work force development, community building is possibly the most vital component to a solid foundation leading to a wonderful future for our city and her citizens. This is a great time to connect all of the dots to be sure that there is a strong cohesion and equitable development throughout all aspects of our city, and for our residents.



**JAMES RIDDELL**  
Candidate for Mayor

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**SEAN FORD**  
Candidate for Mayor

**Fast Facts:**

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Years lived in Colorado: Native  
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**Why are you running for council?**

Seated as the incumbent, I am the current Mayor and I have a passion for moving this community forward and I would like the opportunity to see the promise of 2K through.

**What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?**

- Positive growth/ not just residential but also commercial to increase services for our residents and to be the balanced community that our residents deserve.
- I would love the opportunity to do more after the five 2k projects are completed for improvement on transportation and recreation so we can continue meeting our goal of Quality Community for A Lifetime that we tout.
- The ability to improve relationships with our local entities and regional partners helping grow our reputation to attract and create jobs while providing more options for our residents.

### Learn more about the candidates and the issues at the election forum

The Commerce City Business & Professionals Association and Community Enterprise, in partnership with Adams County School District 14 and the city, will host an election forum at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2015. The event takes place at the Commerce City Civic Center, located at 7887 E. 60th Avenue.

The event, moderated by the League of Women Voters, will provide voters with an introduction to the candidates for city council and school board, and present the local issues under consideration.

All residents are encouraged to participate. You can attend or watch live from home on Comcast Channel 8 or [www.c3gov.com/video](http://www.c3gov.com/video).

## COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



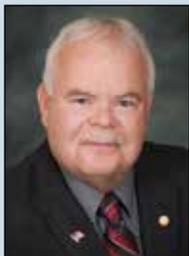
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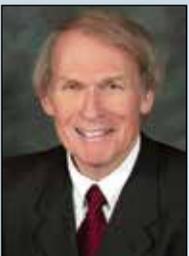
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Term expires 2015



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Term expires 2017

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



**RICK TETER**  
Candidate for City Council Ward II

**Fast Facts:**

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Occupation: Retired Fire Chief  
Years lived in Commerce City: 65  
Years lived in Colorado: Native  
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**Why are you running for council?**

I have been committed to serving the great people of Commerce City for most of my adult life. For 34 years, I served as a volunteer fire fighter for the South Adams County Volunteer Fire Department. And now for the last four years I have had the pleasure of serving as your Ward 2 City Councilman. It would be my honor to continue to represent the people of Commerce City for the next four years.

**What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?**

I think one of the biggest opportunities for us is the Victory Crossing Development. Denver has already reached our southern boundaries at 56th Ave with their development. Now we need to continue marketing this area to bring more businesses and retail into Commerce City. South Adams County Fire has committed to being the first new construction building in the area, with the addition of their new administration office. I look forward to seeing other businesses follow.

The second opportunity I see for Ward 2 is the redevelopment of the already purchased Mile High Greyhound Park. We were very pleased to announce our first partnership to this development with the addition of the Suncor Boys and Girls Club. This will greatly benefit our citizens. Although our first attempt to bring a developer in to build new homes and businesses in this area failed, we are currently working with another developer to move forward in this area. We must continue to pursue to redevelop this area.

Commerce City is moving ahead in the 21st Century. With this the current council is happy to be a part of the first FasTracks rail station that will be rolling into our city. As the city grows we have to move forward to bring alternative means of transportation into our area. The current council has been working on design and land for our new station, and the development of this to continue to bring jobs to this area.



**MICHAEL SCANLON**  
Candidate for City Council Ward IV

**Fast Facts:**

Age: 48  
Occupation: Life Insurance Agent  
Years lived in Commerce City: 6  
Years lived in Colorado: 18  
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**Why are you running for council?**

I'm running for city council because Commerce City has tremendous opportunity to grow and continue improving. If elected, I'll work to attract good jobs, keep our streets safe, and continue building first-rate parks.

**What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?**

Commerce City has more opportunity than any other city on the Front Range. The biggest opportunity is the undeveloped areas bordering the airport. We have great potential there. We have an opportunity to redevelop the old dog track to raise the image of that part of town. I would say our third opportunity is raising our image across the Front Range of Colorado, and showing Coloradoans some of the positive changes that have happened and will continue to happen here in our great city.



**PAOLO DIAZ**  
Candidate for City Council Ward IV

**Fast Facts:**

Age: 35  
Occupation: Director of K-8 Programs, Junior Achievement  
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Years lived in Colorado: 29  
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**Why are you running for council?**

Being a married, father of two to our elementary school-aged children, I enjoy getting involved and serving so that we can make sure this community is a great place to raise our family. In 2010, I was appointed to the Commerce City Cultural Council and served as its president. In my year leading the Cultural Council, we partnered with the Adams 14 School District and Kroenke Sports Enterprises to host art shows inside the Civic Center, we started the city's first Summer Concert Series, and began the development of the public arts master plan.

I left the Cultural Council after being appointed to serve on City Council to complete the remaining term of Councilman Johnson. I am blessed to have experienced successes in the areas in which I have served, and hope to do the same if elected for this seat.

**What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?**

I believe that our three biggest opportunities are the passing of 2K in 2013, our engaged community, and our location. With regards to the passing of 2K, the voters have spoken on the importance of developing our quality community for a lifetime. This allows us to build a new recreation center, renovate the current recreation center, build the outdoor swimming pool that we now know as Paradise Island, develop three parks in the northern part of the city, and widen Tower Road. It created a sense of momentum with regards to developing our city and our community and hope to continue the progress that has been made.

Commerce City also has a very engaged community. It is evident when you attend events such as the Summer Concert Series or movies at the park in Reunion. You can also see the passion through various social media pages that our community is a passionate, captive audience who thirsts for progress and wants to see their area grow and develop.

# CALENDAR

- Oct. 1 Your Town Tour, meet at Recreation Center (registration required), 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Oct. 1 Quality Community Foundation Wine Tasting, Bison Grill at Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Senior Center's Got Talent, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 5-7 p.m.
- Oct. 3 Beginner Horseback Riding (Ages 11-17), Meet at Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr. 9 a.m. for transport to Longview Stables, 24000 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 3 Bike with a Cop, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 9 a.m.
- Oct. 4 Zombie Survival 101 (Ages 11-17), Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Oct. 5 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Art Club, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Oct. 8 Election Forum, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6 p.m.
- Oct. 8 Mom Daughter Craft Night, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-9 p.m.
- Oct. 10 Bike with a Cop, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 9 a.m.
- Oct. 10 Beginner Horseback Riding (Ages 11-17), Meet at Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr. 9 a.m. for transport to Longview Stables, 24000 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 10 Free Day at the Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 10 Middle School Madness (Grades 6-8), Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-9 p.m.
- Oct. 11 Zombie Survival 101 (Ages 11-17), Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Oct. 12 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, E. 60th Ave., 5:30-9 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Art Club, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Telephone town hall, call in 1-877-229-8493, pin 111980, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Bike Rodeo, Turnberry Elementary, 13069 106th Pl., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Cops vs Kids Soccer (ages 9 – 17), Kearney Middle School, 6160 Kearney St., 4 p.m.
- Oct. 17 Beginner Horseback Riding (Ages 11-17), Meet at Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr. 9 a.m. for transport to Longview Stables, 24000 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 17 Wild About Ferrets!, 6550 Gateway Rd., Family program about black-footed ferrets and prairie dogs (ages 6 and up), 9:30-11 a.m.
- Oct. 18 Zombie Survival 101 (Ages 11-17), Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Oct. 19 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-9 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Quality Community Foundation meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Art Club, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 Beginner Horseback Riding (Ages 11-17), Meet at Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr. 9 a.m. for transport to Longview Stables, 24000 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 24 Creepy Hollows Fall Festival, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 1-4 p.m.
- Oct. 24 Teen Halloween-Fright Night, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-10 p.m.
- Oct. 26 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Oct. 27 Art Club, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 Super Hero in Training, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Super Hero in Training, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Super Hero in Training, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 2 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Nov. 3 Election Day
- Nov. 4 Capital Improvement Program Citizen Advisory Committee, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 4 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Nov. 7 9Health Fair, Adams City High School, 7200 Quebec Pkwy., 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Nov. 9 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.



Our location is another opportunity that we have in Commerce City. The core part of our city is located just minutes of three major highways: I-70, I-270, and I-76. In the northern part of Commerce City, our growth boundaries surpass many other cities. We are not landlocked like many other cities, where their opportunities to grow are limited. The potential development of an aerotropolis around DIA puts Commerce City in prime position.



#### ELLEN HAUG

*Candidate for City Council for Ward IV*

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Years lived in Colorado: 46  
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#### Why are you running for city council?

I am running for council because I believe I am the best candidate from Ward 4 to City Council. I have board experience and know the amount of hard work it takes. I believe in being a team player. I can strategize with the council team and city management to accomplish great things for our city. I believe we have a very bright future in front of us and I am the person to continue planning a "Quality Community for a Lifetime".

#### What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?

1. The one percent sales tax money
2. The Fast Track Area
3. The development of Victory Crossing area on Quebec Street



#### MARIA GONZALEZ

*Candidate for City Council At-Large*

##### Fast Facts:

Age: 42  
Occupation: Business Owner  
Years lived in Commerce City: 25  
Years lived in Colorado: 31  
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#### Why are you running for council?

I am passionate about Commerce City! I have been in this amazing community for 25 years and raised my two children; they attended Adams 14 and School District 27J. For the last 20 years, I have been an active community member volunteering my time in many areas of economic and community development. I have seen our city grow and prosper and I want to be a part of Commerce City's continued growth as a City Council member. With the many roles I have had in our community I will bring a different perspective to the position. I am a Latina, business owner, community leader involved in numerous local and regional non-profits, former city employee and I have lived in the all areas of the community. Most recently, I was the co-chair of the Quality Community Initiative responsible for the recreational facilities including new parks and Paradise Island as well as other important capital improvement projects to benefit our community in the next years to come. I have worked hard to gain the trust and credibility of the community and I will work hard for residents and business owners to promote our great city.

#### What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?

Commerce City has many great things going for it but I believe our location, the diversity of our community and our room to grow present the most opportunity.

Commerce City is located in a prime location. Our community is accessible due to the proximity to the Denver International Airport and to many major regional arteries. We will also be located on N line of RTD's train service. Our location provides a great place to live, work, learn and play.

Our community is diverse, which is an important asset. We have so much to learn from one another and I believe our diversity makes us strong and should be celebrated. Not only are we diverse in people, we have a multitude of economic diversity that supports financial stability.

We are the fourth fastest growing community in the state and we are expected to grow to 64 square miles in the next 20 years. City Council and staff have a tremendous opportunity to shape the future of the community. I am excited and supportive of expanding our green areas, ensuring we have mixed growth and securing affordable housing.



#### GENE LEFFEL

*Candidate for City Council At-Large*

##### Fast Facts:

Age: 58  
Occupation: Self-employed, semi-retired, working primarily in the recycling industry  
Years lived in Commerce City: 35  
Years lived in Colorado: 41

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#### Why are you running for council?

I would like to apply my lifetime of practical problem solving experience toward making an important, long-lasting contribution to our community's sustainable future. Additionally, I have always wondered about the topics actually discussed in the numerous executive sessions which seem to occur quite frequently.

#### What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?

Big opportunities lie ahead for Commerce City in the areas of Residential, Commercial and Industrial development when growth is managed in a properly balanced manner. Tax revenues, if managed responsibly will allow the desired level of amenities to be achieved and maintained.



#### STEVEN J. DOUGLAS

*Candidate for City Council At-Large*

##### Fast Facts:

Age: 54  
Occupation: King Soopers 38 years/City Councilman 4 years  
Years lived in Commerce City: 11 plus  
Years lived in Colorado: 53  
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#### Why are you running for council?

I have served the people of Commerce City for the last four years, and in those last four years side-by-side with the current council, I've seen the city make huge strides toward greatness. I'd like to continue to add value to our city by maintaining my present council seat. If re-elected, I will continue to be the voice of the people while seeing through the completion of the projects that I've been honored to be a part of establishing.

#### What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?

I see the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City as:

1. Economic Development following the completion of the widening of Tower Road
2. Light Rail Station development potential off 70th and Colorado
3. Development of the former Mile High Greyhound Park site



#### CRYSTAL R. ELLIOTT

*Candidate for City Council At-Large*

##### Fast Facts:

Age: 46  
Occupation: Small business owner and volunteer at Adams City  
High School: Baking & Pastry Culinary program  
Years lived in Commerce City: 36  
Years lived in Colorado: 43

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#### Why are you running for council?

I have enjoyed these past 4 years serving the citizens of Commerce City and wish to continue the momentum as the Council has accomplished many things for the community. I truly enjoy helping people and my wish is to have an impact creating a legacy for future generations.

#### What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?

Economic Development - Commerce City is Colorado's 4th fastest growing city and the fastest in Adams County, more than doubling its population in the last 10 years.

Rocky Mountain Wildlife Refuge -15,000-acres of prairies, wetlands and woodlands. The land has a unique story as it was farmland then transitioned to war-time manufacturing site and now to a wildlife sanctuary. It is considered one of the finest conservation success stories in history. It is truly the gem of the city!

1% Sales and use tax revenue in funding future projects. With the passing of the 2K ballot initiative of 1% sales and use tax used to fund 5 projects, 5 years, 1 penny, the city has completed 2 wonderful projects/amenities for our residents to enjoy. In keeping the momentum of the 1% tax, such funds would be utilized for projects such as Highway #2, and other major projects as deemed necessary. Commerce City has become a pioneer in educating and engaging residents in voting to pass this initiative for such funding that other municipalities are looking to implement these efforts within their communities. Commerce City has certainly become a champion and we have only just begun!



#### ANTHONY STELLATO

*Candidate for City Council At-Large*

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Years lived in Colorado: 11  
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#### Why are you running for council?

Transparency and Ownership. Too many times I hear people complain about choices made by the City and the response is “You should have said something before” or “You should have gone to the meeting”. I want to raise the awareness of the issues facing the city. I want to find a medium that would allow more transparency of current issues being discussed. I want to improve the dissemination of information so that people are knowledgeable before a vote. I want to ensure that the residents of Commerce City have the opportunity to have a voice in the decision making. I want the residents of Commerce City to experience a sense of ownership, pride, and empowerment. Right now there is a method of communication, but I want to make this method easier and more accessible to all residents.

#### What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?

Growth, Marijuana sales, Dick's Sporting Park

As our population grows, we are improving our infrastructure, commercial businesses are moving in, and tax revenue is increasing. We should be able to reinvest those monies into our City to improve the quality of life for all of our residents.

Sales of Marijuana will benefit the City greatly when it comes to revenue. Marijuana is a hotly debated topic, but there are some certainties, one of which is the tremendous amount of tax revenue that is enjoyed by Colorado. This dramatic increase will help improve the quality of life for all of our residents.

Dick's Sporting Park, the largest soccer complex worldwide, recently hosted the Major League Soccer All-Star Game placing the World's eyes on our City and brought approximately \$20 million dollars to the metro area. Music concerts and the Rapids will continue to bring pride and tax revenue to our City, both of which will help to improve the quality of life for all of our residents.

## Two ballot questions referred by council for voters: posting of ordinances and five percent tax on transfer of marijuana

### **Commerce City voters will consider two issues on the ballot this November. Both issues were unanimously referred by City Council on August 17, 2015.**

The first question would amend Section 5.6 of the City Charter, to provide for the posting of the full text of ordinances in two locations with the exception of emergency ordinances and codes adopted by reference. The original posting requirement was written in 1970. The proposed charter amendment reflects the growth within the city since that time and the increase in the use of technology to access information. Today, nearly 159,000 unique visitors accessed ordinances through the city website's agenda and minutes portal in 2014; in 2015, 201,491 unique visitors have used this electronic tool to obtain similar information. The charter currently requires posting of ordinance in six physical locations throughout the city.

The second referred question asks voters to approve a five percent excise tax of the value of the product transferred on certain marijuana transactions as such are authorized by state law beginning January 1, 2016. City Council adopted regulations in June to allow retail marijuana within certain areas of Commerce City. To date, there have been 16 letters of intent submitted by companies interested in locating marijuana businesses within the city.

#### Approved ballot language reads:

*Issues NO. 1: Shall the City of Commerce city taxes be increased by one hundred thousand dollars in the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016, and by whatever additional amounts are raised annually thereafter by the imposition of an excise tax on the sale of marijuana and marijuana products as such are authorized by state law commencing January 1, 2016 at the rate of five percent of the price paid by the purchaser, in accordance with city ordinance 2050; and shall the city be authorized to collect and spend such revenue as a voter approved revenue change under article X, section 20 of the Colorado constitution?*

*Question NO. 1: Shall Section 5.6. of the City Charter of the City of Commerce City be changed to provide two posting locations for the purpose of informing the public of the full text of ordinances in places designated by city council?*

## Adams County and School District 27J ballot measures

### **One approves deal for use of airport development revenue, the other approves funding for school district**

Adams County Measure 1A concerns the intergovernmental agreement between Adams County and Denver to develop the area around Denver International Airport (DIA). Voters are asked to decide whether or not to approve a deal that will allow business development on unused land owned by DIA. The ballot measure will be voted upon by all Adams County and Denver County registered voters this November. If voters in both jurisdictions approve the measure, Adams County will get a \$10 million payment up front and a 50-50 split on tax revenue from new DIA businesses in perpetuity. For more information regarding the measure, please go to <http://1afordia.com/>.

#### Approved ballot language reads:

*Measure 1A: Without imposing any new tax or increasing any tax rate, shall Adams County receive \$10 millions from the City and County of Denver (Denver) and receive an equal and perpetual share of all available tax revenues collected by Denver from additional commercial development at Denver International Airport (DIA) in exchange for amending the Intergovernmental Agreements entered into by Denver and Adams County that allowed for the creation of DIA; and with Adams County to be authorized to enter into an amendatory Intergovernmental Agreement, with the purpose of the amendments being to allow commercial development and promote economic development and job creation in and around DIA in both Denver and Adams County and the municipalities in Adams County; and with Adams County to be authorized to share portion of the tax revenue received from Denver with municipalities in Adams County by creating multiple-fiscal year financial obligations within the meaning of, and to receive, spend, and share such tax revenues without regard to any spending, revenue-raising, or other limitations contained in, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or other law?*

School District 27J seeks taxpayer approval of a \$148 million school construction bond for the construction of new schools, renovations and expansions to existing schools. The district hopes to construct a third district high school, two new elementary schools and complete construction of a previously built elementary school in addition to some renovations and improvements to existing schools and facilities.

According to the district the bond request equals approximately \$3.45 per month per \$100,000 of home value. The district hope to alleviate overcrowding at all grade levels, particularly at the high school level, having experienced substantial growth over the past 14 years. For more information, please see <http://sd27j.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2130#bondsb>

#### Approved ballot language reads:

*Shall School District No. 27J debt be increased by \$148 million, with a repayment cost of \$295 million, and shall district taxes be increased \$24 million annually, for enlarging, improving, repairing or making additions to school buildings, for equipping or furnishing school buildings, for improving school grounds, or acquiring, constructing or improving any capital asset that the district is authorized by law to own, which improvements may include but are not limited to the following:*

- *Acquiring, constructing and equipping a new high school and two new elementary schools to reduce overcrowding in the classrooms;*
- *Renovating, enlarging and improving other school facilities to accommodate student growth;*
- *Updating, repairing, improving and renovating existing school buildings to increase safety features and promote the teaching skills and technology necessary to prepare students to compete for 21st century jobs;*

*And shall the mill levy be increased in any year without limitation as to rate but only in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such debt or any refunding debt when due; the authority for such tax and mill levy increase to terminate when the debt or refunding debt is paid; such debt to be evidenced by the issuance of general obligation bonds or other multiple fiscal year financial obligation, such bonds to be sold in one series or more in an aggregate amount not to exceed the maximum authorized principal amount and repayment cost, on terms and conditions as the Board of Education of the district may determine, including provisions for redemption of the bonds prior to maturity with or without payment of the premium; and shall the district's debt limit be increased from an amount equal to 20% of the district's assessed value to 6% of the district's actual value, each as certified by the county assessors of Adams and Weld Counties and the City and County of Broomfield; and shall the proceeds of such bonds and the revenues from such taxes and any earnings from the investment of such proceeds and revenues be collected and spent without limitation or condition, and without limiting the collection or spending of other revenues or funds by the district under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or any other law?*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Ask questions and provide input to city council from the comfort of your home

City Council is hosting its second telephone town hall meeting Tuesday, October 13. Join us to learn more about what's happening in the city and ask questions of your city council members. Call in at 7 p.m. to 1-877-229-8493, ID number 111980.

During the first town hall in June, 654 residents participated, with 247 callers staying on the line during the peak of the hour-long call. As a result of input received during the meeting, the city sought feedback about the new recreation center through an online survey and will share some of those outcomes during the October telephone town hall as requested.

There are plenty of opportunities to get engaged and involved to make Commerce City YOUR quality community. Visit [c3gov.com/boards](http://c3gov.com/boards) to learn how to serve on a board or commission. Or simply report concerns or questions about neighborhood issues – like graffiti, potholes or permits to [c3gov.com/askC3](http://c3gov.com/askC3) to be resolved.

### Keep sidewalks shoveled and safe, avoid fines

With leaves beginning to fall and the winter season right around the corner, remember to keep your sidewalks clear and avoid fines. During the last 12 months, 43 notices of violations were issued for debris on sidewalk and 92 notices were issued for snow violations.

- Leaves and other yard waste must remain off sidewalks and should not be purposely blown into the streets. Debris in the street gets washed into the city's stormwater system and causes problems down the line. Check out the city's leaf drop on October 17 (ad next page).
- Remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of accumulation. Your snow-removal efforts this winter will greatly improve the safety of your neighborhood.

Residents and businesses who do not comply with keeping the sidewalk clear, may be fined. Violations can range from \$100-999 and repeat offenders may have their property abated (meaning, the city has the property cleaned and brought into compliance and then invoices the homeowner for the cost).

For more information about violations, visit [www.c3gov.com/neighborhoodservices](http://www.c3gov.com/neighborhoodservices).

### Lend your support and help victims of crime

Domestic violence happens in every neighborhood and anyone, regardless of race, age, or economic status, can be a victim. In Commerce City, there were 604 cases of domestic violence from August 2014-2015 with 1,039 people served and that doesn't include the large number of cases that go unreported by victims.

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, one in three women have experienced rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime. Across the United States, an average of three women are killed by a current or former partner every day and 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year. Abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional and financial. Women who don't have the support and resources to provide for themselves and their children are more likely to stay in abusive relationships. And children exposed to domestic violence are more likely to commit crimes themselves.

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Join us in standing up against domestic violence by becoming a victim advocate volunteer with the police department's Victim Services Unit (VSU).** 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 includes support, information, referrals and emergency assistance with care items, food, diapers, 911 cell phones, gift cards and shelter assistance. Victim advocates provide information on the criminal justice process and the rights of crime victims.

The VSU can also accept support through donations, such as gift cards, diapers, pre-paid phone cards and hotel vouchers.

Applications to become a victim advocate can be found online at [brightonco.gov/348/Become-a-Volunteer](http://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](mailto:kmessina@c3gov.com).

*For those 60 years old and older with limited income, Volunteers of America offers the Snow Buddy program which matches residents with nearby volunteers. Contact them for more information at 720-264-3379 or [snowbuddies@voacolorado.org](mailto:snowbuddies@voacolorado.org).*

## New traffic signal at E. 104th Avenue and Potomac Street creates safer intersection

A new traffic signal is coming to E. 104th Avenue and Potomac Street this October. After conducting a traffic study, the city determined that a traffic signal is warranted due to the number of accidents that occurred over a 12-month period.

The new traffic signal will favor E. 104th Avenue to keep traffic flowing and provide a left turn signal for traffic coming off of Potomac Street. Once installed, traffic should flow normally, but motorists may see some impacts during afternoon rush hour when school traffic is heaviest. Pedestrian crosswalks will also be installed for safe travel over E. 104th Avenue.

The light installation occurs during a few weeks in October; keep an eye on signage and social media for updates. There will be various lane closures, but all directions of traffic will continue to flow during the installation.

Thanks to all the people who came to the neighborhood meeting in December to learn more and provide feedback about traffic at the intersection. We rely on input to better serve the community!

Visit [c3gov.com](http://c3gov.com) and follow us on Facebook for more information.



## Have questions, comments or concerns about the city?

### Just AskC3

Is there graffiti in your neighborhood, or a parked car that hasn't moved, or wildly growing weeds? Submit your concerns using the city's online tool, AskC3, where residents can submit questions, and problems in their neighborhood, as well as get more information about city ordinances and other hot topics.

The submitted information is reviewed and responded to by an appropriate staff member. Residents have the option to leave their contact information if they want to be notified of the outcome of the issue or residents can submit anonymously.

Visit [www.c3gov.com/AskC3](http://www.c3gov.com/AskC3) to report a concern through the internet. There's also a mobile app available for download at the same website. The smartphone application allows users to take and submit photos with comments, and use GPS location to pinpoint where the issue is happening.

## DEVELOPMENT CORNER

### Commerce City is one of the fastest growing cities in Colorado

Here are some of the new projects that are either completed or near completion during the month of August:

- Little Caesar's Pizza on Chambers Road
- Aspen Hills Commerce building with Perfect Teeth Dental at E. 104th Avenue
- Boys and Girls Club at Holly Street and E.62nd Avenue.

The city's monthly development report can be found online at [www.c3gov.com/devreport](http://www.c3gov.com/devreport). By selecting "Get City Alerts" on the website, you can sign up to receive the report directly to your inbox.

## The top ten things you should know about the capital improvement program



1. All five capital improvement projects are in varying states of design, construction and completion.
2. Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park opened July 10.
3. Fronterra Park opened Aug. 25.
4. Two more neighborhood parks will be completed in 2016. Their designs are based on public voting results.
  - The Very Hungry Caterpillar book-inspired theme and a multi-use hard court will be incorporated at the 9.5-acre Turnberry Park, located at 10725 Wheeling St.
  - The Rocky Mountains theme and a multi-use hard court will be incorporated at the 9-acre park at Villages at Buffalo Run East, located at 11698 Chambers Rd.
5. Tower Road will be widened between E. 80th and E. 104th avenues. Design is in full force with completion expected in 2017. View the video at [www.c3gov.com/Tower](http://www.c3gov.com/Tower) to see how the road is going to improve commuting and safety for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians.
6. A new recreation center is opening near Second Creek in late 2017. Features include a gymnasium with walking/jogging track, weights/fitness area, gymnastics, outdoor sprayground and aerobics/dance studio.
7. The existing recreation center will have new additions in 2018. Features include a therapy pool, family locker rooms, outdoor sprayground and aerobics/dance studio.
8. City Council established a committee to advise on the implementation of the 2013 voter-approved program. The Capital Improvement Program Citizen Advisory Committee (CIPCAC) consists of 10 community members who receive progress reports, provide advice and promote public awareness.
9. Commerce City routinely issues requests from qualified firms to provide professional services for the capital improvement program. Bid documents are available online at <http://www.c3gov.com/bids.aspx> or in person at Commerce City Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022. Sign up online at <http://www.c3gov.com/list.aspx?Mode=Subscribe> to receive notification when new bids are posted.
10. Commerce City's \$137 million capital improvement program was made possible from a 2013 voter-approved, 1-percent sales and use tax increase for new parks, recreation and road projects. Through participation from residents, businesses and city council, the City's vision of a Quality Community for a Lifetime can be realized with improved mobility, greater access and increased recreational opportunities.

Tune in next month and learn the results of the recreation center program surveys. Learn more about the capital improvement program at [www.c3gov.com/QCL](http://www.c3gov.com/QCL).



# Leaf and Green Yard Waste Drop-Off Event

Free for Commerce City Residents - 1 DAY ONLY!



Commerce City residents can drop off items considered to be yard waste such as leaves, tree limbs and lawn clippings normally generated from residential yards.

Proof of Commerce City residency is required, no business or private contractors allowed. See the list below for specific items that will and will not be accepted:

### ACCEPTABLE:

- Grass clippings
- Tree limbs and shrub trimmings \*Cut no more than 4 ft. in length.
- Leaves
- Plant debris
- Weeds
- Flowers
- Sawdust
- Garden Materials

### NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Electronics
- Plastic
- Edging/fencing
- Sod
- Animal droppings
- Construction debris
- Plywood, lumber, dirt, rock, brick or pavers
- Hazardous materials
- Flower Pots
- Cactus/Palm Branches

*\*All items are subject to individual review. If you have any doubt whether the item you wish to drop-off qualifies, contact Commerce City Public Works before the event at 303-289-8150. Site will be under surveillance after event, no dumping!*

Saturday, Oct. 17 • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Commerce City Civic Center  
(7887 E. 60th Ave.)



## NUMBERS TO KNOW

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| 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 |

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| 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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| Commerce City Civic Center .....         | 303-289-3600 |
| City Manager's Office .....              | 303-289-3612 |
| Community Development .....              | 303-289-3683 |
| Economic Development .....               | 303-289-3620 |
| Communications Division .....            | 303-289-3719 |
| Parks and Recreation .....               | 303-289-3760 |
| Public Works .....                       | 303-289-8150 |
| Buffalo Run Golf Course .....            | 303-289-1500 |
| Bison Grill.....                         | 303-289-7700 |
| Senior Center .....                      | 303-289-3756 |
| Police Department (non-emergency) .....  | 303-288-1535 |
| Police Department (Administration) ..... | 303-287-2844 |

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



To register for programs, call 303-289-3798  
or visit [c3gov.com/register](http://c3gov.com/register).

## PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

### Batting cages close starting October 12, last day is October 11

Warm up for your next game, practice your swing or have fun with friends before the batting cages close for the season on October 12. Located at Pioneer Park, 5902 Holly St. The batting cages have seven lighted cages with dual pitching machines that provide various speeds for baseball and softball. Find hours of operation and more at [www.c3gov.com/recreation](http://www.c3gov.com/recreation).

### Autumn art for kids

Showcase your abilities and learn new talents with two art programs this fall. Kids ages 7-10 can learn new art forms, from paintings to mosaics, in a NEW weekly art club starting Oct. 5 at the recreation center.

Mon 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26 6-8:30 p.m.  
7801.301 \$30/\$35 (Includes all 4 classes)

On Thursday, Oct. 7, let your creativity shine during DIY (do-it-yourself) arts and crafts at mother and daughter craft night at the recreation center and. Ages 4 and up.

Thur 10/8 6-9 p.m.  
7901.305 \$10/\$12 per person

### Preschool specialty classes

Join us for a new set of exciting activities every week. These programs are designed to develop young children's skills through crafts, activities, games and social interactions. Ages 3-5.

Fri 10 a.m. - Noon \$9/\$11 per child

#### Commerce City Recreation Center

6060 E. Parkway Dr.  
303-289-3760  
[c3gov.com/recreation](http://c3gov.com/recreation)

#### Buffalo Run Golf Course

15700 E. 112th Ave.  
303-289-1500  
[buffalorungolfcourse.com](http://buffalorungolfcourse.com)

### Archery (Beginner / Intermediate)

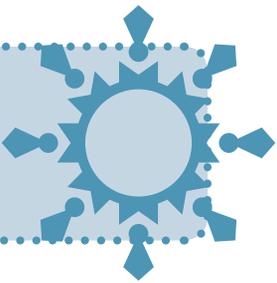
Participants 8 years and older learn about range safety, proper archery shooting techniques and target practice in a fun and safe environment. This is a great class for individuals or families to enjoy. Archery class is held at the Municipal Services Center (8602 Rosemary St.) from 6-7 p.m.

Ages: 8 years and up  
Fee: \$45 R/\$54 NR (per session)  
Session II: 10/7-10/28 (4 classes)

### Area youth compete in the Rockies Baseball Skills Challenge

Two Commerce City youngsters placed in the Rockies Baseball Skills Challenge. For the third year in a row, Marisol Miranda placed first in the girls 8-9 age group and advanced to the state finals. Marisol's brother, Cruz, placed third in the 10-11 sectional boys competition. State finals were held August 15 at Coca-Cola All Star Park in Lakewood. Congratulations to our winners!

Look for your winter-spring parks and  
recreation activities guide in your mailbox in  
November. Registration opens December 1.



**Creepy Hollows**

**FREE FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCT. 24**

**Family Event • 1-4 P.M.**  
(For children ages 2-10 and their parents.)  
**Family fun, crafts, games and more!**

**Fright Night • 7-10 P.M.**  
(Grades 6-12 with School ID)  
**Dancing, photo booth, haunted maze and more!**

**Commerce City Recreation Center • 6060 E. Parkway Drive**  
More information: 303-289-3760  
[facebook.com/epicprograms](http://facebook.com/epicprograms)



Members of city council and school children celebrate the grand opening of Fronterra Neighborhood Park August 25.



### Fall brings lower rates at Buffalo Run Golf Course!

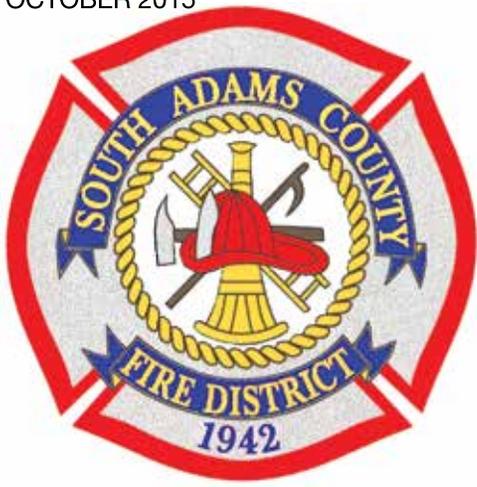
#### Shoulder season rates start Oct 1.

Mon-Thurs \$18 for 9-holes and \$30 for 18-holes  
Fri-Sun \$22 for 9-holes and \$34 for 18-holes

#### Oktoberfest at the Bison Grill at Buffalo Run

Join us for food and drink specials all weekend!  
Friday, Oct. 9 - Sunday, Oct. 11

To book a tee time, call 303-289-1500 or visit us online at  
[www.buffalorungolfcourse.com](http://www.buffalorungolfcourse.com).



# South Adams County Fire Protection District

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

## Fire safety tip of the month

### Smoke Alarms

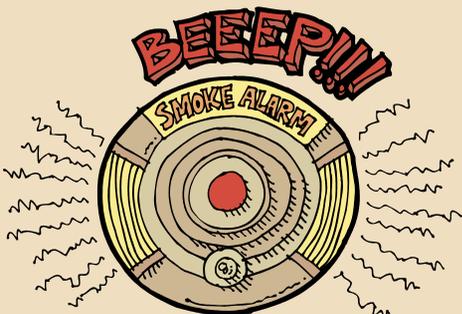
Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

#### SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

#### FACTS

- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working.



Source: Fire safety tip provided by the National Fire Protection Association, [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## Get to know your SACFD firefighter



SACFD Fire Chief Kevin Vincel.

**Name:** Kevin Vincel

**Title/Rank:** Fire Chief

**Work Location:** South Adams County Fire Department

**Years with the department:** 20

**What is your favorite part of the job?** The diversity of the fire service as a whole.

**How has SACFD changed you?** It's changed my whole outlook on emergency services and what it actually takes to do this and many other jobs within the fire service.

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up in Commerce City on Tichy Boulevard. There were volunteer firefighters all around that area. We were all a big family.

**If I weren't a firefighter, I would be a:** professional golfer... If I were good enough.

**Three words to describe you:** Energetic, charismatic, friendly

**Who is your hero?** My Father. He was an inspiration.

**In your new role as Chief, what is the first task you'd like to accomplish?** Just recently becoming the new Fire Chief, there are many tasks I want to accomplish, but one of the first is learning our current system so I can get a good understanding of it before I make any drastic changes. There are a lot of logistics at play in the future of the department. I have several tasks I am currently working on and look forward to their successful completion.

**What long-term goals do you have as Chief?** To stand up to our fire department motto, which is *Serving Our Community With Pride and Excellence*. My goal is to ensure consistently excellent service to the community.



*Firefighters from the SACFD participated in the 9-11 Memorial Stairclimb at the Ameristar Hotel in Blackhawk. The 9-11 Memorial Stair Climbs are not timed race events, but a way for firefighters and the community to honor and remember the FDNY firefighters who selflessly gave their lives so that others might live. Each participant pays tribute to a FDNY firefighter by climbing or walking the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. Their individual tribute not only remembers the sacrifice of an FDNY brother but symbolically completes their heroic journey to save others.*

## Spaghetti dinner celebrates success and raises funds

The SACFD held their annual spaghetti dinner at Adams City High on September 12, 2015. This year marked the 54th year of the event. Firefighters from South Adams County, their spouses, and paramedics and EMT's from Northglenn Ambulance served 1,553 members of the community this year.

Several supporting organizations were represented outside the dining hall. Flight for Life set up their helicopter while firefighters escorted local children through the smoke simulator. North Suburban Medical Center gave away 44 free bike helmets and Northglenn Ambulance and Health One taught CPR to 80 children and parents.

The department wishes to thank everyone who participated this year and helped make the dinner a success. Remember to mark your calendars for the 55th Annual SACFD Spaghetti Dinner on September 10, 2016!



# South Adams County Water & Sanitation District

6595 East 70th Ave Commerce City, CO 80022

303.288.2646

## Water tips inside and outside the home

### Outdoor Savings Tips

- Water early in the morning (before 10a.m) or later in the evening (after 6 p.m.) when temperatures are cooler and evaporation is minimized.
- Inspect your overall irrigation system for leaks, broken lines or blockage in the lines. A well maintained system will save you money, water, and time.
- Group plants with like watering needs. Creating "watering zones" in your garden will allow you to give each plant the water it requires — not too much or too little.
- Adjust your mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn provides shade to the roots and helps retain soil moisture, so your lawn requires less water.

### Indoor Savings Tips

- Let your dishwasher do the work. The average dishwasher uses about 10 gallons or less per load. Many kitchen faucets use the same amount of water by running for just four minutes. So, let your dishwasher do the work!
- Know where and how to turn off your home's water supply in case of emergencies. If a pipe bursts anywhere in the house
- Wash only full loads. The dishwasher use about the same amount of energy and water regardless of the number of dishes inside, so run full loads whenever possible.
- Install an aerator on your bathroom or kitchen faucet and save about 1 gallon per minute.
- Take shorter showers. Each minute you shave off your shower time saves up to 2.5 gallons of water.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for more water saving tips.

Did you know the District's Klein Water Treatment Facility houses a state-of-the-art water quality testing laboratory? The laboratory was expanded in August 2013 to include space for a new GC-MS (gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer). This instrument can detect compounds below one part per billion. A part per billion is similar to one grain of sand in an entire sandbox. The laboratory also includes ventilation device known as a fume hood that protects workers against exposure to hazardous vapors. Safety showers and eye washes are also present to keep personnel safe. A sample receiving area was constructed to allow for secure and efficient handling of water samples.

Three chemists and a lab supervisor conduct more than 780 analyses each month in the lab. This ensures that the water at your tap meets all state and federal regulations. Tests include chemical, physical and microbiological analyses. These tests are done on the water before treatment and after it enters the pipes supplying your home or business. If you would like to tour the lab, an online tour request form can be found at [www.sacwsd.org](http://www.sacwsd.org) under Departments - Environmental - Education Request. If you have other questions about water quality or laboratory operations, please call the water quality line at 303-286-0447.



New water quality laboratory



Water quality team preparing samples.

Photo Credit: Roger Dirrim

## Sump Pumps to Sewer Not Permitted

Connection of basement sump pumps to the sewer system is not permitted by SACWSD. The increased volume of water added to the sewer system by sump pumps, especially during periods of heavy precipitation, can amount to millions of gallons per day. This increased flow can cause sewer backups and overload pipes and treatment facilities. Please help us protect our sewer system by not discharging basement sump pumps to the sewer line in your home or business.



Visit the District's website for additional information and news.

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

We also provide online pay options.

Customer Service & Billing Information:

Phone: 303.288.2646

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

## CALENDAR

October 2015

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## IRRIGATION SEASON ENDS OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Fall has arrived and it's time to take action! Winterize your irrigation system

Fall in Colorado presents us with an amazing combination of mild temperatures and nature's most beautiful colors. But it can also be the most unpredictable season of the year. In a matter of hours, winter weather sets in and our attention quickly turns to making sure we have raked-up the leaves and taken care of our irrigations systems. Put a reminder on your calendar before the night time temperatures drop below freezing. You'll be rewarded in the Spring with an irrigation system that is in perfect working condition for your summer lawns and gardens.

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

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

The Board of Directors for South Adams holds monthly business meetings on the *second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm* at the Stevenson Administrative Offices 6595 East 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Commerce City  
Meetings are open to the public.



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



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



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



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



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