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Election results poised to raise revenues, increase efficiency and make the way for development

Commerce City voters passed both city council referred ballot measures on November 3. The first question 2V, passed with 75.58 percent yes votes. The city charter will now be amended to reduce the number of physical posting locations for full text of ordinances from six to two. The vote reflects a change in how voters access information currently, primarily through the city's website. Between 2014 and 2015, the agenda and minutes portal on the website saw an increase of more than 50,000 unique visitors.

The second ballot issue passed with 63.05 percent yes votes, approving a 5 percent excise tax on certain marijuana transactions beginning January 1, 2016. City Council adopted regulations in June to allow retail marijuana within certain areas of Commerce City.

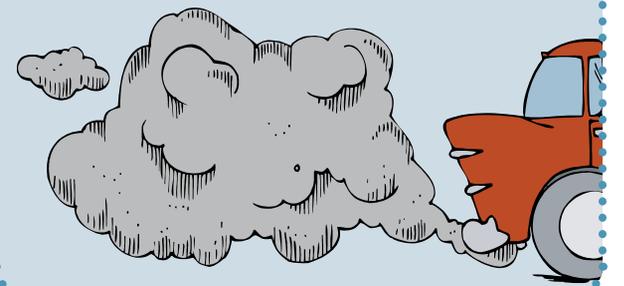
Adams County voters passed Measure 1A with 82.82 percent favorable votes. This measure approves the intergovernmental agreement between Adams County and Denver to develop the area around Denver International Airport (DIA). The deal opens up 1,500 acres of land for business development on land around and owned by DIA. Both Adams County and Denver voters had to approve the measure, which also passed in Denver with 78 percent approval. Adams County will now receive a \$10 million payment up front. There will then be a 50-50 split on tax revenue from DIA businesses in perpetuity. Denver's Deputy Mayor Cary Kennedy has estimated that tax revenues would total between \$160 million and \$270 million over three decades.

Voters also approved ballot issue 3C which gives approval of \$148 million school construction bond for the construction of new schools, renovations and expansions to existing schools in School District 27J. Passing with at 61.9 percent favorable, the district will now be able to move forward with the debt increase.



Nearly 600 participants took advantage of the free Commerce City 9Health Fair/Feria de Salud on Nov. 7. The fair provided over 20 free screenings, including free flu shots for both adults and children, and low-cost screenings. Families also enjoyed a festive atmosphere with family wellness activities, including a healthy cooking demonstration. Nearly 33 community organizations provided health and wellness resources.

WARNING – The colder temperatures and the holidays are heading our way and you may be tempted to leave your vehicle running and left unattended to warm it up. Leaving vehicles running and unattended is illegal in Colorado and puffers will be fined.



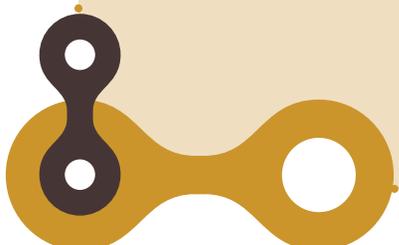
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NEWS BRIEFS

City Council approves 2016-2017 biennial budget

City council closed the public hearing and voted to approve the budget on November 2, completing the biennial budget process. The goals of the budgeting process are to:

- Balance the budget without using fund balances
- Take care of capital maintenance
- Attract and retain a high quality workforce
- Maintain levels of service

Based on projected revenue, the 2016-2017 general fund budget is about \$68.5 million, a 6.7 percent increase from last year's budget. The estimated increase is driven primarily by updated projections of sales and use tax revenue. The 2016 budget reflects an additional \$50,000 budgeted based on the anticipated fees to be collected for recreational marijuana retail and/or growing operations application review. These fees will be used to fund the program operating budgets.

The city continues to grow and our commitment to providing quality services to the community is a driving force for how budget decisions are made. You can review the entire budget at c3gov.com/budget.

Recycle your Christmas tree for free

Be green this holiday season and recycle your natural Christmas tree after the holidays. Five, free drop-off locations are open Dec. 25, 2015 – Jan. 7, 2016. The parks and recreation department mulches the trees and uses the material along city greenways and trails. Contribute your tree and help keep the city beautiful throughout the parks and trails system. Last year, 522 trees were recycled.

Trees should be natural and free of all ornaments, decorations and stands. Wreaths, tree limbs, synthetic trees, bushes and shrubs are not accepted for recycling.

Drop off locations:

- Fairfax Park, 6850 Fairfax Drive, at the north parking lot along E. 69th Avenue
- River Run Park, 11515 Oswego Street, at the small parking lot
- Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Drive, at the west side parking lot
- Municipal Services Center, 8602 Rosemary Street, at the entrance south of the soccer fields
- Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Avenue, near the maintenance building
- Future Second Creek Park site, corner of E. 100th Avenue and Laredo Street

Look for fencing and signage that clearly mark the recycling drop-off areas at each location. Contact Willis Waterhouse, parks maintenance supervisor, at 303-289-8111 for additional information.

Clear our sidewalks

Residents play an important part in snow removal duties in neighborhoods by keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice. According to the city's codes, all sidewalks must be clear of snow and ice 24 hours from the last accumulation of snow and/or ice. Learn more at c3gov.com/snow.

Help your neighbors with snow removal through the Snow Buddy program. The Volunteers of America program pairs volunteers with older adults to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Contact Volunteers of America at 720-264-3379 or email snowbuddies@voacolorado.org for more information.



Community Reach hosting free Mental Health First Aid course in January

Guest columnist – Lindy Schultz, Public Relations & Communications Manager, Community Reach Center

There isn't one of us who has not come in contact with someone in the throes of a mental health crisis. Maybe we didn't call it a "mental health crisis" at the time, but we know emotional turmoil when we see it. We often don't feel comfortable intervening for fear of saying or doing the "wrong thing" and making matters worse. That's exactly the rationale behind the Mental Health First Aid course.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an 8-hour certification course geared toward the general public. The MHFA Adult curriculum covers mental disorders in adults, and the Youth MHFA course focuses exclusively on symptoms and behaviors associated with mental disorders in teens.

Opening a conversation with someone we're concerned about doesn't come naturally to some of us – especially when we're concerned about their emotional or behavioral health. The MHFA course teaches an evidence-based, 5-step action plan that prepares participants to talk with someone experiencing a mental health crisis, either until the crisis subsides or until appropriate professional help arrives on scene. The course provides information regarding signs, symptoms and behaviors associated with depression, anxiety, psychosis, and substance use disorder, as well as a variety of local resources geared toward crisis intervention and mental wellness.

Community Reach Center offers Mental Health First Aid courses free of charge for any resident of Adams County. For information, contact MHFA@CommunityReachCenter.org or call Lindy Schultz, 303-853-3679. Visit CommunityReachCenter.org/Resources/MentalHealthFirstAid to register for the MHFA Adult Module class on Jan. 12, 2016 at Commerce City Civic Center.

Get involved.

The city is seeking a qualified design professional to serve on its Derby Review Board to support the revitalization of the city's Derby downtown district.



This position requires candidates with a design background and experience in architecture, urban planning or landscape design. The Board meets the third Tuesday evening of the month.

Deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2015.

Learn more about Derby and apply for the position by visiting www.c3gov.com/derby.



COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



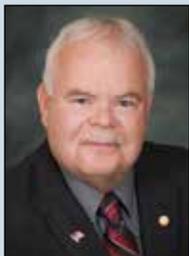
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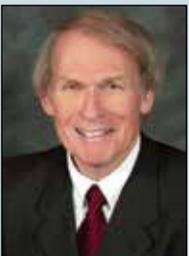
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Come by the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., or watch us live on Comcast Channel 8 or www.c3gov.com on the first and third Monday night.

Prevent theft, Lock It or Lose It

Keep your valuables safe during this winter season and always report suspicious activity to 911

According to Coloradans Against Auto Theft, nearly half of auto thefts are due to unlocked doors or leaving the key in the ignition. “If thieves can see it they can steal it,” said crime prevention officer Anna Bungartz. “That’s why either you ‘Lock It or Lose It.’ Through this campaign the police department provides residents with tips they can use to help prevent auto theft or have their valuables stolen. It is also important to report all suspicious activity to 911.”

Follow these tips to protect your vehicle:

- Never leave a running car unattended.
- Never leave valuables in your car.
- Always park in well-lit, high-traffic areas.
- Never leave personal information and/or credit cards in your car. Don’t give a thief an opportunity to commit identity theft.
- Never leave any keys in the car.
- Don’t leave your garage door open and unattended.
- Don’t leave your garage door opener in your car; a thief can use it to break into your house.
- Always lock your car at all times!

Not only is it important to protect your valuables in your vehicle, but also in your home. As many are getting ready to buy gifts, it is important for residents to be aware that there might be thieves looking at which homes to break in.

- Always lock doors and windows, especially when you’re not home.
- Do not display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- Turn on your garage or front porch lights when away so the house looks occupied. Putting interior lights on timers is helpful too.
- Inform your neighbors when you go on vacation and ask if they will watch over your home.
- Do not display electronics or other expensive goods’ boxes in the trash or recycling.

If you would like more information on how to prevent vehicle and home theft or more information about the Lock It or Lose It campaign, contact Officer Anna Bungartz at 303-727-3994 or abungartz@c3gov.com.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 1 Winter/spring recreation registration opens, c3gov.com/recreation.
- Dec. 2 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Dec. 3 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- Dec. 5 Advanced 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. (Pre-requisite: Beginner Horseback Riding Ages 11-17)
- Dec. 7 Art Show and Tree Lighting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Dec. 8 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- Dec. 8 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Housing Authority Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:45-7:45 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Winterfest at Derby Downtown District, Mondaco and E. 72nd Ave., 4:30-7 p.m.
- Dec. 12 Advanced 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. (Pre-requisite: Beginner Horseback Riding Ages 11-17)
- Dec. 12 Middle School Madness (Grades 6-8), Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 12 Mingle with Kringle, Buffalo Run, 15700 E. 112th Ave., 1-4 p.m.
- Dec. 14 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Quality Community Foundation, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.
- Dec. 17 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Cops vs Kids Floor Hockey, Stuart Middle School, 15955 E. 101st Way, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Advanced 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. (Pre-requisite: Beginner Horseback Riding Ages 11-17)
- Dec. 21 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Dec. 21 Winter Break Trip – Bowling and a movie, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Dec. 21 Basketball Shooting Camp, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Grades 3-5) and 1-3:30 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
- Dec. 22 Winter Break Trip – Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Dec. 22 Basketball Shooting Camp, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Grades 3-5) and 1-3:30 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
- Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas Holiday Observance – Administrative offices will close at noon on Dec. 24 and will be closed on Dec. 25. Administrative offices reopen at regular times Monday, Dec. 28. Recreation center closes at 1 p.m. on Dec. 24 and is closed on Dec. 25.
- Dec. 28 Winter Break Trip – Boondocks, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Dec. 28 Winter Volleyball Camp, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Grades 3-5) and 1-3:30 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
- Dec. 28 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Dec. 29 Winter Break Trip – Ice skating at Evergreen Lake, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Dec. 29 Winter Volleyball Camp, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Grades 3-5) and 1-3:30 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
- Dec. 31 Administrative offices will close at Noon
- Dec. 31 Recreation center closes at 1 p.m.
- Jan. 1 Administrative offices and recreation center closed
- Jan. 7 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- Jan. 12 Commerce City Cultural Council, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-8 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Commerce City is one of the fastest growing cities in Colorado

Beginning in 2016, Commerce City will have more qualified areas for Colorado’s Enterprise Zone which offers various state income tax credits to encourage growth and jobs.

Here are some of the new projects that are either under construction or near completion during the month of October:

- 7-Eleven at Turnberry Marketplace, on E. 104th Avenue east of Highway 2
- AT&T Store at the Reunion Marketplace on Chambers Road and E. 104th 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.

Design completed for Highway 2 – construction coming in 2016

The city is widening Highway 2, from E. 72nd Avenue to Interstate76. This project will expand the two-lane road to a four-lane road with on-street bike lanes from Magnolia Street to Quebec Street transitioning to a separate bike trail on the east side of roadway from Quebec Street to E. 112th Avenue.

The project is intended to produce the following improvements:

- Increased vehicle capacity and improved level of service
- Improved safety
- Reduced flooding and improved water quality
- Environmental and contextual sensitivity
- Multimodal, i.e., accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists

Funding for the \$20.3 million project was made available through a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation and city funds. Currently in the design phase, construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2016.

New features of Highway 2 also include:

- Railroad safety enhancements
- Drainage improvements
- Bicycle safety enhancements
- LED street lighting
- Roadway lighting improvements
- Landscape improvements

Schedule

- Design: 2014 – 2015
- Construction: Start Summer 2016
- Open: End of Winter 2017

For more information on Highway 2 and other capital improvement program projects, visit c3gov.com/QCL or call 303-C3-WORKS.

E. 104th Avenue update

The construction for the E. 104th Avenue widening project is almost complete. Bridgework around the O'Brian Canal is estimated to be complete by the end of December and the entire project is estimated to be substantially complete by February.

Lane closures around the O'Brian Canal will continue during the day while the medians and sidewalks are completed.

The widening project improves the flow of traffic making it a safer corridor while supporting business growth.

Learn more and get current lane closures at c3gov.com/104.



A new light was recently installed at E. 104th Avenue and Potomac Street to improve safety.

Everyone plays a part in keeping our roadways safe

Do your part to help reduce traffic accidents

One of the primary concerns of the Commerce City Police Department is traffic safety. The department has a responsibility to educate, enforce and when appropriate, analyze and address problems related to environmental and roadway design that are unsafe.

Variable Message Sign (VMS) trailers are placed at strategic locations throughout the city based upon citizen concerns and department needs to: warn drivers of their speed, inform of upcoming road conditions and advise on traffic impediments. VMS also collects traffic data on the volume and speeds of vehicles throughout the day.

The data collected is used to maximize enforcement efforts. It reveals patterns that serve as a good indication of what is occurring on a particular roadway and when. The data is then cross-referenced with accident analysis in the area to determine what the top causes of accidents are. Armed with the data, the department then partners with other law enforcement entities to address known causes of accidents in that specific area.

What can you do to assist us in making the roadways safer? Pay attention to the "Big Three" factors that cause accidents during your daily commute.

- 1. Driver inattention** - the person operating the vehicle is not paying full attention to their driving. Texting, talking on the cell phone, applying makeup, and reading all take attention from road and, traffic conditions, lights changing, lane departures, etc. None of these should be done when driving.
- 2. Speed** is under your control. Too much speed reduces reaction time. Follow the posted speed limits.
- 3. Following too closely** is not providing adequate distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Doing this severely decreases your ability to react. You also increase the likelihood of your involvement in an accident and your chances of being injured in that accident.

By following some general roadway safety rules we make our roadways safer.

COUNCIL CORNER

New City Council members to be sworn in Dec. 7

On November 3, 2015, Commerce City voters casted their ballots and elected five positions: mayor, council members for Ward II and Ward IV as well as two at-large council members, each for a four-year term. The results are:



*Mayor - incumbent
Sean Ford*



*Ward II - incumbent
Rick Teter*



*Ward IV - new member
Paulo Diaz*



*At Large - incumbent
Steve Douglas*



*At Large - incumbent
Crystal Elliott*

Thank you to outgoing council member Jim Benson for his eight years of service as council member for Ward IV.

The first organizational meeting of City Council will take place on Dec. 7. At this meeting, newly elected officials will be sworn in and outgoing officials will be recognized for their service. Council members will also be appointed to boards and commissions to represent the city's interests.

Celebrating 2015 achievements and looking forward to 2016 goals

Commerce City accomplished a number of milestones for the capital improvement program in the last year. All five of the voter-approved projects are in active phases of planning, design, construction or completion. It is exciting to think about how much has been accomplished and to look forward to what is ahead for 2016.

Thank you for your continued involvement. Resident input truly makes a difference and helps create a quality community for a lifetime.

2015 achievements:

- Opened Paradise Island pool at Pioneer Park on July 10, 2015
- Opened Fronterra Park on Aug. 25, 2015
- Finalized design and awarded construction contracts for the neighborhood parks in Turnberry and Villages at Buffalo Run East
- Hosted public input meetings on the new and existing recreation centers
- Awarded design contract for the new recreation center and infrastructure
- Continued design on the Tower Road widening project
- Completed the first year of the capital improvement project citizen advisory committee
- Connected E. 96th Avenue to Tower Road
- Substantially completed the E.104th Avenue widening project
- Continued design on Hwy 2 widening project

2016 goals:

- Construct and open Turnberry Park
- Construct and open Villages at Buffalo Run East Park
- Design the new recreation center and infrastructure improvements
- Award a construction manager/general contractor for the new recreation center and infrastructure
- Begin construction of the new recreation center and infrastructure
- Award design contract and begin design of the existing recreation center improvements
- Finalize design and begin construction on the Tower Road widening project
- Finalize design and begin widening of Highway 2 from E. 72nd Avenue and Interstate 76
- Finalize design of westbound Pena Boulevard

Sign up for news alerts and learn more about the capital improvement program at www.c3gov.com/QCL

We continually look for ways to improve communication with the community and enjoy hearing what you would like to see. Contact Commerce City Connected Editor Julia Emko at jemko@c3gov.com or 303-289-3782 with questions or comments.

To register for programs, call 303-289-3798 or visit c3gov.com/register.

PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

Take the parks, recreation and golf survey

The city wants your feedback on customer service and satisfaction with city parks, the recreation center, Paradise Island, and Buffalo Run Golf Course. Participants have the option to enter to win one of four free admissions to the Commerce City Recreation Center or Paradise Island pool. To participate, visit c3gov.com/recreation and select the survey link or pick up a hard copy from the front desk at the recreation center. Surveys must be completed by December 31, 2015.

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

Winter sports camps and clinics

Keep your child active over winter break with youth sports camps. To register, call 303-289-3789 or visit c3gov.com/register.

Winter Volleyball Clinic

Learn the fundamentals of volleyball during this three-day mini-camp at the Commerce City Recreation Center.

Registration deadline: 12/23	Fee: \$35/\$40
Grades 3-5 & 6-8	12/28-12/29
	6-8 p.m.

Basketball Shooting Camp

Develop proper shooting techniques and the fundamentals of basketball during this three-day mini-camp at the Commerce City Recreation Center.

Registration deadline: 12/16	Fee: \$35/\$40
Grades 3-5	12/21-12/22
Grades 6-8	12/21-12/22
	9:30 a.m.-Noon
	1-3:30 p.m.

Youth basketball leagues

Registration for winter basketball leagues opens Dec. 1. Call 303-289-3789 or visit www.c3gov.com/register.

Recreation center game room

Looking for something to do after school or on the weekend? Stop by the game room at the recreation center for pingpong, billiards or come try the X-ergame light wall. Challenge friends and family on the Wii U® or X-Box ONE® (with Kinect®). Crafts and board games are also available. FREE

Tues-Fri	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Ages: 11-17
Sat	Noon-5 p.m.	Ages: 11-Adult

The Buffalo Run clubhouse and Bison Grill restaurant will close for remodeling on January 1 and reopen spring 2016.

The golf course is OPEN for play during this time.



Rendering of the new entrance to Bison Grill.

Check your mailbox for the winter/spring 2016 parks and recreation activity guide. View the digital edition online at c3gov.com/recreation. Registration opens Dec. 1.



Magical & Merry Events

COMMERCE CITY HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

ART SHOW & TREE LIGHTING – Join the countdown and watch the festive tree lighting at the civic center. View the art show sponsored by the Commerce City Cultural Council, enjoy light refreshments, and mingle with elected officials and staff.

Mon 12/7 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave. FREE

WINTERFEST AT DERBY DOWNTOWN DISTRICT – Kick off the holiday season with Commerce City's annual celebration. Venture into a winter wonderland in the Derby downtown district with carolers, carriage rides, games, crafts, cookies and a hot drink. Kids get their picture taken with jolly Ol' Saint Nick. Sponsored by Adams 14 school district, City of Commerce City, Community Enterprise and Commerce City Business and Professional Association.

Wed 12/9 4:30-7 p.m.
Downtown Derby District, Off Hwy 2 and E. 72nd Ave. FREE

MINGLE WITH KRINGLE AT BUFFALO RUN – Santa Claus is coming to Buffalo Run! Bring your camera and take a photo with Santa. Little ones will also enjoy holiday crafts. Feast on light refreshments provided by the Bison Grill and relax next to the stone fireplace.

Sat 12/12 1-4 p.m. (Santa on break from 2:30-3 p.m.)
Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave. FREE



KinderKids

Children ages 4-5 learn through small-group interaction and age-appropriate activities including art, music, movement, dramatic play and storytelling.

Mon-Thur	9:30 a.m.-Noon	Fee: \$135/\$150
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* No class January 18, 2016.

Preschool Specialty Classes

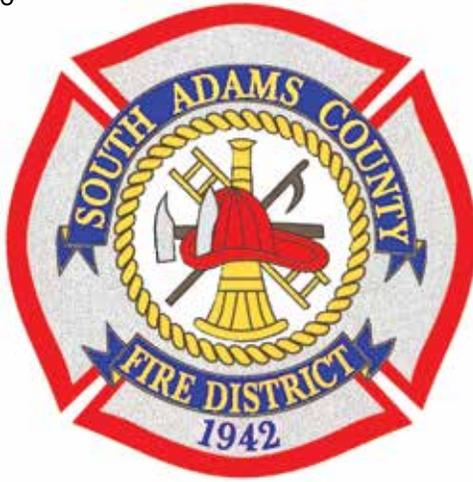
Preschool specialty classes are designed to help children ages 3-5 develop skills through crafts, activities, games and social interactions.

Fri	10 a.m.-Noon	Fees: \$9/\$11/child
7201.101	1/8	Winter Wonderland
7201.102	1/15	Ocean Aquanauts
7201.103	1/22	Plant Power
7201.104	1/29	It's a Jungle Out There

Winter Break Field Trips

Take a road trip on these fun-filled adventures and swimming at the recreation center. Ages 6-10

8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fees: \$30/\$35/trip	
Mon 12/21	Bowling and a Movie	7501.101
Tue 12/22	Denver Science Museum	7501.102
Mon 12/28	Boondocks	7501.103
Tue 12/29	Ice Skating at Evergreen Lake	7501.104



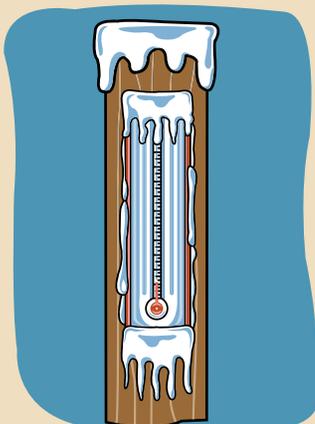
South Adams County Fire Protection District

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Fire safety tip of the month

Checklist to get ahead of the winter freeze

- Our furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. (A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)
- Our chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. (Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is dry, seasoned wood.
- Our fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a covered metal container ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. (The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)
- Our children know to stay at least 3 feet away from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an automatic shut-off.
- Our portable space heaters will be plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. (Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)
- We have tested our smoke alarms and made sure they are working. (You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)
- We have tested our carbon monoxide alarms and made sure they are working. (Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)



Source: NFPA Public Education Division, www.nfpa.org/education

Two new inspectors join the South Adams County Fire District team

The SACFD added two new fire inspectors this fall, Brian Beirweiler and Jon Lodge. Their primary responsibilities will be to enforce the fire codes, inspect buildings and fire suppression systems, investigate the cause and origin of fires within the district, and design and implement fire safety education programs for the general public.

In addition, the inspectors will initiate investigations, report on all malfunctioning and false fire alarms responded to by the South Adams County Fire District, and respond to complaints regarding fire code violations and fire hazards.

The inspectors are available to assist the public with interpreting international fire code standards, state, county and city codes, and answer inquiries from contractors, builders, architects, engineers, business owners, homeowners and the general public.



Fire Inspector Brian Beirweiler teaches employees from Santiago's how to properly use a fire extinguisher. Fire Inspectors from the South Adams County Fire Protection Bureau give fire prevention talks, demonstrations, and presentations before community groups, schools, and other organizations.

Winterfest at Derby Downtown District

Kick off the official start to the holiday season in Commerce City at the 17th Annual Winterfest!

Wednesday, December 9 ✨ 4:30-7 p.m. ✨ FREE



The SACFD, Northglenn Ambulance are joining the Commerce City Police Department's COMMERCE CITY CHRISTMAS.

Donations of toys, cash, gift cards can be dropped off at SACFD Station 3 during business hours and any CCPD precinct.