



Colorado Rockies, Colorado Rapids and Prairie View High School mascots helped city council tee up construction of the new park in Villages at Buffalo Run East during a groundbreaking on Feb. 11.

Where do property tax dollars go?

Enjoying one of the lowest tax rates in Colorado, residents in Commerce City each pay the same property tax rate (3.28 mills); however, the total property tax bill depends upon where a property is located within the city. This is because other entities such as schools and metro districts also collect property taxes to provide their services. Residents living south of E. 96th Avenue have property taxes that are allocated differently than those living north of E. 96th Avenue.

For example, if you live south of E. 96th Avenue, \$37 of \$1,000 in property taxes (or \$3 per month) goes to the city to pay for services and programs. If you live north of E. 96th Avenue, \$17 (or \$1.40 per month) of that bill goes to the city for programs and services. The differences are accounted for by the variety of organizations that receive other portions of your total property tax payment.

Other entities that receive a portion of your total property tax payment are South Adams County Fire District, Urban Drainage – South Platte, Adams County and the Rangeview Library District. A full breakdown can also be found at www.c3gov.com/tax.

City Attorney says farewell after 47 years

Bob Gehler leaves a legal legacy on the city he's served since 1968



If you have been to city council meetings, you have most likely encountered the affable city attorney who provides legal direction to city council, city manager and departments. Bob Gehler has held this post in various forms since 1968 and will retire April 4 having made his mark on the city, including drafting the city charter.

Originally from South Dakota, Gehler came to Colorado as a member of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps at Rocky Mountain Arsenal in 1964. Ready to leave the Army, Gehler passed the Colorado Bar and joined the firm of Berger and Rothstein, whose office was just outside the west gate of the arsenal, in 1965. He served as assistant county attorney for Adams County from 1965–1968.

In 1968, newly elected Commerce City Mayor Eli Koff felt that a change in city attorney was desirable to move the city forward and engaged Gehler's firm. He was sworn in as city attorney in January of that year.

In 1970, residents voted overwhelmingly to become a home rule city, instead of a statutory city, and the process of adopting a city charter began. Approved on its first vote, the charter, which guides how local government functions, has been amended only five times since it was adopted. Gehler cites this as one of the city's most memorable legal achievements.

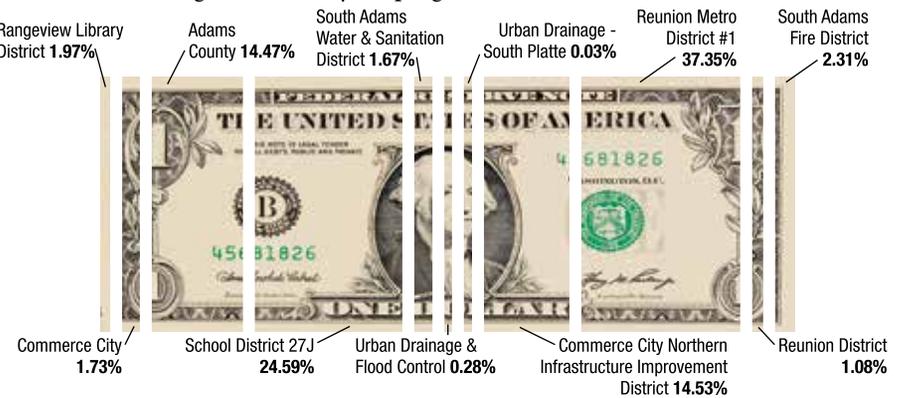
"I have seen a lot of meetings and have rendered a lot of legal opinions and I can say that I have enjoyed the experience," said Gehler. "There are always a lot of challenges, but getting the northern development going and getting the golf course built, are some of the most rewarding things on which I have worked."

Please join us April 4 to celebrate City Attorney Bob Gehler's successful career. His final council meeting begins at 6 p.m. and there will be cake and punch following the meeting.



If you live north of E. 96th Avenue

Of the \$1,000 in property taxes you pay, approximately \$17 dollars – or \$1.40 per month – of that bill goes to the city for programs and services.



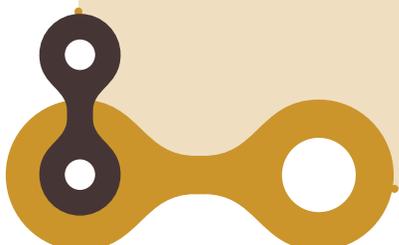
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Adopt - A - Street

The City of Commerce City Adopt-A-Street Program allows families, businesses, and groups to adopt a section of city street to keep clear of litter and debris. Groups who successfully participate in the program are recognized with an Adopt-A-Street road sign at the clean-up site. Visit the website for more information or contact Uriel Akiva (303-289-8147 or uakiva@c3gov.com).

For more information visit c3gov.com/adopt



DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Commerce City is one of the fastest growing cities in Colorado

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

- Taylor Quick marijuana operation at E. 53rd Avenue and Vasquez Boulevard
- 7-Eleven stores, one on E. 96th Avenue west of Yosemite Street and another on E. 104th Avenue east of Hwy 2
- LM Landscape on Quebec Street north of E. 84th Avenue
- GE Equipment on E. 74th Avenue west of Cherry Street
- Honnen Equipment on Dahlia Street and E. 72nd Avenue
- Perfect Teeth on E. 104th Avenue west of Chambers Road
- North Forest Office Space medical on E. 104th Avenue west of Potomac Street

A new, fast-casual dining restaurant is coming this year. Dion's plans to open up its second Denver metro location at E. 104th Avenue and Chambers Road. The New Mexico-based chain serves made-to-order pizza, salads and subs for sit-down or take-out dining. Dion's is expected to open by the end of 2016.

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.

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.

STAY IN-THE-KNOW

City Council adopts laws, ordinances, resolutions and rules consistent with the city charter. Some upcoming meeting topics include:

- Consideration of a master development agreement for the former Mile High Greyhound Park
- Public hearings regarding: rezoning on E. 84th Avenue and Ulster Street; development on E. 112th Avenue and Potomac Street; comprehensive plan amendment and land use to address southwest corner of E. 120th Avenue and Buckley Road; and annexation and zoning around E. 72nd and Colorado Boulevard for the light rail station
- Ordinance to create the city's first public safety citizens advisory board
- Resolutions approving economic development incentives
- Resolutions approving contracts for network and voice over internet protocol upgrades, body worn cameras for police officers, Pena Boulevard on-ramp engineering services, and Chambers Road multi-use trail
- Resolutions changing council policies on travel, events and discretionary expenditures
- Presentations about a fee comparison study jointly completed by the city and South Adams County Water and Sanitation District, public art selection at Paradise Island, and body cameras program for police

Agendas are frequently updated and subject to change so make sure you check online for the most recent council agenda at c3gov.com/council. Council meetings, both regular meetings (first and third Monday nights) and study sessions (second and fourth Monday nights) are open to the public, although public comment is only taken during regular meetings.

COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



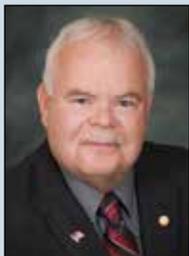
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Term expires 2017



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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.

NEWS BRIEFS

City establishes new public safety citizen advisory board

The police department is establishing its very first citizen advisory board whose purpose will be to formally involve the public in analyzing the city's police service delivery, identifying opportunities for improvement, and to seek alignment with citizen expectations of police services.

"One of the best ways we can serve the public, is by hearing from them firsthand about what they expect from the police department," said Commander Harold Chatman. "This new board has the opportunity to be involved in some very important and exciting transitions in the department."

On March 14, city council is scheduled to hear the first reading of the ordinance with the second reading and approval anticipated March 21. The application process to join the board is expected to begin in April with first board meetings beginning this summer. Potential candidates are screened by the police chief's office and interviewed by city council before recommendations of appointments are made to city council. Visit www.c3gov.com and select the Agendas and Minutes button to access the February 22 city council presentation about the new advisory board. More information will be shared with the public once the application process opens.

Students can receive up to \$4,000 in scholarship funding

The Quality Community Foundation provides scholarships for post-secondary education for residents of Commerce City. Each recipient receives funding for post-secondary education up to \$4,000 over a 4-year period.

Scholarship eligibility requirements:

- Must be a resident of Commerce City
- Must currently be or have been accepted to attend a college, university or vocational school in Colorado.
- Have achieved and will continue to maintain a minimal acceptable grade point average of 2.0 (transcripts required for each stage of scholarship program).

Funding for the Quality Community Foundation Scholarship is made possible through fundraising efforts of the Quality Community Foundation.

Applications can be found on the city website <http://www.c3gov.com/QCF> or can be picked up at the civic center or at Commerce City high school counselors' offices. Applications are due April 29, 2016. For further information and/or to pick up an application, contact Leigh Ann Noell, lnoell@c3gov.com or 303-289-3625.

Celebrate the groundbreaking for the city's station on North Metro Rail line

From the heart of Commerce City, travelers will be able to hop on the commuter rail line, travel over the longest bridge in Colorado, and be in downtown Denver in less time it would take to drive. Upon its completion, the N line will bring RTD service through Denver, Commerce City, Northglenn, Thornton and north Adams County. The Commerce City station will include 359 parking spaces and surrounding development will include mixed-use projects, providing new housing and employment opportunities.

Join in the celebration at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, at the station site at E. 72nd Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. The event marks the beginning of construction at the new station, putting pieces in place for the new N line to open in 2018 and sparking redevelopment of an important area of the city.

"The development is a major step in achieving the goals of the city's adopted Station Area Master Plan for the area, which emphasizes strengthening existing residential neighborhoods while allowing opportunities for new development," said Paul Workman, city planner.

Learn more about the city's Station Area Master Plan at www.c3gov.com/stamp.

Maintenance work to impact traffic near Suncor

Beginning in mid-March, the Suncor refinery begins planned maintenance at its facility off Brighton Boulevard. Increased traffic, noise and flaring are all safe and common effects of the maintenance.

"Commerce City residents may see increased activity at the refinery and we want the community to know it's not a cause for concern," said Lisha Burnett, Suncor's manager of sustainability and communications. "Suncor will focus on completing the maintenance work in a safe manner while minimizing any impacts to our neighbors, customers and the environment."

The maintenance work is part of Suncor's ongoing, regular planned maintenance program which includes both standard maintenance and capital upgrades to improve the operability and reliability of its assets. This work is scheduled to last through the end of April 2016. If people have questions about this work, they can contact Suncor at info@suncor.com.

CALENDAR

- Mar. 1 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Mar. 1 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.
- Mar. 1 Summer Camp Packet Assistance, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 3 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- Mar. 4 Quality Community Foundation grant applications due (application is available online at c3gov.com/qcf)
- Mar. 7 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Mar. 8 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Mar. 8 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Central Elementary, 6450 Holly St., 6-7 p.m.
- Mar. 9 CIP CAC Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 12 Middle School Madness, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-10 p.m.
- Mar. 13 Recreation Center Closed for Emergency Training
- Mar. 13 Night of the Stars State Show, Colorado's Finest, 300 W. Chenango Ave., Englewood, 2 p.m.
- Mar. 14 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Mar. 15 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 5-7 p.m.
- Mar. 15 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- Mar. 17 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- Mar. 18 Cops vs. Kids – Dodge Ball, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 4 p.m.
- Mar. 21 Super Hero in Training, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Mar. 21 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Mar. 21 Golf with Cops, Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave., 1-3:30 p.m.
- Mar. 22 Super Hero in Training, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Mar. 22 Golf with Cops, Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave., 1-3:30 p.m.
- Mar. 22 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Adams City High School, 7200 Quebec Parkway, 6-7 p.m.
- Mar. 23 Super Hero in Training, Fire Station 8, 10326 Walden St., 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Mar. 23 Golf with Cops, Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave., 1-3:30 p.m.
- Mar. 23 Teen Night Around Town (FREE ages 11 – 17), Fronterra Park, 10020 Joplin St., 5-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 24 Spring Break Activity – Butterfly Pavilion, Recreation Center 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Mar. 24 Golf with Cops, Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave., 1-3:30 p.m.
- Mar. 24 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Belle Creek Recreation Center, 10693 Belle Creek Blvd., 6-7 p.m.
- Mar. 25 Spring Break Activity – Bike Ride, Recreation Center 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Mar. 27 Recreation Center Closed for Easter holiday
- Mar. 28 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Mar. 28 Swim Lesson Registration – ONLINE only c3gov.com/registration, 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29 Swim Lesson Registration – walk in and phone, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 30 Teen Night Around Town (FREE ages 11 – 17), Veteran's Memorial Park, 5-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 31 Spring Break Activity – Denver Aquarium, Recreation Center 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Mar. 31 RTD Groundbreaking, 72nd and Colorado Blvd. 1:30 p.m.
- Apr. 1 Spring Break Activity – Paint your own pottery, Recreation Center 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Apr. 1 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Apr. 4 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Apr. 5 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.
- Apr. 7 Mom / Daughter Party Planner Night, Recreation Center 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 5:30-8 p.m.
- Apr. 7 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.

Sign up today and be part of the 52nd annual Memorial Day Parade

From military units and bands to floats, antique cars and horse entries, Colorado's largest Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2016, starts at 10 a.m. and citizens have the opportunity to play an active role in this special event. Join us as we come together and commemorate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Groups can apply to participate in the parade; all parade entrants are required to recognize and observe the parade's purpose and design of honoring our country's military veterans. Visit c3gov.com/parade to review the rules and regulations and download the printable entry form. Commerce City must receive applications by May 20.



Police department honors outstanding officers and explorers

During the Badge and Honor ceremony in January, family members and co-workers gathered to honor Commerce City police officers and explorers for their commitment to the public, achievements, and acts of bravery, courage and compassion in 2015.

Officers Nick Langdon, David Coleman and Nick Archuleta received **Lifesaving Medals** for performing an extraordinary physical act that saved the life of another person.

Officer Jonathan Brascetta received the **Medal of Distinction**, for demonstrating effective use of the department's strategic policing initiative and bringing relief to a community.

Twenty officers received the **Chief's Unit Citation** for performing their assigned duties in an unusually effective manner. Two officers received **Letters of Commendations** for showing exemplary conduct, personal initiative or considerable effort to complete a task which led to the enhancement of the department's mission.

"It has never been as difficult to be in the law enforcement career as it is today and that's why it's important to recognize officers who demonstrate professionalism, character and tenacity in the line of duty," said Police Chief Troy Smith. "These awards are to recognize those who went that extra mile to protect the public and create a safe community in which to live, work, learn and play."

Along with the award celebration, the department took a moment to acknowledge 2015 accomplishments, which include:

- Successfully completed the first resident-focused recruitment for Commerce City residents to become police officers. Through this program three Commerce City residents or workers were sponsored to attend 20-week training at the Adams County Sheriff's Police Academy and are now officers.
- Proactively engaged with the youth through programs and events such as: five Cops vs Kids events, 14 Bike with Cops, six Bike Rodeos, and implemented the first Youth Citizens Police Academy and Mini Police Camp.
- Assigned a commander and crime prevention officer each to designated areas in the city (three zones) to better focus on crime trends and build relationships with the community.
- Increased service to Commerce City victims of crime by 48 percent.

The explorer program also introduced its newest members and recognized Commander Chuck Baker for his 36 years of service with the police department and overseeing the explorer program. Baker has accepted a position as police chief for Cody, Wyo.

For more information about the Commerce City Police Department, visit www.c3gov.com/police.



Officer Jonathan Brascetta receives the Medal of Distinction from Chief Troy Smith.

Design in full swing for the final project in the voter-approved 2K program

The conceptual design process has begun for the new recreation center that is slated to complete construction in late 2017 and open in early 2018. The facility will offer space for residents of all ages to explore fitness and wellness in the growing northern side of town near E. 112th Avenue and Chambers Road. In addition to the new building, the city is planning a renovation to the existing recreation center beginning in 2017 and completing in 2018.

The city would like to thank the 800 community members that gave input through a series of public meetings, focus groups and surveys about programming elements for the new recreation center and expansion of the existing center. Your input, along with citizen advisory committee and city council, was included in the design request for proposals.

The top community requested amenities and suggestions included:

- Indoor leisure pool
- Design and build for growing population
- Weight/fitness areas
- Core amenities
- Walking/jogging track
- Multi-functional spaces with age-specific programming
- Outdoor spray ground
- Indoor lap pool
- Family programs, areas and services

Stay tuned for telephone town hall meetings this spring to discuss the new recreation center and other Commerce City topics with city council. Design will be finalized this spring and construction is expected to begin in late summer. Visit www.c3gov.com/QCL for more information on this and other capital improvement program projects.



City Council and Turnberry Elementary School celebrate "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"-themed Turnberry Park groundbreaking



Leadership Commerce City

CLASS OF 2016 is hosting

Community Connection

on April 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

at Adams City High School, 7200 Quebec Parkway

Fun **FREE** event to meet the organizations who provide resources to Commerce City families. Find housing help, financial resources, programs for kids, learn a new language, and so much more!

Snacks will be served as you meet dozens of community organizations ready to make your life in Commerce City even better.

RSVP appreciated:
dmingilton@adams14.org
 303-853-3253

We believe strong communities are essential to thriving people and neighborhoods.



COUNCIL CORNER



Jadie Carson
Ward III

I'm proud of the work our police officers do every day to make our community safer than it was the year before. When the chief first introduced "strategic policing" as a new direction for the department, I was excited to see how it would work. The approach focuses on officers building relationships and engaging with community members, creating dedicated personnel in assigned areas to address issues. Thanks to new, monthly community meetings held throughout the city, residents can put a face and name to their dedicated team (my neighborhood has Crime Prevention Officer Elizabeth Couture), learn more about neighborhood trends and share concerns. We're already seeing great results from the partnership, such as arresting suspects associated with vehicle break-ins in Belle Creek.

This month city council will create the city's first citizen advisory board for public safety. The purpose of this group is to formally involve the public in analyzing police service, identify opportunities for improvement, and seek alignment with the community's expectations of police services. Many cities have been successful with this type of advisory board and I look forward to seeing how Commerce City's board develops over the next few years.

I know our department isn't perfect and there have been several incidents that are of grave concern to me. City Council is committed to the reform efforts currently underway in the department but these types of changes take time and continued work. I believe the implementation of body cameras this summer is another step in the right direction to improve public safety and community accountability. I encourage all of you to get involved with public safety. Whether it's by attending community meetings or serving on the new advisory board, there are opportunities for you to make a difference.



Reel in the biggest catch at the fishing derby

Join Commerce City Parks and Recreation, Bass Pro Shops, and the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge for the 9th Annual Fishing Frenzy Derby on April 9. Interact with professional fishermen, compete in the derby and win prizes. Please bring your own fishing poles and lures. Ages: 3-15

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

Sat 4/9 FREE

Derby 1 7001.101 9-10 a.m.
Derby 2 7001.102 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Go the distance with spring soccer

Register by March 13 for girls' and boys' soccer programs. All leagues are co-ed and open to kindergartners through fifth grade. All soccer games are played Saturday morning at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. Go online to www.c3gov.com/sports or call 303-289-3789 to register.



On Feb. 17, Commerce City Recreation staff delivered 275 peanut butter and jelly jars to the Adams County Emergency Food Bank as part of the city's annual Spread the Love campaign. Now in its ninth year, Spread the Love has provided more than 4,500 jars of this staple to help the food bank with approximately 4,000 families each month. Thanks to all who participated in this year's campaign.



Swing into spring at Buffalo Run
Golf season is around the corner! Find the golf lesson, program, or tournament for your skill level at BuffaloRunGolfCourse.com.

Now enrolling for summer day camps

Summer camp is around the corner! Kids ages 6-10 enjoy full-day camps with activities ranging from astronomy to zoo exploration. Keep teens ages 11-15 active in full-day camps Monday-Thursday with paddle boarding, whitewater rafting, horseback riding and more! They will enjoy swimming and field trips each week in a safe and friendly environment. State-licensed and CCAP-approved.

Enrollment packets can be downloaded for free online at c3gov.com/camp or are available as hard copy that day at the recreation center for a \$10 fee.

Deadline for summer camp enrollment and a mandatory parent meeting is May 10. For more information about summer camp, visit c3gov.com/camp or contact Ben Vallee at 303-289-3659 or bvallee@c3gov.com.



More than 250 guests enjoyed an event under the sea at the annual Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance Feb. 5

PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

Commerce City Recreation Center

6060 E. Parkway Dr.
303-289-3760
c3gov.com/recreation

Buffalo Run Golf Course

15700 E. 112th Ave.
303-289-1500
buffalorungolfcourse.com

The Commerce City Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr. is closed March 13 for staff training and March 27 for the Easter holiday.

Ages 6-10

Spring Break Activities

Take a study break with these fun-filled activities, including daily swimming at the recreation center. Lunch is not included. Bring a sack lunch, water bottle, swim suit, and towel with you.

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| 8 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$30/\$35 | | |
| Thur | 3/24 | Butterfly Pavilion | 7502.101 |
| Fri | 3/25 | Bike Ride | 7502.102 |
| Thur | 3/31 | Denver Aquarium | 7502.103 |
| Fri | 4/1 | Paint Your Own Pottery | 7502.104 |

Ages 9-12

Super Hero in Training

Be a hero like our men and women in uniform. Meet firemen and police officers in this exciting program. Learn what it takes to be your favorite hero through hands-on activities.

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| 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | \$15/\$25 | | |
| Mon-Wed | 3/21-3/23 | TBD | 7801.102 |

Ages 9-17

Cops vs Kids

Get to know your local police officers every third Friday of the month by taking them on in a friendly sports game. Check in at 4 p.m. the day of the game. FREE

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| Thur | 3/18 | TBD | Dodgeball |
| Fri | 4/15 | Fairfax Park | Futsal |
| Fri | 5/20 | Pioneer Park | Kickball |

Bike Rodeo

Commerce City police officers set up a mini "city" course to help you learn bike laws and safety skills.

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | FREE | | |
| Tue | 5/31 | Landmark Elementary School parking lot | |

Ages 11-15

Golf with Cops - A Cops vs. Kids Camp

Police officers and kids learn from golf pros: chipping, putting, driving and all other skills are taught during this camp. Campers also learn cyber safety, the importance of avoiding negative influences, and what police officers do on the job. The last day is a golf game and barbeque. We have clubs you can borrow!

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| 1-3:30 p.m. | \$45/\$55 | | |
| Mon-Thu | 3/21-3/24 | Buffalo Run Golf Course | 7801.105 |

Ages 11-17

Teen Nights Around Town

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

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| Wed | 3/23 | Fronterra Park | 5-7:30 p.m. |
| Wed | 3/30 | Veterans Memorial Park | 5-7:30 p.m. |
| Wed | 4/27 | Fairfax Park | 5-7:30 p.m. |
| Wed | 5/11 | Los Valientes Park | 5-7:30 p.m. |
| Wed | 5/25 | Pioneer Park | 5-7:30 p.m. |

Geocaching

A fun, real-world outdoor treasure hunt where players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using a GPS device. When you find a cache, take the treasure inside and replace it with another. Spots are limited.

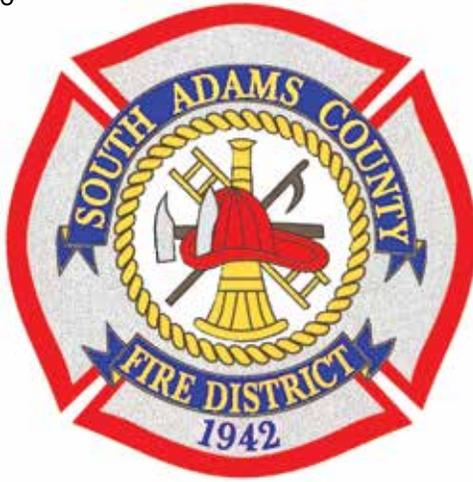
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| 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | \$10/\$13 | | |
| Sat | 4/16-5/7 | | 7801.103 |

Zombie Survival 101

Test your skills in all sorts of terrain and situations and learn fire building, rescue techniques and shelter building from wilderness instructors.

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| Sun | 5/1-6/12* | \$30/\$45 per person | 7801.101 |
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*No class 5/8.



South Adams County Fire Protection District

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

Fire safety tip of the month

Ice Safety

Each winter, after the ice forms on Colorado's waters, outdoor enthusiasts enjoy ice fishing, ice skating and other fun winter sports. However, most ponds and rivers are not meant for winter activities. One glance at the ponds near your home and you'll notice how many small footprints dot the snow covered ice.

Parents should talk to their kids about not going on the ice.

If you see someone on the ice, please go for help and call 9-11.

Remember you take a risk anytime you go out onto the ice.

What if you fall in?

If you cannot get out of the cold water by yourself, take the appropriate actions to extend your survival time while waiting to be rescued.

Stay calm.

Do not attempt to swim, swimming will cause your body to lose heat much faster than if you stay as still as possible.

Act slowly and deliberately to conserve heat, and move slowly back to where you entered the water.

Make the harder moves to attempt to get out in the beginning while you can, you will get tired the longer you're in the water.

Once on the ice, try to push yourself forward on your stomach or roll on your side to keep the weight distributed over a greater surface area. Do not stand up until you have moved onto the ground or an area of solid ice.

Ice Safety Tips

- Always keep your pet on a leash. If a pet falls through the ice, do not attempt to rescue your pet. Go for help.
- Carefully check ice conditions.
- Ice thickness is not consistent. Water currents, particularly around narrow spots, bridges, inlets and outlets, are always suspect for thin ice.
- Beware of ice around partially submerged objects, such as trees, logs brush, embankments or dam structures.
- Don't judge ice strictly by appearance.
- Stay away from cracks, seams, pressure ridges, slushy areas and darker areas that signify thinner ice.
- Be aware of ice that forms at the edges of a lake during the fall and melts at the edges first in spring. However, ice generally should be clear at least four to six inches thick to support one person.
- Be aware of ice covered with snow. Sometimes the snow serves as insulation. Other times, it has the opposite effect by insulating the surface from freezing.

Pinning ceremony recognizes officers, volunteers and retirees

The South Adams County Fire Department held its 2016 Pinning Ceremony at Adams City High School on January 30, 2016. The department pinned four lieutenants, a training officer, a training chief, two deputy chiefs, six fire inspectors, six new career firefighters, and the volunteer firefighters of the 2015 lateral academy class. Three retirees were also honored by the department for their years of service.

A special portion of the ceremony was dedicated to three fallen service members whose names are now on three of the SACFD's fire engines. The project to honor these veterans was spearheaded by District Board President Ken Koger, Chief Kevin Vincel, and Lt. Donny Ottaway.



Lt. Andrew Fairband pinned by his mother.

Get to know... The men whose names grace our trucks

The South Adams County Fire District is honoring local veterans killed in combat action overseas by placing their names on front line fire trucks. The names of three Vietnam veterans from Commerce City were placed on Engine 23, Engine 27, and Truck 28 and unveiled during the 2016 Pinning Ceremony.

Sgt. Lynn Eldon Mince

0311 Rifleman

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 11 Marine Amphibious Force United States Marine Corps

Born Oct. 3, 1937 – KIA Nov. 14, 1965

Medals received: Purple Heart, Air Medal, National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign Medals
Buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery

Sgt. Mince attended Adams City High School (ACHS) before deploying to Vietnam. On Oct. 27, 1965, he was serving as a crew chief on a UH-34D helicopter when his crew was landing in a hot landing zone to pick up a group of soldiers in South Vietnam. Sgt. Mince was wounded by small arms fire during the landing and later died of his wounds.

Sgt. William G Mendenhall

11B Infantryman

B Company 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division

Born May 4, 1939 – KIA Nov. 1, 1966

Medals received: Purple Heart, National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign medals
Buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery

Sgt. Mendenhall was killed by small arms fire in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam.

Pfc. Stanley Gene Miller

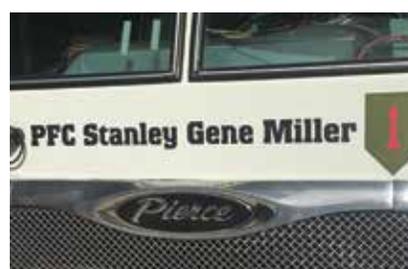
11B Infantryman

B Company 1st Battalion 16th Infantry Regiment "Iron Rangers" of the 1st Infantry Division

Born Sept. 15, 1946 – KIA Feb. 28, 1967

Medals received: Purple Heart, Bronze Star, National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign medals
Buried at Olinger Highland Cemetery

Pfc. Miller was a graduate of ACHS class of 1964. Pfc. Miller married to his high school sweetheart, Mitzi Means and had a son, Stanley Jr. He started his tour of duty on Dec. 18, 1966 in South Vietnam. He was killed by a grenade attack.



PFC Stanley G. Miller: Engine 23



SGT Lynn Eldon Mince: Engine 27



SGT William G. Mendenhall: Truck 28