

Development agreement near for Mile High Greyhound Park site

Former dog track property set to revitalize historic part of town

Redevelopment of the former Mile High Greyhound Park site could start taking shape in the near future. The Commerce City Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and city council will soon consider action on the final master development agreement with REGen, LLC, setting the stage for the zoning process to move forward.

In March 2014, the city entered into exclusive negotiations with REGen, LLC to turn the master redevelopment plan into a reality. Including feedback from community members, this vision aims to see the 65-acre site become a vibrant, mixed-used area including retail, residential and commercial opportunities capable of creating more than 1,400 jobs and \$65 million in annual income. The Suncor Boys & Girls Club, which opened last year on 2.5 acres of land donated by the URA, is the only development currently on the property.

After more than 60 years in the heart of historic Commerce City, the Mile High Greyhound Park closed its doors to dog racing in 2008. The Commerce City URA purchased the property in 2011 in order to create another exciting development opportunity in the city. Zoning, entitlements and approval of the urban renewal plan can go forward after a master development agreement has been signed; with infrastructure construction (such as roads, drainage and sewer) expected to start in 2017.

The master development agreement is slated to go before city council at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 18.



Six members of the Commerce City Youth Commission attended the National League of Cities conference in March. In their free time, they visited museums, monuments, and toured the capitol. A few of them were able to attend a breakfast with Senators Gardner and Bennet. Pictured left to right: Fernando Chavez, Nayeli Olivas, Cynthia M. Gonzales, Adriana Montolva, Elain Shubat and Shanize Reynaud.

Council members make the most of Washington, D.C. trip

Five city council members represented Commerce City in Washington, D.C. March 2-5, advocating for key issues affecting the city. Mayor Pro Tem Bullock and council members Amador, Diaz, Douglas and Elliott met with Representatives Perlmutter and DeGette as well as Senators Bennet and Gardner. They also took advantage of meetings with officials from the Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Highway Administration, Department of the Interior, and Housing and Urban Development to ensure Commerce City has a voice in issues affecting the city.

The council's 2016 policy priorities were approved by resolution in November of 2015. Legislative priorities include safety and nuisance issues related to railroad proximity, acquiring funding through federal block and competitive grants, and increase availability of owner-occupied, multifamily housing.

View all legislative priorities at c3gov.com/council and select the federal & state relationships link.

Six youth commissioners also attended the National League of Cities annual conference to interact with hundreds of youth from around the country. The commissioners engaged with other youth and leaders to discuss hot issues such as water quality, justice reform, and the presidential election.

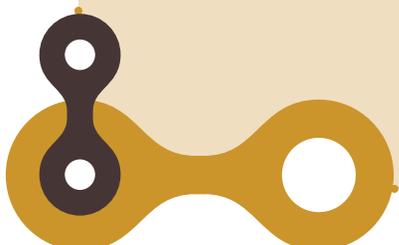
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NEWS BRIEFS

Play golf, support students

The Quality Community Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament occurs Friday, June 10 at the Buffalo Run Golf Course (15700 E. 112th Avenue). All participants will enjoy a gourmet lunch, door prizes and fun contests. Register online at www.c3gov.com/QCF.

If you want to support the scholarship fund without golfing in the tournament, we are also looking for donations and sponsorships. Contact Leigh Ann Noell at 303-289-3625 or lnoell@c3gov.com for more information. Contributions to the QCF are tax deductible.

Proceeds from the golf tournament are used to grow the QCF's academic scholarship fund.

April 10-16 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. We ask the community to join us in thanking all of the dispatchers who work long shifts and continually serve to provide a lifeline to those in need. Dispatchers are the eyes and ears of emergency responders. They make sure the right responders get to an emergency as fast as possible and help keep responders safe as they assist those in crisis. Remember to call 911 for emergencies.

Be the first to know with Code Red

Register a mobile phone number or email address for up to-the-minute emergency notification

Code Red, an emergency phone notification system, sends text messages, emails and calls to alert Adams County users of public safety issues of immediate concern. These issues may include missing children, natural disasters, and crime and weather incidents.

Any resident with a landline is automatically enrolled in the program. Those who wish to register a cell phone or email address may do so at: <http://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/EA22F5DE3F32>.

Enrolling is completely optional but recommended. This system differs from the school districts' auto-dialer systems and registration in Code Red will not affect any information being shared by the school districts. When you enroll, you choose topics to receive alerts for. This system replaced First Call.

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.

Free Day at the Landfill.

Open to Commerce City and Henderson Residents

- Proof of city residency (Commerce City or Henderson) required (Colorado driver's license/tax statement)
- Must wear reflective safety vest while unloading
- No charge for cars, vans or SUVs. The first 5 yards for pickup trucks and trailblazers are also no charge; however, anything that exceeds the 5 yard maximum will be subject to a current gate rated charge plus applicable taxes and fees.
- One free load per resident
- All loads must be covered
- Appliances with refrigerants (air conditioners, refrigerators, etc.) must have certification of chlorofluorocarbon removal
- Mattresses and box springs are subject to a fee of \$30 each



Non-acceptable items: tires, car batteries, used oil, hazardous materials/liquids. These items may be discarded during household chemical roundups sponsored by Tri-County Health Department.

Saturday, April 23
7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more info: 303.371.5115
8480 Tower Road



STAY IN-THE-KNOW

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

- Ordinances for an annual update to the land development code, grant recognition, building code update, noxious weed management plan changes, and an ordinance to create the city's first public safety citizens advisory board.
- Zoning items related to property located near E. 84th Avenue and Ulster Street; E. 120th Avenue and Buckley Road; and E. 72nd Avenue and Colorado Boulevard for the new rail station.
- Resolutions approving contracts for network and voice over internet protocol upgrades, body-worn cameras for police officers, Pena Boulevard on-ramp construction, and Highway 2 widening construction.
- Presentations on the Quality Community Foundation's grant award recipients, the capital program update, and first quarter work plan update.

Agendas are frequently updated and subject to change, so be sure to 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



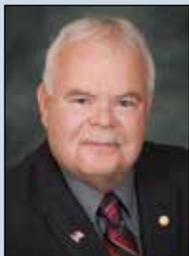
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Term expires 2017

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.

Five fun things about the five-year capital improvement program



1. Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park opened on July 10, 2015.

- There were 32,207 visits during the 2015 season
- You can see downtown Denver and Boulder Flatirons from the slide tower
- 94 percent of staff are Commerce City residents

2. Three neighborhood parks being built or already completed:

- The neighborhood park in Fronterra was constructed with several inter-connected loop trails of varying lengths for walking and jogging. Residents can calculate their walking or jogging distance by looking for the markers embedded in the trail itself. There is a tortoise and hare theme to the loops, with the tortoise loop being approximately 1/3 mile and the hare loop approximately 1/2 mile. In addition, along these two loop trails are multiple exercise stations that can be utilized during a walk or jog.
- A neighborhood park in Turnberry is under construction and expected to open this summer. The Very Hungry Caterpillar book-inspired theme and a multi-use hard court will be incorporated at the 9.5-acre park, located at 10725 Wheeling Street.
- A neighborhood park in the Villages at Buffalo Run East is under construction and expected to open this summer. A Rocky Mountain theme and a multi-use hard court will be incorporated at the 9-acre park, located at 11698 Chambers Road.

3. Tower Road will be widened from two lanes to four lanes between E. 80th and E. 104th avenues. Construction is slated to begin this May and expected to be complete in 2017. The widening will include bike lanes on both sides and a 6-foot wide sidewalk making the road multi-modal. There will be 6 new miles of bike lanes that will be the “backbone” of the future regional trail system.

4. New recreation center near E. 112th Avenue and Potomac Street is expected to begin construction this summer and open in 2018. Features will include: gymnasium with walking/jogging track, weights/fitness area, gymnastics, and aerobics/dance studio. More than 800 community members provided input during the outreach process, thank you!

5. Additions to the existing recreation center expected in 2018. Features include a therapy pool, family locker rooms, outdoor spray ground and aerobics/dance studio. The recreation center opened in 1987 and has undergone two remodels. The first, in 1996, added approximately 20,000 sq. ft. (gymnastics room, third gymnasium, game room and preschool room). The second, in 2012 remodeled the Senior Center and some minor facility enhancements.

Commerce City’s \$137 million capital improvement program is made possible by a 2013 voter-approved 1-percent sales and use tax increase for new parks, recreation and road projects. All five capital improvement projects are in varying states of design, construction and completion. Learn more about the capital improvement program at 303-C3-WORKS or www.c3gov.com/QCL.

CALENDAR

- Apr. 1 Spring Break Activity – Paint your own pottery, Recreation Center 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Apr. 1 Spring Break Drop-in crafts, Anything Library, 7185 Monaco St., 3-4 p.m.
- Apr. 1 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Apr. 2 Spring Break Drop-in crafts, Anything Library, 7185 Monaco St., 3-4 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.
- Apr. 9 9th Annual Fishing Frenzy, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, FREE, Derby 1: 9-10 a.m., Derby 2: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Apr. 9 Middle School Madness – Pool Party, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-10 p.m.
- Apr. 10-16 National Victims’ Rights Week
- Apr. 11 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Apr. 12 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Apr. 13 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 14 Mom / Daughter Party Planner Night, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 5:30-8 p.m.
- Apr. 15 Cops vs. Kids – Futsol, Fairfax Park, 6850 Fairfax Dr., 4 p.m.
- Apr. 15 Mom / Daughter Party Planner Night, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 5:30-8 p.m.
- Apr. 16 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Apr. 18 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Apr. 19 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- Apr. 19 Quality Community Foundation meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 20 Community Connection, Adams City High School, 7200 Quebec Pkwy, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Apr. 21 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Stuart Middle School, 15955 E 101st Way, 6-7 p.m.
- Apr. 21 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- Apr. 23 Free Landfill Day, Republic Services Tower Landfill, 8480 Tower Road, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Apr. 27 Teen Night Around Town (FREE ages 11-17), Fairfax Park, 6850 Fairfax Dr., 5-7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 28 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Apr. 30 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 1 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- May 2 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- May 3 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.
- May 5 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- May 9 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- May 10 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- May 11 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- May 11 CIP CAC Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- May 16 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6 – 10 p.m.

Celebrate Arbor Day - plant a FREE tree

Residents are able to pick up tree seedlings at the Commerce City Recreation Center (6060 E. Parkway Dr.) on Friday, April 15 from noon to 5 p.m. Seedlings are available on a first-come, first-served basis and include instruction guides on how to store, care for, and plant them.

Trees provide oxygen, shade and give life to neighborhoods; they also provide environmental benefits including absorbing stormwater and pollutants.

Commerce City has been recognized as a “Tree City USA” by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 25th consecutive year in 2016. City Council has declared the third Friday in April as Arbor Day in Commerce City.

Contact Tony Jaramillo, parks development supervisor, at 303-289-8166 with any questions about the program.



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 the 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.



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 February:

- Lokal Homes – Villages at Buffalo run at E. 120th Avenue and Chambers Road
- George T. Sanders distribution warehouse south of E. 96th Avenue on E. 95th Place
- Gray Fox Investments marijuana facility on Dallas Street north of E. 96th Avenue
- Retail marijuana space north of E. 54th Avenue on Quebec Street
- Marijuana retail and grow north of E. 52nd Avenue on Quebec Street
- Collision repair business north of E. 66th Avenue on Colorado Boulevard
- 7-Eleven east of Hwy 2 on E. 104th Avenue
- Bradley commercial business west of Newport Street on E. 49th Avenue
- ADCOM Public Facilities office north of E. 73rd Avenue on Birch Street

Commerce City welcomes Midwest Truck Parts & Service to the Irondale area. The company plans to build a 25,000 square-foot office, warehouse and distribution facility at 7790 E. 88th Avenue. The project creates 37 new jobs and \$4 million in new capital investment. While Midwest Truck Parts & Service is new to the city, they have been a full service provider in heavy duty truck parts and suspension for over 40 years.

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.

Serving Victims. Restoring Hope. Building Trust

City creates awareness through National Crime Victims' Rights Week

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 10-16) provides an opportunity to honor victims and survivors of violent crime. This year's theme – Serving Victims. Restoring Hope. Building Trust. – emphasizes the importance of early intervention. The city honors the Victim Services Unit (VSU) and its role in establishing trust and hope during healing and recovery.

"In 2015, our unit served more than 3,800 victims and responded to 979 crime scenes; a 26 percent increase from the previous year," said Victim Service Coordinator Kim Messina. "Our goal as victim advocates is to make sure each victim is treated with respect and dignity and be with them through each and every step of the criminal justice process."

Each year, the city and city council recognize Victims' Rights Week as a time to promote awareness of victims' rights and educate what to do in a domestic violence case. The city's Victim Services Unit heads up this effort, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week to support victims of crime.

Under the Colorado Victims' Rights Act, victims are provided with: immediate crisis intervention; follow-up support; special services for juveniles, elderly and disabled victims; referrals to organizations that provide medical, mental health, and social services; along with referrals to organizations that provide translation services and financial assistance. Victims also have the right to information on obtaining public records, including police reports and information on protective orders.

Many victims are frightened about stepping forward. With the support of the VSU, victims have a safe place to stay, access to food and other daily necessities and supplies for their children. The police ensure safety of the victim while investigating the crime.

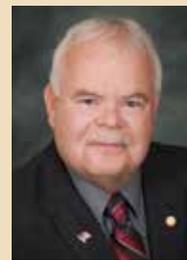
The VSU is always accepting donations from individuals and businesses for items such as gift cards, diapers, infant formula, and pre-paid phones. Want to join the team? Victim services volunteers must be at least 21 years old, successfully pass a background check and commit to four shifts of 12 hours of volunteer time per month following 40 hours of training. For more information on becoming a victim advocate or receiving VSU help, contact Victim Services Coordinator Kim Messina at 303-289-8198.



From left to right, victim advocates Shasta Baca, Alexis Gutierrez, Kim Messina, Tonya Isenbart, Brittany Kimmel. Not pictured Rosaryo Gallegos.

COUNCIL CORNER

Time for spring cleaning!



Rick Teter
Ward II

Spring is here and everyone seems to be ready to make his/her home ready for enjoying the outdoors. With that in mind, I want to take this time to remind you of some things to help keep neighborhoods looking great. If you know me, then you know I spend a lot of time in my yard.

My large family gets together during holidays and on the weekends so I also spend my time doing yard work so it looks nice. When the new trash service rolled out last year I, like many of you, asked for more options for green yard waste disposal. So we're continuing the drop-off events that were introduced last year. **On Saturday, May 14, there will be a spring yard waste drop off event at the civic center (7887 E. 60th Ave.) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Collected yard waste goes to a composting facility, not the landfill. Another yard waste drop off will be scheduled for the fall so keep an eye out for that.

Have large items you don't need anymore? Waste Management offers five large-item pickups per address per year. You must call 1-800-482-6406 at least 24 hours in advance of your regularly scheduled trash day to schedule this. Guidelines can be found at c3gov.com/trash.

Finally, we are one year into our fully automated collection system with Waste Management. We understand the learning curve associated with the new system and we appreciate residents' patience and cooperation throughout the process. The system offers many benefits and will continue to improve as we move forward.



Orange barrels no longer dot E. 104th Avenue as the widening project nears completion. All four lanes are now fully open to traffic between Highway 85 and E-470 following the latest phase of the project, which is currently in the touch-up stage.

Be informed. Be involved. Be safe.

Join the Commerce City Police Department for neighborhood meetings to discuss crime concerns. Together we can work toward reducing crime and the fear of crime.

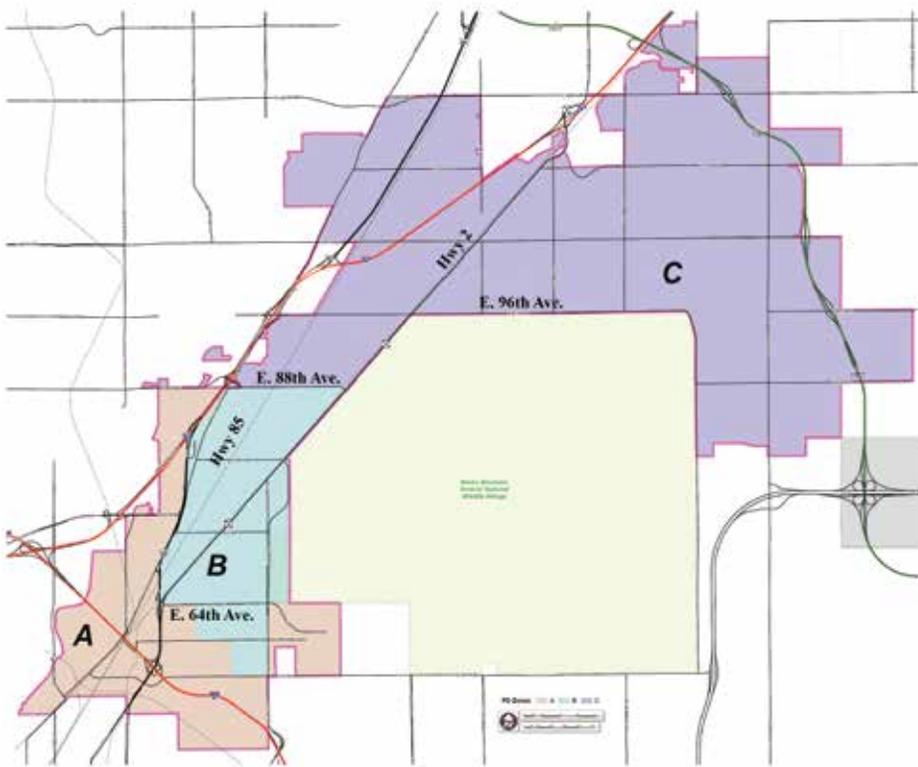
Upcoming meetings:

- Zone A: April 5, Alsup Elementary 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.
May 3, Alsup Elementary 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.
- Zone B: April 13, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
May 11, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Zone C: April 21, Stuart Middle School 15955 E 101st Way, 6-7 p.m.
May 19, Belle Creek Rec Center, 10693 Belle Creek Blvd, 6-7 p.m.

**Zone C meetings alternate locations between Stuart Middle School and the Belle Creek Recreation Center. Check the city's calendar for possible updates to meetings.*

Find out which zone you live in at c3gov.com/police or contact Crime Prevention officer DJ Thompson at 303-727-3996 or dthompson@c3gov.com.

Find your zone on the map below



City seeks parks, recreation and golf advisory committee applicants

Are you a parks and recreation advocate looking to make a difference in Commerce City? Now is your opportunity to help shape the future of active living/healthy lifestyle opportunities in the city as a member of the new parks, recreation and golf citizen advisory committee.

The committee will serve as a voice of the public by advising the city on various issues related to recreation and golf programs, services and facilities along with parks, trails and open spaces owned and operated by the city. With construction coming soon on a new recreation center, recent improvements to the existing recreation center and numerous parks and trails to be added around the city, it's an exciting time to be involved.

The application process to join the committee is currently open. For more information about the committee and the process to submit your application, visit www.c3gov.com/boards and select "advisory committees." Potential candidates will be interviewed by city council before recommendations of appointments are made.

City council approved Resolution No. 2016-12 establishing the committee on March 21. To access city council information regarding the committee, visit www.c3gov.com and select the "Agendas & Minutes" button.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Access Housing Inc.	303-289-7078
Adams County Food Distribution Center.....	303-286-4193
Adams County Head Start	303-286-4141
Adams County Housing Authority	303-227-2075
Adams County School District 14	303-853-3333
Adams County Sheriff's Office	303-654-1850
Adams County Social Services	303-287-8831
Adams County Workforce	303-453-8627
Alternatives to Family Violence	303-657-0492
Center for People with Disabilities	303-422-8662
Children's Outreach Project	303-429-0653
Colorado Access Advantage	720-744-5101
Commerce City Health Services	303-289-1086
Commerce City Library.....	303-287-0063
Community Enterprise	303-288-4783
Denver Rescue Mission	303-294-0157
Department of Motor Vehicles	303-654-6010
Derby Resource Center.....	303-289-1735
Families First	303-745-0327
Family Tree	303-227-2205
Housing Authority	303-289-3698
Migrant Education Program	303-288-4641
New America School	303-523-9634
North Metro Community	303-255-6595
Partnerships for Healthy Comm	303-422-2483
Platte Valley Medical Center	303-659-6404
Project CASE	720-933-1227
Salud Clinic	303-286-8900
School District 27J	303-655-2900
The Senior Hub.....	303-426-4408
South Adams Fire District	303-288-0835
South Adams County Water & Sanitation District.....	303-288-2646
Tri-County Health Department	303-288-6816
Voices Community Resource Center	720-542-5360
Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention	303-429-3530
Waste Management Recycle Schedule	1-800-482-6406

CITY NUMBERS

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
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.

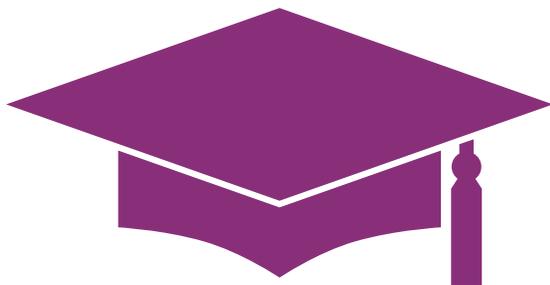
GOVT LOCATIONS

Civic Center	7887 E. 60th Ave.
Police Dept.	7887 E. 60th Ave.
Parks and Rec	6060 E. Parkway Dr.
Municipal Service Center (MSC).....	8602 Rosemary St.

Visit c3gov.com for more information.

JOIN US!

2016 Quality Community Foundation Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament



Friday, June 10, 2016 • Buffalo Run Golf Course

Benefiting post-secondary education scholarships for Commerce City residents.



More information about the Quality Community Foundation is available online at c3gov.com/QCF.



Choose your summer camp adventure

Summer camp is around the corner! Kids ages 6-10 enjoy full-day camps with activities ranging from astronomy to zoo exploration. Teens ages 11-15 can stay active in full-day camps Monday-Thursday with paddle boarding, whitewater rafting, horseback riding and more! They will enjoy swimming at the recreation center 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 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.



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

Swing into summer with youth baseball

Step up to the plate and register for youth baseball starting April 4. Youth ages 5-14 learn the fundamentals of baseball, teamwork and sportsmanship. Games are held at Pioneer Park. Save on fees when you register before May 1. Call 303-289-3789 or visit c3gov.com/register.

Soar into summer!
Registration opens April 4.



Hook the biggest catch at the Fishing Frenzy Derby

Join Commerce City Parks and Recreation, Bass Pro Shops, and the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge for the 9th annual fishing derby. Space is limited. Register online at www.c3gov.com/register or call 303-289-3789. On site check-in begins at 8 a.m. Bring your own fishing poles and lures if you have them. Fishing Frenzy is held at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., Commerce City, CO 80022. Ages 3-15.

Sat	4/9	FREE
7001.101	Derby 1	9-10 a.m.
7001.102	Derby 2	10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 4 and up

NEW! Mom/Daughter Dessert Design

In this program, moms, daughters, aunts, nieces, grandmothers, and granddaughters get a chance to create beautiful artwork out of delicious desserts.

Thur	4/14	5:30-8 p.m.	\$10/\$12/person	7001.106
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Grades 6-8

Middle School Madness

Take over the recreation center and have a blast at a pool party!

Sat	4/9	7-10 p.m.	\$2 per person
		Recreation center	Pool party

Ages 9-17

Cops vs. Kids Tournaments

Get to know your local police officers every third Friday of the month by taking them on in a friendly sports game.

Fri	4/15	4 p.m.	FREE
		Fairfax Park	Futsal

Ages 11-17

Geocaching

A fun, real-world outdoor treasure hunt where players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using a GPS device.

Sat	4/16-5/7	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	\$10/\$13	7801.103
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Teen Nights Around Town

Enjoy an outdoor party with inflatables, games, sports and food.

Wed	4/27	5-7:30 p.m.	FREE	Fairfax Park
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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.

Sun	5/1-6/12*	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	\$30/\$45	7801.101
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*No class 5/8.

COMMERCE CITY'S
31ST ANNUAL

Pancake Breakfast

DIG IN TO A HEARTY FAMILY BREAKFAST THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE!

\$4
A PLATE

SATURDAY, MAY 7 • 7-10 A.M.

JOIN US AT THIS FUN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
PANCAKE FOOD TRUCK & FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Buy your tickets in the Senior Lobby or online at c3gov.com/register using the code 4601.208.

Proceeds benefit special interest groups programs and the Goodfriends scholarship at the recreation center, which provides financial assistance to older adults.

COMMERCE CITY RECREATION CENTER
6060 E Parkway Drive • 303.289.3720

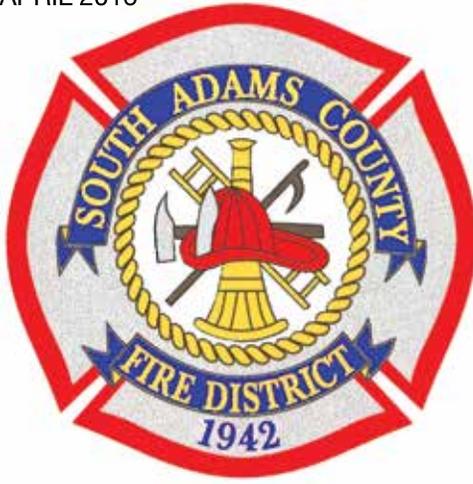
LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Commerce City Parks, Recreation & Golf is hiring!
View all open positions and apply online at c3gov.com/jobs.

Clubhouse and restaurant reopen April 6

The golf course is closed for play April 4-5 for the annual greens aeration. The golf course, clubhouse and restaurant will resume normal operating hours April 6. Stop by and explore the newly remodeled clubhouse and taste the Bison Grill's new menu!





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 at Home

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.
- 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 three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working.



New construction helps department grow

Two major projects are underway that will continue to improve the efficiency of the department: the rebuilding of Station 4 and the construction of the new South Adams County Fire District headquarters.

Station 4, located at 8600 Rosemary Street, is placed in a uniquely busy area with access to Highway 2, Interstate-76 and the Mile High Flea Market.

“The station allows us to slowly integrate current staff with other firehouses,” said Chief Kevin Vincel. “It also has the potential to house more than one apparatus, if necessary. In addition, we are adding to our fleet of fire engines, with two new engines set to be delivered at the beginning of 2017.”

While the fire trucks that roll down the streets of the community are the obvious face of the department, the addition of new fire inspectors and fire prevention programs further connect the department with local businesses and schools. The headquarters, which will be located near the Commerce City Civic Center, will house administrative staff for the department and the Fire Prevention Bureau.

The department recently sent out a mailing and has brochures available on every engine, which outline several of the improvements SACFD is making to better serve citizens.



The construction of SACFD Station 4 at 8600 Rosemary St. is well underway. The station is another step the SACFD is taking to decrease response times and better serve the community.

Get to know your SACFD firefighter

Name: Jamin Hutchcraft

Title/Rank: Firefighter

Work Location: Station 28

Years with the department: two

What is your favorite part of the job? The brotherhood/sisterhood.

How has SACFD changed you? It has made me more mindful of how fortunate I am to have the things that I do.

Where did you grow up? Colorado.

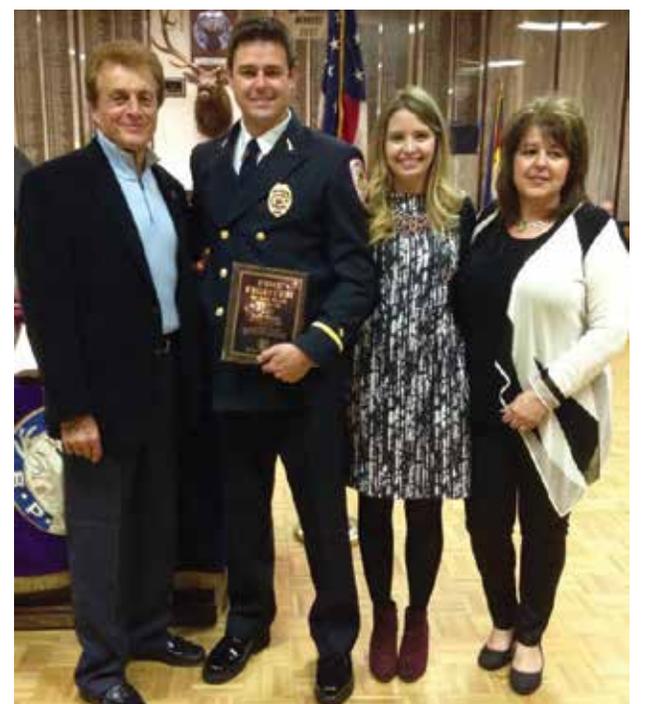
If I weren't a firefighter, I would be a: Paramedic.

Three words to describe you: Husband, father, brother.

Who is your hero? My father, because he taught me integrity and the value of work ethic.



SACFD Firefighter Jamin Hutchcraft



Lieutenant Jeff Woog was recently awarded South Adams County Firefighter of the Year by the Elks Lodge 2227. Lt. Woog was nominated by surrounding fire districts for the award, which honors men and women in public service. The lodge also awarded a \$200 dollar donation to the charity of choice. Lt. Woog chose Colorado Professional Fallen Firefighter Foundation.



South Adams County Water & Sanitation District

6595 East 70th Ave Commerce City, CO 80022

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South Adams County Water & Sanitation District is hosting a three class educational series for our customers. All customers are welcome to attend all three of the educational series, or can choose which one will best fit your needs.

Save water in your yard this summer

- Only apply as much water as the soil can absorb. Use the Cycle and Soak method break watering times into 3 short cycles, allowing an hour of soak time in between.
- By programming your automatic sprinkler system to fit the weather conditions you water when the plants need it, not by the clock.
- Water during the cooler hours and avoid watering on windy days.
- Dispose of tissues, insects and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet
- If it has rained in the past few days, or will rain soon, don't water.
- Don't water the sidewalk, rocks or road. They won't grow.
- Aerate in the spring or fall to open up soil to absorb more moisture..
- Don't waste water by spraying o a driveway or sidewalk, use a broom instead.
- Use efficient technology like drip irrigation, rotary spray nozzles, and smart irrigation controllers.
- Check sprinkler systems and timing devices to be sure they are operating properly.
- Cut grass at least three inches in height to encourage deeper roots and better moisture retention. Never cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade.
- The application of fertilizers increases the need for water. Apply fertilizers that contain slow-release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.
- Mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulching also helps to control weeds that compete with plants for water.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook and twitter for more water saving tips.

Topic: Integrating Xeriscape Into Your Existing Landscape
Date: Thurs. April 7, 2016
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Location: Commerce City Recreation Center, 6060 East Parkway Dr. Commerce City, CO 80022

Whether you are looking to replace high-maintenance, water-thirsty grass or to beautify your yard with Xeriscape, this seminar will empower you to transform non-functional areas of your landscape into stunning areas that you can enjoy. In this seminar, the 7 principles of Xeriscape design will be discussed along with plant selection, drip systems, irrigation management in blue grass lawns, mulches, and other how-to's of the design phase through completion. Join local horticulturist, Eric Hammond, as he shares tips for integrating Xeriscape into an existing landscape design.

Topic: Second Annual Reunion Garden Show
Date: April 23, 2016
Time: 11am to 2pm
Location: 17910 Parkside Dr N, Commerce City, CO 80022

There are lots of ways to save water on your lawn this summer. For example, we recommend not watering between 10am and 6pm when temperatures are highest. By watering in the morning or evening you will decrease the amount of water lost to evaporation and wind. If you would like water saving tips, information on how to check your irrigation system, and work your irrigation clock, come join us!

Topic: Save Water, Save Money
Date: May 21, 2016
Time: 10am to 1pm
Location: 6595 East 70th Ave, Commerce City, CO 80022

Take control of your water use in your home, and in your community. Save money with easy and effective water saving methods that fit your schedule and lifestyle. Our focus is to help our customers stay on top of important topics and learn more about programs that we are currently offering.

Irrigation Startup April 15

Irrigation season officially begins on April 15th. Please check your irrigation system for leaks and broken sprinkler heads when you start-up your system. Customers served by the District's Separate Irrigation System may need a little extra assistance as they prepare their systems for the watering season. Start-up instructions, system operational information and a video are available online at www.sacwsd.org.

Try some of these simple strategies to reduce your water waste and protect the environment. Having a beautiful landscape doesn't have to mean using a lot of water.

- Adjust your irrigation system often. Get to know the settings on your irrigation controller.
- Set sprinklers to keep the water on the landscape and off the pavement. Lots of water is wasted by poorly designed and neglected sprinkler systems.
- Inspect your irrigation system monthly. Check for leaks, broken or clogged heads, and other problems.
- Avoid watering in the middle of the day when the hot sun will evaporate much of the water.

Are you struggling to wrap your head around that hefty summer water bill? South Adams County Water and Sanitation District and the Center for ReSource Conservation can help with a free irrigation inspection. We'll run a few tests to check your sprinklers' efficiency and diagnose any problems your system might have. At the end you'll receive a customized watering schedule designed to reduce water usage and keep your lawn healthy and beautiful all summer long!



Inspections last about 90 minutes, but could help you save thousands of gallons of water each year. It's easy to sign up and get long-lasting and money-saving results! Simply call (303) 999-3824 or sign up at www.conservacioncenter.org/sprinkler to schedule.

The District is cancelling the election for the Board of Directors. We have two candidates for two vacancies. Therefore, the statutes allow us to cancel. Join me in congratulating JoAnn Moss as she returns for her second term as a Director and Michael Scanlon who will fill the vacancy created by term limits for Glen Murray. Our next election will occur in May of 2018 when we will have three seats available. If you have any questions, please contact me Sandra Schrawder, MBA; at voice: 720-206-0509 or email: sschrawder@sacwsd.org

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

We also provide online pay options.

Customer Service & Billing Information:
 Phone: 303.288.2646
 Email: billing@sacwsd.org

CALENDAR

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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 70th Avenue in Commerce City
Meetings are open to the public.



Glen Murray
 President
 2nd four-year term
 Expires: 5/2016



Joann Moss
 Secretary
 1st four-year term
 Expires: 5/2016



John Kuchar
 Treasurer
 1st four-year term
 Expires: 5/2018



Mizraim Cordero
 Director
 1st four-year term
 Expires: 5/2018



Aaron Phillips
 Director
 1st four-year term
 Expires: 5/2018