

Police department to increase safety and trust with body cameras

As the demand grows nationally for law enforcement accountability and transparency, body cameras are becoming the norm. Starting early July 2016, every Commerce City patrol officer will be wearing body worn cameras to record interactions as part of their job. Body cameras are shown to significantly reduce officer use-of-force incidents and citizen complaints. For example, the City of Rialto, Calif., found that the usage of body worn cameras by police officers decreased use-of-force incidents by 59 percent and reduced citizens' complaints by 88 percent.

"Body cameras represent an important step forward as part of the police department's reform effort of demonstrating our commitment to rebuilding trust with the residents we serve," said Interim Deputy Chief Dennis Moon. "When we receive a call regarding a use-of-force complaint, the camera footage allows us to have both sides of the story and makes sure our officers are displaying the standard of excellence the community expects and deserves."

With growing concern about police practices nationally, the importance of video and audio documentation of interactions is vital to the protection of the public and officers. On April 4, city council authorized the police department to enter into contract negotiations with Taser International for an expenditure of up to \$180,000, which includes 77 cameras and data storage, as well as the digital evidence management system. The body cameras are capable of recording 20 continuous hours of high-definition video and audio on a single charge.

Under the draft policy, officers are required to wear the camera on their chest, where it is visible to anyone interacting with the police officer. Officers will keep their devices in standby mode and activate them for recording before arriving at a call. Calls can include a traffic stop, conducting a search, interviewing witnesses, engaging in

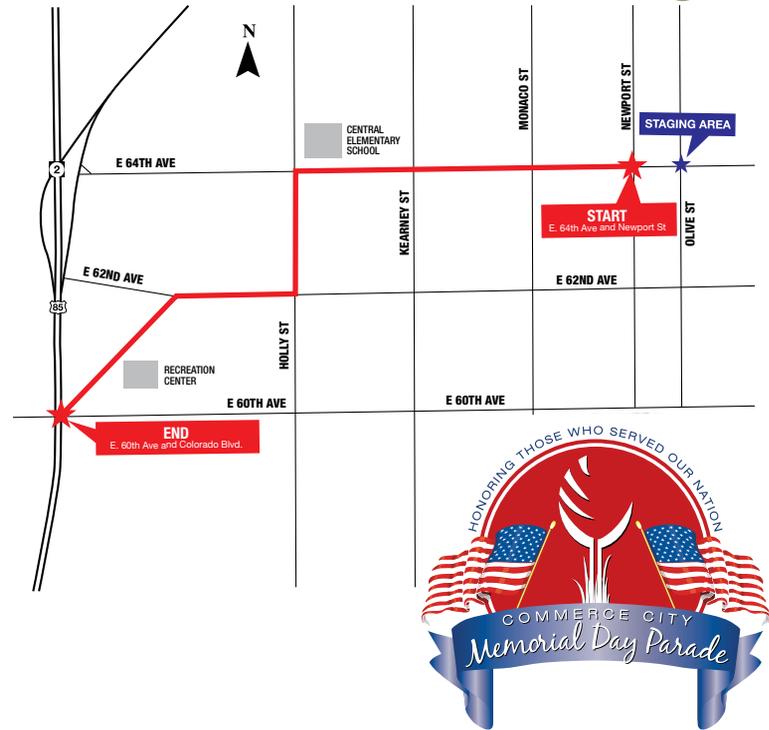
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Come out to Commerce City's 52nd annual Memorial Day parade!

From military units and bands to floats, antique cars and horse entries, Commerce City hosts Colorado's largest Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 30. The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. at E. 64th Avenue and Newport Street. Before the parade, join us at 9:30 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park (6015 Forest Drive) for a brief ceremony honoring the men and women who have fallen while serving our country with honor and valor. The parade gets underway immediately following the ceremony and lasts approximately two hours.

Join your friends and neighbors for this Commerce City tradition saluting those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Parade Route



Members of the Mile-Hi Skydiving Demonstration Team flying in the Armed forces flags at last year's Memorial Day Parade.

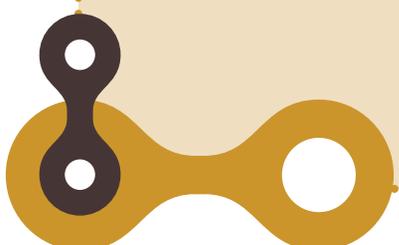
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Street sweeping season is here

Sweeping operations on residential streets continue through November

Street sweeping operations are well underway for the Commerce City Public Works Department, which sweeps most residential streets twice annually between the spring and fall. In order to assist sweeper operators who clean city neighborhoods and keep debris out of the storm water system, residents are encouraged to:

- Park vehicles off-street between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on scheduled sweeping days
- Trim tree limbs that hang over sidewalks and streets to a height of 15 feet above the roadway
- Sweep sidewalks in front of residences so debris can be picked up

This year's sweeping schedule began in late March and is scheduled to conclude December 2. In the event of inclement weather or mechanical issues, schedules may sometimes vary by a day or more.

Route #1	Date:
Quebec Parkway west to Magnolia Street	March 21 – March 30 August 8 – August 12
E. 64th Avenue north to E. 80th Avenue	May 30 – June 3 October 17 – October 21

Route #2	Date:
Quebec Parkway west to Dahlia Street	March 31 – April 8 August 15 – August 19
Sand Creek Drive north to E. 64th Avenue	June 6 – June 10 October 24 – October 28

Route #3	Date:
Ivanhoe Street west to Fairfax Drive	April 11 – April 20 August 22 – August 26
E. 69th Avenue north to E. 72nd Avenue	June 13 – June 17 November 7 – November 11
Brighton Boulevard west to Colorado Boulevard	
Saurini Boulevard north to E. 70th Avenue (Adams Heights)	

Route #4	Date:
Subdivisions: Eagle Creek and Foxton Village	April 21 – April 29 August 29 – September 2
Harvest Meadows, Turnberry Village,	June 20 – June 24 November 14 – November 18
Potomac Farms, North Range Village,	
The Village at Buffalo Run, The Highlands at Buffalo Run,	
Outlook and Fairway Village.	

Route #5	Date:
Subdivisions: Fronterra and Reunion South	May 2 – May 11 September 5 – September 9
Buckley Ranch, Buffalo Mesa, Reunion North,	June 27 – July 1 November 21 – November 25
The Reserves at Buffalo Run.	

Route #6	Date:
Subdivisions: River Oaks and River Run East	May 12 – May 20 September 12 – September 16
Stillwater, River Run West, The Dunes,	July 4 – July 8 November 28 – December 2
Belle Creek and Claybar Creek.	

Streets in the Derby area are swept overnight on a monthly basis. Streets in commercial/industrial areas or those without curb and gutter are typically swept twice annually as well. For more information, visit c3gov.com/streetsweeping or call Commerce City Public Works at 303-289-8150.

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 March:

- Anderson Drilling north of E. 57th Avenue on Eudora Street
- Cross Development north of E. 66th Avenue on Colorado Boulevard
- Fiore & Sons shop at E. 91st Avenue and Monaco Street
- Rush Truck Centers near Oneida Street on E. 50th Avenue
- North Forest Office #400 on E. 104th Avenue west of Potomac Street

United Parcel Service (UPS) announced an expansion to its facility at 5300 E. 56th Avenue, which includes a 5,000 square-foot addition, new equipment and 20 additional full-time jobs. At 2,700, UPS is the largest employer in Commerce City. Ninety jobs were added in 2015 as well as an expansion of its CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) fueling station – making it one of the largest CNG fleet fueling facilities in Colorado.

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

STAY IN-THE-KNOW

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

- Ordinances for updates to the building and noxious weed management codes and grant recognitions.
- Zoning items related to property at 5844 Dahlia Street and an area north of E. 81st Avenue and west of Tower Road.
- Resolutions approving a contract award for Chambers Road multi-use trail and bridge and for Pena Boulevard on-ramp design at Tower Road, Second Creek master development plan (MDP) and floodway hazard area delineation (FHAD),

an intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation for an industrial study, a litigation settlement, city property given to Brighton School District 27J, and economic development incentives.

- Presentations about the capital improvement program, quarterly work plan, work of nonprofit Community Enterprise, senior advisory committee, and trash and recycling program.

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



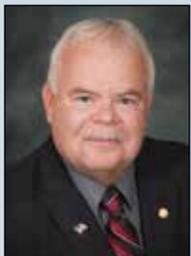
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Come by the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., or watch us live on Comcast Channel 8 or www.c3gov.com on the first and third Monday night.

NEWS BRIEFS

Honor officers during National Police Officers Memorial Day

Police to recognize fallen officers with May 16 ceremony

In 2015, the United States lost 137 officers who were killed in the line of duty – five of whom were from Colorado. The men and women of law enforcement are not only police officers; they are fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and friends. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls is proclaimed as National Police Week.

On Monday, May 16 at 8 a.m., Commerce City recognizes and honors those police officers who have lost their lives with a special National Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony at the civic center (7887 E. 60th Ave.). After the ceremony, blue ribbons will be available to display on vehicles as a symbol of respect to those officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Blue ribbons will be available to pick up and show your support throughout the week of May 15 at the civic center front desk and in the police records lobby. For more information about National Police Week, visit nleomf.org.

City to recognize National Public Works Week, May 15-21

Commerce City is once again joining communities around the country in celebrating National Public Works Week (May 15-21) to recognize the vital contributions to everyday life made by our public works department and personnel. The Commerce City Public Works Department provides services to ensure the health, property and welfare of residents – with public safety serving as its number one goal.

Public works serves a crucial role in maintaining and improving the transportation network through repair and resurfacing of city streets, managing traffic signals/signage, engineering public roadways and removing snow. They also improve the city's environment by overseeing trash and recycling programs, maintaining storm sewers, controlling mosquito populations, and maintaining city facilities, among many other responsibilities.

Learn more about public works and the people who help our community function every day at the public works open house on Thursday, June 16 at the municipal services center (8602 Rosemary Street). More details will be announced in next month's Connected.

New sidewalks? Better housing choices? Tell us what would make your neighborhood better

Commerce City has qualified to begin receiving annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The city is beginning the process of prioritizing community improvement needs and funding recommendations – and we need your input!

The city is hosting multiple community meetings during the first week of May and will also have a survey available to seek comment from residents. For specific dates, times and locations, look for updates at c3gov.com or follow us on social media: [facebook.com/CommerceCity](https://www.facebook.com/CommerceCity) or [@CommerceCityCO](https://twitter.com/CommerceCityCO) on Twitter.

CALENDAR

- May 1 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 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 3 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- May 5 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- May 7 Pancake Breakfast, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-10 a.m.
- May 7 Geocaching, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- May 7 Tri-County Health Department Household Chemical Roundup, Water World, 8801 Pecos St. (Federal Heights), 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- May 7 South Adams County Fire Department Recruitment Open House, 10326 Walden St, 10 a.m. – 1 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 10 Summer Camp Mandatory Camper and Parent Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6-8 p.m.
- May 11 Information session for Citizen Advisory Board for Public Safety, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7 p.m.
- May 11 Teen Night Around Town (FREE ages 11-17), Los Valientes Park, 7300 Magnolia St., 3-5:30 p.m.
- May 11 CIP CAC Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- May 11 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- May 13 Father/Son Outdoor Adventure, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 5:30 – 8 p.m.
- May 14 Green Yard Waste Drop Off Event, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- May 14 Middle School Madness, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 7-10 p.m.
- May 15 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- May 15-21 National Police Week – honoring officers who have fallen in the line of duty and those who work each day to protect our community
- May 15-21 National Public Works Week – recognizing the importance of public works in improving everyday quality of life in our community
- May 16 National Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 8 a.m.
- May 16 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- May 17 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- May 17 Quality Community Foundation Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- May 19 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Belle Creek Rec Center, 10693 Belle Creek Blvd, 6-7 p.m.
- May 19 Youth Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- May 20 Cops vs. Kids – Kickball, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 4 p.m.
- May 22 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- May 23 Preschool Safety Week, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 10 a.m. – Noon
- May 23 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- May 24 Preschool Safety Week, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 10 a.m. – Noon
- May 25 Preschool Safety Week, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 10 a.m. – Noon
- May 25 Teen Night Around Town (FREE ages 11-17), Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 5-7:30 p.m.
- May 27 Mom/Son Lego Mania, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 5:30-8 p.m.
- May 28 Paradise Island Pool opening day, Pioneer Park, 5951 Monaco St., 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- May 29 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- May 30 52nd Annual Memorial Day Parade, starts at E. 64th Ave. and Newport St., 10 a.m.
- May 30 Commerce City Civic Center and Recreation Center closed in observance of Memorial Day
- May 31 Bike Rodeo (FREE), Landmark Academy, 10566 Memphis St., 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- May 31 Youth Citizens Police Academy (through June 10), Adams City High School, 7200 Quebec Pkwy, 1-5 p.m.

COUNCIL CORNER



Crystal Elliott
At-Large

Happy Spring!

Spring is in the air and that means the beginning of several outdoor activities. One of my most favorite is the Memorial Day parade, which is Monday, May 30 at 10 a.m. Join us as we come together to commemorate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country with Colorado's largest Memorial Day parade.

A new favorite of mine is the Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park. The outdoor leisure pool is one of five capital improvement projects funded by a 1 percent sales and use tax increase approved by voters in 2013 to build, operate and maintain five projects over five years. If you haven't visited yet, you've got to see this fabulous state-of-the-art water park!

The city has several other projects ready to go out of the gate. The new recreation center design is underway and slated for groundbreaking this summer, with completion expected in early 2018. The new recreation center near E. 112th Avenue and Potomac Street will include an indoor pool, gymnasium with walking/jogging track, weights/fitness area, outdoor sprayground, gymnastics, dance/aerobics studio and more. I am so thrilled and can't wait to start using it!

One event that I believe has received a great response is our telephone town hall meetings; now held on the third Wednesday of every other month at 7 p.m. These meetings are intended to share city information, get feedback and answer questions. Residents with landline phones are randomly selected to participate, but you can also subscribe to ensure you receive a call when these telephone town hall events occur! The next meeting is scheduled for June 15.

Overall, even though we have faced some tough times and changes, the city is still coming out strong and providing the necessary services to our residents. I am confident that we will continue to grow and provide more amenities to our community. I am aware other municipalities are looking at Commerce City and impressed with what has happened in these past few years. I am proud to serve on City Council and even more proud to serve as your public official representing the citizen's best interest. My best wishes for a happy and prosperous spring season!

Tower Road takes off: construction of widening project begins May 10

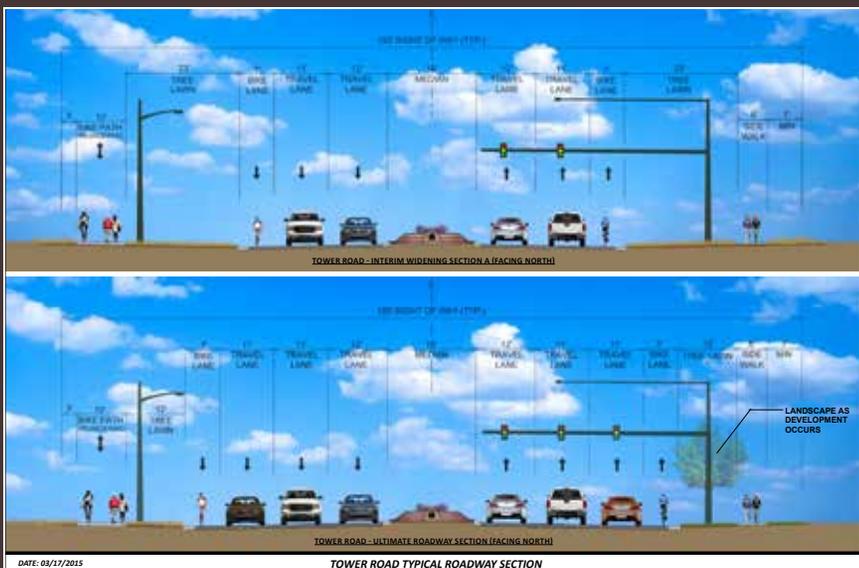
Commerce City is beginning construction on the Tower Road widening project on May 10 and expects completion in late 2017 (weather dependent). The project includes the reconstruction and widening of the existing roadway from E. 80th Avenue to E. 103rd Avenue.



This widening project benefits travelers by adding an extra lane in each direction, which will greatly improve traffic flow through this busy arterial roadway. The addition of bike lanes, sidewalks and a multi-use path provides pedestrians and cyclists a safer commute. The project will be constructed in phases with two lanes of traffic maintained for the majority of time. There may be the need for periodic detours and/or closures, which would require one-way traffic.

Tower Road is the first corridor in the city that will use new traffic signals equipped with a flashing yellow arrow for permissive left turns. LED street lights will save both upfront costs and maintenance costs by using less energy. Street light poles will also offer the ability to feature banners for seasonal, artistic or promotional uses.

Consistent with the city's comprehensive plan to conserve water, landscaping is designed to be environmentally conscious. All plants are drought-tolerant for lower water usage and drop irrigation will be used to avoid water overspray on the road. Trees and landscaping in medians are placed to avoid interfering with sight lines, while boulders and rock create visual interest and year-round color. Landscaped areas with trees and benches will be constructed next to the sidewalk at E. 96th Avenue and at the Second Creek underpass crossing. Working with the city's Healthy Eating & Active Living (HEAL) Committee, one of these areas near the Second Creek underpass will be outfitted with fruit trees and an area for public art. Staff will identify a food bank or school group to harvest the fruit as needed.



Additional improvements include:

- Burying electrical lines underground and moving other utilities outside of new pavement for protection with easy access
- Installing water and sewer lines to support future development
- Installing a regional drainage system, including major structures at Second Creek and Gramma Gulch

The total Tower Road widening project budget is \$51.1 million. The project designer is Huitt-Zollars, Inc. and the construction contractor is Flatiron Constructors, Inc. In addition to this project, a new on-ramp from Tower Road to westbound Pena Boulevard is being designed this year, with construction expected to begin in 2017.

The Tower Road widening project is one of five projects in Commerce City's \$137 million capital improvement program, made possible from a 2013 voter-approved 1-percent sales and use tax for new parks, recreation and road projects. View the Tower Road widening project video at c3gov.com/Tower. Sign up for news alerts and learn more about the capital improvement program at c3gov.com/QCL.

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

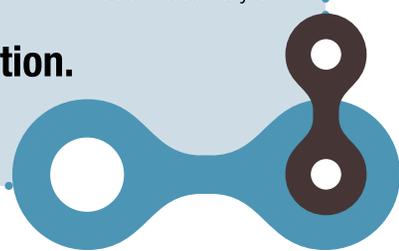
CITY NUMBERS

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.
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Parks and Rec	6060 E. Parkway Dr.
Municipal Service Center (MSC).....	8602 Rosemary St.

Visit c3gov.com for more information.



Quality Community Foundation awards non-profit grants

Creating a “Quality Community for a Lifetime” sometimes needs a little financial aid. One of the chief purposes of the Quality Community Foundation (QCF) is to provide grants to various non-profit organizations that benefit Commerce City residents. During the April 18 city council meeting, 25 local non-profit organizations were awarded grants totaling a combined \$120,000 for their positive work in the community.

“Congratulations to the non-profit organizations that were selected for the 2016 grant awards,” said Valerie Medina, QCF president. “These organizations were chosen based on the services they provide to fulfill a need within the community. We thank them for their commitment to improving the quality of life in Commerce City.”

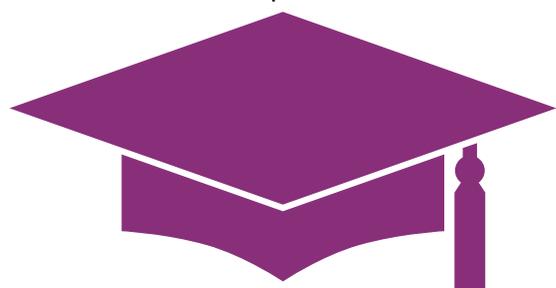
The QCF is also preparing for its 12th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Friday, June 10 at Buffalo Run Golf Course. The event raises funds to help Commerce City students further their education at a Colorado university, college or vocational school. For more information or to register, visit c3gov.com/qcf.

The following non-profit organizations were awarded portions of the grant money through a competitive selection process:

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| ACCESS Housing | Community Reach Center |
| Adams 14 Education Foundation | Environmental Learning for Kids |
| Adams County Food Bank | Food Bank of the Rockies |
| Adams County School District 14 | Junior Achievement |
| Almost Home | Kids First Health Care |
| Arapahoe House | Mercy Housing |
| Audio Information Network | Our Savior Lutheran Church |
| Bridges of Silence | Ralston House |
| CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties | Senior Hub |
| Catholic Charities | Spotlight Kids Theatre |
| Commerce City Cultural Council | St. Anthony North Health Foundation |
| Commerce City Historical Society | Stout Street Foundation |
| CCYA Pterodactyls Baseball | |

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.

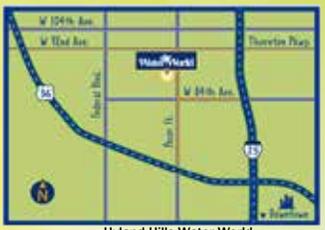
We continually look for ways to improve communication with the community and enjoy hearing what you would like to see. Contact Commerce City Connected Editor Travis Huntington at thuntington@c3gov.com or 303-227-8775 with questions or comments.

ADAMS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL ROUNDUP

Saturday, May 7, 2016 – 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Hyland Hills Water World - 8801 North Pecos Street

Bring unwanted antifreeze, oil, pesticides and other household chemicals to safely dispose and recycle!
ELECTRONICS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED AT HCR EVENTS

Open to all residents of Adams County
 Please bring a proof of residency such as a driver's license or utility bill and \$25 per vehicle

Hyland Hills Water World
8801 North Pecos Street
Federal Heights, CO 80260








We WILL Accept:

- House and garden chemicals
- Automotive fluids, fuels
- Fluorescent light bulbs and CFLs
- Scrap metal
- Propane tanks (1-20 lbs.)
- Vehicle and household batteries
- Items containing mercury
- Car and pickup truck tires, off rim
- Oil-based paint and paint products

We CANNOT Accept:

Electronic Waste

- Business and commercial waste
- Radioactive waste
- Explosive waste
- Smoke detectors
- Waste containing asbestos
- Compressed gasses other than propane
- Tractor tires
- Medical waste

Effective July 1, 2015, a Paint Stewardship Program was introduced into the State of Colorado. Visit www.paintcare.org for details about drop-off locations and acceptable items.

<http://www.tchd.org/250/Home-Chemical-Waste> • 720-200-1592

Green Yard Waste Drop Off Event

Free for Commerce City Residents - 1 DAY ONLY!



BE A CAN FAN



Commerce City residents can drop off compostable yard waste such as leaves, tree limbs and lawn clippings normally generated from residential yards. FREE mulch is also available for residents to self-load on a first come, first served basis!

Proof of Commerce City residency is required. No businesses or private contractors allowed.

ACCEPTABLE:

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

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Electronics
- Plastic
- Edging/fencing
- Sod
- Animal droppings
- Construction debris
- Plywood, lumber, dirt, rock, brick or pavers
- Hazardous materials
- Flower pots
- Cactus/palm branches

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

Saturday, May 14 • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m
Commerce City Civic Center
7887 E. 60th Ave.
(please enter from Quebec Parkway using Prairie Parkway)








WANTED



**KIDS AGES 9-12
FOR
MINI POLICE CAMP
JUNE 13-16
8 A.M. - NOON
GET A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT THE EXCITING
WORLD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT!**

Join police officers and recreation staff for an action-packed day camp, including demos, building searches, SWAT, K9-Unit, and tons of fun. Police camp includes exciting and physical activities.



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a pursuit, detaining or arresting someone, among other interactions.

The police department is finalizing the body worn camera policy and plans to work with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for input. The mission of the ACLU is to protect, defend and extend the civil rights and civil liberties of the people through litigation, education and advocacy. In 2013, the ACLU released a report on its position regarding body worn cameras where they recognized that video cameras can result in the reduction of use-of-force incidents.

Prior to the deployment of body worn cameras, every police officer will receive training on the policy, function and how to operate the camera, categorizing for retention and evidence, and how to utilize the digital evidence storage software.

As this marks a huge success in the police department's five-year reform efforts to earn and hold the public's trust, they have also implemented a new Citizen Advisory Board for Public Safety (applications are open this month), conducted a customer satisfaction survey for police interactions, and obtained a digital evidence management system to improve transparency and documentation.

For more information about the body worn cameras, visit c3gov.com/police.



Officer Michael Kim demonstrates placement of the type of body camera that will be worn by all Commerce City police officers starting this July.



Members of city council joined RTD officials to celebrate the start of construction on the Commerce City-72nd Avenue commuter rail station at a groundbreaking ceremony on March 31. The RTD North Metro Rail Line or "N Line" is slated to begin service in 2018.

Get involved.



Get involved in city decisions; serve on a board. Commerce City is seeking community members to serve on its Citizen Advisory Board for Public Safety. Come and learn about the board, requirements, selection process and the commitment, Wed., May 11 at the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., from 6-7 p.m. **Applications due May 25, 2016.**

Visit c3gov.com/boards for information and to download an application.



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PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

Come celebrate 20 years of golf at Buffalo Run

Bring the whole family and practice your swing on the driving range, meet the golf pros, explore the newly remodeled clubhouse, sample bites from the Bison Grill's new menu, and more!

20th Anniversary Celebration
Sat 5/21 2-4 p.m. FREE

Mother's Day Brunch

Enjoy Mother's Day brunch with your loved ones at Bison Grill on May 8. Brunch is \$29.95 per person for adults, \$13.95 for children ages 6-12 and free for kids five and under. Price includes all non-alcoholic beverages. Reservations are required and seating is available from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Call 303-289-7700 for reservations.

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

9th Annual Fishing Frenzy Derby winners



Derby 1: Biggest fish, Gabriella, Meurer, Age 11, 24.5 inches
Smallest fish, Austin Maldonado, Age 13, 9 inches
Most fish, Gino Vigil, Age 15, four fish

Paradise Island opens for summer on May 28 at 10 a.m. Visit c3gov.com/paradise for hours of operation and rates.

Step up to the plate with youth baseball

Registration is open for youth baseball. Kids ages 5-14 learn the fundamentals of baseball, teamwork and sportsmanship. Games are held at Pioneer Park. Call 303-289-3789 or visit c3gov.com/register.

Beat summer brain drain at teen camp

Make new friends at Adventure Trek summer camp for teens ages 11-15. Field trips happen every day at camp, from stand-up paddleboarding and horseback riding to art museums and arcades. Deadline for camp enrollment and a mandatory parent meeting is May 10. Visit c3gov.com/camp for more information or call Ben Valle at 303-289-3659.



Derby 2: Biggest fish, Larry Shan, Age 10, 20 inches
Second biggest, Elena Medina, Age 9, 17 inches
Smallest fish, Dylan Eng, Age 7, 6 inches



The Mayor and members of City Council honored local Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards (ACMCYA) winners Adam Terbest, Dominic Miranda and Angeliqve Vargas.

Family fun guide

Don't miss two action-packed evenings of family fun at the Commerce City Recreation Center. Dads, sons, uncles and nephews will enjoy an outdoor adventure with tents, campfire and s'mores on Friday, May 13. Then it's mom's turn to design and build with the boys and thousands of LEGOs on Friday, May 27. All events are from 5:30-8 p.m. \$10/\$12 per person. Ages 4 and up with adult. Call 303-289-3798 to register.

Turn up the teen fun

Bring your friends and take over at FREE events! On Wednesday, May 11, take over Los Valientes Park at an outdoor extravaganza from 3-5:30 p.m. Ages 11-17. On Friday, May 20, join the cops for a friendly game of kickball at Pioneer Park at 4 p.m. Ages 9-17.



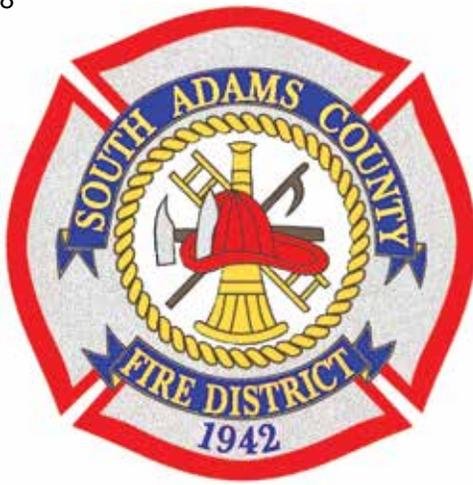
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Now hiring lifeguards

- Pay starts at \$9.50/hour
- Lifeguards are trained and certified upon employment
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- Employees also enjoy discounted rates to the Commerce City Recreation Center

Apply online at c3gov.com/jobs or in person at the Commerce City Recreation Center.





South Adams County Fire Protection District

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Fire safety tip of the month

Grilling safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

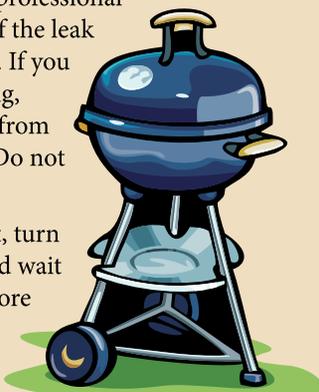
Charcoal Grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call 911. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.



SACFD's Culture of Safety

This June, International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week will continue to promote creating a "Culture of Safety" in fire departments and communities across the country. Spearheading the effort for the South Adams County Fire Department is Safety Officer and Fire Inspector Matt Morgan.

Safety Officer Morgan has partnered with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Commerce City to install Opticom signal devices in several locations. The Opticom system sends a signal from each fire engine to upcoming traffic lights to alleviate traffic jams and potential accidents as emergency vehicles approach intersections. As Commerce City is one of the first communities to implement the system city wide, CDOT agreed to use grant money to fully fund three Opticom signal devices along Highway 85. New traffic lights will also be installed near stations 4 and 5. The Opticom signal devices should be in every traffic light set up within the next five years.

The "Culture of Safety" also extends to the department and the firefighters who work within the district. Morgan recently secured a \$30,000 grant through the state of Colorado to install extractors and washing machines specifically made for firefighter's turnout gear in three stations. These extractors are another step in the department's ongoing program of cancer prevention.

The SACFD has recently been profiled by local news organizations for its work with Exposure Tracker, a program that measures exposure to cancer-causing toxins as well as communicable diseases and tracking injuries. Morgan is working to integrate Exposure Tracker to the internal software that tracks every incident and to provide firefighters with wearable technology to track activity as well.

Each individual member of the SACFD is responsible for creating his/her own "Culture of Safety" as well. This begins with physical fitness. The SACFD is partnering with Arbor Occupational Medicine, specialists in providing care to first responders. They are bringing their mobile unit to each fire station to provide physicals and screenings to all members of the department.

"The mobile unit is great," said Morgan. "They have a Doppler ultrasound that can look at blood flow through blood vessels and color imaging that can look at the heart and detect coronary disease. They'll be doing treadmill tests to monitor the heart under stress. And they'll be doing it all at our fire stations."

For members of the SACFD, it's all part of creating the "Culture of Safety" for the citizens of Commerce City.



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The groundbreaking ceremony for the new SACFD headquarters and the ribbon cutting for the newly rebuilt Station 4 are scheduled for the beginning of June. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updated information. We would love to have you celebrate with us.



Get to know your SACFD firefighter

Name: Matt Morgan
Title/Rank: Safety Officer, Fire Inspector/Investigator
Work Location: Station 23 Bureau office
Years with the department: Six
What is your favorite part of the job? Investigation
How has SACFD changed you? Taught me all aspects of the fire department.
Where did you grow up? North Denver
Outside SACFD I am a: Remodel contractor.
Three words to describe you: Honest, loyal, and devoted.



SACFD Safety Officer Matt Morgan