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Residents of all ages can enjoy food, music and fun while learning more about the city at our annual neighborhood outreach events.

Enjoy free food and entertainment at this summer's neighborhood outreaches

Bring your family to this year's annual neighborhood outreaches – a Commerce City summer tradition! Enjoy free food and entertainment while learning more about the city, local nonprofit organizations, and service providers.

City staff is serving up FREE all-beef hot dogs, chips, fresh veggies, and watermelon slices at both neighborhood outreach events. Children can bounce around on inflatables, get their faces painted, and enjoy the toddler fun zone. The whole family can enjoy live music from local bands.

Elected officials, city staff, local school districts, health organizations, developers and representatives from area agencies and businesses are on hand to provide information about their programs and answer any questions you might have.

Neighborhood Outreach Events

Thursday, June 9
6-8:30 p.m.

Fronterra Park (10020 Joplin St.)
Live music from Boogie Machine

Thursday, August 11
6-8:30 p.m.

Pioneer Park (5950 Holly St.)
Live music from ONDA

Mosquito program aims to reduce populations, protect citizens

Commerce City's mosquito management program is now underway in 2016, resuming comprehensive efforts to combat the insects throughout the summer. The city is committed to a program that reduces mosquito populations and decreases the risk of West Nile virus (WNV) and other diseases for residents.

Conducted by OtterTail Environmental, Inc., the city's mosquito control program combines a range of tactics including surveillance (i.e. trapping), habitat reduction, larval control, and – if necessary – adult mosquito spraying. OtterTail's methods are designed to maximize effectiveness without compromising the safety of residents, pets or the environment.

"Most of our control efforts are focused on larviciding, because it's the most effective, reliable and environmentally friendly method," says OtterTail mosquito specialist Mel Kyer. "Our preference is to

minimize the need for spraying through effective habitat reduction and larval control, but adult spraying is another tool available to us if it becomes necessary."

Residents can help eliminate breeding habitat by removing standing water anywhere it collects on their property, such as gutters, fountains/bird baths, garbage cans and lids, tires, outdoor toys, buckets, etc. OtterTail Environmental encourages residents to report potential breeding areas and adult mosquito complaints via their mosquito hotline (303-273-2878) or website (ottertail.us/mosquito-control-services). Spray notifications, no-spray requests, and general questions can also be submitted this way.

While the emergence of Zika virus has ignited new concerns about mosquito-borne disease, experts say Colorado's climate makes a local Zika outbreak unlikely. Those expecting to travel outside the U.S. should visit

CDC.gov/travel for traveler's health information.

"The mosquito that transmits Zika virus does not live in Colorado," said Kyer. "We still want people to protect themselves from West Nile virus, which is a current risk here in Colorado. West Nile can affect people in a range of different ways, so that's why it's the concern that we want people to focus on."

The best protection from WNV is to avoid mosquito bites through personal defense methods such as dressing in long sleeves and pants, using repellent containing DEET, and limiting outdoor activity around dawn and dusk – when mosquitos are most active.

For more from the Tri-County Health Department on protecting yourself from WNV, visit fightthebitecolorado.com. Learn more about insect repellents at epa.gov/insect-repellents.

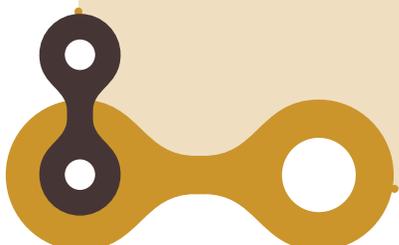
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NEWS BRIEFS

Next telephone town hall June 15

City Council hosts its next telephone town hall meeting on Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. The meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about what's happening in the city, ask questions and provide input on important projects.

Held the third Wednesday of every other month, the hour-long call provides residents an easy way to engage in city government from the comfort of their own homes. Council members take this opportunity to share city information with residents, get feedback on upcoming projects, and answer questions about services or issues.

If you would like to subscribe to ensure you receive a phone call to participate in the meeting, text C3GOV to 828282 or visit c3gov.com/council.

Free public works open house, "Touch-a-Truck" on June 16

Join the Commerce City Public Works Department on Thursday, June 16, for food, fun and a chance to see how public works keeps the community running smoothly every day! This family friendly event runs from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Municipal Services Center (8602 Rosemary St.).

The open house features free food, music, games, and a rare look behind the scenes at the equipment and facilities that allow the city's public works staff to do their jobs. Kids can enjoy a "Touch-a-Truck" including snow plows, street sweepers, tractors, etc., and even paint the blades of city snow plows. A tour of the facility includes the sign-making shop and a closer look at the city's traffic operations. You can also learn more about construction projects, water conservation, weed management and how garbage and recycling service works.

For more information, call the Commerce City Public Works Department at 303-289-8150.

Personal fireworks not allowed in the city

The Fourth of July weekend is coming up as we gather to celebrate our nation's birthday. With the festivities approaching, the Commerce City Police Department wants to remind residents, visitors and vendors that it is illegal to possess, manufacture, sell, handle or use any fireworks within city limits.

Police officers will work extended shifts on the holiday and enforcement teams will focus on detecting violations and enforcing the fireworks ban in neighborhoods and parks.

Follow these tips and keep your loved ones and your community safe during the celebration:

- Do not purchase fireworks for use within the city. Instead, enjoy the fireworks at Dick's Sporting Goods Park during Commerce City's 4thFest celebration.
- Report fireworks violations by calling 911. Provide the dispatcher with a specific location and description if possible.
- Talk to your children about the dangers of fireworks and pledge to your neighbors and community groups that your block will be fireworks-free this year.

The goal of the police department is to ensure the safety of the community, enhance residents' quality of life and gain compliance with ordinances banning the use of fireworks.

For more information, contact Patrol Commander Charlie Schoepflin at 303-289-3665 or cschoepflin@c3gov.com.



Congratulations to youth commission co-chair Fernando Chavez, who received Colorado's most prestigious scholarship, the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship. He will use this full-ride to attend the University of Colorado Boulder and study aerospace engineering. Fernando elected to stay in Colorado to make a difference, even though he was offered full rides to University of Southern California and UC Berkeley. He was also accepted to Stanford, Dartmouth and Yale. City Council recognized local youth and graduating seniors at a meeting last month.

STAY IN-THE-KNOW

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

- Zoning items related to DIA Tech Center parcels at E. 81st Avenue and Tower Road, industrial property located near E. 58th Avenue and Dahlia Street, city property north of E. 112th Avenue and Potomac Street, and property at 15050 E. 104th Avenue.
- Resolutions for a resources agreement with the water district, economic development incentives, contract amendments for the recreation center designs and project management.

- Approval of an intergovernmental agreement with special districts.
 - Public hearings and ordinances for building code updates.
 - General Improvement District meetings for approval of intergovernmental agreements.
- 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.

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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.

Veterans honored at state's largest Memorial Day parade

Commerce City honored three local veterans during its 52nd annual Memorial Day parade on May 30. Thank you Raymond Brionez, Homero Lopez, and Arthur Saiz for serving our country and honoring the city as grand marshals.

Raymond Brionez was born in Lingle, Wyoming in 1920. He joined the Army in 1942 and served as an infantryman in World War II. After basic training, he shipped overseas to France and then completed a tour through Germany, where he was wounded in battle. He was awarded several medals for his bravery, including a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster and a Silver Star, before being honorably discharged in 1945 as a private first class. Mr. Brionez has four children (two deceased), six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He and his wife Natalia have lived in Commerce City for more than 40 years.

Born in Texas, Homero Lopez was raised in Colorado and has been a Commerce City resident since 1970. He entered the Army in 1967 at age 19 and shipped out to Vietnam in August 1968 to serve in the 196th Infantry Brigade/101st Airborne Division. On May 11, 1969, his squad was ambushed by enemy forces during a patrol, with only Lopez and one other member of the squad surviving the attack. Lopez was severely wounded, but eventually recovered after six months in a full-body cast and a year in the hospital. For his bravery, he was awarded a Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, among other honors. He was honorably discharged after his service as a sergeant. Homero and his wife Natalie have been married for 45 years and have four children and ten grandchildren.

Arthur Saiz is Native American, born in Valdez, Colorado and has been a Commerce City resident since 1977. He joined the Army in 1957 and completed training in artillery and missiles, electronics, and communication before serving as an engineer in the 96th Army Command at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City. He provided communications support and training during the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, and through Operation Desert Storm until his 1993 retirement as a staff sergeant. Saiz was also stationed at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Commerce City, where he trained an estimated 2,000 soldiers on infantry equipment and communications. He has been recognized with several engineering and communications awards for his service. Arthur and his late wife Clara Helen have five children, six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.



CALENDAR

- June 1 Bike Rodeo, Landmark Academy, 10566 Memphis St., 10 a.m.
- June 1 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- June 3 Cops vs. Kids – Laser Tag, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 4 p.m.
- June 4 Kids Fishing Clinic, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- June 5 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- June 6 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- June 7 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.
- June 8 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- June 9 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 9 a.m.
- June 9 Neighborhood Outreach Event, Fronterra Park, 10020 Joplin St., 6-8:30 p.m.
- June 10 QCF Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave., 6:30 a.m.
- June 10 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Thimmig Elementary, 11453 Oswego St., 9 a.m.
- June 10 Hike-N-Bird, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9-11:30 a.m.
- June 12 Zombie Survival 101, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- June 13 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- June 15 Teen Night Around Town, River Run Park, 11515 Oswego St., 5 p.m.
- June 15 Telephone Town Hall meeting, 7 p.m. (to subscribe, text C3GOV to 828282)
- June 16 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 1 p.m.
- June 16 Public Works Open House, Municipal Services Center, 8602 Rosemary St., 4-8 p.m.
- June 16 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Stuart Middle School, 15955 E. 101st Way, 6-7 p.m.
- June 17 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 9 a.m.
- June 18 Planting for Pollinators, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- June 18 The Masked Bandit, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 10-10:45 a.m.
- June 19 Build-a-Bison, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 1-2:30 p.m.
- June 20 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- June 21 Bike Rodeo, Kearney Middle School, 6160 Kearney St., 12:30 p.m.
- June 21 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- June 21 Quality Community Foundation meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- June 23 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 9 a.m.
- June 23 Nature Tots Magnificent Monarchs, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 10-11 a.m.
- June 24 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 9 a.m.
- June 24 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Fronterra Park, 10020 Joplin St., 7 p.m.
- July 1 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- July 4 4th Fest (FREE), Dick's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way, 5-9 p.m.
- July 4 Commerce City Civic Center and Recreation Center closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 5 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.

COUNCIL CORNER

Mid-year Report

It's hard to believe June marks the halfway point of 2016! It's been a busy year in Commerce City, and there is plenty of activity to look forward to in our community.

With major improvement projects on some of our most important roadways, getting around the city will continue to get easier in the years to come. The E. 104th Avenue widening project is complete after nearly a decade's worth of work. The widening of Tower Road is now underway and a similar project on Highway 2 is not far behind, allowing these crucial north-south thoroughfares to be vastly improved within the next two years. Travel lanes will stay open as much as possible during construction to minimize impacts to commuters, but patience will be important as the presence of "cone zones" will slow traffic. Construction also will take place on the on-ramp connecting southbound Tower Road to westbound Peña Boulevard, with the ramp opening in late 2017.

We're also celebrating better recreation opportunities in our city, highlighted by the first full summer season for residents to enjoy Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park. We broke ground on two new neighborhood parks at Turnberry and the Villages at Buffalo Run East earlier this year, with both expected to open this summer. The exciting process of designing the new recreation center at second creek has produced plans that we can't wait to see become a reality in 2018, and upgrades will breathe new life into the current recreation center later that same year.

Revitalizing the core city is another continued area of focus for us and promising plans are being set in motion. Redevelopment of the former Mile High Greyhound Park site is now moving forward, with the zoning process determining how each portion of the site will be developed. The city's RTD commuter rail station is currently under construction near E. 72nd Avenue and Colorado Boulevard, bringing a new transit option and development opportunities to the Adams City and Adams Heights areas.

Overall, it's a great time to be living, working and playing in Commerce City. Our community is continuing to move forward, and with your help, we will continue to work toward addressing the challenges we face. Visit c3gov.com/askC3 to submit questions, report concerns or learn more about a wide variety of topics. Thank you for allowing us to serve this community, and we hope to see you out enjoying the many great summertime events planned for the coming months!

Neighbors work together to reduce crime

A new approach to fighting crime is making Commerce City a safer place to live. The police department has hosted 17 community meetings so far this year to discuss crime concerns directly with residents. Thanks to the collaboration between law enforcement and the public, officers have been able to lower crime in neighborhoods.

“Our goal through these community meetings is to create a safe and trusted environment where our residents and officers can communicate, collaborate and work together,” said Deputy Chief Clint Nichols. “Every bit of information provided to us is useful, because it can lead to catching a criminal. If we work together, our officers can work toward reducing crime and the fear of crime.”

Every month, residents have the opportunity meet with their local crime prevention officer to discuss crime trends, resources and safety tips. Crime information is then gathered and analyzed, allowing officers to deploy resources to address problems. This can include everything from increased patrol activity in the neighborhoods to special operations.

Last year the police department split the city into three geographic zones, each with a designated commander and crime prevention officer (CPO) to build stronger and more effective relationships within the community. Each zone conducts monthly meetings as follows:

Zone A

First Tuesday of each month at Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.

Zone B

Second Wednesday of each month at the recreation center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zone C

Third Thursday of each month, alternating between the Belle Creek Recreation Center, 10693 Belle Creek Blvd., and Stuart Middle School, 15955 E. 101st Way, 6-7 p.m.

Meeting times and locations are subject to change. For more information or to find out which zone you live in, visit c3gov.com/geocommand or contact Officer DJ Thompson at 303-727-3996 or dthompson@c3gov.com.



Housing & Community Development Survey

The City of Commerce City

needs your help to decide the best use of federal grant money intended to benefit low and moderate-income residents.

YOU can help us determine Commerce City's greatest community needs

Your feedback will help shape valuable community development projects in Commerce City for years to come.

**As an active citizen,
your input is needed!**

Take the Survey Online

In English:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Commerce_City

En Español:

https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/Commerce_City_Espanol

If you would prefer to complete a **paper survey** or would like to request multiple copies for distribution to others, please contact us using the information below.

Survey Response Deadline:
June 10, 2016



For more information, to request information in languages other than English, or to request assistance for someone with a disability, contact: Steve Timms, Planning Manager, 303-289-3683, stimms@c3gov.com or Jeremy Gray, Mosaic Community Planning, 404-831-1395, jeremy@mosaiccommunityplanning.com



Commerce City celebrated National Police Week from May 15-21, holding a ceremony to honor fallen officers on May 16 at the civic center.

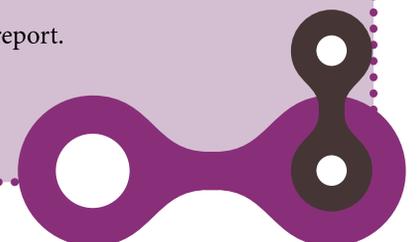
DEVELOPMENT CORNER

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 April:

- King Soopers Marketplace on E. 104th Avenue for an interior remodel
- North Forest Office #700 at E. 104th Avenue and Potomac
- Dion's Restaurant at E. 104th Avenue and Potomac
- Vasquez Land Associates marijuana operation at E. 53rd Avenue and Vasquez Boulevard
- KEW Realty building near E. 56th Avenue and Holly Street
- Veterinary Hospital at E. 104th Avenue and Quari Court
- Buffalo Run Golf Course remodel off Chambers Road at E. 112th Avenue

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.



Summer road repairs begin this month

A new season of repair work begins on Commerce City streets this month for the city's annual pavement maintenance program. The city uses a seven-year cycle to systematically improve the quality and extend the life of road surfaces around the city. The schedule and scope of these projects is designed to minimize impacts on residents and commuters alike.

Most of this year's pavement maintenance projects will improve select roadways between E. 96th and E. 120th avenues, with some affecting residential streets and others involving arterial roads.

Residential neighborhoods receiving pavement work this year include:

- Belle Creek
- Stillwater
- The Dunes
- River Oaks
- Eagle Creek
- River Run (cul-de-sacs only)

Neighborhoods are set to receive a treatment known as "slurry seal", which places a new surface layer over existing pavement to extend its life by up to ten years. This quick process involves only short-term impacts for residents, who will be asked to move vehicles off the street or avoid using their driveways for no more than one day.

Major streets receiving pavement work this year include:

- E. 72nd Avenue between Highway 2 and Quebec Parkway
- E. 96th Avenue between I-76 and Alton Court
- E. 104th Avenue between Highway 2 and Potomac Street
- E. 120th Avenue between I-76 and Buckley Road
- E. 112th Avenue between Lima Street and Peoria Street (if funds allow)

These thoroughfares will remain open during construction, but drivers should expect lane closures and areas of rough pavement. The more extensive process typically applied here (known as "mill and overlay") involves removing of the top layer of asphalt and repaving it with a new layer. Repairs on E. 104th Avenue involve a different process, as roads comprised of concrete (rather than asphalt) require removal and replacement of damaged panels.

The Commerce City street maintenance staff performs more routine responsibilities such as filling potholes and sealing cracks as needed throughout the year.

The city will communicate with residents and businesses about projects which may impact traffic or access to homes. More detailed information and schedules can be found at c3gov.com/pavement. Contact the Commerce City Pavement Hotline (303-289-8118) with comments or questions.



We've got you covered with special events and programs for the whole family.

	BBQ	NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACHES		
		Thur 6/9 6-8:30 p.m. FREE Fronterra Park		
		Thur 8/11 6-8:30 p.m. FREE Pioneer Park		
	4TH FEST			
		Mon 7/4 5-9 p.m. FREE Dick's Sporting Goods Park		
	COMMERCE CITY'S CULTURAL COUNCIL MUSIC IN THE PARK			
		Thur 7/7 6-8 p.m. FREE Pioneer Park Band: Funkiphino		
		Thur 7/14 6-8 p.m. FREE Reunion, Southlawn Band: Walker Williams Band		
		Thur 7/21 6-8 p.m. FREE Pioneer Park Band: Hazel Miller		
		Thur 7/28 6-8 p.m. FREE Reunion, Southlawn Band: Homeslice		
	CINE EN EL PARQUE			
		Thur 8/4 7 p.m. FREE Fairfax Park		

For more information call 303-289-3600 or visit c3gov.com/events

Summer means renewed emphasis on property maintenance, managing weeds

With the summer season upon us, the city is reminding home and land owners about requirements for maintaining their properties. Inspectors from neighborhood services are patrolling the city to enforce standards laid out in the municipal code. For its part, the city is also utilizing new tools to combat the growth of weeds on city owned property.

Top property violations include outdoor storage, inoperable vehicles, parking on unapproved surfaces, lack of proper building permits, weeds and overgrown vegetation onto sidewalks/streets.

Be a good neighbor all year long:

- Cut grass and weeds to a height of 8 inches or less
- Keep vegetation off public sidewalks and streets adjacent to your property

- Clear snow and ice from sidewalks around your property within 24 hours of snowfall
- Items not intended to be stored outside, such as furniture and tires, are not permitted to be stored in public view (even if covered)
- Vehicles that are unlicensed, have expired plates, or are in disrepair must be stored in a fully enclosed structure
- Apply for appropriate building permits. Download a building permit application online at www.c3gov.com/permit

By keeping your property well-maintained, you can help increase property values and contribute to a sense of pride in your neighborhood. Failure to maintain your property up to the city's code can result in a fine. Visit c3gov.com/NS for more information on violations or

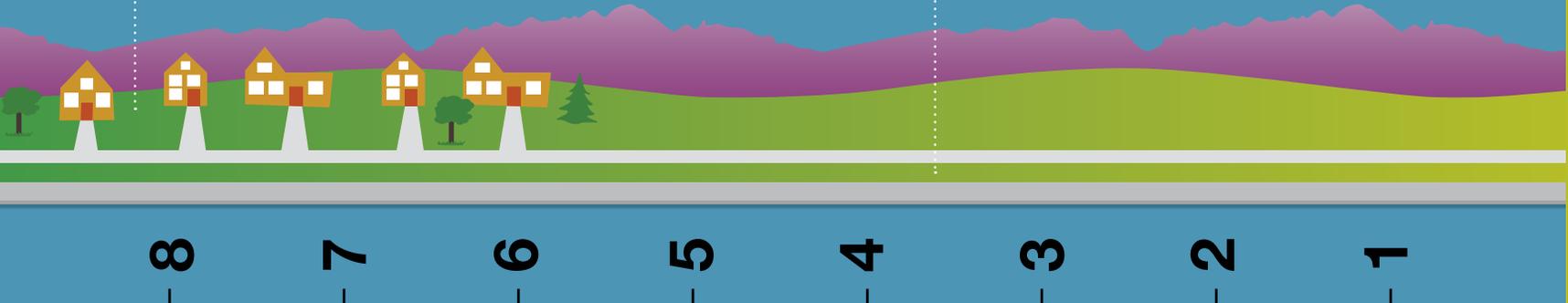
c3gov.com/codes to learn about ordinances covering property standards, nuisances, animal licensing and more from the Commerce City Municipal Code.

When it comes to managing weeds on city property, the city is doing more than ever before to effectively mow open spaces and fight noxious weeds. Implemented last year, the city's comprehensive weed management program created guidelines and schedules for mowing weeds along city roadways and in undeveloped open spaces (including the open edges of subdivisions).

New for 2016 is an Intergovernmental Agreement with Adams County, which is now handling identification and spraying of noxious weeds on city owned properties. The city has also focused on landscaping medians and other areas with native grasses and plants that do not require mowing and use less water.

DEVELOPED PROPERTY:
All weeds and grass on developed property (residential, commercial and industrial) 1 acre or less, must be cut to a height of 8 inches or less. Weeds and grass on undeveloped property between 1 and 5 acres must be cut to a height of 16 inches or less.

WHAT AREAS DO I HAVE TO MAINTAIN?
Areas beyond residential property lines such as curb and gutter, public sidewalks, and to the centerline of streets or alleys adjacent to your property.



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New recreation center design in full swing

The design process is ramping up for the new recreation center in the area of E. 112th Avenue and Potomac Street. Features will include an indoor pool, gymnasium, walking/jogging track, weights/fitness area, gymnastics area, and dance/aerobics studio.

The project also includes area infrastructure to improve E. 112th Avenue and Potomac Street. Construction is expected to begin on the infrastructure in August/September and on the building this October (weather dependent).

More than 800 residents participated in the public input process. Based on community and citizen advisory committee input, city council has made conceptual design decisions regarding the site, layout and aesthetics. The decisions are based on conceptual design and are subject to change during the schematic design process.



Concept art of potential designs for the new recreation center at Second Creek.

The building will be situated near Highway 2 with a south-facing entrance. The gymnasium will provide an adult-sized basketball court, youth-sized cross-courts, ample spectator seating and circulation between the courts. Overall floor plans will include space for the following amenities:

- Elevated walking/jogging track
- Child watch/babysitting
- Dedicated dance room
- Second group exercise/aerobics/dance room
- Multi-generational lounge
- Enhanced lobby and community area
- Green rooftop/balcony off of the fitness area
- 300-person community room

These additions bring the size of the new recreation center to approximately 106,000 square feet. To accommodate the increase, changes to contracts and schedules with design and construction teams may be necessary and are currently being evaluated.

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



The Tower Road widening project began with a May 10 groundbreaking ceremony, which featured city council members and representatives from Centre Communities, Ltd., and Flatiron Construction, Inc. launching Stomp Rockets® to celebrate the theme: Tower Road takes off.



Commerce City's **FREE 4thFest** is July 4, and begins outside the south end of Dick's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way. Outdoor festivities kick-off at 5 p.m. with **live music, bungee trampoline, bounce house, mechanical bull, food vendors, and more.** Outdoor activities wrap up at 9 p.m., right before the fireworks show!

Rapids game with fireworks:
Entertainment at 5 p.m. Game at 7 p.m.

Visit c3gov.com/events
for more information.



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.

Elevate your game with youth sports camps

Challenger British Soccer Camp

The largest soccer camp in North America is coming to Commerce City July 11-15 at the Municipal Services Center (MSC), 8602 Rosemary St. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from some of the world's best soccer players. Sign up online at www.challengersports.com or complete an application at the Commerce City Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr.

Age 3	First Kicks	11 a.m.-Noon	\$99
Ages 4-5	Mini Soccer	9-10:30 a.m.	\$113
Ages 6-16	Half Day	9 a.m.-Noon	\$151
Ages 6-16	Golden Goal Camp	1-3 p.m.	\$58

Lacrosse Skills Camp

Kids ages 8-14 focus on developing the fundamentals of lacrosse in addition to team concepts in this camp at the Municipal Services Center (MSC), 8602 Rosemary St. To register by the July 3 deadline, call 303-289-3789 or visit c3gov.com/register.

Ages 8-14 (Coed)	7/18-7/20	6-8 p.m.	\$50/\$60
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Specialty Summer Clubs

Each week children focus on a new theme, from construction to wizardry. Enrollment packet is not needed for these clubs. Ages 6-10.

Class #	Date	Theme
7401.201	6/13-6/16	Build and Destroy
7401.202	6/20-6/23	Scientific Discovery
7401.203	6/27-6/30	Oceanic Adventures
7402.201	7/5-7/7*	Patriot Pride (*no class 7/4)

Roll into summer with these fun biking programs!

Bike Rodeos

Commerce City police officers set up a mini "city" course with traffic lights, signs, railroad crossings, and other hazards to teach laws and safety skills. Ages 9-17 and younger siblings. FREE.

Tue 6/21	12:30-3:30 p.m.	Kearney Middle School
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Bike with a Cop

Spend the day on your bike with Commerce City police officers. Participants receive safety information and equipment such as helmets. Learn how to maintain your bike, learn the rules and laws of the road and trails, and how to get help while biking. Ages 9-17. FREE. See the city events calendar for the full list of dates and times.

The Commerce City Recreation Center's game room is closed until September 6 for summer camp.



Commerce CITY RECREATION



Buffalo Run Golf Course celebrated its 20th anniversary on May 21. This free family event featured a miniature golf course, free range balls, tips from the golf pros, food from the Bison Grill and more!

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

FATHER'S DAY

BBQ



SUNDAY, JUNE 19 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Father's Day BBQ

Treat dad to a Father's Day BBQ at the Bison Grill on Sunday, June 19. The BBQ is \$18.95 per person. Reservations are suggested, but not required. Call **303-289-7700** to reserve a table today!



Take the survey and you could win free admission!

The city wants your feedback on customer service and satisfaction with city parks, the recreation center and Buffalo Run Golf Course for winter-spring (Jan-May 2016). Participants can enter to win one of three free admissions to the Commerce City Recreation Center, Paradise Island pool, or Buffalo Run Golf Course. To participate, visit c3gov.com/recreation and select the survey link or pick up a hard copy from the front desk at the recreation center. Surveys must be completed by June 20, 2016.

4thFest

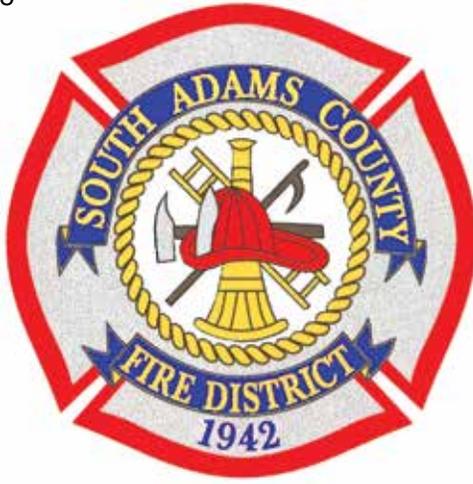
With one of the state's largest fireworks displays, inflatables and interactive games, live entertainment and the Colorado Rapids taking on the Portland Timbers, Commerce City knows how to throw a party for our nation's birthday. For more information or to purchase tickets to the game, visit coloradorapids.com/4thfest.

Mon 7/4	5-9 p.m.	Dick's Sporting Goods Park
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Now Hiring Gymnastics Instructors
\$9.50-\$13.75/hour

c3gov.com/jobs



South Adams County Fire Protection District

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Fire safety tip of the month

Consumer fireworks are unsafe

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. Consumer fireworks are illegal in Commerce City, so please follow these tips for a safe and enjoyable celebration:

- Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- Do not use consumer fireworks.
- Keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.

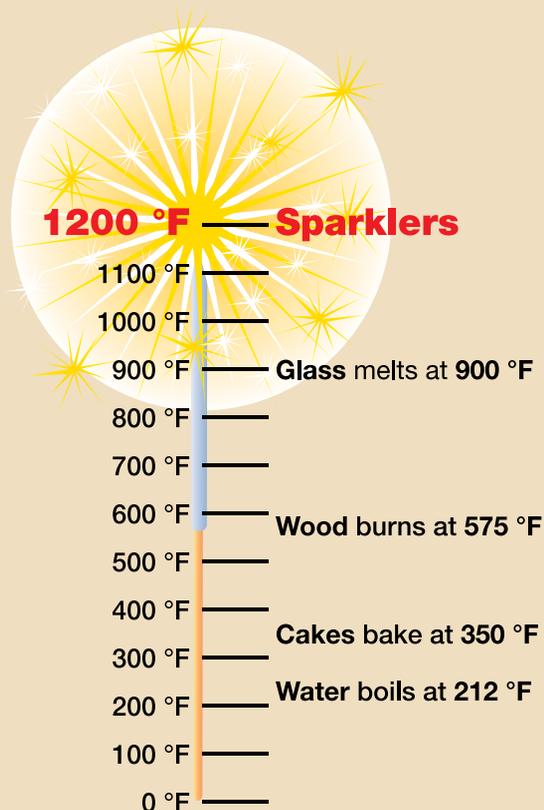
Facts

- Fireworks cause an average of almost 20,000 reported fires per year.
- In 2013, sparklers caused 41 percent of fireworks injuries.

Consumer Fireworks

The National Fire Protection Association is opposed to consumer use of fireworks. This includes sparklers and firecrackers. Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.

How HOT does a sparkler burn?



SACFD firefighters participate in 2016 North Area Technical Rescue Academy

Firefighters from the South Adams County Fire Department participated in the North Area Technical Rescue Academy last month. The two-week academy covered the basics of high-angle rope rescue, structural collapse, trench rescue, and confined-space rescue. Students were challenged to learn new skills and then put them to use in real-time scenarios.

The North Area Technical Rescue Team consists of nine core departments, including SACFD. During the academy, students work together with firefighters from other departments, sharing resources to complete assigned tasks.

Many of these skills were brand new to the students. Rappelling from rooftops, shoring buildings and trenches, or lowering into underground vaults and transporting injured patients through narrow concrete drainpipes are not part of a firefighter's day-to-day activities. However, when an incident requiring technical rescue occurs, these skills can make all the difference.



SACFD firefighter Josh Luse attends to a patient in a high-angle rescue scenario at the 2016 NATRT Academy.

SAVE THE DATE!

June 11: SACFD Station 4 Open House
8650 Rosemary St., 1 p.m.

July 16: 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast
Tailfeathers Saloon, 11010 E. 120th Ave.
(fundraiser for the Steve Vincel Memorial Fund and the Kelly Cambria Cancer Fund)

August 13: Steve Vincel Memorial Fund Golf Tournament
(vincelgolffund.org)

September 10: SACFD Spaghetti Dinner
Mark your calendar now!

For more information, like us on Facebook (facebook.com/SouthAdamsCountyFireDepartment) or follow us on Twitter (@SACFD200)!

Get to know your SACFD firefighter

Name: Alden Foote

Title/Rank: Firefighter

Work Location: Station 3

Years with the department: Four

What is your favorite part of the job? My favorite part of my job is that every day is different. I enjoy the variety this job provides, from running calls to doing station tours.

How has SACFD changed you? From working at SACFD, I am part of a much bigger family and I have a lot of new interests in helping the community.

Where did you grow up? California

If I wasn't a firefighter, I would be: a carpenter or an auto mechanic.

Three words to describe you: Adventurous, hands-on, and inventive.

Who is your hero and why? My parents are my heroes, because they taught me right from wrong and the importance of helping others.



SACFD Firefighter Alden Foote