

Pass on ash in your landscaping plans

Ash trees are prohibited due to invasive insect



The Emerald Ash Borer is a small but devastating insect that was first found in Colorado in 2013.

All species of ash trees have been removed from the city's approved plant list and should not be planted on any type of property within the city. The prohibition was put in place in 2010 to combat the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive, wood-boring beetle that kills ash trees and is beginning to spread on the Front Range.

"Ash trees should not be planted in Commerce City by anybody," says Parks Development Supervisor Tony Jaramillo, who has an extensive background in landscape horticulture. "The more ash trees out there, the greater the opportunity we're giving for the spread of this destructive pest. They are beautiful trees that provide great shade, but it's asking for trouble if people continue to plant them."

Native to Asia, the EAB aggressively attacks and kills all native species of ash tree in as little as two years. The insect has steadily spread across the United States in recent years and was first confirmed in Colorado in 2013. The local infestation has been confined to Boulder County so far, and a federal quarantine is currently being enforced on the movement of all ash tree products and hardwood firewood out of Boulder County.

Experts agree that it is only a matter of time before the insect spreads throughout the region. The Colorado Department of Agriculture estimates there are nearly 1.5 million ash trees in the Denver metro area. While many of those are located in Commerce City, officials proactively decided to stop planting ash species on city property long

before the EAB arrived in the west.

"After hearing many years ago about the devastation this insect was causing back east, the city adopted a policy that we would no longer plant any species of ash tree in city parks, trails or city owned development areas," Jaramillo explains. "When development plans for city projects include ash trees, those are rejected and alternate tree species are recommended. Unfortunately, more ash trees have since been planted around some of the newer private developments and homes."

Property owners in the city who have ash trees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the signs of the borer's presence, which is more likely to occur when trees are distressed. Ash trees can be treated with insecticides that effectively protect against the EAB when applied while the tree is still relatively healthy.

More information on the Emerald Ash Borer, identifying ash trees and how to protect them is available through the Colorado Department of Agriculture (EABColorado.com), the Colorado State Forest Service (csfs.colostate.edu) and at EmeraldAshBorer.info.

Keep yourself and your pets safe from aggressive dogs

Now that summer is here, residents are getting outside more and enjoying outdoor activities with their dogs. When encountering dogs in public, remember to keep safety in mind to avoid a potential incident or attack.

The Commerce City Police Department's number one priority is keeping the community safe, including both people and pets. It is important to remember that all dogs require physical, mental and emotional attention. The police department asks that all dog owners take the necessary steps to keep their dogs and fellow residents safe:

- Keep dogs leashed at all times if taken outside in public spaces
- Secure your home and property to prevent dogs from escaping
- Observe dogs for any signs of aggression, such as: growling, snapping, raised hackles and showing teeth
- Do not approach or try to catch dogs that you do not know
- Interact with your dog. One of the root causes of aggressive or escaping dogs is lack of social interaction with humans and/or other animals

For more information about dog behavior or how to protect yourself from an aggressive dog encounter, contact the city's animal control or community services officers at 303-288-1535.



Congratulations to the 2016 Youth Citizen Police Academy graduates! Eleven high school students went through the two-week academy last month to learn first-hand the work of a police officer.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Join us for 4thFest at DSG Park

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. 4thFest 2016 takes place from 5 to 9 p.m. at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, with the game starting at 7 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets to the game, visit coloradorapids.com. Please expect heavy traffic on streets around the stadium during and after the event.

Become a victim advocate volunteer and make a positive impact

The police department is looking for Victim Services Unit (VSU) volunteers to support victims and witnesses of violent crime, sudden death and other traumatic emergencies. Volunteer advocates provide on-scene crisis intervention that can include offering emotional support, helping victims understand their rights and legal options, and providing resources such as gift cards, diapers, and shelter.

Applications are currently being accepted for the summer 2016 Victim Advocate Training Academy, which starts July 23. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old, attend the 40-hour fall training, and be able to take on four, 12-hour call shifts per month.

To become a volunteer, applications can be found online at brightonco.gov/victimservices. For more information on volunteering in the VSU, contact Kim Messina at 303-655-2308 or kmessina@c3gov.com.

Leadership Commerce City applications due July 22

Leadership Commerce City's goal is to build leadership for a quality community, equipping participants to grow professionally and ascend to the next level in their business and community endeavors. The program helps build a strong foundation for future community growth by bringing together a diverse group of people to broaden their experiences and perspectives. Participants learn through various channels, including presentations from prominent local speakers and training on topics from effective communication skills to interacting with elected officials.

Applications are due July 22, with the program running from September to June. For more information or to complete an application, visit foundation.adams14.org.

Gather your neighbors and stand up against crime Aug. 2

Join your friends, family, neighbors, and people around the nation on Tuesday, Aug. 2, to celebrate National Night Out. Through community events such as block parties, barbecues or scavenger hunts, local neighborhoods can raise awareness about crime.

The first 20 groups to register an event with the city receive a \$100 gift card to King Soopers, Wal-Mart or Target to use for their Aug. 2 event. Police officers on patrol will visit participating neighborhoods to raise crime prevention awareness, generate support for programs and strengthen police-community partnerships.

"This is a great opportunity for neighborhoods and law enforcement to team up and let criminals know we're working together," said Officer Elizabeth Couture. "This is done by meeting new neighbors and building bonds with the officers that patrol the community."

For more information or to register for National Night Out, contact Officer Elizabeth Couture 303-727-3915 or ecouture@c3gov.com.

LiveWell Colorado names Commerce City a state trendsetter

Commerce City has been recognized for a commitment to healthy eating and active living (known as HEAL) initiatives, becoming the first Colorado municipality to achieve "Elite" status through the HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign last month. The award recognizes the city's focus on fostering healthy living options for residents.

"Commerce City has made a significant investment in building a healthier community," said HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign Director Julie George. "From building parks and playgrounds to improving food access, Commerce City is a shining example of what it means to create a healthy community for all of its residents."

The HEAL campaign is a partnership between LiveWell Colorado, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting obesity through access to healthy food and physical activity, and the Colorado Municipal League (CML). In order to qualify for Elite status (the highest of four identified levels), a city must have adopted at least five healthy eating and active living policies since 2013.

Commerce City has taken on numerous qualifying efforts in recent years. The city's capital improvement program includes three new neighborhood parks and Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park. Pedestrian and bicycle components have been thoughtfully integrated into infrastructure projects such as improvements to Tower Road and Highway 2 and the Station Area Master Plan around the upcoming RTD commuter rail station. The city has increased coordination with the Commerce City Food Bank Network, and the Quality Community Foundation awarded \$14,500 to local food banks in April.

"The LiveWell HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign has helped us transform our thinking," says City Manager Brian McBroom. "We used to think of our pathways and trails as just amenities. We're now more centered on how trails and sidewalks can serve as safe transportation not just recreation. It's not just about making our community more attractive, it gives our residents more opportunities to be healthy."

"Building a healthy community is helping us redefine Commerce City for the next generation," said Mayor Pro Tem René Bullock. "Being the first-ever LiveWell Colorado Elite City is a distinct honor for which we're all very proud."

For more information, including the full conversation with City Manager Brian McBroom, visit LiveWellColorado.org.



STAY IN-THE-KNOW

City Council adopts laws, ordinances, resolutions and rules consistent with the city charter. Because of the July 4 holiday, there is only one regular meeting this month and the topics include:

- Resolutions for approval for Highway 2 widening construction, contract for Chambers Road multi-use trail and bridge, slurry seal contract, and historical society lease agreement.
- Ordinances for open space funds and grant recognitions.

- Presentations regarding the boards and commissions program, police department, and marijuana and liquor licensing.

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.

Get involved in city decisions: serve on a board, commission, or authority

Commerce City is currently seeking individuals to serve as members or alternate members on eight of the city's boards, commissions and authorities.

"Serving on municipal boards and commissions is a great way to get more involved in the community," said City Manager Brian McBroom. "We encourage residents to learn more about how the city operates and help build a Quality Community for a Lifetime."

Members are needed for the following positions:

- Two (2) Housing Authority alternates. These individuals serve a five-year term which involves administering Section 8 housing regulations and providing low-interest loans for repairing property. Members must be qualified to vote and either be a resident or conduct a substantial amount of business in the city.
- Six (6) Cultural Council vacancies. These members serve three-year terms to help advance and preserve art, music, theater, and dance in the city.
- Two (2) Derby Review Board vacancies. These design professionals serve a three-year term with the purpose of interpreting and applying the Derby Design Guidelines and Standards and to evaluate development applications based on these standards.
- Eleven (11) Citizen Advisory Board for Public Safety vacancies. Serve on the first citizen advisory board for public safety, whose purpose is to formally involve the public in analyzing the city's police service delivery, identify opportunities for involvement, and seek alignment with resident expectations of police services.
- Two (2) Capital Improvement Project Citizen Advisory Committee (CIP CAC) vacancies – one for Ward III and one At-Large. These members serve a three-year term to advise the city on matters relating to the implementation of the 2013 voter-approved Ballot Issue 2K, which funds new parks, recreation and road projects.
- Five (5) Quality Community Foundation vacancies. The purpose of this group is to support and obtain funding for post-secondary education and youth recreational program scholarships offered through the city. The foundation also provides grants to fund various non-profit organizations that benefit Commerce City residents.
- Five (5) Parks, Recreation and Golf Advisory Committee vacancies. This committee serves as a voice of the public by advising the city on issues related to recreation and golf programs, services and facilities along with parks, trails and open spaces owned and operated by the city.
- One (1) Planning Commission alternate vacancy. This commission conducts hearings and makes recommendations to city council for physical development master planning of the city, rezoning, platting, and subdividing land within the city. The commission is also responsible for the official zoning ordinance and city zoning map.

Interested residents should visit c3gov.com/boards for more information and to apply online, or contact Deputy City Clerk Cheryl Scott at 303-227-8791 with questions. Paper applications can be picked up at the city clerk's office at the civic center.



Kids got a close-up look at the city's heavy equipment during the public works open house and touch-a-truck event last month at the municipal services center.

COUNCIL CORNER



*Andrew Amador
Ward 1*

Progress on Projects

Another beautiful Colorado summer has arrived, and I hope you all have the opportunity to get out and enjoy Commerce City's summer events and recreation opportunities with family and friends. It's the first full swimming season for Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park, so don't forget to take advantage of this great new and affordable community resource!

Speaking of recreation opportunities, I am very excited about the updated design plans we've approved for the new recreation center at Second Creek. We have increased the size of the facility to better accommodate our fast-growing community and create a space that more residents will be able to enjoy for decades to come. I also want to remind residents that everyone in our community is welcome to enjoy this facility – not only those in the neighborhoods near E. 112th Avenue and Potomac Street. No matter which part of the city you live in or your address, if you receive the city's Waste Management service, you are considered a resident and will pay resident rates when our beautiful new rec center opens in 2018!

Another project I am very much looking forward to is the widening of Highway 2, which could begin as soon as next month. This is a crucial roadway linking the northern and southern parts of our city and connecting residents to I-76, Highway 85 and I-270. While the construction will create some short-term traffic difficulties, the result will be a safer, less-congested, and modern roadway to better serve all of us who live and work in the city. We hope to break ground on the project soon and celebrate completion of the new and improved Highway 2 by early 2018. The Tower Road widening project should also be complete by then, making it much easier to get around town on a daily basis.

I'm proud to be a part of so many exciting developments happening in our city right now. Thanks to all the residents for being engaged in the process, providing insight and continuing to make Commerce City a great place to live. Have a great summer!

CALENDAR

- July 3 All-Wheel Pumphtrack Demo, Fronterra Park, 10020 Joplin St., 3-6 p.m.
- July 4 4thFest (FREE), Dick's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way, 5-9 p.m.
- July 4 All city facilities closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 5 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.
- July 5 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- July 6 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- July 7 Music in the Park ft. Funkiphino (FREE), Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 6-8 p.m.
- July 8 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 9 a.m.
- July 11 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- July 12 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- July 13 Teen Night Around Town, Fairfax Park, 6850 Fairfax Dr., 5-7:30 p.m.
- July 13 CIP CAC Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- July 13 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- July 14 Music in the Park ft. Walker Williams Band (FREE), Reunion Southlawn Park, Southlawn Circle, 6-8 p.m.
- July 15 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Dick's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way, 9 a.m.
- July 18 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- July 19 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- July 19 Quality Community Foundation meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- July 21 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Belle Creek Rec Center, 10693 Belle Creek Blvd., 6-7 p.m.
- July 21 Music in the Park ft. Hazel Miller (FREE), Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 6-8 p.m.
- July 25 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- July 27 Teen Night Around Town, Fronterra Park, 10020 Joplin St., 5-7:30 p.m.
- July 28 Music in the Park ft. Homeslice (FREE), Reunion Southlawn Park, Southlawn Circle, 6-8 p.m.
- July 29 Bike with a Cop (FREE), Fronterra Park, 10020 Joplin St., 9 a.m.
- Aug. 1 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Aug. 2 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.
- Aug. 2 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.
- Aug. 4 Youth Commission meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6:30-8 p.m.
- Aug. 4 Cine en el Parque, Fairfax Park, 6850 Fairfax Dr., 7 p.m.
- Aug. 10 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Recreation Center, 6060 E. Parkway Dr., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 11 Neighborhood Outreach Event, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 6-8:30 p.m.

Capital improvement program marks halfway point

On Thursday, June 30, Commerce City's \$137 million capital improvement program (CIP) reached the official halfway point of a five-year commitment to better the quality of life for residents through a series of parks, recreation and roads projects. The vision of achieving "5 projects in 5 years" was made possible by a 2013 voter-approved 1-percent sales and use tax increase for new parks, recreation and road projects.

The CIP is one of the city's biggest promises to residents. Through participation from residents, businesses, and city council, the vision of a Quality Community for a Lifetime is being realized through improved mobility, greater access and increased recreational opportunities. The city is committed to completing the first five projects by Jan. 1, 2019, with some significant milestones already achieved and many more on the way in the years to come.

Completed projects:

Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park

The new outdoor pool at Pioneer Park, Paradise Island, opened last July and had more than 32,000 visits last season. The pool includes a seasonal outdoor leisure pool with three water slides, an interactive play structure, lazy river, sport pool and toddler pool. For more information on Paradise Island, visit c3gov.com/recreation.

Fronterra Park

Nearly 20 acres of beautiful park space has been active and open to the public since last August. With a basketball court, mini-skate park and full feature playground, Fronterra Park is a great addition to city's northern range.

Projects currently under construction:

Turnberry Park

Themed around the beloved children's book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," Turnberry Park is expected to open to the public this August. The park will feature a variety of playground elements and wild flowers within the 9.8 acres. The park is a valuable addition to Turnberry Elementary School, located just behind the park.

Villages at Buffalo Run East (VBRE) Park

VBRE Park is expected to open this fall. With 9 new acres of space for kids to play, this park gives tribute to a Rocky Mountain theme throughout the playground.

Tower Road Widening Project

The widening of Tower Road between E. 80th and E. 104th avenues began in May. This project will take Tower Road from two to four lanes to improve traffic flow and safety. Tower Road is expected to be complete in late 2017.

Projects to be completed by Jan. 1, 2019:

New Recreation Center at Second Creek

Construction begins later this summer on the new recreation center near E. 112th Avenue and Potomac Street. The facility will feature an indoor pool, gymnasium with walking/jogging track, weights and fitness area and gymnastics, dance and aerobics studio. The new recreation center should open early in 2018.

Existing Recreation Center Improvements

Additions to the existing recreation center are scheduled to take place in 2018. The center could see new additions such as a therapy pool, expanded fitness areas and family locker rooms.

To sign up for news alerts and learn more about the CIP, visit www.c3gov.com/QCL.





Commerce City Cultural Council's in the Music Park

2016 Series

Thursdays in July • 6-8:30 p.m. • FREE

July 7 Pioneer Park - Funkiphino

July 14 Southlawn (Reunion) - Walker Williams Band
Food trucks at this location!

July 21 Pioneer Park - Hazel Miller
Chipotle Fundraiser (5988 Dahlia St.), 5-9 p.m.
Mention "Cultural Council" when you place your order
Bring your meal to the concert to enjoy!

July 28 Southlawn (Reunion) - Homeslice
Food trucks at this location!

Visit us online:
c3gov.com/CulturalCouncil
[Facebook.com/CommerceCityCulturalCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/CommerceCityCulturalCouncil)

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Are you interested in public art? Join the CIP art selection committee

The City of Commerce City and the Commerce City Cultural Council are seeking individuals for public art selection committees for several capital improvement projects. Individual committees are being formed for public art projects at Tower Road, the new and existing recreation centers, and three parks: Fronterra, Turnberry and Villages at Buffalo Run East.

Committees meet three times over a period of four to six months and are responsible for developing selection criteria and recommending project art. Upon approval by the cultural council, the recommended art and artist will be presented to city council for final approval.

Applications are available at
c3gov.com/culturalcouncil.

For more information, contact public art consultant Deana Miller at 303-446-8325 or deana@artmanageplan.com.



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.



9NEWS 

Kids Day

FRIDAY

AUGUST 5

DISCOUNTED CARNIVAL ARMBANDS 11 A.M UNTIL 3 P.M.
FREE KIDS ZONE ACTIVITIES:

- Zip Line
- Toddler Zone
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- Mobile Ropes Course
- Bungee Trampoline
- Water Walker Balls
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Free Kids Resource Fair



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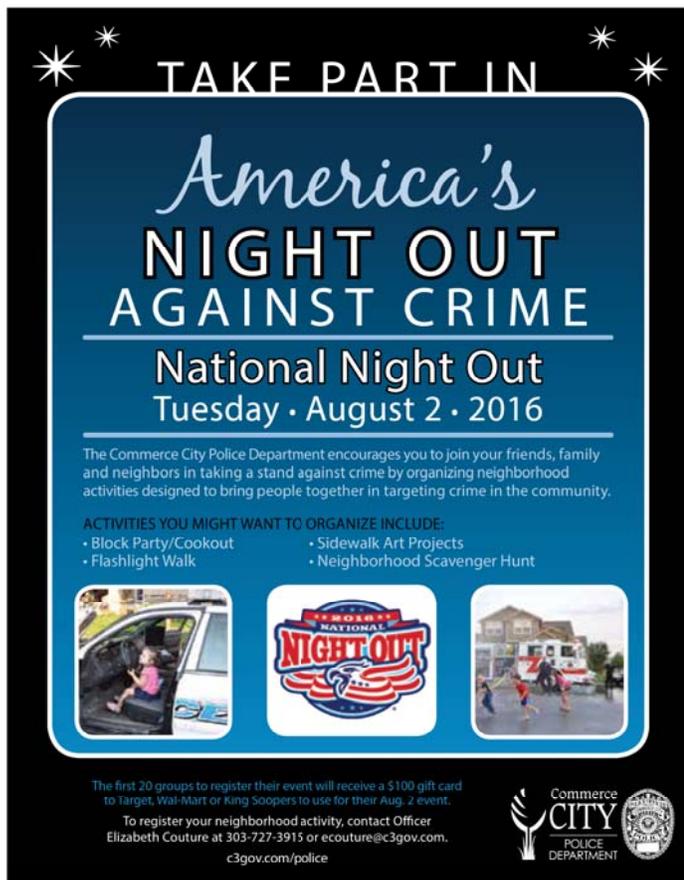
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TAKE PART IN

America's NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

National Night Out
 Tuesday • August 2 • 2016

The Commerce City Police Department encourages you to join your friends, family and neighbors in taking a stand against crime by organizing neighborhood activities designed to bring people together in targeting crime in the community.

ACTIVITIES YOU MIGHT WANT TO ORGANIZE INCLUDE:

- Block Party/Cookout
- Flashlight Walk
- Sidewalk Art Projects
- Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



The first 20 groups to register their event will receive a \$100 gift card to Target, Wal-Mart or King Soopers to use for their Aug. 2 event.

To register your neighborhood activity, contact Officer Elizabeth Couture at 303-727-3915 or ecouture@c3gov.com.
c3gov.com/police





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 May:

- UPS on E. 56th Avenue east of Fairfax Street
- 5280 Towing on Heinz Way east of Havana Street
- New gas station and inline retail on the northeast corner of E. 120th Avenue and Chambers Road
- South Adams County Fire District new administrative building on Syracuse Street north of E. 60th Avenue
- North Forest Office Suite #700 finished on E. 104th Avenue west of Potomac Street
- 7-Eleven store on E. 96th Avenue west of Yosemite Street
- George T. Sanders shipping warehouse on E. 95th Place near Willow Court
- Wendy's restaurant on Dexter Street north of E. 60th Avenue
- Marijuana infused product manufacturer on Dallas Street north of E. 96th 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.





Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month

This month, discover your super powers with Commerce City Parks, Recreation and Golf. The city is home to more than 25 miles of trails, a championship golf course, and 840 acres of parks and open space with something for everyone. Head outside and share how parks and recreation "super power" your life using the hashtags #SuperParkSelfie and #CommerceCityPRG.

The National Recreation and Parks Association is awarding a \$500 Amazon gift card weekly starting on July 11. Submit your selfie following these weekly themes via Facebook or by sharing the photo on Twitter and Instagram with hashtag #SuperParkSelfie to win! For complete rules, visit nrpa.org/july.

- July 4-10: Selfie with nature
- July 11-17: Selfie doing something healthy
- July 18-24: Selfie with your friends and community
- July 25-31: Selfie showing your superhero side

Fall parks, recreation and golf guide

Registration opens August 1
Look for the guide in your mailbox at the end of July.

Congratulations to Rockies Baseball Skills Challenge winners

More than 70 youth took part in the Rockies Baseball Challenge competition hosted by the city on Saturday, June 11 at Fairfax Park. The Rockies Skills Challenge is a baseball competition that allows kids to showcase their talents in base running, batting and throwing with scores based on speed, distance and accuracy. The following youngsters earned first-place honors in their respective age groups:

GIRLS

Age Group	Name	Home Town
6-7	Justiss Martinez	Commerce City
8-9	Jurnee Martinez	Commerce City
10-11	Marisol Miranda	Commerce City
12-13	Emmie Coates	Commerce City

BOYS

Age Group	Name	Home Town
6-7	Tomas Medina	Denver
8-9	D'Andre Combs	Commerce City
10-11	Isaac Sandoval	Commerce City
12-13	Joey Coates	Commerce City

These eight winners moved on to a sectional competition being held at 9 a.m. on July 9 in Edgewater. The Rockies Skills Challenge is a youth program of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association with the support of the Colorado Rockies Baseball Club. For more information on how to sign up for next year's event, please contact Josh Polgar, youth sports coordinator at 303-289-3705.

Help craft the future of outdoor experiences in your neighborhood



Commerce City Parks has partnered with Go Wild Northeast Metro to help families enjoy and access nature and the outdoors more often. The city wants to hear about your interests for connecting to nature, including local parks and trails, and what barriers you have to overcome to be able to do this. This information will be used to apply for grant funding from Great Outdoors Colorado. A plan for nature programs and park or trail improvements in Commerce City will then be developed to apply for funding to make changes happen.

To participate, visit surveyMonkey.com/r/GoWILD_NE_Metro.

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

Bike with a Commerce City police officer

Learn the rules of the road and more at these FREE events for youth ages 9-17.

Fri 7/8	9 a.m.	Alsop Elementary Ride begins at 9 a.m.
Fri 7/15	9 a.m.	Dick's Sporting Goods Park (Meet at ticket booth)
Fri 7/29	9 a.m.	Fronterra Park

Teen Nights Around Town

Join us for a party in the park near you. Ages 11-17

Wed 7/13	5-7:30 p.m.	Fairfax Park
Wed 7/27	5-7:30 p.m.	Fronterra Park



Don't miss these upcoming events at Buffalo Run Golf Course

Nine & Dine

Red, White, and Blue Bash
Saturday, July 2 • 5 p.m.

Get Golf Ready

Tuesdays and Thursdays
July 19, 21, 26 & 28 • 6 p.m.

Golf Divas

9-Hole, 2-Lady Team Scramble

Tuesday, July 12 • 6 p.m.

Fall Preschool Enrollment Begins July 1



Small class size: two instructors and maximum of 15 children
State-licensed program • continuous, school-year program
Enrollment begins July 1

Kinder Kids Preschool

Kinder Kids introduces children to the fundamentals of reading, writing and science while helping them build social skills through exciting activities that include art, music, movement, dramatic play and storytelling. Children must be 4 years old by Oct. 1, 2016 to participate.

\$135/\$150 is due at time of registration. This is a non-refundable fee that is applied to September's tuition.

Ages: 4-5

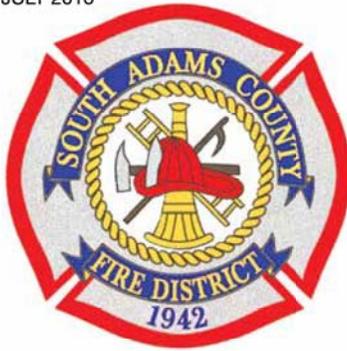
Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Download an enrollment packet now at c3gov.com/preschool

WWW.C3GOV.COM/PRESCHOOL

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South Adams County Fire Protection District

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

Fire safety tip of the month

Car Fire Safety

Cars can catch fire for many reasons. Mechanical or electrical issues are the most common causes. A car can also catch fire as the result of a bad crash. If you see smoke or flames or smell burning rubber or plastic, respond immediately.

What to do if your car is on fire:

- Pull over as quickly as it is safe to do so. Be sure to use your signal as you make your way to a safe location off the road such as the breakdown lane or rest stop.
- Once you have stopped, TURN OFF the engine.
- GET everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car for anything.
- MOVE everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- CALL 9-1-1

How to prevent a car fire:

- Have your car serviced regularly by a professionally trained mechanic. If you spot leaks, your car is not running properly, get it checked. A well-maintained car is less likely to have a fire.
- If you must transport gasoline, transport only a small amount in a certified gas can that is sealed. Keep a window open for ventilation.
- Gas cans and propane cylinders should never be transported in the passenger compartment.
- Never park a car where flammables, such as grass, are touching the catalytic converter.
- Drive safely to avoid an accident.

Know the danger signs:

- Cracked or loose wiring or electrical problems, including a fuse that blows more than once
- Oil or fluid leaks
- Oil cap not on securely
- Rapid changes in fuel or fluid level, or engine temperature

FACT

Most crashes do NOT result in fire. In the event of any crash, call 9-1-1. If there is no sign of fire, wait for emergency assistance to help any injured individuals out of the car.



SACFD opens Station 4, breaks ground on new administrative building

On June 11, the SACFD broke ground on a new administrative headquarters and celebrated the opening of the new Station 4. The completion of Station 4 is the first of three current projects, which include the new administrative building and renovation of Station 2.

The administrative building will house administrative staff and the fire bureau, including the fire marshal and fire investigators.

Station 4, located at 8600 Rosemary Street, has been designed as a special operations station, housing a heavy rescue and firefighters trained in high-angle rope rescue, trench rescue, structural collapse, confined space rescue, ice rescue, and swift-water rescue operations. A technical rescue training area has been built into the facility, enabling firefighters to run specific scenarios.

Chief Kevin Vincel described the new station as a "50-year build," with a design that is easily adaptable over time. While the station will initially house one company by the end of this year, it has the capacity to hold two full companies as the department grows to meet the needs of the area.

The administrative building and Station 4 are part of the department's long-term plan to improve response times and service to the community.



SACFD Station 4



South Adams County Fire Chief Kevin Vincel prepares to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony for Station 4.

SACFD promotes new battalion chief and lieutenant

The SACFD recently promoted Lieutenant Jeff Woog to the rank of battalion chief. Woog had recently served as the acting battalion chief on C shift. Firefighter Grant Todack has been promoted to lieutenant to fill the position left open by Woog.

Two firefighters were also hired to fill out the roster on A shift. Firefighters Zach Martin and Chris VanDijk are the latest to transition from the volunteer ranks to career firefighters.

SAVE THE DATE!

SACFD Spaghetti Dinner:
Saturday, September 10

Get to know your SACFD firefighter

Name: Jeff Osmus

Title/Rank: Firefighter

Work Location: Station 7, C shift

Years with the department: Eight

What is your favorite part of the job? The brother/sisterhood aspect, being a part of something bigger than yourself.

How has SACFD changed you? As part of SACFD, I have truly learned to be accountable and live up to my oath as a firefighter at all times, on or off duty.

Where did you grow up? Thornton, Colo.

If I wasn't a firefighter, I would be: A strength and conditioning coach (high school/collegiate).

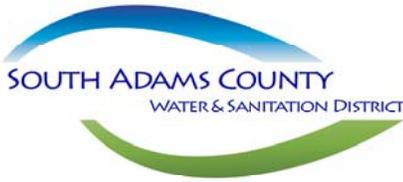
Outside SACFD I am: A substitute teacher.

Three words to describe you: Dedicated, passionate, tenacious.

Who is your hero and why? My parents. At a young age I was taught the value of working hard, being accountable for my actions, and doing the right thing simply because it's the right thing.



SACFD Firefighter Jeff Osmus



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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.
- 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 on 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.

The District 2016 annual water quality report is now available for review.

This report summarizes the quality of the water that the District provides and how it compares to the standards set by the EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health. The District is committed to delivering water that meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards. You can be assured that your drinking water is safe.

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District will no longer mass print nor mail our Annual Water Quality Report.

The direct link to the District's current Water Quality Report is <http://www.sacwsd.org/WQR>. Printed copies will be available upon request by leaving a message at 303.287.6454 or by email at wqinfo@sacwsd.org.



SOFTENERS AND IN-HOME TREATMENT

The District has hard water due to the groundwater source of our supply. Personal preferences for water hardness vary greatly. If lowering hardness is desired, it can be managed by installing a residential water softening system. There are various types of residential softening systems including whole house, and under sink varieties. Softening of water used for outdoor irrigation is not efficient or recommended. Different types of softening systems include salt-based ion exchange systems or reverse osmosis (RO) systems. Due to the sodium or potassium addition that occurs when using a salt-based system, individuals on a sodium-restricted diet may want to seek the advice of their physician prior to using this type of system.

The water sent to your home or business meets all EPA water quality requirements. If you choose to install a softening system or other point of use treatment in your home please follow the recommendations below.

- Make sure you do your research or talk to a knowledgeable and reputable dealer. Different devices include softeners, carbon absorption systems, particulate filters, and reverse osmosis systems. These technologies are designed to treat for different things so make sure you get the right system for the concerns you have.
- Know what you are doing or hire a qualified professional to do the work. Softener and treatment systems installed by a plumber will need to have a permit issued by the Commerce City Building department. Proper installation will ensure the system is safe and any hazards such as contamination due to drain-line backflow or cross-connections are avoided.
- Follow all manufacturer's instructions for proper maintenance and use. Filters become depleted, cartridges need changing, and resins need regenerated. Proper maintenance will ensure your system is doing what it is intended to do.
- Make sure the unit you purchase is tested and validated against accepted standards such as those of the National Science Foundation (NSF), Water Quality Association, or Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

For more information on home water treatment systems please see the EPA Water Health Series Filtration Facts document at this link: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-11/documents/2005_11_17_faqs_fs_healthseries_filtration.pdf. The District also has more information on softeners and hardness under the water quality section of its website.

Sprinkler System Checkup & Maintenance Reminders

Please take the following precautions to ensure that your irrigation system is in proper working order:

- Check for broken sprinkler heads and cracked irrigation pipes (look for puddling in the lawn).
- Turn off your system until repairs are made.
- Adjust sprinklers for head-to-head coverage; make sure they are spraying on landscaped areas, not streets or sidewalks.
- Adjust your time clock to irrigate your lawn appropriately for each zone, no more than three times a week. (Refer to the Mandatory Watering Schedule)
- If you hire a professional to provide irrigation start-up and shut-down services, be sure they are knowledgeable about the separate irrigation system (if applicable), South Adams Rules and Regulations, and City Codes and Ordinances.

Additional information is available on the District's website: www.sacwsd.org

Watering Schedule for Residential Single Family Homes and Duplexes:

Sunday	Even Address
Tuesday	Odd Address
Wednesday	Even Address
Thursday	Odd Address
Friday	Even Address
Saturday	Odd Address

Irrigation shall NOT occur between the hours of 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Monday: City, Municipal, Utility, Special Use Permits Only

multi-family, HOAs, nonresidential, and all other properties are permitted flexibility of watering days. These customers are expected to utilize a water budget to achieve irrigation efficiency and water savings.

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

July 2016

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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.



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



Joann Moss
Secretary
2nd four-year term
Expires: 5/2020



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



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



Michael Scanlon
Director
1st four-year term
Expires: 5/2020