

## Celebrate summer at the last neighborhood outreach of the season

The summer season winds down with Commerce City's annual neighborhood outreach event on Thursday, August 11 at Pioneer Park (5950 Holly St.). City staff is serving up all-beef hot dogs, chips, fresh veggies, and watermelon slices. Children can bounce around on inflatables, meet the magician and balloon artist, and get their faces painted. The whole family will enjoy music from ONDA, a seven-piece Latin dance band.

NEW this year, youth can stop by the Commerce City Police Department booth to get their bikes tuned up and ready to ride back to school. Police officers and recreation staff are providing bike repairs, safety talks, free bike helmets and other giveaways.

Elected officials, city staff, local school districts, health organizations and representatives from area agencies and businesses are on hand to provide information about their programs and answer resident questions. A total of 50 exhibitors from the Commerce City community are set to take part.

### Neighborhood Outreach

Thursday, August 11 • 6-8:30 p.m.  
Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St.  
Live music from ONDA



Commerce City summer camp staff leader Megan Donato serves chips to residents at the June 9 neighborhood outreach event at Fronterra Park.

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## Be the change you want to see: join the Ranks of Excellence

### Police department to pay for police academy



New officers Sebastian Stoian, Ryan Sedgwick, Fernando Rodriguez and Krista Golly completed the non-certified recruitment program, graduating from the Adams County Sheriff's Office police academy on June 8.

The Commerce City Police Department is recruiting up to seven positions from August 1-28 to receive a full ride and pay to become a certified police officer. Qualified candidates will attend the Adams County Sheriff's Office police academy for free while receiving \$23 per hour as income during the program, which begins in January 2017.

This will be the fourth time the department has sponsored residents to attend an academy as part of the department's non-certified recruitment program. Seven officers have successfully gone through the program to become certified officers and five others are currently in the program.

"Across the country, there's a need for good, qualified officers in the public safety profession," said Interim Police Chief Lowell Richardson. "Our successful, non-traditional strategy enables the police department to continue building successful community partnerships, hire qualified candidates and build an organization that better reflects the community we serve."

Applicants who are successful in the application and testing process attend a 22-week police academy training

program with tuition and some equipment provided, while earning \$23 per hour. Individuals must successfully complete the academy, the department's field training program, pass state certification, and agree to serve the Commerce City Police Department for three years. Bilingual individuals are strongly encouraged to consider this unique opportunity.

#### Eligible individuals must:

- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Have at least a high school diploma or GED;
- Be able to perform all physical demands of the job;
- Successfully complete all testing components;
- Be a United States citizen or possess proper I-9 documentation;
- Be able to communicate effectively in written and spoken English;
- Commit to three years of service by signing an agreement with the city;
- Be at least 12 months removed from their last application submission with the Commerce City Police Department.

### HOW TO APPLY

Visit [c3gov.com/recruit](http://c3gov.com/recruit) to apply online. Filing Deadline: August 28, 2016.

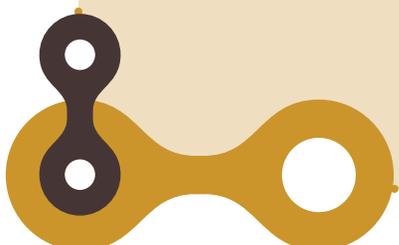
Online applications and completed personal history statements are reviewed according to the minimum qualifications outlined above. Candidates selected for a position are required to complete background examination, psychological testing and drug screening. City policy requires that selected candidates provide documentation in the form of official transcripts of the highest level of education attained by the candidate that is listed on their application materials.

For questions, contact Anya Jones at [ajones@c3gov.com](mailto:ajones@c3gov.com) or 303-727-3934.



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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Make the call: telephone town hall August 17

City Council hosts its next telephone town hall meeting on Wednesday, August 17 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, this 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](http://c3gov.com/council).

## Questions? Comments? Concerns? Just Ask C3!

If you have a question, problem or suggestion for the city, remember that the quickest and easiest way to find the answer is online at [c3gov.com/AskC3](http://c3gov.com/AskC3). From submitting noise complaints or reporting potholes to learning about city ordinances and trash/recycling service, the AskC3 online system directs your inquiry to an appropriate city staff member.

The tool features a collection of frequently asked questions and lets you alert the city to various problems that you would like to see addressed. Residents have the option to include their contact information in order to be notified of the outcome of an issue or submit anonymously.

Download the mobile application from the AskC3 web page to pinpoint the GPS location of a concern or submit a photo right from your smartphone.

## Highway 2 construction update

Construction on the US Highway 2 widening project is expected to begin soon. The project will expand Highway 2 from two to four lanes between E. 72nd Avenue and Interstate 76, resulting in improved safety, increased vehicle capacity, and better accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.

Learn more about this and other projects in the city's capital improvement program at [c3gov.com/CIP](http://c3gov.com/CIP).

# Student success starts with supplies

The Commerce City Police Department is once again collecting school supplies throughout the month of August to benefit local students during the upcoming school year. This annual school supply drive is a success because of the support of individuals and local organizations.

The cost of school supplies adds up when money is tight, making it difficult for some families to provide their children with the tools they need to succeed in the classroom. That's where the community comes in. You can donate and help provide the supplies that help kids reach their potential in school!

### Items most commonly needed include:

- Pens
- No. 2 pencils
- Loose-leaf paper
- Three-ring binders
- Backpacks
- Round scissors
- Crayons
- Notebooks

School supplies can be donated at the police records counter at the civic center (7887 E. 60th Ave.), the police substation (18240 E. 104th Ave.) or the recreation center (6060 E. Parkway Dr.) by Aug. 31. The police department's school resource officers will deliver the items to Adams 14 and School District 27J classrooms in early September.

For more information on the police department's community outreach programs, please contact Officer Elizabeth Couture at 303-727-3915 or [ecouture@c3gov.com](mailto:ecouture@c3gov.com).



Commerce City's 4thFest featured one of the state's largest fireworks displays, interactive games, inflatables, live entertainment and more outside Dick's Sporting Goods Park on July 4.

# STAY IN-THE-KNOW

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

- Resolutions to approve contracts for the reconstruction and widening of Highway 2, Chambers Road multi-use trail and bridge, mill and overlay (pavement maintenance program), easement agreement with the water district, and payback agreement with water district related to the Tower Road and Highway 2 projects.
- Ordinances for ice cream vendors, second issuance of bonds associated with the voter-approved capital improvement program and recognition of grant awards.
- Presentations regarding service dogs and the Americans with Disabilities Act, update on the capital improvement program, first quarter work plans, Healthy Eating and Active Living work plan, and Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge five-year review.
- Public meetings for the community development block grant plans, zoning at 6601 Colorado Boulevard, zoning near the Aberdeen South Subdivision, and zoning near Newark Street south of E. 104th Avenue.
- City Council also will hold its annual budget retreat for the 2017-18 biennial budget on Monday, August 22 at 3 p.m.

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

## COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



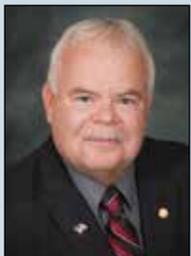
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Term expires 2017

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

## Schools and police team up to keep students safe

### School resource officers returning for new school year

As local students return to school this month, they will likely recognize the face of the uniformed police officer they see in the halls of their school. All six Commerce City school resource officers (SROs) are expected to return to the same schools they served last year in the Adams 14 and 27J school districts.

SROs are sworn police officers who have office hours within each school they serve. Their role is one of problem solver, youth advocate, mentor, counselor and positive role model for students. They not only serve as liaisons between the school and the police department, but also enforce laws and provide school security.

"My position gives me the ability to build trust with students. Because they see me every day, students are more willing to come to me and report any suspicious activities and/or people," said SRO Mike Vasquez. "Our priority as school resource officers is making sure all children are safe while attending school."

#### Goals of the SROs include:

- Addressing crime and disorder problems, gang and drug activities within the schools
- Educating students in crime prevention and safety
- Training students in conflict resolution and crime awareness

#### Meet your Commerce City School Resource Officers:



Nick Lombardi – Lester Arnold High School, Anythink Public Library and Adams City High School



Rory Coonts – Prairie View High School, Thimmig Elementary School and Belle Creek Charter School



Kayla Fender – Stuart Middle School, Second Creek Elementary School, Turnberry Elementary School, Landmark Academy Charter School



Mike Vasquez – Kearney Middle School, Central Elementary School, Rose Hill Elementary School, Sanville Preschool and STARS Early Learning Center



Chris Castillo – Adams City High School and Victory Prep Academy



Jennifer Kunugi – Adams City Middle School, Alsup Elementary School, Kemp Elementary School and Hanson Elementary School

## CAUTION: school zones ahead

### Slow down, be aware and keep kids safe

More than 20,000 students in Commerce City return to school this month. The police department is asking students, parents and drivers to be extra cautious when walking and driving around schools as classes begin.

Here are a few tips to stay safe in school zones, consistent with the department's mission of creating a safe community in which to live, work and play:

- Allow extra time in the morning to ensure timely arrival at school or work. Leaving five minutes earlier reduces driver frustration and traffic-related backups.
- Use designated student pick-up and drop-off routes recommended by the school. Contact your school to make sure you know where these are located.
- Do not allow students to exit vehicles into traffic or allow them to cross streets in an unsafe manner. Students should use designated crosswalks and/or designated drop-off locations.
- Pay attention to your speed when entering school zones, which are designated by flashing lights in the morning, midday and afternoon when school is in session. Expect speed enforcement.

Citations for speeding in a school zone can carry fines between \$160 and \$2,650. In order to keep children safe and minimize your chances of being cited in a school zone, the police departments ask drivers to:

- Reduce speed to the posted limit
- Be aware of stop signs/traffic signals, parking signs and fire lanes
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks
- Yield to school busses with red flashers activated

## DEVELOPMENT CORNER

### Commerce City is one of the fastest growing cities in Colorado

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

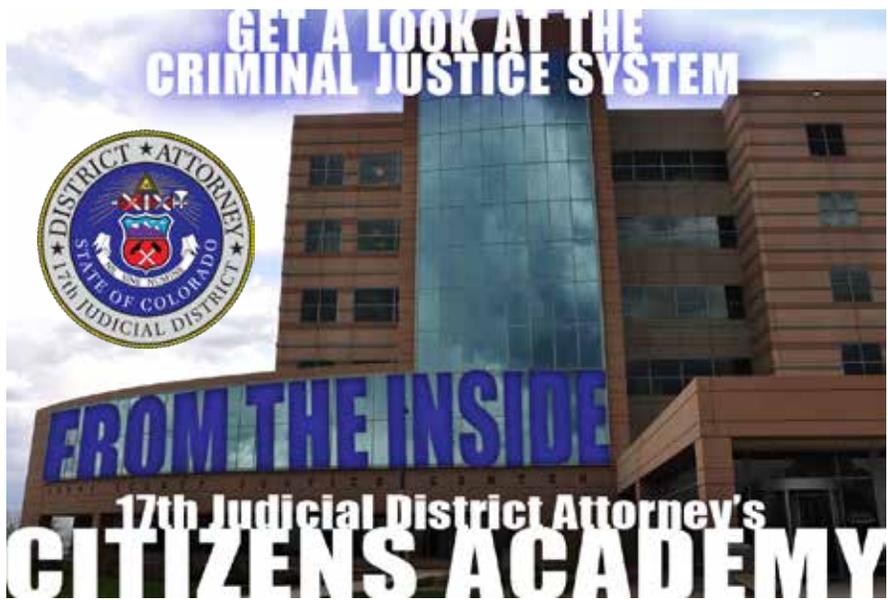
- Starbuds retail marijuana at E. 58th Avenue and Dahlia Street
- North Forest Office building at E. 104th Avenue and Potomac Street
- Anderson Drilling on Eudora Street, north of E. 57th Avenue
- Smile 4 Life dental office expansion on E. 104th Avenue, east of Highway 2
- Old Dominion on Holly Street and E. 56th Avenue
- Iglesia Apostolica Church on E. 80th Avenue, east of Oneida Street
- New SACFD fire station on Rosemary Street and E. 86th Avenue
- Tastbudz, LLC Aroma retail marijuana on Quebec Street and E. 54th Avenue
- Rush Truck Centers on E. 50th Avenue near Newport Street
- Apex Land Company on Alton Way and E. 98th Avenue

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

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

## CALENDAR

- Aug. 1 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-10 p.m.
- Aug. 2 National Night Out, various locations/neighborhoods, 6-8 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. 3 Teen Night Around Town (ages 11-17), Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St., 5-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 4 Bike Rodeo (ages 9-17), Thimmig Elementary, 11453 Oswego St., Henderson, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Aug. 4 Cine en el Parque, Fairfax Park, 6850 Fairfax Dr., 7 p.m.
- Aug. 6 Wildlife Viewing Tour, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9:30-11 a.m.
- Aug. 6 Noxious Weed Knock-Out, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 8 City Council Study Session, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 610 p.m.
- Aug. 9 Board of Adjustment, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8:30 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.
- Aug. 13 Summer Hike-N-Bird, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9-11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 13 The Masked Bandit, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 10-10:45 a.m.
- Aug. 14 Wildlife Viewing Tour, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9:30-11 a.m.
- Aug. 15 Turnberry Park Grand Opening and Back to School Picnic, 10725 Wheeling St., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15 City Council Regular Meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 7-11 p.m.
- Aug. 16 Derby Review Board, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 5:30-8 p.m.
- Aug. 16 Quality Community Foundation meeting, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 17 Teen Night Around Town (ages 11-17), River Run Park, 11515 Oswego St., Henderson, 5-7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 18 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Stuart Middle School, 15955 E. 101st Way, 6-7 p.m.
- Aug. 20 Kids Fishing Clinic, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Aug. 21 Amazing Antlers – The Velvet Tour, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9 a.m. – Noon
- Aug. 22-Sep. 5 Commerce City Recreation Center closed for annual maintenance
- Aug. 22 City Council 2017-2018 Budget Retreat, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 3 p.m.
- Aug. 26 Bike with a Cop (ages 11-17), Adams City Middle School, 4451 E. 72nd Ave., 9 a.m.
- Aug. 27 Wildlife Viewing Tour, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd., 9:30-11 a.m.
- Sep. 5 All city facilities closed in observance of Labor Day
- Sep. 6 Police Neighborhood Meeting, Alsup Elementary, 7101 Birch St., 6-7 p.m.
- Sep. 6 Planning Commission, Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave., 6-9 p.m.



A free, eight-week course that demystifies the criminal justice system and provides an inside look at prosecution and law enforcement in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District serving Adams and Broomfield counties.

The Citizens Academy is open to the public.

Members of the public who wish to attend the Citizens Academy should contact the District Attorney's Office.

Space is limited and an application is required. Applications due by August 31, 2016.

**When & Where**

Tuesdays from  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sept. 20 to Nov. 15, 2016

The District Attorney's Office  
1000 Judicial Center Drive  
Brighton, CO 80601

Call  
**303-835-5639**

Download the application at  
[www.adamsbroomfieldda.org](http://www.adamsbroomfieldda.org)

District Attorney Dave Young

**New recreation center construction begins in late summer**

The design phase is wrapping up and construction will soon begin on the new recreation center at Second Creek. Located at E. 112th Avenue and Potomac Street, the new recreation center will include an indoor pool, gymnasium with walking/jogging track, weights/fitness area, dance/aerobics studio, community room and much more.



Artist's renderings of the new recreation center at Second Creek. These designs are conceptual and subject to change.

Improvements to the existing recreation center at 6060 E. Parkway Drive will be constructed and completed in 2018. Improvements could include elements such as a therapy pool, expanded fitness areas and family locker rooms.

For more information and updates about the new recreation center and other capital improvement projects, visit [c3gov.com/QCL](http://c3gov.com/QCL) or follow us on social media (facebook.com/CommerceCity or twitter.com/CommerceCityCO).

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# City recognizes employee milestones

August is employee appreciation month at the City of Commerce City. We want to recognize and thank all employees for their dedication and hard work to keep the city running on a daily basis. Special congratulations are in order for the following employees on reaching these service milestones in 2016:

### 35 years

Alan Trudell, construction inspector  
Joseph Dougherty, police sergeant

### 30 years

Tim Moore, recreation supervisor  
Rose Clawson, senior engineering technician  
Greg Sava, fleet technician

### 25 years

Kendall Grove, police sergeant  
Mike Hrelja, building engineer  
Robert McCoy, police sergeant

### 20 years

Greg Chavez, operations foreman  
Ann Freiberg, permit technician II  
Sheryl Carstens, director of finance  
Richard Anderson, police sergeant

### 15 years

Angela Egeberg, administrative supervisor  
Kathy Dean, permit technician I  
Kelly Hamilton, police sergeant  
John Walkinshaw, police officer  
Paul Hebinck, golf course manager  
Steve Ortega, operations manager  
Christopher Castillo, police officer/school resource officer  
Thomas Leake, police officer  
Roger Tinklenberg, interim deputy city manager  
Travis Fender, police officer  
Joseph Neville III, police officer  
Dennis Davenport, senior crime scene technician  
Natalie Ison, systems administration supervisor  
Aran Conroy, police officer detective  
Jennifer Kunugi, police officer/school resource officer

### 10 years

Dax Nance, police officer  
Conni Crook, police officer detective  
Lisa Nordholt, recreation supervisor  
Laura Bauer, city clerk  
Garrett Hoffman, 1st assistant golf professional

### 5 years

Meagan Cordova, police officer  
Michelle Halstead, interim director of external affairs  
David Malinowski, administrative specialist III  
Thomas Gomez, operations specialist  
Peter Moss, recreation assistant  
Karen O'Donnell, recreation manager  
Laurette Potter, police services technician  
Julia Emko, interim communications manager  
Gilbert Arellano, parks maintenance supervisor  
Brian Lippa, police officer  
Reuben Lujan, operations specialist  
Zachary Roth, recreation coordinator

These 44 employees represent a combined 650 years of service to the city, with more than 1.3 million total hours worked among them. Thanks to all of them for their hard work and dedication!



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## COUNCIL CORNER



*Steve Douglas  
Council At-Large*

Before beginning, I would like to say thank you “women and men in blue” for all you do to serve and protect our communities. Thank you for your commitment and honor.

This go around, I’ve had to take a time out to reflect on recent and past events surrounding police activity throughout our nation and here at home in Commerce City. In Minnesota, a woman watched as an officer fatally shot her boyfriend during a traffic stop “for no apparent reason” while reaching for his wallet. In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, officers had pinned down Alton Sterling. This man was deemed completely immobile when one of the police officers yelled “He’s got a gun!” Within seconds, an officer shot this man although immobilized by the cops, and he then died of multiple gunshot wounds.

Then in Dallas, five police officers were killed at a peaceful march. The sniper flipped a demonstration against police shooting black men in Minnesota and Louisiana into chaos of bloodshed aimed for them. The shooting stemmed from violence that people have feared for years of protest around the country against deaths in police custody, forcing great debates over race and justice separating and dividing our nation.

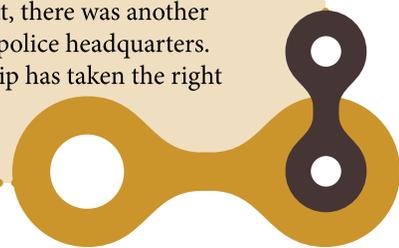
Here at home we have had our own debates around police serving and protecting our city streets. Although unique to our city, it is an indicator we are not immune.

Back in 2012, a 3-year-old dog named Chloe was shot and killed by a police officer.

This incident happened when police answered a call about a dog running loose. Police attempted to capture Chloe with a catchpoles and a taser before shooting the dog. Just last year a Commerce City police officer was accused of shooting himself after an initial report he had been attacked during a traffic stop.

In light of what’s happened, our Council approved six month ago the implementation of body cameras. This was a monumental decision to focus on building the public’s trust. Details are available on our city website. Officers will wear the cameras on their chests and are required to record every interaction with the public. The program was recently launched.

Again, I would like to say I appreciate our men and women in “blue”. As I close out, there was another shooting in Baton Rouge confirming multiple officers shot and several killed near a police headquarters. When and where will it end? Unfortunately, I believe it has just begun. Our leadership has taken the right steps to be prepared.





Interim Deputy Police Chief Dennis Moon speaks at a press conference announcing the implementation of body cameras for all Commerce City police officers.

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

Access Housing Inc. ....	303-289-7078
Adams County Food Distribution Center.....	720-878-3563
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 .....	720-523-6900
Alternatives to Family Violence .....	303-289-4441
Anythink Library.....	303-287-0063
Center for People with Disabilities .....	303-422-8662
Children's Outreach Project .....	303-429-0653
Colorado Access Advantage .....	720-744-5101
Community Enterprise .....	303-288-4783
Denver Rescue Mission .....	303-297-1815
Department of Motor Vehicles .....	720-523-6010
Families First .....	303-745-0327
Family Tree .....	303-422-2133
Heartbeat Suicide Support .....	720-933-1227
Housing Authority .....	303-289-3698
Kids First Health Care .....	303-289-1086
Migrant Education Program .....	303-288-4641
New America School .....	303-800-0058
North Metro Community Services .....	303-457-1001
Platte Valley Medical Center .....	303-498-1600
Salud Clinic .....	303-286-8900
School District 27J .....	303-655-2900
The Senior Hub.....	303-426-4408
Small Business Resource Center.....	303-227-8825
South Adams Fire District .....	303-288-0835
South Adams County Water & Sanitation District.....	303-288-2646
Tri-County Health Department .....	303-288-6816
Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention .....	303-429-3530
Waste Management Recycle Schedule .....	1-800-482-6406

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Economic Development .....	303-289-3620
Communications Division .....	303-289-3719
Paradise Island Pool at Pioneer Park .....	303-289-3769
Parks and Recreation/Recreation Center .....	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

## GOVT LOCATIONS

Civic Center.....	7887 E. 60th Ave.
Police Department .....	7887 E. 60th Ave.
Recreation Center .....	6060 E. Parkway Dr.
Municipal Services Center (MSC) .....	8602 Rosemary St.

Visit [c3gov.com](http://c3gov.com) for more information.



# Kids Day

## FRIDAY

### AUGUST 5



DISCOUNTED  
CARNIVAL ARMBANDS  
11 A.M UNTIL 3 P.M.

FREE KIDS ZONE ACTIVITIES:

- Zip Line
- Toddler Zone
- Human Foosball
- Mobile Ropes Course

- Bungee Trampoline
- Water Walker Balls
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Free Kids Resource Fair

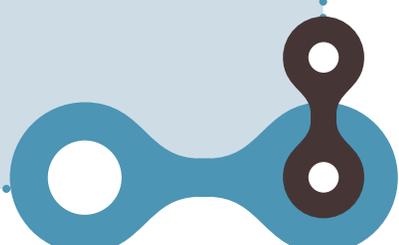


ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

9755 HENDERSON ROAD, BRIGHTON

JOIN US AUGUST 3-7

[www.AdamsCountyFair.com](http://www.AdamsCountyFair.com)





## Recreation center closed August 22-September 5

The Commerce City Recreation Center will be closed from August 22 to September 5 for annual cleaning and maintenance. Classes and trips are also on hold during this time. Stay active during the closure by exploring the city's 840 acres of parks and open space or the championship golf course at Buffalo Run.

## Back-to-School Picnic at the NEW Turnberry Park

Join us at Turnberry Park (10725 Wheeling St.) on August 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a back-to-school celebration! Climb on the playground, play lawn games, enjoy a snack from the food truck and relax under the shaded picnic shelters.

# 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



Visit [www.BuffaloRunGolfCourse.com](http://www.BuffaloRunGolfCourse.com) or  
call 303-289-1500 to book a tee time.

## Sign up now for fall sports leagues

To register, call 303-289-3789 or visit [c3gov.com/register](http://c3gov.com/register).

### Flag football

Discover the thrill of playing flag football. Develop skills and ability on the field through instruction and league play. Participants learn the fundamentals of running, catching, passing and defending in a fun setting. Practices are once a week (to be determined by coach), with one game a week on Wednesday or Thursday evenings (games held at Dick's Sporting Goods Park or Pioneer Park).

Division I (co-ed) – Kindergarten and Grade 1: \$40/\$48  
Division II (co-ed) – Grades 2-3: \$45/\$54

### Youth lacrosse

Play lacrosse, the fastest growing sport in America. This fun and challenging program develops the basic fundamentals of lacrosse, along with promoting teamwork and sportsmanship. Participants meet twice a week for practice (days/times determined by coach) and games are held on Saturdays at various locations throughout the Denver metro area.

Ages 6-8, 8-10, 10-12 and 12-14: \$50/\$60



### Youth volleyball

This exciting and challenging program develops the basic fundamentals of volleyball while promoting teamwork and sportsmanship. Participants meet twice a week for practice (days and times determined by coach) and tournaments are on Saturdays at various locations throughout the Denver metro area.

Grades 3-5 and 6-8: \$50/\$60

### Coed adult softball league

Get your team together or sign up as an individual player to join a team. Call 303-289-3763 for more information.

Tuesday Night Men's D-Rec League: Starts August 9  
Wednesday Night COED D-Rec League: Starts August 10  
Thursday Night Men's Industrial League: Starts August 11  
10-game season: \$470/\$500



Fall registration opens August 1  
Look for the parks and recreation fall activities  
guide in mailboxes soon!



## Fall Preschool Now Enrolling



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

### 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.

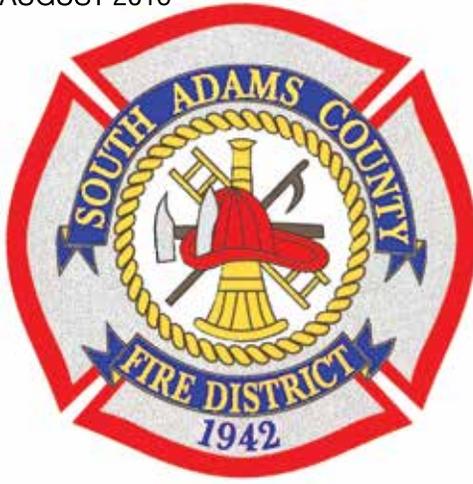
Ages: 4-5  
Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Download an enrollment packet now at [c3gov.com/preschool](http://c3gov.com/preschool)

[WWW.C3GOV.COM/PRESCHOOL](http://WWW.C3GOV.COM/PRESCHOOL)

303-289-3659





# South Adams County Fire Protection District

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## Fire safety tip of the month

### Enjoy the outdoors safely this summer

We all want to entertain outdoors this time of year. Before lighting up your fire pit, check our website ([sacfd.org](http://sacfd.org)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/SouthAdamsCountyFireDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/SouthAdamsCountyFireDepartment)) to find out if there are burn restrictions in Adams County. Remember, there are simple rules in place to keep you, your guests, and your neighbors safe.

#### Outdoor entertaining by the numbers

- Outside fireplaces or fire pits cause nearly 3,700 grass and brush fires each year.
- Total outdoor patio heater or fire pit injuries nearly tripled (from 1,330 to 3,608) in six years from 2006 – 2012.
- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.
- An average of 8,800 home fires involve grills, hibachis, or barbecues each year.

#### Residential outdoor fire pits

Outdoor fire pits are approved within the South Adams County Fire District under certain conditions. The SACFD requires the use of commercially manufactured fire pits that are designed for fire safety and outdoor use. Residents must follow many of the same regulations as other open burning operations:

- Only natural firewood/commercial logs may be burned.
- Burning of lumber, pallets, scrap wood, tree trimmings, leaves, yard waste, paper, cardboard, garbage and similar items is not permitted.
- Fire must be contained within an approved fire ring, enclosure or pit with a spark arrester.
- Burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, are prohibited.
- The fire code official is authorized to order extinguishment by the responsible person, or the fire department, of any burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.
- The fire pit must be 15 feet from any structure or combustible material. It should not be located on a wood patio deck.
- There must be a means of fire extinguishment on-site. Fires must be constantly attended and supervised until completely extinguished.

Residents of the SACFD may construct their own outdoor fire pit under limited conditions. It is recommended that a site plan of the fire pit be reviewed with the fire prevention division. The outdoor fire pit should not exceed 3 feet by 3 feet and must be constructed of masonry, concrete, stone or heavy gage steel.

## Have you considered a home fire sprinkler system?

By **Brian Bierwiler**, SACFD Fire and Life Safety Educator/Fire Inspector

Imagine you're lying in bed with the covers pulled up to your shoulders, feeling snug and secure as a child in a race car bed. Your bedroom window is cracked enough for the crisp nighttime air to fill the room. But as you drift off to a night's slumber, your lungs begin feeling heavy. The covers suddenly feel like a hundred heating blankets weighing on you. You know something is wrong, and pulling your eyes open like a giant theater curtain reveals a bright glow coming from outside your bedroom door.

Smoke is drifting in at all cracks and crevices, incredible heat twinges at your eyes, and the pounding of what sounds like a locomotive deafens you. The moment of reality sinks into your being: "my home is on fire..." The fire roars through the hallway, incinerating everything in its path. Like a silent movie character, you can't seem to push any words out. As the oxygen is sapped from your bedroom, the panic sets in and freezes you in place.

This scenario is terrifying, but you have the power to change it. There are countless fire prevention strategies to help prevent fires in your home before they have even begun to flicker. But even if you keep a fire extinguisher by your bedside, a cell phone on the ready for 9-1-1, and keep every bit of flammable material away from you, a sometimes fires just can't be prevented.

Did you know that 85 percent of all fire deaths occur in the home? Or that the average house fire could cost a homeowner approximately \$45,000? For a comparatively small price, you can protect your home with a home sprinkler system. Sprinkler systems are not just for businesses anymore. For approximately \$1.35 per square foot, a sprinkler system can be installed in most homes. That's about \$2,700 for a 2,000-square-foot home, or around \$42,000 cheaper than repairing damage from a fire.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, home sprinklers reduce the risk of fire death in your home by 80 percent. There's no need to worry that one sprinkler going off will automatically set off every sprinkler head in your house; only the sprinkler head over the fire will activate. Your house will not be flooded because someone burned the toast.

Home sprinkler systems save homes and save lives. Let a home sprinkler system save you.

For more information, visit the National Fire Protection Association at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## Get to know: our new website

The new South Adams County Fire Department website is here. Visit [sacfd.org](http://sacfd.org) to explore the site, check out biographies of our chief and staff, find safety tips, and look through photos. We are constantly adding news, photos, and other content to keep you informed. We hope you visit often.



SACFD firefighters respond to a fire in Commerce City last month. July kept crews busy with weed fires, structure fires, and a water rescue in the South Platte River with Adams County Fire.

Don't miss the 55th annual  
SACFD Spaghetti Dinner on September 10  
at Adams City High School!  
More information coming soon at [sacfd.org](http://sacfd.org).

