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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, CO
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Bring your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns to two upcoming City Council Town Halls

CITY COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU at a pair of upcoming City Council Town Halls that will give you the opportunity to address whatever topics are on your mind. Your local elected officials will be listening to resident feedback on various topics and issues at these meetings, which will be held at the city's recreation centers and are open to all community members. Join us to offer your input on what is happening with the city!

- Tuesday, July 23 | 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr.
- Wednesday, July 31 | 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Bison Ridge Recreation Center, 13905 E. 112th Ave.

The nine-member City Council is the city's legislative and governing body, consisting of one representative from each of the city's four wards, four At-Large representatives, and an At-Large mayor. Council members establish the vision and goals for the city, enact laws, and approve the city budget.

Visit c3gov.com/Council for more information about the City Council and how to get involved in regular meetings.



Celebrate with Commerce City and the Rapids at 4th FEST!



COMMERCE CITY AND THE COLORADO RAPIDS know how to celebrate our nation's birthday with 4THFEST, presented by UHealth! Join us Thursday, July 4 outside DICK's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way, for a family festival featuring a live DJ, food trucks, and tons of free activities like a bounce house, rock climbing wall, soccer darts, pedal carts, and more! The festival starts at 5 p.m. and continues throughout the Rapids game, which will be shown on a big screen outside the stadium.

Don't miss the Colorado Rapids vs. Sporting Kansas City kicking off at 7:30 p.m. This year the Rapids are offering a special ticket deal for Commerce City residents! Learn more and find the link at c3gov.com/4thFest.

After the game, stick around for Colorado's largest public fireworks show! Fireworks are expected to start between 10 and 10:30 p.m.



Use legal fireworks wisely on July 3-4

PERSONAL FIREWORKS THAT ARE LEGAL UNDER STATE LAW are allowed in Commerce City until 11 p.m. ONLY on July 3 and 4 (and Dec. 31). Fire danger remains high, so please use fireworks responsibly on the allowed days, and be courteous to your neighbors – especially military veterans and those with pets.

Using personal fireworks remains prohibited on all other days and in public areas like parks and trails. Penalties for fireworks violations include fines starting at \$1,000 for a first offense and \$2,000 for a second.

To report a fireworks violation, call the non-emergency dispatch line at 303-288-1535 or visit c3gov.com/Police. Do not call 911 to report fireworks violations, since this could slow down response times for life-threatening emergencies.

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NEWS BRIEFS

The Well – A free monthly community meal

In partnership with 180 Community Church, the Community Well-Being Division is hosting a new monthly event called “The Well” where community members can enjoy a free replenishing community meal on the second Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Templo Gethsemani, 6690 Monaco St. This event is tailored for families, seniors, and unhoused individuals who would like to enjoy a free meal with members of their community. The next event will take place on Friday, July 12.

For questions, contact the Community Well-Being Division at 303-289-3698 or cwb@c3gov.com.

Support scholarships through the Curt Holland Memorial Golf Tournament

The Fourth Annual Curt Holland Memorial Golf Tournament is set for Friday, Aug. 25 at the Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave. Golfing slots for this year have already sold out, but you can still support the tournament and help the Quality Community Foundation raise funds for scholarships sponsoring the event or bidding on silent auction items!



To learn more, visit c3gov.com/CHGolf.

New Yard of the Month program helps spread community pride

AS PART OF THE MYC3 INITIATIVE, the new Yard of the Month program recognizes residents who demonstrate above-average efforts to maintain their property and improve the overall appearance of our community. Yard of the Month recognizes one winner per ward each month for having a well-kept front yard.

Four households were recognized in June as inaugural winners of the new program. City staff delighted in visiting the beautiful homes in the city, giving a gift card and special yard sign for the winners to showcase their public recognition. We want to thank those residents for their dedication to their community. One resident said that she took the time to take care of her yard because she hoped it would inspire others to do the same, while others’ gratitude led to a handful of happy tears.

Congratulations to our four winners:



Ward I – 5710 Demott Ave.



Ward II – 6905 Ash St.



Ward III – 10060 Jasper St.



Ward IV – 10682 Nucla St.

The Yard of the Month program will continue through October and residents are invited to nominate themselves, a neighbor, or any home in the community at bit.ly/MyC3Yard.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT COUNCIL

City Council adopts laws, policies, and budgets consistent with the city charter. Regular City Council meetings and study sessions are open to the public. Public comment and official city actions occur only during regular meetings, not study sessions.

City Council meetings occur in person with opportunities to view and comment remotely via Zoom. Members of the public can attend and comment in person at the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave. Advance Zoom registration and written comments delivered to the City Clerk’s Office must be received by noon on the day of the meeting.

Watch Live:

Online at c3gov.com/Video

On CCTV Channel 8 (HD 881) for Xfinity customers

All City Council meetings offer live Spanish interpretation services. To hear meetings in Spanish, call 720-386-9023 and enter conference code 104091*.

July 2024 Meeting Schedule:

- Monday, July 1 – City Council Regular Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, July 8 – City Council Study Session, 6 p.m.
- Monday, July 15 – City Council Regular Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, July 22 – City Council Study Session, 6 p.m.

City Council meeting agendas are posted online at commerce.legistar.com no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday prior to the meeting. Follow the city’s social media accounts for updates about upcoming meetings and short recap videos of actions taken during recent City Council meetings. Recap videos are also available at YouTube.com/CityOfCommerceCity.

For more information, visit c3gov.com/Meetings.

COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Keeping of backyard chickens and bees officially allowed starting Aug. 2

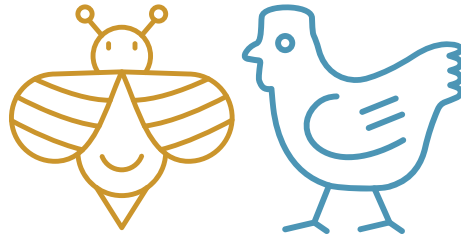
SINCE COMMERCE CITY VOTERS APPROVED the backyard keeping of chickens and bees (but not ducks) in the 2023 election, city staff has been busy researching and drafting regulations to govern this new measure. Regulations were approved by City Council at the June 3 meeting and officially go into effect 60 days later to allow time for notifications and education.

Residents need to acquire a permit to keep chickens or bees and can apply for one after Aug. 2. Keep in mind that local HOA or metro district rules could supersede city laws, so check your local rules before setting up any coops or hives once the regulations take effect.

If you want to keep chickens or bees in your backyard, you'll need to get a permit through the city's eTRAKiT portal. This includes submitting a property diagram showing where you will keep them. Separate permits are needed for chickens and bees, each costing \$70 and lasting as long as you keep the animals, unless you stop for 12 months. These permits are specific to you and your property and can't be transferred. Remember, your HOA and metro district rules still apply.

For chickens, no roosters are allowed. They need to be kept in an outdoor enclosure or coop, and not in the front yard, with the same setbacks as your house. For bees, you can only have non-aggressive bees, with a maximum of two hives per property. Each hive cannot be taller than five feet or larger than 20 cubic feet. Flyways should ensure bees fly at least six feet above the ground over property lines, and hives must be built to minimize human or animal contact.

For more information, visit c3gov.com/E3 or call the city's Planning Division at 303-289-3772.



CALENDAR

Commerce City Civic Center

7887 E. 60th Ave.
303-289-3600

Bison Ridge Recreation Center

13905 E. 112th Ave.
303-286-6800

Eagle Pointe Recreation Center

6060 E. Parkway Dr.
303-289-3760

For the most updated event information and to confirm if meetings are occurring virtually or in person, check out the city calendar at c3gov.com. All events and meetings are subject to be changed or rescheduled.

- July 1 City Council Regular Meeting*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- July 2 Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Civic Center
- July 4 Civic Center and recreation centers will be closed in observance of the 4th of July
- July 4 Youth Commission Meeting, Canceled
- July 4 4th Fest, 5 p.m., Dick's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way
- July 8 City Council Study Session*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- July 9 Zoning Board of Adjustment*, 5:30 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- July 10 Housing Authority Meeting, 5:45 p.m., Housing Office – Second Floor of 6320 Glencoe St.
- July 11 Senior Commission, 3 p.m., Civic Center
- July 11 Music in the Park Summer Concert Series, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., River Run Park, 11515 S. Oswego St.
- July 12 The Well community meal, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Templo Gethsemani, 6690 Monaco St.
- July 13 Neighborhood Curbside Cleanup, See pg. 3 for details
- July 15 City Council Regular Meeting*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- July 16 Derby Review Board Meeting*, 5:30 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- July 16 Cultural Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Virtual Meeting
- July 16 PRG Advisory Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Bison Ridge – Hybrid Meeting
- July 18 Veterans Commission Meeting, 6 p.m., Virtual Meeting
- July 22 City Council Study Session*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- July 23 City Council Townhall, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Eagle Pointe
- July 23 Quality Community Foundation Meeting, Canceled
- July 25 Citizens Public Safety Advisory Board, 4 p.m., Virtual Meeting
- July 25 Environmental Policy Advisory Committee Meeting, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Bison Ridge
- July 25 Music in the Park Summer Concert Series Ft. Summer Shindig Event, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St.
- July 30 Senior Commission Lunch & Learn, Noon – 2 p.m., Eagle Pointe
- July 31 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission, Canceled
- July 31 City Council Townhall, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Bison Ridge

Live Spanish interpretation is available for this meeting. Call 720-386-9023 and enter conference code 104091 to hear the meeting in Spanish.

Neighborhood Curbside Cleanup Days

RESIDENTS CAN PLACE UP TO FIVE LARGE ITEMS at the curb for pickup for free during their designated days! The city's residential neighborhoods are divided into five areas, with each being serviced on one of five Saturdays between March and August.

Saturday, July 13 - Subdivisions including Eagle Creek, Foxton Village, Fronterra Village, Harvest Meadows, North Range Village, Potomac Farms, Turnberry, Reunion Ridge

Saturday, Aug. 3: Subdivisions including Buckley Ranch, Buffalo Highlands, Buffalo Mesa, Reunion, Second Creek Farms, Settler's Crossing, Prairie Farms

Find the full schedule and learn more at c3gov.com/Trash.



Help make changes in the city by joining a board or commission!

READY TO SHAPE the future of your community? Commerce City is calling on passionate residents like you to step up and join one of our dynamic boards or commissions. This is your chance to make a lasting impact, drive positive change, and be a voice for progress. These groups offer a variety of roles and responsibilities, each with its own term lengths, membership sizes, qualifications, and meeting schedules. Most meet only once per month.

This quarter, there are openings in a variety of groups, including the Quality Community Foundation, Cultural Council, Veterans Commission, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission, and more.

We welcome all residents to get involved in shaping the future of our community. Good governance relies not only on elected officials and city staff but also on the active participation of residents. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to get involved!

For more information and the opportunity to apply, visit c3gov.com/Boards.



Join the Quality Community Foundation (QCF)

The Quality Community Foundation (QCF) is looking for dedicated community members!

Established in 2006, QCF provides post-secondary education and recreation scholarships for Commerce City Youth, and provides grants to non-profit organizations that benefit Commerce City residents.

What would you do?

- Be a part of the selection committee for post-secondary scholarships and non-profit grants
- Plan the Annual Curt Holland Memorial Golf Tournament
- Brainstorm and implement innovative fundraising ideas
- Volunteer at community events



Learn more at c3gov.com/QCF



For more information, contact Melissa Sumner at msumner@c3gov.com

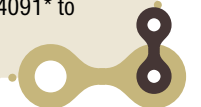
Learn about Elderly Fraud Prevention with the Senior Commission

ATTENTION SENIORS: the Commerce City Senior Commission is hosting a Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, July 30 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr., featuring an essential presentation on elderly fraud prevention. Senior Deputy District Attorneys Danny Paulson and Sarah Domke of the Adams County District Attorney's office will share their expertise and provide practical tips to help you recognize and avoid common scams targeting seniors. A complimentary lunch from Dion's will be provided.

For those who live closer to the Bison Ridge Recreation Center, a complimentary shuttle will be available to transport attendees from Bison Ridge to Eagle Pointe, departing at 11:30 a.m. and returning guests after the event.

We encourage all seniors to attend this important event. It's a wonderful chance to learn, socialize, and take proactive steps to safeguard your finances and personal information, while enjoying lunch!

Interpretation services will be provided in Spanish. For questions, contact Sarah Burgess at sburgess@c3gov.com or 303-289-5040.



COUNCIL CORNER



Sean Ford
Councilmember
At-Large

I have served on the City Council on and off since 1999, and I have had the honor and privilege to witness our community grow and evolve. My time on the City Council, including my previous tenure as mayor, has been marked by an unwavering dedication to serving the interests of all our residents. Today, I want to emphasize the core principle that drives my efforts: working for the people and ensuring equal treatment and services across our vibrant city.

From the very beginning, my time on City Council has been committed to the idea that governance should be about collective well-being rather than individual interests. I strive to make decisions that benefit the entire community, regardless of where you live in Commerce City. Whether it involves enhancing public safety, improving infrastructure, or fostering economic development, my goal is to create an environment where every resident can thrive.

One thing I strive for is ensuring that all areas of Commerce City receive the same level of attention and care. I understand that a balanced approach is essential to fostering unity and progress. From the heart of our city to the more suburban and rural areas, I hope we as a city can provide high-quality services that meet the diverse needs of our population. This means investing in well-maintained roads, parks, and public facilities, as well as ensuring that our emergency services are responsive and effective across all neighborhoods.

Economic Development is another crucial area where we focus on inclusivity. By supporting local businesses and attracting new investments, we create job opportunities and enhance the quality of life for all residents. Our efforts to build a robust economy are guided by the principle that prosperity should be shared. I want to help ensure that the benefits of growth reach every corner of Commerce City.

In addition to infrastructure and economic development, I want us to continue a strong emphasis on community engagement. I believe that the best way to serve our residents is by listening to their voices. Through town hall meetings, public forums, and open communication channels, I encourage active participation and feedback. This collaborative approach helps the city understand our residents' unique concerns and aspirations, allowing us to address them more effectively.

As one of your At-Large representatives, I am committed to continuing this tradition of inclusive and people-focused governance. The progress we've made together is a testament to what we can achieve when we prioritize the common good. I am grateful for your trust and support over the years, and I look forward to working with you to ensure that Commerce City continues to work towards being a place where everyone feels valued and has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Together, we will keep moving forward, building a brighter future for all.

CDOT seeking public feedback on I-25 improvements starting at I-270 interchange

THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF Transportation (CDOT) invites you to an open house to learn about and provide input on plans that would improve travel along I-25 between the US 36/I-270 interchange and E. 104th Avenue. The project aims to improve safety along with traffic and transit operations along this stretch of highway.

Come and see the possible improvements being considered at the open house on Wednesday, July 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Northglenn Recreation Center at 1 East Memorial Parkway, Northglenn, CO 80233. Guests can park near the Senior Center and Parsons Theatre.

The project team will be on-site to answer questions and your input is encouraged! Light refreshments will be served and interpretation will be available in Spanish and American Sign Language. The study phase will continue through Spring 2026 with design efforts occurring simultaneously. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in Fall 2026.

For more information, visit codot.gov/projects/studies/i25-us36-to104th.




National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 6

Host a block party and other events as first responders stop by to build relationships, strengthen ties, and stand together against crime in the community.

c3gov.com/NNO

Contact the CCPD Administrative staff at division-pdadmin@c3gov.com to register a block party!
You could be eligible for a gift card to help cover your costs

Join the team!

Be a part of it

WORK AT THE HEART OF YOUR COMMUNITY, where you can make a difference in your backyard. Work at the Civic Center, Municipal Services Center, Buffalo Run Golf Course, or one of the city-owned and operated recreation centers. Take advantage of unique benefits like a program that helps you become a homeowner, discounted access to recreation centers, and plenty of paid time off. As a Commerce City full-time employee, you will receive a retirement plan with a 6% employer match.



"I love my team, but I especially love my leadership. I can't say this about any other job in my career (and I've had a long career). This is the first job I've felt appreciated by those around me, especially my manager. On Sunday evenings, I don't feel dread, and I love spending time in the office with my colleagues.

I have such variety working on IT projects for the recreation team, the Bison Grill, and the people supporting licensing and permitting. Come work with us; it's a great place!"

- Yvonne Stephens, Sr. IT Project Manager, Information Technology

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MUSIC IN THE PARK

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Free!

Enjoy this family-friendly event featuring local bands, food, and opportunities to engage with the city, local nonprofit organizations, and service providers.

July 11	THUMPIN River Run Park, 11515 Oswego St.
July 25*	CHICANO HEAT Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St.

*This concert will also have the "Summer Shindig" event that gives free food and valuable community information/resources

Questions? Contact Melissa Sumner at msumner@c3gov.com



On Friday, June 14 the Curt Holland Memorial Park grand opening took place, dedicating a new park to fallen Commerce City Police Department Det. Curt Holland. A huge thank you to the Holland family, the FOP Lodge 19, Buffalo Ridge Metro District, and all our incredible project sponsors for making this dream a reality!

July is Parks and Recreation Month

This year's Park and Recreation Month theme — "Where You Belong" — celebrates the many ways park and recreation professionals across the country foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connection.

This July, the PRG department will provide fun and exciting activities every day of the month. To stay updated, visit c3gov.com/Recreation.

Let's unite and share the many reasons why local parks and recreation truly embody the essence of belonging.

PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

**Bison Ridge
Recreation Center**
13905 E. 112th Ave.
303-286-6800

**Eagle Pointe
Recreation Center**
6060 E. Parkway Dr.
303-289-3760

**Buffalo Run
Golf Course**
15700 E. 112th Ave.
303-289-1500
buffalorungolfcourse.com

PRESCHOOL-AGED PROGRAM

Discovery Kids (Ages 3 – 5)

An interactive class session with a focus on skill building, independence, and hands-on fun! Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from July 9 – Aug. 1
2 – 4 p.m. \$120/\$160 Bison Ridge 7152.201

Park Palooza (Ages 2 – 4 with adult price per child)

Join us at a different park each week for art, outdoor games, and lots of fun.
Tuesday, July 9 10 – 11 a.m. \$22/\$28 Pioneer Park 7102.201
Tuesday, July 16 10 – 11 a.m. \$22/\$28 Veteran's Memorial Park 7102.201
Tuesday, July 23 10 – 11 a.m. \$22/\$28 Fairfax Park 7102.201

Amazing Tots (Ages 1.5 – 2.5)

Amazing Tots is a guided, discovery-based program helping children 18 months to 2.5 years engage in structured physical activities tailored specifically to toddlers. Imaginative fitness activities include five multi-sports, color recognition, shape classification, letter identification, and action vocabulary experiences.
Thursdays July 11-25 2 – 2:30 p.m. \$52/\$56 Bison Ridge 7163.202

Amazing Athletes (Ages 3 – 6)

Amazing Athletes is the premier year-round developmental physical fitness program empowering children aged 3 to 6 years old to reach developmental milestones at an individual pace. Classes include 10 multi-sports, motor skills, body discovery, nutrition, and muscle identification.
Thursdays July 11-25 1 – 1:45 p.m. \$52/\$56 Bison Ridge 7163.201

Navigation and Backpacking (Ages 11 – 16)

Join in for an exciting journey into the great outdoors. Monday will be a day trip learning to navigate. Tuesday is an overnight trip up to Broome Hut. Enjoy a hike a short 1.2 miles, spend the night, and return on Wednesday. Drop off with take place at Bison Ridge and will return at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.
Monday, July 8 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$145/\$165 Bison Ridge 7664.201

Mountain Bike and Fly Fishing (Ages 11 – 16)

This adventure will experience the unforgettable blend of hiking to a glacier lake and participating in outdoor exploration learning while repelling down rugged rock to the refreshing joy of swimming and the serenity of paddle boarding.
July 22 - 25 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$145/\$165 Bison Ridge 7665.202

Adventure Trek (Ages 11 – 14)

This field trip-based camp provides a new adventure every day. Teens have the opportunity to travel offsite for hiking, museum tours, amusement parks, and water activities. Drop off and pick up at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center.
July 1 – 3 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. \$145/\$170 Eagle Pointe & Waterworld
July 8 -12 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. \$145/\$170 Eagle Pointe & Horseback riding
July 15 - 19 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. \$145/\$170 Eagle Pointe & Treehouse Adventure Park
July 22 - 26 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. \$145/\$170 Eagle Pointe & Elitch Gardens
July 29 – Aug. 02 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. \$145/\$170 Eagle Pointe & Aurora Reservoir
*There is no camp on Thursday, July 4. The price is prorated for that week. Please keep in mind trips are subject to change.



Park After Dark

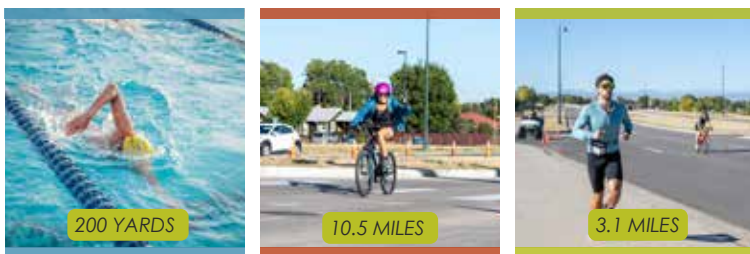
Park After Dark returns with **FREE outdoor movie nights!**

- Monsters University**
- Friday, August 2**
- 7:30 p.m.**
- Turnberry Park, 10725 Wheeling St.**



Free Admission • No registration required

IT'S TIME TO GET OUTSIDE AND TRI!



Save the date and start training for **Commerce City's Wild for Life Triathlon Sunday, Oct. 13**

Commerce City is hosting its second triathlon! Athletes of all ages and abilities will swim, bike, and run at the edge of one of the nation's largest urban wildlife refuges.

SPONSORS WANTED!

This is a great opportunity for your business or organization to gain visibility to many potentially new clients. A variety of event sponsorship opportunities are available. We would love your support!



Register today and find more information at c3gov.com/TRI



PGA HOPE at Buffalo Run: Free 6-week golf program

Buffalo Run in partnership with the PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) program provides veterans, retirees, and active-duty service members the opportunity to attend FREE golf clinics. Veterans can learn the game of golf in a fun and interactive 6-week training program led by Buffalo Run's PGA professionals. Participants will receive basic training on the game of golf, covering everything from the flat stick to the boomstick. To register, visit PGAHope.com.

Thursdays, July 18 – Aug. 22 at Buffalo Run Golf Course.
Two open slots from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m.



South Adams County Water & Sanitation District

6595 E. 70th Ave. Commerce City, CO 80022 • 303-288-2646

Water Line Replacement Project

- Newport St from E 70th Ave to E 72nd Ave
- Oneida St from E 74th Ave to Highway 2

Starting June 19, crews began work on the first part of the water line removal and replacement project on Newport St from E 70th Ave to E 72nd Ave. The project consists of installing main water lines in the area, replacing water service lines and/or meter pits, installing new fire hydrants, and associated asphalt removal and replacement.



The construction on Newport St is expected to be completed by the end of July. The second part of the project will focus on the area of Oneida St from E 74th Ave to Highway 2. Work on Oneida St is expected to begin by July 31 and be completed by October 2023.

The project is essential to improving and maintaining the District water system and will enhance fire protection and water service reliability in the area. Customers will be notified of any scheduled service outages during the project with a minimum of 48 hours prior to interruption of service. During the construction there will be temporary partial road closures, please follow any work zone traffic control in place.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during these essential improvements. For any questions or comments please contact the District at 303-288-2646.

SACWSD 2023 Water Quality Report Available Now!

To view your 2023 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water visit <https://www.southadamswaterco.gov/wqr2023>. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. For more information please call (303) 288-2646.



New Website Design and New URL

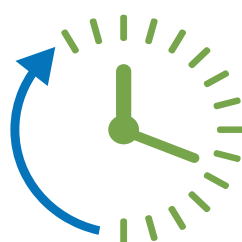
It's official the District website has a fresh new look and a new URL. The new website design features a modern online experience and includes user-friendly features to provide easy access to information. To increase security and searchability the District decided to switch to a new .Gov domain. Find the new website at SouthAdamsWaterCO.Gov.

New Website Design & URL
SouthAdamsWaterCO.Gov



Help us conserve water and drop the peak of water demand this summer by following these four easy steps

Water during off peak hours to reduce demand on the system. Peak hours are from 5 AM to 7 AM. Try watering before 5 AM or after 6 PM.



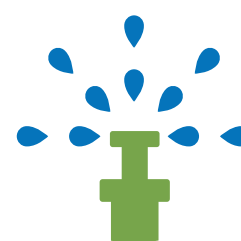
Follow the mandatory watering schedule, and only water 3 days a week. Consider watering one day less a week.



Regularly check your irrigation timer to make sure you are watering at the right times. Also, check your system for leaks and broken sprinkler heads



Don't water on rainy or windy days. A easy way to do this is to add a rain sensor to your system that will automatically turn off your system during rain events.





RMA Celebrates Retiring Program Manager

Charlie Scharmann is retiring as Army program manager at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) at the end of June. Scott Greene, an RMA environmental engineer with more than 30 years of technical, program management and staff supervisory experience, will serve as acting program manager until a full-time leader is hired.



Charlie Scharmann, retiring Program Manager

Scharmann began his service to the RMA program while with the U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. After transferring to Colorado, he became the RMA program manager in 2000 and assumed leadership of the \$2.1 billion environmental remediation program. In this role, he ensured environmental cleanup goals were met and built a nationally recognized safety program and performance record.

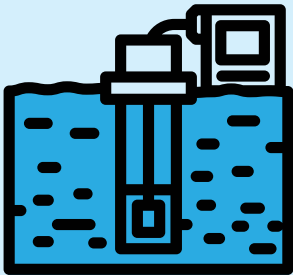
“It’s been a privilege to partner with the community, RMA and Refuge staff, and regulatory agencies to fulfill the vision for this site,” he said. “I’m proud of what we have accomplished together and of the natural space we have created for the community to enjoy.”




Scott Greene, acting Program Manager

Greene joined the RMA program in 2018, after working on some of the largest and most successful environmental cleanup programs in the country. During his tenure at RMA, he has led the interagency water team technical working group, served as the RMA Committee coordinator, and coordinated the 2020 Five-Year Review development and community outreach process with the regulatory agencies.


QUICK FACTS



52 off-post groundwater monitoring wells sampled in Fiscal Year 2023



669 million gallons of groundwater treated in Fiscal Year 2023



5,189 days without a safety incident resulting in lost time

Community Questions

Q: Is RMA a source of air pollution for the surrounding community?

A: No. The environmental remediation being conducted at RMA does not create air pollution. The groundwater treatment facilities do not produce air emissions, nor does the monitoring and maintenance of the two on-site landfills and two waste consolidation areas.

Although the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducts occasional prescribed burns to maintain healthy vegetation and reduce wildfire risks, the timing of the burns is coordinated with the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment to ensure air quality will not be negatively affected.

Prior to the completion of the surface environmental cleanup in 2010, the Army followed strict dust control protocols and

operated an air monitoring program to ensure on-site activities posed no air pollution risks to the surrounding community. The data showed that air quality at RMA was consistently better than in the greater Denver metro area.



Workers take readings at former RMA air monitoring station.

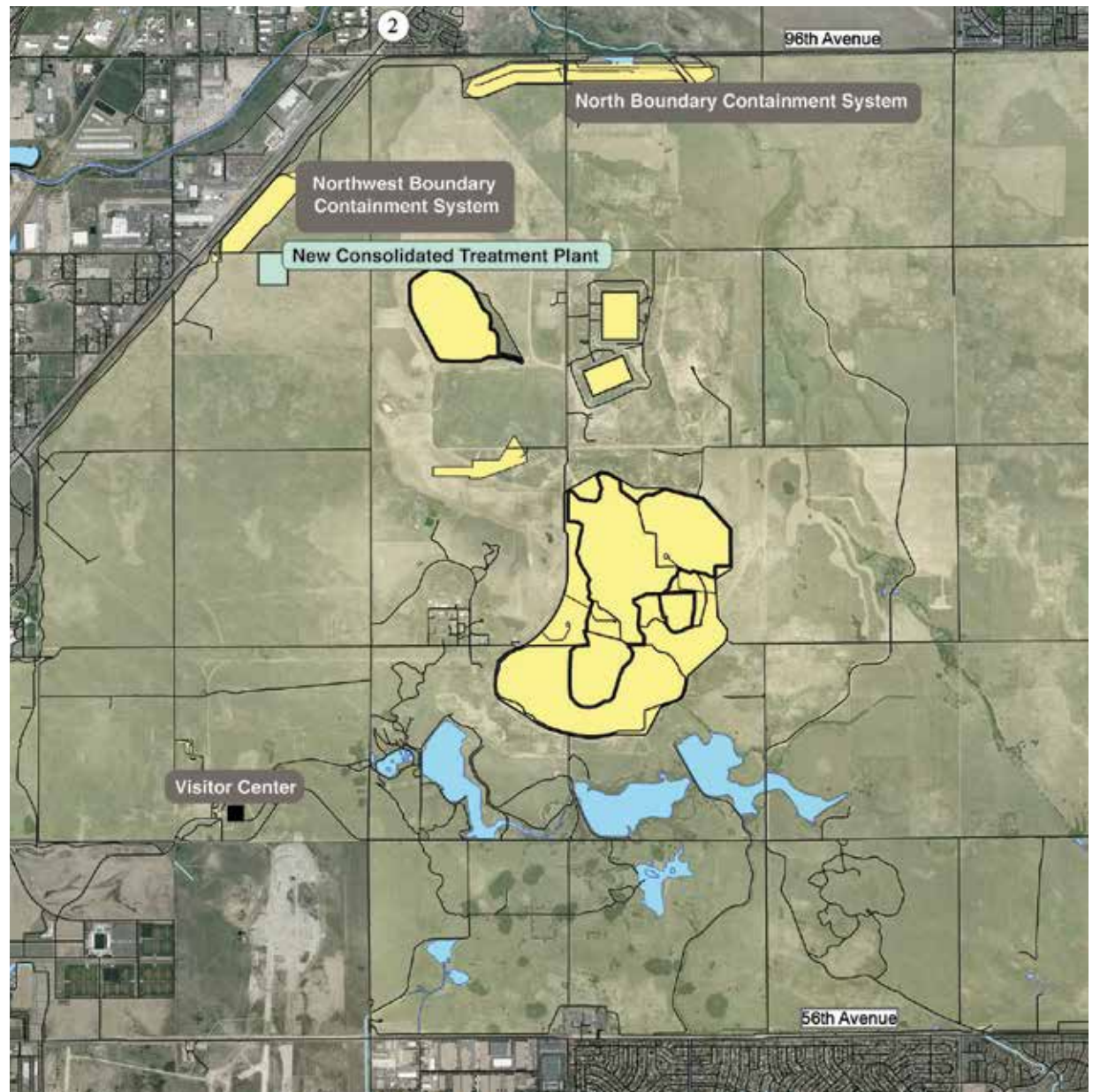
Army Planning New Consolidated Groundwater Treatment Plant

The Army is planning to construct a modernized groundwater treatment plant at RMA to replace two existing treatment plants that are over 40 years old. The new system will improve the efficiency of groundwater treatment and allow for additional treatment processes in the future, if needed.

Construction is expected to begin in 2026, and more information about the plant's design will be published in future newsletters and on the RMA website. The new plant will be located just east of RMA's existing Northwest Boundary Groundwater Treatment System near the intersection of Highway 2 and 88th Avenue (see map at right).

The new plant will consolidate groundwater treatment from the North and Northwest Boundary Containment Systems into one facility. The existing

systems, which have been operating for 40-43 years, are nearing the end of their design lives and are due for modernization. Groundwater will continue to be pumped from the current groundwater extraction wells, and reinjected after treatment into the existing recharge trenches or wells (i.e., there will be no change in extraction or reinjection locations).



Army Selects Primary Operation & Maintenance Contractor

Following a competitive process, the Army has awarded a nine-year contract to Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. (Navarro) to support the ongoing operation and maintenance of the environmental cleanup program at RMA.

Navarro has supported the Army at RMA since 2012 and has established an exceptional safety and performance record. Under this follow-on contract, Navarro will continue serving as the Army's primary contractor. This work will include performing operation and maintenance of the remedy facilities, as well as supporting groundwater and surface water monitoring, quality management, regulatory compliance and more.



Although most of the former Rocky Mountain Arsenal has been transformed into a national wildlife refuge,

the Army will permanently own about 1,100 acres at the site. Those lands contain groundwater treatment facilities, as well as two on-site landfills and two waste consolidation areas.

In partnership with the regulatory agencies, the Army operates and maintains those facilities to ensure the environmental cleanup continues to perform as designed and remains protective of public health and the environment.

Contact Us

Would you like an RMA representative to come talk to your community group? If so, please call us at 303.289.0200. You can also reach us online by scanning this QR code.

