

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: Sept. 29, 2023



RESOURCES

Agendas and meeting schedules – commerce.legistar.com

City online events calendar – c3gov.com/Calendar

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New & Notable

Hispanic Heritage Month event this Saturday, Sept. 30

The city is proud to partner with Cultivando and the Commerce City Cultural Council to host a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month this Saturday, Sept. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. in Downtown Derby. In addition to live dance and music performances, the event will provide a boost for local Derby businesses by sending attendees to restaurants and retailers in the district. We have numerous community partners also involved with crafts, activities, and informational booths, and will have prizes for a scavenger hunt for flags of various Latin American nations inside Derby businesses. Learn more at c3gov.com/Events.

The performance schedule includes:

- Noon – 12:30 p.m. - Baile Folklórico (Folkloric dancing) by Raices de Mi Tierra
- 12:40 – 1:40 p.m. - Colorado Youth Mariachi Program
- 1:50 – 2:20 p.m. - Aztec dancing by Grupo Tlaloc
- 2:30 – 4 p.m.- Banda La Patrona

Email notifications of subdivision case postings now available

For new subdivision plats that are submitted to staff for administrative approval, the city website now features a news feed to increase transparency with community members and stakeholders. This new webpage is now live [here on the city website](#), under the “Development Projects” heading. Members of the public can also sign up to receive an email alert directly to their inbox whenever a new subdivision case is posted online. Visit c3gov.com/Subscribe to sign up for this, or any of the city’s online news feeds to receive email alerts.

Family Fright Night on the Field

The city is partnering with the Kroenke Sports & Entertainment for a spooky evening of family fun outside Dick’s Sporting Goods Park on Friday, Oct. 13! This first-time event invites community members to enjoy an outdoor showing of the movie Hocus Pocus on DSGP Fields 4 and 6 (south side of the stadium near E. 59th Place and Valentia Street), a costume contest, food from the concessions, and other fun activities. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with the movie showing set to begin around 6:30 p.m.

[Council Work Schedules](#)



Business/Economic Development



Business Attraction

– Staff requested a meeting with the corporate real estate representative for a Chicago-based restaurant group to discuss their expansion plans, real estate requirements, and the possibility of a restaurant in Commerce City. They recently announced their planned entry to the Denver Metro market with up to eight locations planned for future development.

– Staff is working with the owner of a regional supermarket chain to host a site visit and tour of Commerce City. The tour is tentatively scheduled for mid-October with the owner confirming travel dates within the next two weeks.

– Staff met with the owners of the property at 120th and Chambers to discuss potential tenants, including regional and national restaurant concepts, full-service and fast-casual options, and the possibility of multiple buildings. Staff also connected with their broker to discuss interest from a potential tenant that has recently opened a location in Westminster.

– Staff reached out to two local restaurant groups to request meetings to discuss potential locations in Commerce City.

Business Attraction – Continued

– Staff held call with the Senior Director of Development Marketing and Chief Development Officer of a national cinema chain. They discussed their current plans to expand locations and work with franchisees. They confirmed they are not planning additional corporate locations in Colorado, as they have developed enough locations in this market.

– Staff connected with the owners of a brewery and confirmed that they plan to submit their pre-application in the next two weeks. Staff provided assistance on projected property taxes and the process for obtaining a liquor license in Commerce City.

– Staff had an introductory meeting with representatives from a restaurant group that owns several distinct concepts. Staff provided an overview of opportunities and discussed potential incentives for full-service sit-down restaurant concepts.

– Staff received an update from the developer working on the former Dairy Queen building on E. 104th Ave. They are making progress on their design and civil engineering plans. At this time, they expect to formally submit plans by mid-October for preliminary review.

– Staff partnered with Planning and Code Enforcement team members to assist a business in the Colorado Logistics Park. The team is working together to ensure the business is meeting City code standards for outside storage.

– A company recently purchased a 170,500-square-foot building in the Nexus Business Park at 17195 E. 85th Ave. They will be occupying 120,000 square feet for their first Colorado distribution center and subleasing the remaining space. The company is awaiting approval of a building permit in order to start tenant improvements. They are looking to move into the space by mid-January 2024 and open their doors in February or March. This will bring 60-65 new jobs to Commerce City and a \$32 million investment in the facility.



Community Appearance/Clean Ups

Hot Shot Crew

- Hot shot crews conducted inspections and removed abandon items at the following locations:
 - E. 48th Avenue and Ivy Street
 - E. 64th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard (I-270)
 - E. 60th Avenue from Brighton Boulevard to Clermont Street
 - E. 52nd Place and Oneida Street
 - E. 83rd Avenue and Rosemary Street
 - E. 96th Avenue and Peoria Street
 - Elm Street - E. 69th to 72nd Avenue
 - E. 84th Avenue and Pontiac Street
 - E. 120th Avenue and Cameron Street
 - E. 112th Avenue and Tower Road
 - E. 50th Avenue and Forest Street
- **Monday: 2 two-person teams, 32 hours**
 - Teams toured the city for debris in the morning and then provided assistance on the Rosemary Street project at the BNSF crossing.
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- **Thursday: 2 people, 16 hours**
 - Inspected northern part of the City for debris.
 - Weed whipped corners on E. 112th Avenue and Tower Road for line of sight issues.
- **Friday: 2 people, 16 hours**
 - Staff patrolled the city and removed miscellaneous debris.
 - Staff addressed drainage issues at Monaco Street and E. 62nd Avenue.



Housing & Community Well-Being

Community Well-Being			Housing	Weekly Totals	YTD
Homeless Navigator					
Unhoused Resident Contacts	21	851	ERA: Mortgage	\$20,993.00	\$403,953.00
Voucher Matches to Housing	0	13	ERA: Utility	\$6,182.00	\$40,565.00
Voucher Orientations for Housing	0	7	ERA: Car repairs	\$0.00	\$1,508.00
Commerce City Unhoused Residents Housed	0	11	ERA: Homeless	\$2.00	\$13.00
Family & Senior Navigator			ERA totals	\$27,175.00	\$446,027.00
Senior Contacts	19	214	ERA: Families Served	6	100
Senior Resource Referrals Made	37	312	ERA: Total Applications	15	147
Family Contacts	33	181			
Family Resource Referrals Made	40	257			

- The Family & Senior Navigator hosted a “Know Your Rights” for renters workshop on Sept. 18 at Eagle Pointe, 20 residents attended.
- Empowerment Project-Based Vouchers – The eligibility process is open, and the Housing Specialist is reviewing applications.



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environment Weekly Report - Sept. 25

This report provides a weekly update of environmental policy and planning work including, but not limited to:

- Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC)
- Lotus Contract and Community Outreach
- Municipal Sustainability
- Information regarding the Suncor Refinery and its operations
- Legislative Updates & Regional Environmental Leadership
- Colorado Energy and Carbon Management (CECM) Commission
- Oil & Gas Projects & Policy



Growth and Development

Ward Report – Aug. 2023

PERMITS	Weekly Totals	2023 YTD Total
SFD Permits Issued	12	419
Multi-Family Permits Issued	0	0
Duplex Permits Issued (SFA)	6	12
Townhome Permits Issued (SFA)	0	24
Residential CO issued	26	587
Total Permits Issued	48	3019
Permits Processed	56	3380
Residential Permits Processed	5	1000
Non-Residential Permits Processed	51	1258
Residential CO Processed	26	198
Residential Inspections	483	12,796
Non-Residential Inspections	248	6,423
CODE ENFORCEMENT		
Total Case Action	447	14052
Pro-Active Cases	59	2012
CAI	2	857
SCF-CRM	9	173
Violations Issued	112	4224
PLANNING		
Completed Cases		2
New Cases (Deemed Incomplete/Not Included in Total)		5
New Cases (Deemed Complete/Included in Total)		0
Total Active Cases		169
POD Inquiries		32
SELECT CASE STATUS UPDATES		
QuikTrip, 81st & Tower Rd	Development Agreement in process of getting signatures; will be posting plat during next available posting period.	
Second Creek Farms School & Park Site	Plat to be posted Sept 29 - Oct 9. (Creates two lots: park & school sites only.)	
Tower Landfill	Resubmittal under review.	
Third Creek	Comments sent to applicant for Filing 4	
ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION POSTINGS		
Second Creek Farms Filing 1 Amendment 2 Final Plat	Creates two lots; one 10-acre lot for a school site and one 10-acre lot for a public park.	
PUBLIC HEARINGS (Recent & Upcoming)		
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, October 10	Dexter Street Religious Institution Use-by-Permit (new applicant)	
PLANNING COMMISSION - October 3	E. 83rd Avenue Vacation of Right-of-Way	
	Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing	
CITY COUNCIL - October 16	Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing (Ordinance on 1st reading)	




Public Safety

WE'RE BACK!

"COFFEE WITH A COP"

PLEASE JOIN US AT EITHER LOCATION
(NORTH OR SOUTH)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 9-11AM



TASTY DONUTS:
6441 E 72ND PL
REUNION COFFEE HOUSE:
10601 REUNION PKWY

THE COFFEE'S ON US!
UNLESS YOU WANT ONE OF THOSE FANCY FALL DRINKS.
THEN YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.





Costumes with a Cop!

On Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to whenever the costumes are gone, kids can "shop" with a cop at CCPD and get a free Halloween costume while they last.

Email [HERE](#) to donate costumes

The Commerce City Police Department will transition to a Verified Alarm call response on November 1, 2023.

This means that we will no longer respond to intrusion alarms unless it is verified by:

-  A WITNESS WHO OBSERVES SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR
- OR
- MULTIPLE INTERIOR ALARMS ARE TRIGGERED 
- OR
-  VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CONFIRMS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR
- OR
- OTHER FACTORS THAT WOULD JUSTIFY A POLICE RESPONSE 

OFFICERS WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO ALL PANIC, DURESS, AND ROBBERY ALARMS

Unoccupied Vehicle Report

Follow CCPD on Social Media

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Twitter](#)

[YouTube](#)



Infrastructure

PW Updates

- Fall turf fertilization and aeration efforts continue through city parks and open space areas. Staff repaired sections of the soft surface trails at the Prairie Gateway and Second Creek Trails due to the recent heavy rainfall.
- In preparation for winter operations, Streets and Parks staff attended the city's annual Snow Plow Operator Training. This was the first of several classroom training sessions of the season.
- Public Works and Parks, Recreation, and Golf (PRG) staff began winterization of the Paradise Island pool. The pool heaters are being serviced, and the pool winterization will be beginning the first week of October.
- Public Works Fleet Division staff has completed winter preparation maintenance on the majority of the city's snow plow fleet. The winter preparation services are a priority for fleet and will be complete by early October.
- Engineering staff held a pavement management session to review the data collected by the consultant hired by the city to evaluate existing conditions of city streets. Evaluation ratings are based on national pavement condition standards and will help staff in developing the 2024 Pavement Management Program.

Engineering

- The City Engineer attended the Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers annual conference to obtain training for floodplain management.
- Engineering staff attended the Commerce City Urban Renewal Authority (CCURA) Open House to discuss the Station Area Master Planning (STAMP) area with residents.
- The City Engineer represented Commerce City at the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) meeting, which is held every other month.
- List of Active Permits/Projects Requiring Traffic Control – Attached. [Permits](#)

Parks

- Staff provided assistance at the Moon Light Dinner held at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Wildlife Refuge.
- Staff dedicated time to addressing graffiti at Pioneer Park.
- Staff replaced a small cedar wood fence at Joe Reilly Park in preparation for the Hispanic Heritage event next week.
- Staff replaced a flow sensor on the irrigation pump station at Fairfax Park.

Streets

- Staff worked to improve conditions at the railroad approaches on Rosemary Street. Work was performed to improve rideability over the railroad crossing. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) provided on-site safety personnel throughout the duration of the project.
- Mowing operations continue in the southern part of the city. Staff worked on E. 96th Avenue and Highway 2.
- There were no new MyC3 trailer rentals.

Facilities

- Routine daily operations include maintenance and repair of all facilities.
- Staff has been working on SeeClickFix items assigned to the Facilities Team.
- Off-season repair work at Paradise Island is underway and will continue throughout the winter months.



Parks, Recreation and Golf

Parks, Recreation & Golf Master Plan Update

We have extended the community engagement and feedback period for the Commerce City Parks, Recreation & Golf Master Plan. What this means:

1. Visit the community engagement website to provide your ideas and thoughts at c3gov.com/PRGMasterPlan.
2. There are two new survey links on the [website](#): one is specific to Buffalo Run Golf Course and Bison Grill and the other is for general feedback on parks, recreation and golf as we create our vision for the future. A random sampling of residents will also receive a survey in the mail!
3. We will be presenting our findings to City Council in early 2024 to report back and continue the conversation.



Female Self-Defense Program

PRG ran our first Female Self-Defense class of the season in partnership with DCO MMA on Sept. 18. The class had 19 participants who learned valuable skills such as awareness of surroundings, breaking grips, and using elbows and arm bars.

Participant Testimony: "This class was a great introduction to self-defense. It gave me a good idea of how to react and protect myself in a potentially hostile situation. A very fun and educational experience gave me the confidence to act if I ever needed to protect myself. The instructors were very welcoming and made me excited to learn more."



Fishing Frenzy | 15th Annual event a success!

This year marked the 15th annual Fishing Frenzy Derby. The event had around 60 participants on Sept. 16 at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. The biggest catch of the day was a 20-inch pike! Staff handed out three prizes: one for the biggest fish caught, one for the smallest fish caught, and one for the most fish caught. The event had vendor/activity booths featuring Eagle Claw, Sand Creek Regional Greenway, Barr Lake State Park, and the Arsenal. New this year, staff provided a bounce house, crafts, and face painting. We handed out over 100 hot dogs for bait, which gave us a record catch of 27 fish this year and a good time had by all!





Urban Renewal

Staff from Commerce City, Adams County, and the Urban Renewal Authority hosted a public open house to inform community members about plans for the 72nd and Colorado Urban Renewal Area on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the South Adams County Fire Fighters Association Building, 4711 E. 69th Ave.

Dozens of community members attended to learn more about the project and provide input on the future revitalization of the station area. We are also accepting input through a short [online survey](#).

In 2013, the City of Commerce City adopted the Station Area Master Plan (STAMP), developed through the culmination of efforts by a wide range of community stakeholders to identify improvements to existing neighborhoods, leverage the area's assets and opportunities, and envision a preferred future for the area

surrounding the E. 72nd Avenue Commuter Rail Station. Since the Station opened in 2020, interest from the development community has been renewed among those seeking opportunities to invest and revitalize the area surrounding the Commerce City 72nd Station.

The station area is a patchwork of city parcels and pockets of unincorporated Adams County with low-density single-family homes, schools, and civic buildings next to industrial uses. The vision for this area is one of pedestrian, bike, and automobile connectivity with diverse housing stock, economic development opportunities, employment, recreational amenities, and neighborhood-serving uses. It will take critical thinking and innovative infill to achieve the goal of a vibrant Transit Oriented Development and community center.



Financial Reports

Where to find budget and financial information:

Main Budget & Financial Reports Webpage:

- c3gov.com/financialreports
- [2023 Adopted Budget](#)
- [2023 Budget at a Glance](#)
- [2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) (ACFR)
- [2022 Popular Annual Financial Report](#) (PAFR)

[Monthly Financial Report](#) — through August 2023



Municipal Court

[Monthly Court Report](#) - 2023 statistics through August

[Municipal Court Fresh Start Day](#)



Boards and Commissions

Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event

The city's first appreciation event for board & commission members took place Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Bison Grill at Buffalo Run Golf Course. There were golf activities, food, music, giveaways, and most importantly, community leadership. Members from across the program were able to meet and mingle with other boards and commissions and be celebrated for their contributions to the city.

Thank you to all of our active board and commission members for all the hard work you do for the community!

DON'T FORGET: Fourth Quarter Boards and Commissions Recruitment is open and taking applications through Friday, Sept. 29. Interviews will be held on Saturday, OA list of current vacancies may be found at www.c3gov.com/boards.

Those interested should apply at c3gov.com/boards. For additional information, please contact Jordan Roberts, Deputy City Clerk, at jroberts@c3gov.com or 303-289-3676.

