

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: Jan. 26, 2024



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New & Notable

Councilmembers, Gov. Polis celebrate new affordable housing project

City Councilmembers Oscar Madera, Rocky Teter, and Charles Dukes joined Governor Jared Polis and numerous project partners for a groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the South Platte Crossing Apartments on Monday, Jan. 22. The new complex is being built right across Colorado Boulevard from the Commerce City-72nd Avenue RTD rail station and will add 60 units of high-quality affordable housing for a variety of income levels. The city was one of many agencies that played a role in bringing the project to fruition. The South Platte Crossing Apartments should be completed in early 2025.



Commerce City's Grant Office

Grants – January Update

Council Work Schedules



Business/Economic Development



Business Attraction

– Staff provided business permitting liaison services for an advance manufacturer that recently purchased an existing 80,000 square foot facility. The facility will house about 70 employees with annual wages estimated between \$58,000 to \$105,000. Staff is also connecting the business with workforce development resources.

– Staff met with a prospective minority-owned event staging business. Staff offered business startup, licensing information, and connected the entrepreneurs to relevant business development resources and services.

– Staff partnered with Congresswoman Caraveo's office and Adelante Community Development to host a minority-owned business roundtable at the Small Business Resource Center scheduled for Friday, Jan. 26.

– Staff met with Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation (MDEDC) staff to get updates on relevant attraction projects, ensure relationship continuity with recent staff turnover, and explore opportunities for additional collaboration.

Business Retention & Expansion

– Staff coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce to schedule a ribbon cutting for Romero Funeral Homes scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m.

– Staff provided building permit support for a potential retailer in Derby.

– Staff met with the owners of a hair salon and is working to connect them to minority-owned business and relevant grant program resources.

Economic Development – Community Listening Sessions

Commerce City residents and business owners are invited to participate in the upcoming Community Listening Sessions. These sessions play a crucial role in fostering community engagement and soliciting valuable input for the city's Economic Development Strategic Plan. The division aims to create an inclusive dialogue, ensuring that the diverse perspectives of residents are considered in shaping the future economic landscape of Commerce City.

Three listening sessions will take place throughout February.

- Wednesday, Feb. 7 | 6 – 8 p.m. | Bison Ridge Recreation Center, 13905 E. 112th Ave.
- Monday, Feb. 15 | Noon – 1 p.m. | Virtual meeting – Register by emailing RedefiningCommerce@c3gov.com
- Thursday, Feb. 22 | 6 – 8 p.m. | Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr.

These public meetings provide an excellent opportunity for residents to voice their thoughts, concerns, and ideas related to economic development. Whether you're a business owner, resident, or community stakeholder, your participation is vital in contributing to the city's growth and prosperity. Join us in these collaborative sessions as we work together towards a vibrant and sustainable economic future for Commerce City.

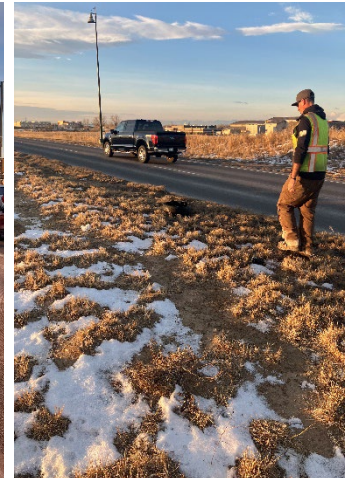
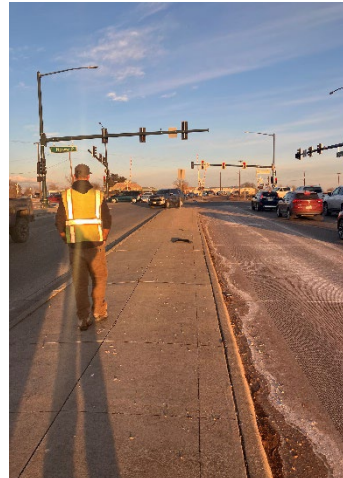


Community Appearance/Clean Ups

Hot Shot Crew

Tuesday – Friday

- During the past work week, the Hot Shot Crew was divided into 2, two-person teams that worked 8 hours per day. Clean up efforts continue to be dedicated to both scheduled locations of known hotspots and in response to SeeClickFix requests.
- Staff performed inspections and compiled a list of repairs needed for sign maintenance, faded pavement markings, potholes, cracks, etc. The crew began these inspections along established snow routes and entered documented issues into the asset management system to be scheduled for repairs and maintenance.
- Hot Shot Crews conducted inspections and removed abandoned items at the following scheduled, routine locations:
 - E. 48th Avenue and Ivy Street
 - E. 50th Avenue and Forest Street
 - E. 52nd Place and Oneida Street
 - E. 60th Avenue from Brighton Boulevard to Clermont Street
 - E. 64th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard (I-270)
 - E. 83rd Avenue and Rosemary Street
 - E. 84th Avenue and Pontiac Street
 - E. 96th Avenue and Peoria Street
 - E. 112th Avenue and Tower Road
 - E. 120th Avenue and Cameron Street
 - Elm Street - E. 69th Avenue to 72nd Avenue
- In addition to routine areas, crews performed clean-up at the following locations:
 - 53rd Avenue and Quebec Parkway
 - 64th Avenue and Quebec Parkway
 - 96th Avenue and Potomac Street



Distinctive Highlights

- Staff removed trash and debris from the roadways at approximately 30 locations across the city.
- Staff removed 20 tires from the right-of-way and took them to the recycling center.
- The bridge on Highway 2 at Chambers Road was also cleared of trash and debris.



Housing & Community Well-Being

Community Well-Being	Weekly	YTD	Housing / CDBG	Weekly	YTD
Homeless Navigator			ERA: Rent/ Mortgage	\$39,268.00	\$143,912.00
Unhoused Resident Contacts	23	92	ERA: Utility	\$0.00	\$3,091.00
Voucher Matches to Housing	0	0	ERA: Car repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voucher Orientations for Housing	0	0	ERA: Unhoused Resident/Family to permanent housing	0	2
Unhoused Resident: Shelter	0	3			
Unhoused Resident: Transitional Housing	0	0	ERA totals	\$39,268.00	\$147,003.00
Unhoused Resident: Permanent Housing	1	1	ERA: Families Served	11	31
Family & Senior Navigator			ERA: Total Applications	8	60
Senior Contacts	15	33		Weekly	YTD
Senior Resource Referrals Made	11	29	In-Person Resident Service	28	76
Family Contacts	19	55	Phone Contacts	178	448
Family Resource Referrals Made	15	52	CDBG Residential Services	2	10

Family & Senior Navigator presented to the Latino Engagement Taskforce on Community Well Being and its programs on Jan. 19



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – Jan. 22

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
- The included exceedance report is provided and updated on a monthly basis.



Growth and Development

Ward Report Link: [Ward Report](#) – December 2023

PERMITS	Weekly Totals	2024 YTD Total	CODE ENFORCEMENT	Weekly Totals	2024 YTD Total
SFD Permits Issued	4	9	Total Case Action	464	1333
Multi-Family Permits Issued	0	0			
Duplex Permits Issued (SFA)	0	0	Pro-Active Cases	43	165
Townhome Permits Issued (SFA)	0	0			
Residential CO issued	10	21	CAI	9	13
Total Permits Issued	23	75	SCF-CRM	42	110
Permits Processed	39	126	Snow Violations	44	74
Residential Permits Processed	38	113			
Non-Residential Permits Processed	1	13	Violations Issued	68	280
Residential CO Processed	10	21	Abatement Hearings	4	16
Residential Inspections	321	1053	Abatement Ordered	13	0
Non-Residential Inspections	29	92			
PLANNING					
Completed Cases					2
New Cases (Deemed Incomplete/Not Included in Total)					0
New Cases (Deemed Complete/Included in Total)					0
Total Active Cases					155
POD Inquiries questions about zoning, allowable use, development process and timelines, setback requirements					23
SELECT CASE STATUS UPDATES					
QuikTrip: 81st and Tower			Plat Approved, awaiting mylars		
Anderson Ranch			Resubmittal received and under review		
Murray Farms			Plat and Zone Change comments issued		
PUBLIC HEARINGS (Recent & Upcoming)					
CITY COUNCIL, Feb. 5 (Second Reading)			SACWSD (property west of existing Klein Treatment Plant) zone change from PUD to PUBLIC		
PLANNING COMMISSION, Feb. 6			6601 Colorado Zone Change from AG and I-1 to I-2		
PLANNING COMMISSION, Feb. 6			SACWSD (property west of existing Klein Treatment Plant) Conditional Use Permit		
NEW SUBMITTALS					



Public Safety

CCPD Officers Struck by Drunk Driver Receive Several Honors

On Dec. 7, 2023, two Commerce City police officers and two South Adams County firefighters were struck by a drunk driver while investigating a separate and unrelated DUI crash. Fortunately, everyone survived, but one of the firefighters was critically injured and one of our officers still needs a surgery as a result of the collision.

Officers Tulley Cabanilla and Brittany Buckner were first recognized by the national non-profit Quilts for Cops, which sent them each a beautiful handcrafted quilt. The organization's numbers for 2023 aren't available yet, but in 2022 Quilts for Cops made 790 quilts for first responders injured in line of duty incidents across the country.

On Jan. 23, Congresswoman Yadira Caraveo, who represents Colorado's 8th District, delivered two American flags to both officers. The flags were flown over the U.S. Capitol in their honor on Dec. 22.

We can only hope the most positive thing to emerge out of this tragic event will be that fewer people will get behind the wheel after drinking, demonstrating respect for the lives of everyone around you while driving, including those of first responders.



CCPD to Release Bike Safety PSA After Several Serious Collisions

In just the last few months, Commerce City police officers have responded to a number of collision between cyclists and vehicles that have either been fatal or resulted in serious bodily injury to the individual on the bike.

In an effort to curb these types of collisions, CCPD is in the process of producing a public safety announcement focusing on safe cycling in traffic.

Detective Mike Pasko oversees the department's bicycle unit. We are part of IPMBA— the International Police Mountain Bike Association. In the anticipated video, he will be providing tips on safe cycling as well as demonstrating it on the busy streets of Commerce City.



The bottom line is we practice something called "vehicular cycling," which means that when you ride your bike you follow the same rules of the road as you do when you are operating a vehicle. Our goal is to keep more of our community members safe on the roads, no matter the mode of transportation.

Oversized Vehicles Updates

- 5970 Dahlia St. – Box truck, waiting on EA for confirmation to tow
- E. 108th and Havana St. – Multiple RVs have been tagged. One will be ready for destruction soon.
- E. 58th and Glencoe St. – 52 foot Semi Trailer waiting on EA for confirmation to tow



Infrastructure

PW Updates

Parks

- Staff performed snow operations on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, which included shoveling city building walkways and sidewalks. Staff plowed parking lots and hand-shoveled pedestrian crosswalks at intersections along major roadways such as Highway 2 and Quebec Parkway.
- Staff completed taking down the holiday tree inside the Civic Center lobby. Staff also removed, spooled, and counted holiday lights at the Civic Center in preparation for the next holiday season.
- Holiday tree recycling concluded this week. Staff removed trees from the designated recycling sites at Bison Ridge and Eagle Pointe recreation centers, Fronterra Park, River Run Park, Fairfax Park, and the Municipal Service Center. This year staff recycled 407 trees.
- Staff removed trash and debris along the Highway 2 multi-purpose path.

Streets

- The sixth snowstorm of the season dominated the Street Division's work efforts for the week ending Jan. 21. The extreme cold and continued light snowfall made clearing the roadway a unique challenge. When road temperatures drop below 10 degrees Fahrenheit, de-icing material used to melt snow and add traction does not activate as well, and the recent temperatures were below zero.
- 12 city snowplow trucks ran around the clock and traveled 8,896 miles, applied 375 tons of material, utilizing 693.5 labor hours during this most recent snowstorm.
- As the week concluded and temperatures warmed, crews were able to fill 14 potholes and repaired downed traffic signs.

Engineering

- List of Active Permits/Projects Requiring Traffic Control – Attached. [Active Permits](#)

Facilities

- Facilities staff adjusted heating schedules at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center to support the temporary warming shelter operations during the freezing temperatures.





Parks, Recreation and Golf

Daddy Daughter Dance | Friday, Feb. 2

Join us for an enchanted evening with your little princess and twirl away under the stars. Light snacks and refreshments available throughout the night along with crafts, games, and more! For girls ages 4-17 with an adult male role model.

Event Information:

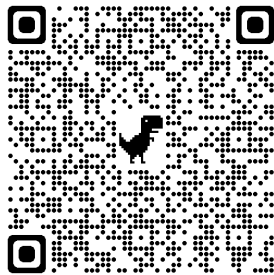
Date: Friday, Feb. 2

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.

Tickets: Resident \$15 / \$18

Location: Bison Ridge Recreation Center

Registration: Scan QR code to register or visit c3gov.com/Register



Recreation Shuttle Service to Begin Pilot Program

Free shuttle service to and from each recreation center begins Wednesday, Jan. 31.

- Operating 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Wednesdays
- Departing from Eagle Pointe on the hour
- Departing from Bison Ridge on the half hour
- Shuttles are ADA accessible
- Reservations are required. Please reserve your spot at least 15 minutes in advance.
- Reserve now by calling 303-289-3761



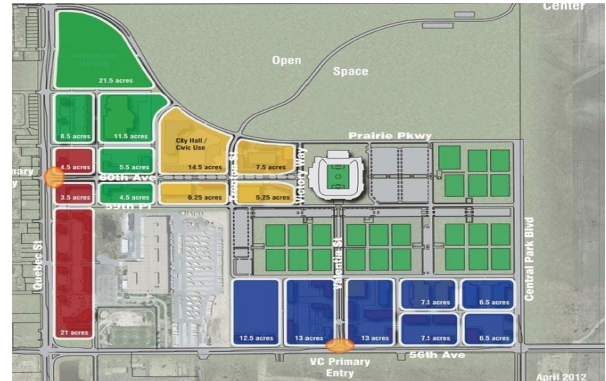


Urban Renewal

On your Marks, Get Set, Go!

The 2024 Rocky Mountain Real Estate Challenge (RMREC) is officially underway! This year's competition is taking place in Commerce City and is bringing together graduate student teams from the University of Colorado and the University of Denver's real estate programs. Their challenge is to create innovative redevelopment concepts for Victory Crossing, the land surrounding Dick's Sporting Goods Park.

The kick-off event was held on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, and now the teams will spend the next few months working with their professional mentors to develop feasible redevelopment concepts based on current market conditions. On May 2, the finalists will present their concepts to a panel of experienced real estate professionals who will judge the winning team.



The concepts and supporting materials resulting from this competition are expected to provide the City and Kroenke Sports & Entertainment with fresh and creative ideas that could assist in the development of the much-anticipated Victory Crossing project. Join us in cheering on these talented graduate students as they tackle this exciting challenge!



Financial Reports

Where to find budget and financial information:

Main Budget & Financial Reports Webpage:

- c3gov.com/financialreports
- [2024 Adopted Budget](#)
- [2023 Budget at a Glance](#)
- [2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report \(ACFR\)](#)
- [2022 Popular Annual Financial Report \(PAFR\)](#)

Monthly Financial Report – through November 2023

Due to year-end processing timelines, the December 2023 monthly financial report will not be available until the end of the third week of February. A monthly financial report for January 2024 will not be provided, however, a financial report with cumulative data through February month-end will be provided in mid-March. Monthly financial reports beginning with March will be provided in the middle of the following month. Each monthly financial report contains cumulative financial data through the end of the reporting month.



Municipal Court

Monthly Court Report - 2023 Monthly Court Statistics

NEW: Text Message Notifications

Commerce City Municipal Court is now utilizing text message notifications to send reminders to case parties. If you have an upcoming hearing, you should receive an initial 'opt-in' text message. If you have not received an 'opt-in' message and would like to receive text message notifications with reminders about your Municipal Court case, please call 303-289-3640 or send an email with your cell phone number to court3@c3gov.com.



Boards and Commissions

Updates coming soon.