

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: March 22, 2024



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New & Notable

Bison Ridge pool expected to reopen Saturday

The pool heaters at Bison Ridge Recreation Center are experiencing an outage due to an equipment malfunction. The pool is currently closed, but installation of replacement parts should soon be complete. Staff expects to reopen the pool for normal operations on Saturday, March 23, or as soon as the pool reaches a comfortable pool temperature of about 84 degrees.

Other recreation amenities at Bison Ridge Recreation Center and the pool at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center remain open. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please call the Bison Ridge front desk at 303-286-6800 for the most up to date status.

Road closures on I-76 Westbound and Dahlia Street

A recent incident on Monday afternoon involving a tractor-trailer when its oversized load struck the Dahlia Street bridge and led to equipment falling off the truck. As a result, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is actively assessing the extent of damage caused to the bridge.

For travelers heading westbound on I-76 near the Dahlia bridge, please note that traffic has been reduced to one lane to facilitate bridge inspection and maintenance. To avoid congestion and potential delays during peak hours, it is recommended that drivers consider alternative routes when entering the Denver metro area.

Additionally, northbound Dahlia Street will be closed until fall for bridge repairs. A detour is in place along CO 224, US 85, I-76, and via 88th Avenue to Dahlia Street. The bridge is open to southbound traffic. Motorists are advised to drive with caution through the area. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work to ensure safety on our roadways.

[Find more information from CDOT here.](#)

Commerce City's Grant Office

Grants - February Update

Council Work Schedules



Business/Economic Development



– Staff met with the principal of a local commercial brokerage firm. They discussed growth trends, housing development and other factors impacting the retail industry. They also confirmed that the most active prospects looking for real estate in the Denver Metro area include drive through restaurants and service based concepts.

– Staff met with the development team of a proposed multifamily development project along E. 104th Ave. They confirmed conceptual plans include 9 three-story buildings with a total of 312 units with a combination of one, two and three bedroom units. They also confirmed the project would include amenities such as a clubhouse, pool and co-working spaces for tenants.

– Staff provided assistance to a local gym operator as they develop their conceptual plans for a new facility along E. 104th Ave. Staff coordinated proposed site improvements with engineering staff including the placement of the building, orientation to street and the on-site detention pond.

– Staff requested a meeting with a national sporting goods retailer to discuss their growth plans for a new concept they are starting to develop across the U.S. and if Commerce City could be a potential location for a store location.

– Staff hosted the Awards Selection Committee to review award nominees and select award winners. Seven local businesses were selected and will be honored at the Business Appreciation event scheduled for April 17.

– Staff hosted a virtual listening session on March 13. Over 25 people participated and were provided with a presentation on current status of the plan, outreach efforts completed and then participated in round table exercises to provide their feedback on draft goals and strategies for the plan.

Provide your input for the Economic Development Strategic Plan in March!

Thank you to all community members who were able to attend our three listening sessions that previously took place in February! The focus of the February meetings were to identify the community's vision and goals for economic development.

There is one remaining opportunity in March! The purpose of these meetings is to understand public preferences regarding primary strategies, actions, and implementation priorities for Commerce City's economic future. Strategies are more focused and indicate an approach to achieving the goals suggested during the February outreach meetings.

Thursday, March 7* | 6 – 8 p.m. | Bison Ridge Recreation Center, 13905 E. 112th Ave.

Wednesday, March 13 | Noon – 1 p.m. | Virtual Meeting via Zoom - [Register now](#)

Thursday, March 28* | 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 are 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. For questions or additional information, please contact our Economic Development team members at redefiningcommerce@c3gov.com.

**Pizza will be provided. Translation services provided at all meetings. Childcare available at the recreation centers!*

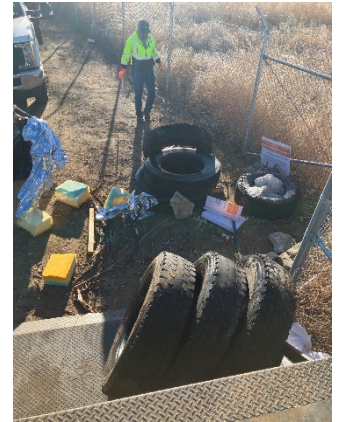


Community Appearance/Clean Ups

Hot Shot Crew

Monday – 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 are dedicated to both scheduled locations of known hotspots and in response to SeeClickFix requests.
- 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:
 - E. 80th Avenue and Monaco Street
 - E. 83rd Avenue and Quebec Street



Distinctive Highlights

- Staff has been actively involved in street operations to maintain the cleanliness of our city. Staff coordinated the removal of a boat and a hot tub found at E. 83rd Avenue and Quebec Street.
- Efforts extended to the removal of numerous shopping carts in the core city.
- To maintain the city's eco-friendly initiative, we recycled 27 tires, contributing to the sustainable management of waste in our community.



Housing & Community Well-Being

Community Well-Being	Weekly	YTD	Housing / CDBG	Weekly	YTD
Homeless Navigator			ERA: Rent/ Mortgage	\$0.00	\$245,027.87
Unhoused Resident Contacts	18	306	ERA: Utility	\$0.00	\$8,875.00
Voucher Matches to Housing	2	4	ERA: Car repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voucher Orientations for Housing	0	1	ERA: Unhoused to permanent housing	0	2
Unhoused Resident: Shelter	0	4	ERA totals	\$0.00	\$251,000.00
Unhoused Resident: Transitional Housing	0	0	ERA: Families Served	0	54
Unhoused Resident: Permanent Housing	0	3	ERA: Total Applications	0	73
Family & Senior Navigator			In-Person Resident Service	23	265
Senior Contacts	10	138	Phone Contacts	130	1559
Senior Resource Referrals Made	19	161	CDBG Services	23	114
Family Contacts	8	149	CDBG Draw Downs	\$3,900	\$13,989
Family Resource Referrals Made	11	186	CDBG Inspections	1	10



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – March 18

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: **Ward Report** – January 2024

* New Report will be updated by second Wednesday of the month

PERMITS	Weekly Totals	2024 YTD Total	CODE ENFORCEMENT	Weekly Totals	2024 YTD Total
SFD Permits Issued	15	65	Total Case Action	522	6298
Multi-Family Permits Issued	0	0	Pro-Active Cases	50	895
Duplex Permits Issued (SFA)	0	0	CAI	3	34
Townhome Permits Issued (SFA)	0	0	SCF-CRM	23	192
Residential CO issued	19	101	Violations Issued	144	1760
Total Permits Issued	42	329	Snow Violations	0	85
Permits Processed	33	374	Snow Guardians	17	70
Residential Permits Processed	27	281	Abatement Hearings	11	54
Non-Residential Permits Processed	6	93	Abatement Ordered	6	35
Residential CO Processed	19	101	CRT Violations	0	65
Residential Inspections	622	4002	CRT Outreach	0	11
Non-Residential Inspections	53	354			

PLANNING

Completed Cases	3
New Cases (Deemed Incomplete/Not Included in Total)	0
New Cases (Deemed Complete/Included in Total)	4
Total Active Cases	155
POD Inquiries questions about zoning, allowable use, development process and timelines, setback requirements	25

SELECT CASE STATUS UPDATES

CanAm QuikTrip	Plat Posted for Administrative Decision
Legato	Inactive Letter Send for Filings 3-6 Plats
Murray Farms	Comments Issued for Rezoning Applications

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Recent & Upcoming)

CITY COUNCIL, March 18 (Continued)	6601 Colorado zone change from AG and I-1 to I-2
CITY COUNCIL, April 1	Rocky Mountain Recycling Conditional Use Permit
CITY COUNCIL, April 1	Waterline for Denver Water
CITY COUNCIL, April 1	Reunion Plaza PUD Zone Document Amendment
CITY COUNCIL, April 1	Rosemary QuikTrip Zone Change

NEW SUBMITTALS

ME24-0002	Reunion Ridge Filing 2, 3
D24-0002	Facility Services, 7001 E. 57th
Z24-0002	Facility Services, 7001 E. 57th
CUP24-0001	Stout Street



Public Safety

CCPD Reminds the Public All-Terrain Cannot be Operated on City Streets

You may remember last fall two children without protective equipment crashed the ATV they were driving into a parked vehicle, causing severe injuries to one of the children. That scenario is exactly what we are trying to avoid by reminding the public that any all-terrain vehicle is illegal to operate on our city streets.

Over the weekend officers were called to E. 60th Ave. and Monaco St. to again address this issue. Two young boys were stopped on an ATV. The driver was only 13-years-old and not wearing a helmet.

While children between the ages of 10 and 15 can operate an ATV provided a licensed driver is supervising, they are required to wear a helmet. Again, this should only occur in places where ATVs are permitted.

The young driver from this incident was issued a summons, and his parent will need to accompany him to a court appearance.

CCPD Welcomes New Detective

The Commerce City Police Department is once again welcoming a new and highly experienced detective into our investigations unit. Over the past few months we have been targeting what are referred to as “lateral” hires— officers and sergeants with experience at other departments looking to make a move to a different agency.

This allows us to get those individuals on the streets faster due to their previous training and POST (Peace Officers Standards and Training) certification. It also means that the community will benefit from the addition of a seasoned officer to our ranks.

On Wednesday, Detective Larry Martinez was formally sworn in by Mayor Douglas alongside Chief Guadnola. Martinez has been in law enforcement for nearly four decades, working in Brighton, Aurora, and for the Adams County Sheriff’s Office.

After stints in gang units, traffic, sex crimes, cold cases, property crimes and too many others to list here, he’s joining our dedicated investigations unit as a lateral detective. Please join us in welcoming him to the CCPD family!



Oversized Vehicles

- E 60th Ave/Brighton Rd Are – Semi trailer full of tires - Tagged on 03/02/24
- 96th Ave/Heinz Way – 6 Semi trailers – Tagged waiting to be towed.



Infrastructure

PW Updates

Preservation and Safety

- The City's Asphalt Crack Repair Project contractor did not work last week due to the inclement weather. The total number of cracks repaired to date remain at 76.

Engineering

- Staff hosted three pre-bid meetings for the City's 2024 Asphalt Pavement Management Program:
 - Four companies attended the Hot-in-Place Pavement Project pre-bid meeting,
 - Nine companies attended the Asphalt Mill & Overlay Project pre-bid meeting.
 - Two companies attended the Slurry Seal project pre-bid meeting.
- Staff participated in an Open House for the Highway 2 Median and Corridor Study Projects. Residents still have time to submit their feedback. The online survey can be found at: capitalprojects.c3gov.com/roads-projects/highway-2-corridor-study
- Staff met with representatives from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Design Team, and the contractor to discuss the design progress for the Vasquez Boulevard and E. 60th Avenue Project. The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Statement was executed by CDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This milestone achievement allows the project to progress to the bidding stage, which the first package is planned to be out to bid in June of 2024.
- A meeting was held for the E. 96th Avenue Widening Project to coordinate with School District 27J and the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District.
- Staff attended the US85 Coalition Quarterly Meeting.
- List of Active Permits/Projects Requiring Traffic Control – Attached.

Active Permits

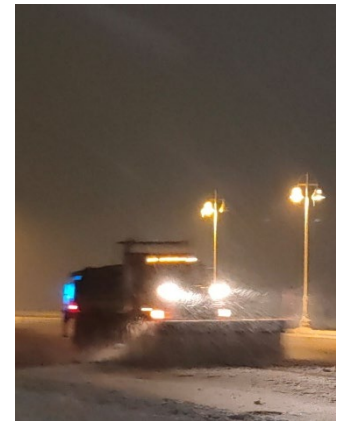
Parks

- Staff was placed on-call Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to ensure the removal of snow and ice from City buildings, perimeter sidewalks and trails to ensure safety for all.
- Staff applied herbicide to the Potomac Street right-of-way (ROW) to enhance the aesthetics of the area.

- Staff dug soft surface trails, added materials to Ragweed ballfield, and completed removing trash and debris from the non-irrigated ROW along Quebec Parkway.
- From ballfield maintenance at Pioneer Park to pressure-washing shelters at Veteran's Memorial Park, the pro-active efforts of staff not only keeps the parks beautiful, they ensure parks are safe and inviting for all visitors.

Streets

- Staff responded to the 12th snowstorm of the season. Staff worked around the clock plowing the snow from streets to ensure the roadways in Commerce City were cleared and safe for motorists.
- The Traffic Team promptly carried out repairs on all reported downed signs.
- Pavement Teams focused on improving road conditions and began grading E. 112th Avenue from Parkside Drive North to Tower Road, and on Potomac Street from E. 96th Avenue to E. 100th Avenue. Milling work was also completed on the speed table in Belle Creek, with pavement preparations underway for a new installation. Attention was also given to drainage issues across E. 96th Avenue between Potomac Street and Peoria Street.





Parks, Recreation and Golf

Arbor Day, or "Tree Day" April 19

Colorado celebrates this international holiday on the third Friday of April. Stop by the Arbor Day tables set up at the Bison Ridge or Eagle Pointe Recreation Centers to pick up some free seeds for your garden and sign up for the Tree Giveaway Raffle! Winners will be contacted by Parks, Recreation and Golf staff by April 30th and then announced on social media.

When: 5 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Raffle sign up all day, seeds are available while supplies last)

Where: Bison Ridge and Eagle Pointe recreation centers

Fee: FREE

Free Seeds: Herbs, Vegetables, Native Xeriscape Wildflowers

Tree Giveaway Raffle: Sign up at either Bison Ridge or the Eagle Pointe Recreation Centers. Four winners at each site will be selected with a total of 8 trees to be given away.



Earth Day April 20

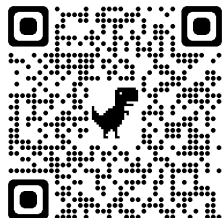
Join the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge and Commerce City Parks, Recreation, and Golf for a day reflecting on the beauty of nature. Earth Day will have animal meet and greets, face painting, nature crafts, and Touch-a-truck opportunities. Attendees will even be able to roll up their sleeves and help with planting, seeding, and other stewardship activities that promote a healthy planet and community.

When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, (6550 Gateway Road, Commerce City)

Fee: FREE

For more information, visit [fws.gov/refuge/rocky-mountain-arsenal](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky-mountain-arsenal) or scan QR code below:





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Where to find budget and financial information:

Main Budget & Financial Reports Webpage:

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

Monthly Financial Report – through November 2023

Due to some year-end processing challenges that finance staff have been diligently working through, the production of the December 2023 monthly financial report has been delayed. 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 late-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 - through February 2024

Text Message Notifications

Commerce City Municipal Court is 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

The Quality Community Foundation (QCF) was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from Kroenke Sports Charities. This funding will be distributed to the community through QCF's 2024 nonprofit grant program. This grant will directly increase the amount of funding that QCF can distribute to local nonprofits directly meeting the needs of Commerce City Residents in 2024. Representatives from QCF will be present at the Denver Nuggets game on Monday, Nov. 6 to accept the grant.

Second Quarter 2024 Boards and Commissions Recruitment is open and taking applications through Friday, April 12. Interviews will be held on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. via Zoom. A list of current vacancies may be found at 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.