

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: July 5, 2024



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New & Notable

Thanks for joining us at 4thFEST!

Thousands of attendees from Commerce City and across the metro area came out yesterday for the annual 4thFEST celebration hosted by Commerce City and the Colorado Rapids outside DICK'S Sporting Goods Park. The event featured a free family festival with tons of activities, and live DJ, food trucks, and more outside the stadium, the Rapids facing Sporting Kansas City in their annual July 4 match on the pitch, and capping things off with Colorado's largest public fireworks display! Thanks to the Rapids for their partnership and to everyone who made this great Independence Day celebration possible in our community once again.

Join the Cultural Council for Music in the Park on July 11

The Commerce City Cultural Council's free Music in the Park summer concert series continues on Thursday, July 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a performance by "Thumpin" at River Run Park, 11515 S. Oswego St. These family-friendly events in partnership with the city feature a great lineup of local bands, food trucks, and information from the city and community organizations! This concert will offer free meal tickets for the first 150 attendees. Learn more at c3gov.com/MusicInThePark.

The July 25 concert featuring Chicano Heat at Pioneer Park will include a return of the city's former neighborhood outreach events called "Summer Shindig," offering free food and tons of opportunities to ask questions of city departments, get valuable information from city staff and community groups, and learn more about what's happening in the community!

Commerce City's Grant Office

[Grants](#) - June Update

[Council Work Schedules](#)



Business/Economic Development



– Staff is working with the developer of the WoodSpring Suites hotel at Mile High Greyhound Park to coordinate the details of their grand opening event tentatively planned for early Q3 2024.

– Staff provided an update to the owners of a restaurant concept considering a location along Highway 2. They discussed design elements and a proposed timeline for next steps in their due diligence process.

– Staff received update on a restaurant concept under development along E. 96th Avenue.

– Staff reached out to an entrepreneur researching the opening of a proposed grab-and-go food concept. Staff is working to provide requested information and provide additional resources.

– Staff assisted a commercial developer with their proposed changes to conceptual site plans for commercial development sites at Greyhound Park.

– Staff met with the E3 Division to explore opportunities to maximize the Small Business Equity Fund for the Green Business Network.

– Staff met with B:Side Capital to establish a connection and discuss collaboration on the Elevate Commerce program. B:Side works to foster the economic growth of diverse small businesses by providing flexible collateral and credit requirements. They are also focused on increasing accessibility and transparency in small business lending to provide a pathway for wealth generating opportunities.

– Staff participated in the city's homeless encampment and emergency shelter policy task force meeting.

– Staff received an update from a real estate company conducting due diligence for a proposed facility. They confirmed their updated space requirements and real estate needs. Staff followed up with potential properties that are available for lease.

– Staff conducted a site visit of a multi-phase commercial development under construction along Tower Road and conducted another site visit small business that provides tire repair services.

– Staff received an update on a proposed residential development located along Tower Road. The proposed project could add 145-plus new single-family homes and increase the population of the city, which would help with the recruitment of new commercial development.

– Staff provided support for small businesses in the Belle Creek area seeking signage.

– Staff connected with the Community Well-Being Division to present examples of business toolkits on homelessness. The resource guides provide business owners with best practices on what to do/not do when dealing with negative and disruptive behaviors.

– Staff presented a proposed expansion project of an existing 205,000 square-foot facility of a city employer to City Council. Provided details on components of the project including the timeline and the amount of capital investment.

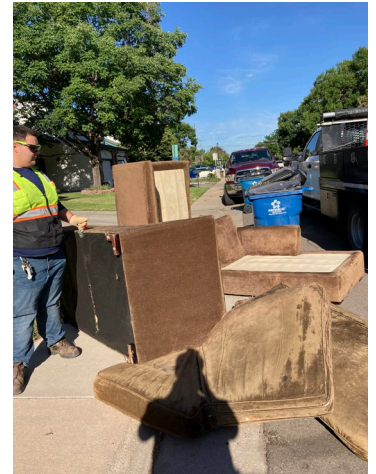


Community Appearance/Clean Ups

Hot Shot Crew

Monday – Friday

- During the past work week, the Hot Shot Crew was divided into two, two-person teams that worked eight hours per day. Clean-up efforts are dedicated to both scheduled locations of known hotspots and in response to AccessC3 requests.
- Hotshot 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:
 - 50th Avenue and Dahlia Street
 - E. 52nd Place and Newport Street
 - 66th Avenue and Monaco
 - 84th Avenue and Quebec Street
 - 86th Avenue and Willow Street
 - 96th Avenue and Boston Street
 - 96th Avenue and Eagle Creek Parkway
 - 96th Avenue and Heinz Way
 - 96th Avenue and Yosemite Street
 - E. 99th Avenue and Chambers Road
 - 112th Avenue and Havana Street
 - 112nd Avenue and Kalispell Street



Distinctive Highlights

- This week, our Hotshot crews kept busy ensuring our streets were clean of debris and safe for drivers.
- One notable highlight of many, was a large pick-up of a prohibited dumping found near the area of 62nd Avenue and Monaco Street. Crews found couches, mattress and cushions that were dumped on the side of the road. Crews swiftly removed and disposed of them accordingly.
- This week, staff also removed a total of 33 tires found in various spots around the city.
- Crews removed a shopping cart that was found near E. 66th Avenue and Monaco Street. Various debris and trash was picked up and disposed of.



Housing & Community Well-Being

Community Well-Being	Weekly	YTD	Housing / CDBG	Weekly Totals	YTD
Homeless Navigator					
Unhoused Resident Contacts	28	767	ERA: Rent/ Mortgage	\$0.00	\$245,027.87
Voucher Matches to Housing	0	11	ERA: Utility	\$0.00	\$8,875.00
Voucher Orientations for Housing	0	6	ERA: Car repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unhoused Resident: Shelter	0	4	ERA: Homeless	0	2
			ERA totals	\$0.00	\$251,000.00
Unhoused Resident: Transitional Housing	0	3	ERA: Families Served	0	54
Unhoused Resident: Permanent Housing	1	7	ERA: Total Applications	0	73
Family & Senior Navigator			In-Person Resident Service	28	650
Senior Contacts	11	325	Phone Contacts	146	3,889
Senior Resource Referrals Made	29	476	CDBG Services	0	386
Family Contacts	9	301	CDBG Draw Downs	\$0	\$199,157.00
Family Resource Referrals Made	15	420	CDBG Inspections	0	11

Through the Community Well-Being Summer Severe Weather Activation Program, 15 unhoused residents were placed into motels to ensure safety and relief from the extreme heat conditions.



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – July 1

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: **May Ward Report**

* 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	18	325	Total Case Action	808	17,229
Multi-Family Permits Issued	0	0	Pro-Active Cases	126	2,235
Duplex Permits Issued (SFA)	2	12	CAI	5	800
Townhome Permits Issued (SFA)	0	0	SCF-CRM	19	653
Residential CO issued	29	385	Violations Issued	187	4,247
Total Permits Issued	39	1,098	Weed Violations Undeveloped	3	95
Permits Processed	52	1,416	Weed Violations Developed	25	282
Residential Permits Processed	41	1,033	Abatement Hearings	0	133
Non-Residential Permits Processed	11	346	Abatement Ordered	15	95
Residential CO Processed	29	385	CRT Violations	4	128
Residential Inspections	609	12,237	CRT Outreach	0	27
Non-Residential Inspections	55	1,073			

PLANNING

Completed Cases	0
New Cases (Deemed Complete/Included in Total)	1
Total Active Cases	166
POD Inquiries questions about zoning, allowable use, development process and timelines, setback requirements	20

SELECT CASE STATUS UPDATES

Legato	Comments issued for Filing 3 and 4
Commons at 104th	Zone Document Amendment Comments issued
3rd Creek	Filing 4 Plat Recorded

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Recent & Upcoming)

CUP24-0001	Stout Street Foundtion, July 1, City Council
LUP-058-24	Tower Landfill Land Use Plan Amendment, August 5, City Council
Z-705-99-00-09-24	Tower Landfill Annexation Zoning, August 5, City Council
V-93-24	Tower Landfill Vacation Right-of-Way, August 5, City Council
V23-0001	Seventh Ave Vacation of Right of Way, July 2 Planning Commission
Z23-0001	Galations Commons, Zone Change, July 2 Planning Commission
Z24-0001	JFW Trucking, Zone Change, July 2 Planning Commission
Z-973-21-24	Anderson Ranch, Annexation Zone Change, July 2 Planning Commission

NEW SUBMITTALS

ME24-0006	Lyons Creek
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Public Safety

CCPD certifies four new bike patrol officers

In addition to our patrol cars, did you know we have about two dozen Commerce City police officers and detectives certified to do bike patrol? We also have a fleet of both mountain and electric bikes.

The bikes allow us to patrol and respond in places where vehicles won't suffice, like trails and tightly packed crowds. They also allow officers to interact with the public organically in a way that a police vehicle doesn't allow. Learning how to maneuver the bicycles in ways you never imagined a bike could be used is essential.

We recently [released a video](#) giving the public an inside look at what the 40-hour IPMBA (International Police Mountain Bike Association) certification class entailed.

All four officers passed the grueling course, which combined heat, complicated obstacles, and a massive amount of stamina. Please join us in congratulating our newest members of bike patrol.



CCPD releases next phase in communication after 911 calls

In May, the Commerce City Police Department told you about the release of a system designed to provide immediate communication via text message after you call 911. It's called PowerEngage, and 911 callers have been receiving text messages containing their incident number, officer's estimated time of arrival, and then a brief two question survey about their experience within six hours of the closing of the call.

We are now ready to roll out the second half of this communication tool. Now those whose incidents are not resolved quickly and who will have ongoing interaction with the police department will have the option to also receive ongoing text message communication that will include case number notifications, the detective's name once the case has been assigned, case status change notifications, and a more detailed satisfaction survey once the case is closed.

Clear communication and transparency with the people we serve and protect is vital, and PowerEngage is another way in which we can ensure you feel like your needs are being met by the members of this department.



Infrastructure

PW Updates

Preservation and Safety

- The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company replaced the railroad crossing at Rosemary Street beginning on Sunday, June 30. The project was completed on Thursday, July 4. A full closure of Rosemary Street at the railroad crossing occurred and detour installed.

Engineering

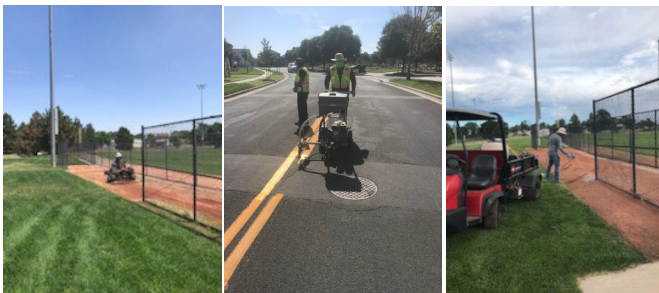
- Adams County was notified by the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) that a \$4.8 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant was awarded for reconstruction of the I-270 & Vasquez Boulevard cloverleaf interchange into a partial cloverleaf, and enhancing existing, as well as implementing a new pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure through and around I-270 and Vasquez Boulevard. Funding will be for funding public outreach, environmental clearance, preliminary engineering, and final design. The project will include two grade-separated pedestrian tunnels, ADA sidewalks and ramps, implementation of two water quality ponds on the western side of the interchange, and guardrail replacement. planning and design of the I-270 and Vasquez Boulevard interchange for multi-modal improvements for the CDOT I-270 improvement project.
- Staff attended the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) monthly meeting.
- Staff attended the Regional Transit District (RTD) Northeast Subregional Service Council quarterly meeting.
- 12 total cracks were repaired under the asphalt crack repair program.
- Concrete Flatwork is ongoing to support the mill and overlay project.
- The mill and overlay project began this week.

Parks

- Parks operations staff was hard at work continuing maintenance in our open space, parks and trails.
- Staff started off the week by prepping all baseball fields to get ready for games and practices throughout the week. Key targeted areas were Second Creek Trail, Rocky Mountain Arsenal Trail, Chambers Trail, Second Creek Elementary, Turnberry Park, Villages at Buffalo Run East and Pioneer Park.
- Big efforts were dedicated to the ongoing weed removal operations for Parks crews this week. Staff targeted various sites including Pioneer Park, the Heritage and Cultural Center, Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, Bison Ridge and Second Creek Open Space and Fronterra Park.
- Crews took time to also help the Parks, Recreation and Golf department during the Music in the Park event at Fronterra Park. Staff spent around five hours cleaning and performing maintenance in efforts to ensure a smooth event.
- Park crews are helping run the MyC3 Tool Trailer Program which is currently in full swing with a total of 30 reservations so far in 2024, which includes two neighborhood cleanups. This is a major jump from the total 14 reservations in 2023.

Streets

- This week our traffic teams were busy promoting driver awareness and safety. Teams installed signage improvements at 72nd Avenue and Monaco Street and completed double yellow striping operations in Buffalo Highlands and Reunion.
- Teams replaced 33 crosswalk bars at the Chambers Way and Jasper Street intersections to ensure safe pedestrian conditions.
- Crews were dispatched to 60th Avenue and Holly Street during a signal outage to assist with traffic control measures.
- Pavement teams focused on crack sealing operations in the Turnberry neighborhood. So far, an astounding total of 42 wide cracks have been repaired and sealed with mastic. Approximately two lane-miles of crack seal has been applied in the Turnberry area by our teams.
- Sweeping crews continued with their operations and cleaned 60th Avenue from Quebec Street to 72nd Avenue. They continued through Monaco Street, sweeping from 60th Avenue to 72nd Avenue and finished on Holly Street, sweeping from 60th Avenue to 72nd Avenue.
- Stormwater crews continued cleaning out storm basins along Tower Road – starting at 81st Avenue through 104th Avenue.
- They also cleaned out the storm basins in the Belle Creek neighborhood to ensure proper drainage in that area.
- The last notable highlight was the drain cleaning of the 63rd Avenue and Kearney Street drain.





Parks, Recreation and Golf

Parks and Recreation Month | July

Are you ready to celebrate **Parks and Recreation Month**? This year's theme is "Where You Belong" and we are excited to showcase the amazing ways our local park and recreation professionals create a sense of belonging in Commerce City.

Our parks and recreation spaces provide safe and accessible areas for us to connect and build meaningful relationships, so let's come together this month to celebrate why these spaces truly feel like home. Join us for the ultimate self-led adventure around the city through July 31.

Register your team for free for the **Discovery Dash** and get the chance to win exciting prizes. Let's show the world why our local parks and recreation areas are Where You Belong. For more information and to keep up to date about ideas for daily activities and opportunities, visit our website.

**PARKS &
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Lake Dillon Campout | June 19-20

Our Outdoor Recreation staff recently brought a group of adventurous teens out to Lake Dillon for a night of camping under the stars at picturesque Heaton Bay. In their short stay, participants learned to paddleboard on the cold waters of Lake Dillon, they panned for gold in Eureka Creek (no nuggets, unfortunately), and they delved 1,000 feet into the Country Boy Mine to learn about mining life in the 1800's.

To sign up for one of our upcoming Outdoor Recreation programs, visit c3gov.com/Recreation.





Urban Renewal

URA updates are forthcoming.



Financial Reports

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](#) - May 2024

The City's 2023 Financial Audit is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of July. The audit report and audited financial statements are planned to be presented to City Council on July 22. Each monthly financial report contains cumulative financial data through the end of the reporting month.



Municipal Court

Monthly Court Report - through June 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

Back to Basics - The Boards and Commissions Program had its first annual program-wide training, which was a great success! We had an excellent turnout, with representatives from nearly every board and commission in attendance. The training sessions were engaging and informative, covering a wide range of topics from best practices, handbook launch, policy updates, meeting procedures, and goal and budget setting. It was inspiring to see members from different boards and commissions come together to share their experiences and learn with each other.

In addition to the informative sessions, the training also featured enjoyable team-building activities that allowed participants to connect with each other in a meaningful and interactive setting. The feedback from the attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their eagerness for future training events.



Third Quarter 2024 Boards and Commissions Recruitment is open and taking applications through Friday, July 12. Interviews will be held on Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. via Zoom. A list of current vacancies can be found at c3gov.com/Boards, along with application information.

For additional information, please contact City Clerk Dylan Gibson at dgibson@c3gov.com.