

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: June 7, 2024



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New & Notable

Community Well-Being hosted their annual resource fair partnered with Adams County located at Our Lady of the Mother Church on Friday May 31. The purpose of this event is to create a “one-stop shop” bringing together resources and services to help uplift the lives of all residents in need. Forty-seven community partners participated in the event that included employment services, medical and mental health, as well as benefit assistance. Through these community partnerships we were able to serve over 100 residents that were in all stages of need and support.



Music in the Park returns June 13!

The Commerce City Cultural Council is proud to once again host the annual Music in the Park free summer concert series! These family-friendly events in partnership with the city feature a great lineup of local bands, food trucks, and opportunities to engage with city departments and community organizations! Events take place from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

New in 2024, the June 13 and July 11 concerts will offer free meal tickets for the first 150 attendees. The June 27 and July 25 concerts 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! Learn more at c3gov.com/MusicInThePark.

2024 Music in the Park lineup:

- Thursday, June 13 at Veterans Memorial Park, 6015 Forest Dr.
Band: 2MX2
- Thursday, June 27 at Fronterra Park, 10020 Joplin St. (featuring Summer Shindig)
Band: Hot Lunch
- Thursday, July 11 at River Run Park, 11515 Oswego St.
Band: Thumpin
- Thursday, July 25 at Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St. (featuring Summer Shindig)
Band: Chicano Heat

Juneteenth events coming June 17 and 19

The city’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission is proud to recognize Juneteenth in Commerce City for a second straight year with community gatherings celebrating the contributions of African Americans to our community:

Juneteenth Flag Raising

Monday, June 17 at 4:30 p.m., Commerce City Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave.

The ceremony will feature remarks from city officials and a performance of “Lift Every Voice and Sing” by Julius Henderson as the city raises the official Juneteenth flag in front of the Civic Center.

Juneteenth Celebration

Wednesday, June 19 from 5 to 7 p.m., Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St.

Residents are invited to enjoy free food, a live DJ, activities, and more during an informal celebration of the Juneteenth Holiday.



Business/Economic Development



- Staff met with the owner and their design team to discuss a proposed new build fitness facility along E. 104th Ave. They confirmed that phase one will encompass a 14,000 square foot facility that features a main floor and a mezzanine. They also discussed ancillary uses, potential tenants and the timing for the future phase of development. Staff advocated for design elements and neighborhood serving amenities.
- Staff provided planning and support for the Catalyst Fund mural restoration project on a building located in Derby.
- Staff reached out to connect with broker and property owner to get an update on the plans for their restaurant tenant along E. 104th Ave.
- Staff received an update on a retail concept looking at the possibility of a location along E. 104th Ave. Staff provided information on development in the area, housing developments and demographics.
- Staff met with brokers for former Kentucky Fried Chicken location on E. 104th Ave. They discussed potential new users for property.
- Staff represented the city at a hotel summit where new hospitality brands and products were presented. Staff learned about brands and flags that could be compatible with the city's data and growth.
- Staff provided planning and support for the Catalyst Fund mural restoration project on a business located in Derby.
- Staff reached out to a small business owner to understand their business needs and opportunities. Staff provided initial business retention and expansion resources and is in the process of scheduling an onsite visit.
- Staff met with a developer and their broker for the Mile High Greyhound Park redevelopment project. They discussed components of the project and staff advocated for highest and best in class food and beverage uses.
- Staff provided business retention and expansion services for a business located in Derby. Staff coordinated opportunities to elevate awareness of the business and Derby in the community through media relations.
- Staff provided business retention and expansion services to a small business located in Derby.
- Staff attended AC-REP's annual State of the Region Summit. The event started with a presentation from Adams County Commissioner and Chair Emma Pinter, who shared an overview of the County's highlights and plans. Speakers from three major regional projects shared their experiences working in the region and why they selected Adams County to expand and grow their business. Attendees also heard from panelist that discussed how their teams have addressed water, housing and urban planning challenges. Keynotes were also provided from Futurist Chet Sisk, and State Demographer Elizabeth Garner.

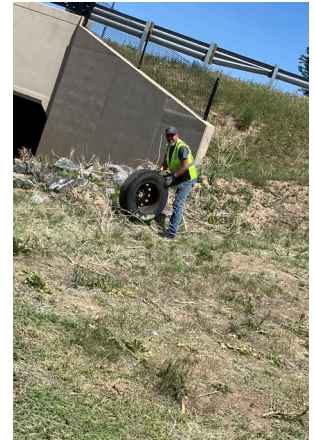


Community Appearance/Clean Ups

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 E. 72nd Avenue
- In addition to routine areas, crews performed clean-up at the following locations:
 - E. 96th Ave and Peoria Street
 - E. 53rd Ave and Sand Creek Drive
 - E. 61st Ave and Kearney Street
 - E. 69th Ave and Olive Street
 - E. 75th Ave and Oneida Street
 - E. 83rd Ave and Quebec Street
 - E. 83rd Ave and Rosemary Street
 - E. 84th Ave and Quebec Street
 - E. 92nd Ave and Yosemite Street
 - E. 100th Avenue and Helena Street
 - E. 104th Ave and Chambers Road
 - E. 107th Ave and Fulton Street



Distinctive Highlights

- This week, our Hotshot crews dedicated their time and efforts to ensure a safe and clean environment throughout our streets.
- Notable efforts include the removal of several pieces of discarded furniture abandoned throughout the city.
- Teams also found a significant illegal dumping on 96th Avenue and Potomac Street. The waste and trash was picked up and brought back to be disposed of swiftly to prevent any further contamination.
- Teams also removed a mattress that was reported near E. 89th Place.



Housing & Community Well-Being

Community Well-Being	Weekly	YTD	Housing / CDBG	Weekly Totals	YTD
Homeless Navigator			ERA: Rent/ Mortgage	\$0.00	\$245,027.87
Unhoused Resident Contacts	30	662	ERA: Utility	\$0.00	\$8,875.00
Voucher Matches to Housing	1	8	ERA: Car repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voucher Orientations for Housing	1	6	ERA: Homeless	0	2
Unhoused Resident: Shelter	0	4	ERA totals	\$0.00	\$251,000.00
Unhoused Resident: Transitional Housing	0	3	ERA: Families Served	0	54
Unhoused Resident: Permanent Housing	0	4	ERA: Total Applications	0	73
Family & Senior Navigator			In-Person Resident Service	14	520
Senior Contacts	12	291	Phone Contacts	156	3253
Senior Resource Referrals Made	22	406	CDBG Services	15	316
Family Contacts	7	270	CDBG Draw Downs	\$0	\$176,500.00
Family Resource Referrals Made	11	381	CDBG Inspections	0	11



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – June 3

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: **April 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	10	301	Total Case Action	699	14,235
Multi-Family Permits Issued	0	0	Pro-Active Cases	55	1,877
Duplex Permits Issued (SFA)	0	2	CAI	15	769
Townhome Permits Issued (SFA)	0	0	SCF-CRM	47	530
Residential CO issued	14	300	Violations Issued	135	3611
Total Permits Issued	35	935	Weed Violations Undeveloped	17	64
Permits Processed	42	1195	Weed Violations Developed	34	182
Residential Permits Processed	27	855	Abatement Hearings	9	109
Non-Residential Permits Processed	15	303	Abatement Ordered	2	37
Residential CO Processed	14	300	CRT Violations	7	106
Residential Inspections	435	10203	CRT Outreach	0	24
Non-Residential Inspections	42	859			

PLANNING

Completed Cases	0
New Cases (Deemed Incomplete/Not Included in Total)	0
New Cases (Deemed Complete/Included in Total)	0
Total Active Cases	162
POD Inquiries questions about zoning, allowable use, development process and timelines, setback requirements	28

SELECT CASE STATUS UPDATES

5555 Dahlia	Notice of Administrative Decision Posted
Reunion Center	Development Agreement finalized
Anderson Ranch	Preparing for Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Recent & Upcoming)

CUP24-0001	Stout Street Foundation, June 4 Planning Commission
LUP-058-24	Tower Landfill Land Use Plan Amendment, June 4 Planning Commission
Z-705-99-00-09-24	Tower Landfill Annexation Zoning, June 4 Planning Commission
V-93-24	Tower Landfill Vacation Right-of-Way, June 4 Planning Commission

NEW SUBMITTALS

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Public Safety

CCPD Welcomes Five New Recruit Officers

The Commerce City Police Department is pleased to welcome our five newest Recruit Officers, who graduated this last Friday from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at the Flatrock Regional Training Center after five grueling months and passing the Peace Officers Standards and Training exam (POST).

They'll be put through an in-house academy and four phases of field training before you see them riding solo but in the meantime, here's a little bit about each of them:

Officer Cooper, is Officer Lombardi's daughter and they're the first father-daughter officer duo at CCPD! Officer Cooper grew up in Broomfield and attended the University of Wyoming.

Officer Todd is from our next-door neighbor to the north, Brighton. He worked in private security for a hospital before this and was inspired by his two uncles in law enforcement to follow in their boot steps.

Officer Anderson is from Windsor, a proud graduate of Grand Canyon University, and an even prouder leukemia survivor. She knew as soon as she conquered cancer that she'd tackle the police academy; her father worked in federal law enforcement.

Colorado-native **Officer Haas** was a business analyst before he made a drastic career change. The reason? We believe he said something like this career is "way better." But in all seriousness, he wanted something more rewarding.

And finally— we all already know and love **Officer Garcia** because she worked as an administrative specialist for CCPD! That's where she became inspired to continue her career with us, but in a different capacity. She was born in Chicago, but she's a true Commerce City kid— a Kemp Elementary, Kearney Middle, and Adam's City High grad. Spanish is her first language, and she's excited to speak to people in the language that works best for them.

CCPD Cracks Down on Illegal Windshield Tint

We'll be featuring tint laws on one of our upcoming Traffic Tip Tuesday videos, but here's a little preview:

Before you say "don't you have more important things to enforce?" here are a few facts to consider: illegal window tint (tint that prevents less than 27% of light from passing through) and windshield tint in general (all is illegal except for four inches at the top of your windshield), poses an extreme safety hazard.

And we aren't just talking about for officers, who are making traffic stops on vehicles in which they do not know how many individuals are inside and what they're doing.

It's also dangerous for other drivers who may get into a crash with a vehicle that has a tinted windshield or darkly tinted windows. Do you want to get out of your vehicle and approach the other driver when you can't see them? What about if they flee the scene? You may have a license plate but you don't know who's driving so we can't recommend criminal charges. A tinted windshield can also be a contributing factor in a collision as it makes seeing the roadway more challenging.

So this enforcement effort is not designed simply to incur fines or a costly removal project. It's a safety issue for the driver of the offending vehicle and everyone else on the road.





Infrastructure

PW Updates

Preservation and Safety

- Traffic teams assisted in our community events and provided traffic control services during the Memorial Day parade on May 27, with 16 dedicated members skillfully managing lane closures with plow units and devices.

Engineering

- Staff held a meeting with Parks, Recreation, and Golf staff to coordinate the electrical connection of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center. The connection will need to occur at night over the weekend so operations at the recreation center will not be disrupted. The plan is to make the connection in June if Xcel can get a crew scheduled.
- A progress meeting was held with the design team and the Police Department for the Police Department Substation project.
- A progress meeting was held for the Citywide Safety Action Plan (SAP).
- A weekly meeting was conducted for the E. 120th Avenue Widening project between Chambers Road and Buckley Road. The project is being advertised for bids and bids were set to be due to the developer on May 29.
- Staff attended a Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) meeting for the Vasquez Improvements project. Council members were also present.
- Staff attended an on-site construction meeting for the Colorado Boulevard paving and multi-modal improvement project.
- 2024 Concrete Flatwork project began in the core city
- A coordination meeting was held for the E. 56th Ave. Widening Project

Parks

- Over the past week, our Parks Operations team has been actively involved in the maintenance of our community parks and open spaces.
- Teams began the week with weed and pest control by administering pesticide for ants and insects at Ragweed Draw, Prairie Gateway Open Space as well as others trails and open space locations.
- Additionally, teams focused on cleanup efforts in Commerce City's right-of-way properties and city parks including Fairfax Park, Pioneer Park and Veteran's Memorial Park. Staff removed debris and trash throughout the entire week to enhance the aesthetics of our shared community spaces.

Parks Cont.d

- Aside from routine maintenance operations, Parks teams assisted at events going on in throughout the city. In preparation for the Governor's bill signing at Pioneer Park on Tuesday May 28, teams detailed and cleaned the shelters and the spray ground area. On Friday May 31, teams helped our Community Well-being Resource Division setup their Well-being Resource Fair at Our Lady Mother of the Church. The event ran from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and staff helped tear down as soon as it was safe to do so.
- Overall, it has been a productive week for the Parks operations team.



Streets

- Throughout the week, our Street operations team were diligently working on various projects to enhance the safety of our community's roadways.
- Traffic teams successfully installed a new crosswalk at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, aiming to improve pedestrian safety in the area.
- Thanks to our Pavement teams' efforts, a total of 133 potholes were repaired across various neighborhoods including Belle Creek, Hazeltine, River Run, Phelps Tointon, and Irondale.
- Elm Street received thorough grading from E. 69th Avenue to E. 72nd Avenue, ensuring smoother and safer driving conditions for residents.
- During our routine cleaning schedule, we focused on sweeping to ensure that our streets are free of debris and hazards. Teams cleaned Highway 2 from E. 104th Avenue southbound to E. 88th Avenue.
- We remain committed to upholding the highest standards in street operations to create a safe and efficient environment for all members of our community.

Active Permits



Parks, Recreation and Golf

Summer Fun! | Paradise Island Pool

Our summer season for 2024 had a successful start over Memorial Day Weekend! The state-of-the-art aquatics facility opened on Saturday, May 25, and a large number of community members participated in the opening weekend. On Memorial Day, the park reached its maximum capacity of 550 people at approximately 2:30 pm. It was a fun weekend for many! For more information about Paradise Island, please visit c3gov.com/Paradise



Paradise Island Hours:

- Open Daily from May 25 - August 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Open Weekends: August 17 - 18, August 24 - 25, and August 31 - September 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Splash Pad | Open House Recap

The Splash Pad at Pioneer Park is scheduled for a complete overhaul, with construction set to begin in the fall of 2024. The Public Works Department and the Parks, Recreation, and Golf Department are collaboratively spearheading this initiative.

On May 14, two open houses were held to gather community input on the preferred design layout and color scheme for the new splash pad. The first open house was hosted at Bison Ridge, and the second at Eagle Pointe Recreation, running from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Around 250 community members of all ages participated and provided their feedback. Both open houses were successful, and the top choices from the community will inform the final design layout for the new splash pad!





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 - April 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, 2024. Each monthly financial report contains cumulative financial data through the end of the reporting month.



Municipal Court

Monthly Court Report - through May 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

Senior Resource Fair coming June 8

Join the Commerce City Senior Commission for the return of their annual Senior Resource Fair on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr. Come learn about free and low-cost resources for seniors in addition to enjoying free food, giveaways, demonstrations, and educational seminars! Free transportation from the Bison Ridge Recreation Center (13905 E. 112th Ave.) will be provided via shuttle bus. For questions, contact the Senior Commission at SeniorCommission@c3gov.com.