

# City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: Nov. 15, 2024



## RESOURCES

Agendas and meeting schedules – [commerce.legistar.com](https://commerce.legistar.com)

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# New & Notable

## Monaco Park public art mural successfully installed this week

City staff and the Commerce City Cultural Council are excited to announce the installation of new public art at Monaco Park as part of the recently completed renovation project. The public art selection committee, seated over the summer by the Cultural Council, chose to use the back of the city's first Fitness Court (one of the premier features of the renovation) as a canvas to install a series of murals over the next three years to add character and vibrancy to this exciting new space. Prioritizing the rich cultural history of the area, as well as the fitness and wellness aspects of the newly revamped park, the committee chose three designs, each of which will be installed for about one year. The first of these, an untitled piece from Denver artist Wey Mnky, was installed this week. The additional pieces are from artists Julia Fordyce (Denver) and Carlos Fresquez and Frank Zamora (Denver and Commerce City).

A celebration of the art installation and all three selected pieces will be held at the park on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m., including light refreshments, brief comments from Cultural Council members, and artist Wey Mnky.



## New dates for final property cleanup events

Residents now have two more property clean up opportunities this year! The year's final Green Yard Waste Drop-Off at A1 Organics (planned for Nov. 9) was rescheduled to Saturday, Nov. 16 due to last weekend's snow. In addition, staff has worked with Republic Services to offer an additional Free Day at Tower Landfill on Saturday, Nov. 23 after some residents were inadvertently turned away during the last event on Nov. 2. Restrictions apply and proof of residency is required. For more information, visit [c3gov.com/Trash](https://c3gov.com/Trash).

- **Free Green Yard Waste Drop-Off**

Saturday, Nov. 16 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

A1 Organics Commerce City, 9109 Monaco St., Henderson

Residents can dispose of compostable yard waste (i.e. grass clippings, leaves, etc.)

- **Free Day at Tower Landfill**

Saturday, Nov. 23 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Republic Services Tower Landfill, entrance at 19260 E. 88th Ave.

Dispose of large quantities of trash or large/oddly-shaped items without using your large-item pickups.

[Council Work Schedules](#)

[HR Q3 Dashboard](#)

**Commerce City's Grant Office**  
[October update](#)



# Business/Economic Development



## **2024 Leadership Commerce City UPS Facility Tour**

• Staff would like to recognize and thank the team at the Commerce City UPS facility for taking the time to provide a tour for the 2024 Commerce City Leadership Class. The year-long leadership course is hosted by our partners at the Adams 14 Education Foundation.

• Staff met with an owner representative to discuss plans for commercial parcels along Tower Road, advocating for new food and beverage offerings.

• Staff received an update on a proposed industrial development near Tower Road. They confirmed plans for the new building would be 165,000 square feet.

• Staff represented Commerce City at Front Range Economic Collaborative meeting. Staff shared updates on projects with other regional economic development agencies and professionals.

• Staff provided support for a local restaurant owner in due diligence for potential new location in the city.

• Staff collaborated with the Community Development team on a planned mixed-use development along E. 120th Ave. Staff advocated for a mix of new commercial development parcels and attainable housing options.

• Staff met with Adams County Economic Development Staff and AC-Rep to continue planning for a regional Business Retention and Expansion collaborative partnership.

• Staff provided land development business liaison support for a new electronics manufacturer including meeting with their electricity provider.

• Staff met with the Rocky Mountain Partnership to continue program development for an Advancing Commerce City Together (ACT) workforce training pathway program.

• Staff provided land development business liaison support for a hotel development at 96th and Tower.

• Staff provided business retention, expansion support to a local sporting goods store.

• Staff continued working on developing the Ecosystem partnership strategy and programs.

• Staff began meeting with board members of the Commerce City Urban Renewal Authority (CCURA) to discuss their priorities for future projects and development.

• Staff connected with a boutique restaurant ownership group and shared relevant site selection data for their consideration.

## **DID YOU KNOW...**

**UPS is the largest employer in Commerce City, with 3,200 employees.**

**This will rise to over 4,000 during the busy holiday season!**



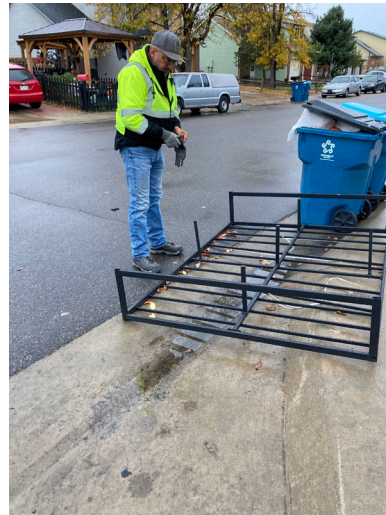


# Community Appearance/Clean Ups

## Hot Shot Crew

Monday – Friday

- During the past 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.
- 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:
  - 62nd Avenue and Monaco Street
  - 64th Avenue and Highway I-270
  - 71st Avenue and Locust Street
  - 81st Avenue and Tower Road



## Distinctive Highlights

- Hot Shot crews continue their efforts to provide safe and hazard-free streets for commuters and motorists.
- Streets operations staff and various other city departments continued Commerce City's initiative to identify key areas that need immediate city attention.
- On Oct. 24, the Community Response Team (CRT) toured areas of Heinz Way, Yosemite Street, Willow Court and 81st Avenue and Tower Road.
- The CRT identified trash, weeds, unlawful dumping, street signs that need to be replaced, and dead trees that required maintenance and removal. All findings were reported to the appropriate department and were swiftly taken care of.
- As of November, the CRT has identified 173 total cases, closing out 111 and 41 still pending to be resolved. The Community Development teams have had 21 outreach cases of those totals.
- Hot Shot crews found a dumping of a bed frame near 62nd Avenue and Monaco Street. Crews quickly removed the hazard, and it was disposed of properly.
- Crews also assisted during the night shift of snow removal operations. Staff was on-call starting Tuesday and continued through the weekend.





# Housing & Community Well-Being

| Community Well-Being                    | Weekly | YTD   |
|---|--------|-------|
| <b>Homeless Navigator</b>               |        |       |
| Unhoused Resident Contacts              | 64     | 1,443 |
| Voucher Matches to Housing              | 0      | 15    |
| Unhoused Resident: Shelter              | 0      | 6     |
| Unhoused Resident: Transitional Housing | 2      | 19    |
| Unhoused Resident: Permanent Housing    | 1      | 15    |
| <b>Family &amp; Senior Navigator</b>    |        |       |
| Senior Contacts                         | 10     | 613   |
| Senior Resource Referrals Made          | 8      | 1,106 |
| Family Contacts                         | 7      | 484   |
| Family Resource Referrals Made          | 14     | 756   |

Last week marked the first significant snowstorm of the season. CWB administered 15 motel vouchers, allowing 22 unhoused individuals to be safely placed into motels through the Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP). This month's CWB event, "The Well" embraced a holiday theme, providing 17 holiday meals and essential refuge during the inclement weather.



# Environment & Sustainability

## Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – Nov. 15

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

- Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) and Community Education/Outreach
- Municipal Operations (Leading by Example)
- Legislative Updates & Regional Environmental Leadership
- Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC), Oil & Gas Projects and Policy
- Water Resources & Environmental Reviews



# Growth and Development

Ward Report: **October Ward Report**

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

| PERMITS                           | Weekly Totals | 2024 YTD Total | CODE ENFORCEMENT/ CDBG  | Weekly Totals | 2024 YTD Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| SFD Permits Issued                | 14            | 491            | Total Case Action       | 431           | 30,752         |
| Multi-Family Permits Issued       | 0             | 0              | Pro-Active Cases        | 87            | 4,205          |
| Duplex Permits Issued (SFA)       | 0             | 28             | CAI                     | 2             | 879            |
| Townhome Permits Issued (SFA)     | 0             | 0              | SCF-CRM                 | 6             | 995            |
| Residential CO issued             | 18            | 682            | Violations Issued       | 106           | 8,075          |
| Total Permits Issued              | 28            | 1,801          | Snow Violations         | 0             | 0              |
| Permits Processed                 | 33            | 2,422          | Snow Guardians Serviced | 9             | 9              |
| Residential Permits Processed     | 24            | 1,785          | Abatement Hearings      | 0             | 227            |
| Non-Residential Permits Processed | 9             | 637            | Abatement Ordered       | 8             | 257            |
| Residential CO Processed          | 18            | 682            | CDBG Services           | 0             | 386            |
| Residential Inspections           | 439           | 20,230         | CDBG Draw Downs         | \$0           | \$199,157.00   |
| Non-Residential Inspections       | 35            | 2,044          | CDBG Inspections        | 0             | 11             |

## PLANNING

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Completed Cases  | 0   |
| New Cases (Deemed Complete/Included in Total)  | 0   |
| Total Active Cases   | 146 |
| POD Inquiries questions about zoning, allowable use, development process and timelines, setback requirements | 17  |

## SELECT CASE STATUS UPDATES

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Murray Farms                | Applicant to come in for a pre-application meeting for new submittal |
| Tower Landfill              | Plat and PUD Permit are under review                                 |
| Thompson Thrift Residential | Received a positive recommendation at PC on 11/6                     |

## PUBLIC HEARINGS (Recent & Upcoming)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Z-973-21-22, AN-268-24, NIGID23-0001 – Anderson Ranch Annexation, Zoning, and GID inclusion. | Approved on 1st reading on October 21st, scheduled for 2nd reading on November 18th.                                      |
| Z24-0003, Thompson Thrift Residential Zone Change  | Recommended for approval by Planning Commission on November 6. Scheduled for 1st reading at City Council on November 25th |
| PUDP24-0015, Tower Landfill Certificate of Designation                                       | Scheduled for City Council on November 18th   |

Community Development kicked off its [Snow Guardians program](#) for the season last weekend. The program assists elderly and disabled residents clear their sidewalks adjacent to their property during a snow event.

Learn more and apply at [c3gov.com/CodeEnforcement](https://c3gov.com/CodeEnforcement).





# Public Safety

## **Trial for man who killed two — including beloved CCPD detective— concludes in Adams County with guilty verdict:**

Just over four years after the devastating loss of Detective Curt Holland and Commerce City resident Francesca Dominguez, the man responsible for their senseless deaths was found guilty by an Adams County jury. The trial for Fructuoso Rosales-Cano concluded on Thursday, Nov. 14th in an Adams County courtroom, after a jury deliberated for just an hour.

Fructuoso Rosales-Cano was convicted of two counts of vehicular homicide and driving under the influence with prior convictions. On Oct. 16, 2020, Rosales-Cano was driving with a blood alcohol level nearly four times the legal limit operating a vehicle when he struck two vehicles on Highway 2. Both Det. Holland and Francesca Dominguez—the drivers of those vehicles—were killed in the violent collision.

Commerce City Police Chief Darrel Guadnola has this message for all those whose lives were made incomplete by Rosales-Cano's terrible decision to get behind the wheel that day:

“This day has been a long time coming. While a guilty verdict cannot undo the past and bring back two individuals who were taken out of this world too soon, I hope it gives their loved ones and friends the closure that has been so evasive over the last four years. I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's District Attorney's Office for their relentless prosecution of the responsible party, the Colorado State Patrol for their investigation of the incident, and everyone else whose efforts allowed us to bring the man who took two beloved members of this community far too soon to justice.”





# Infrastructure

## PW Updates

### Preservation and Safety

- This week, all operations staff geared up to prepare for the incoming snow storm. Crews conducted pre-trip inspections to prepare for the 10 inches expected last weekend across the city.

### Engineering

- On Oct. 30, the Buffalo Ridge Metropolitan District notified the City that the 120th Avenue Widening project would be re-bid in order to obtain an up to date cost estimate for the project. The District has notified the previously selected bidder of this change. Once additional coordination between the city, metro district, and South Adams County Water and Sanitation District occurs, the project will be re-bid.
- The project to construct a wire-span traffic signal for 105th and Chambers Road is ongoing. Staff received five proposals for design and a bidder has been selected. The extensive design process will include data collection (traffic counts, topo survey, field inventory, etc.), a geotechnical analysis, public outreach, and delivery of 90% plans. Construction will begin in late Q1 or early Q2 of 2025.
- The Mill and Overlay program was paused due to the inclement weather and cool pavement temperatures.
- The 2024 Asphalt Crack Repair Phase II contract will go to City Council on Dec. 2. This work will go into early 2025 and will end when the 2025 contract begins.
- Construction continued along Colorado Boulevard. The waterline on the east side of the road was installed. The project is still on track to be completed by the end of 2024.
- On Nov. 4, staff attended an I-270 Agency Coordination meeting.
- On Monday, Nov. 4, staff hosted a design meeting for E. 56th Avenue project.
- On Nov. 5 and Nov. 7, seven staff members attended the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) local agency training session.
- On Nov. 6, staff and SACWSD met to discuss the 2025 Pavement Management program.
- On Nov. 7, staff attended an I-270 Agency Coordination meeting.
- On Nov. 8 staff attended a Vasquez project meeting with CDOT.
- On Nov. 8, staff met with the selected bidder for the Chambers Road project to continue contract negotiations.

### Active Permits

### Parks

- Parks staff kicked off the week by adjusting the light timers for shelter lights in response Daylight Savings ending on Nov. 3. Crews changed the pedestrian walkway lights at Fairfax Park, Rose Hill Grange, Joe Reilly, Freedom Park, Pioneer Park, and Veterans Memorial Park to ensure users have access, if needed, to the shelters during darker hours.
- Staff inspected 64 Commerce City snow equipment units, including 24 trucks (10 plow trucks and 14 trucks), 14 trailers, and six small plow units. Staff was divided to perform thorough pre-trip inspections to ensure all equipment operates safely and effectively in challenging weather.
- Parks crews oversaw the cleaning of city buildings, parks and trails to provide safe access for residents and employees serving their community. Staff also assisted Streets Operations staff in cleaning roadways and providing safe driving conditions for motorists.
- After the snowstorm, teams conducted post-trip inspections to identify potential mechanical issues or damage that may have occurred during active operations, enabling timely repairs before the next snowfall.
- The holiday light crew continues their holiday lights installation. They completed installing the lights on the Tower Road entry sign. Work on this project is expected to be completed next week.

### Streets

- This week, our sweeping crews followed their scheduled routes and cleaned River Run and the Dunes neighborhoods.
- Traffic teams continued addressing AccessC3 concerns and emergency requests for signage. This week, crews replaced and fixed a total of five signs and one delineator, citywide.
- Crews inspected school flashers on 72nd Avenue and Quebec Parkway and 73rd Avenue and Oneida Street. Teams were able to identify both devices require new parts which were all ordered and pending delivery, will be installed immediately.
- Teams successfully completed the 112th Avenue and Oakland Street project. Staff relocated a pedestrian sign to improve public safety and visibility in that area.
- Our asphalt teams prepared for the upcoming snowstorm, performing inspections on all Commerce City snowplow trucks. Crews replaced snow blades on four of them to ensure the equipment was safe to use during the snowstorm.
- Teams continued addressing AccessC3 and emergency requests for potholes and failures on the road. Staff repaired and filled a total 35 potholes using a total of 3/4 of a ton of cold asphalt, citywide.





# Parks, Recreation and Golf

## Project Present is back!

The holiday season is upon us and Project Present is in full swing! Project Present is a community outreach program benefitting Commerce City children who may be less fortunate this holiday season. We involve elementary schools throughout the community whose students are nominated by their teachers and counselors.

To support, you can make a monetary donation (online at [us.givergy.com/2024ProjectPresent](https://us.givergy.com/2024ProjectPresent)) as outlined below or sponsor and buy gifts for specific children.

Thanks to all the community supporters over the years who have continued to help this program make an impact for Commerce City kids!



## Help Sponsor a Commerce City Child for the Holidays

### Level 1-Santa: Sponsor a School - Buy and wrap gifts for 20 children

Spend a minimum \$75 per child -or- Donate \$1,500 (Recreation staff will purchase and wrap gifts)

### Level 2-Elf: Share a School - Buy and wrap gifts for 10 children

Spend minimum \$75 per child -or- Donate \$750 (Recreation staff will purchase and wrap gifts)

### Level 3-Sleigh: Make a Donation for 3 children

Donate a minimum of \$225 and recreation staff will purchase and wrap gifts

**MONETARY DONATIONS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 13th.**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ADAMS 14 EDUCATION FOUNDATION or**

**<https://us.givergy.com/2024ProjectPresent>**

Call Shannon Griffin, Recreation Supervisor at 303-289-3702 to sponsor a child

Commerce City schools participate in Project Present by nominating 20 children in-need per school to receive holiday gifts. These students may be homeless, living with a single parent or simply don't have a stable home system. A minimum of \$75 per child is recommended for individual sponsorships.

Wrapped gifts are due to the Bison Ridge or Eagle Pointe Recreation Centers by December 1 or contact Shannon Griffin to make arrangements for pickup.





# Financial Reports

Where to find budget and financial information:

## Main Budget & Financial Reports Webpage:

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

## Monthly Financial Report – September 2024

Each monthly financial report contains cumulative financial data through the end of the reporting month.



# Municipal Court

## Municipal Court & Probation Report

- through October 2024





# Boards and Commissions

First quarter recruitment for 2025 Boards & Commissions is open and taking applications through Friday, Jan. 17. Interviews will be held via Zoom on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Community members who are interested in serving on a city board or commission must first fill out an application at [c3gov.com/Boards](https://c3gov.com/Boards). Interviews will be scheduled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Questions may be sent to Dylan Gibson, City Clerk, at [dgibson@c3gov.com](mailto:dgibson@c3gov.com).