

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: Nov. 22, 2024



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New & Notable

Join us to ring in the season at Commerce City's Holiday Tree Lighting

Kick off the holiday season at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting event on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Commerce City Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave. The event will feature live reindeer, horse-drawn carriage rides, free hot cocoa, sweet treats, live holiday music, face painting, holiday crafts, and more! Kids can write letters to Santa, and he may even stop by to make an appearance. Don't miss this chance to celebrate with neighbors and friends and make your season bright. For more information, visit [c3gov.com/TreeLighting](https://www.c3gov.com/TreeLighting).



Monaco Park public art celebration set for Saturday

Following the installation of a new public art mural at the newly renovated Monaco Park (5790 Monaco St.), the Commerce City Cultural Council is excited to mark the occasion with a public art celebration on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. in the park. The event will feature light refreshments and brief comments from Cultural Council members and Denver artist Wey Mnky. The mural installed last week is one of three selected designs, each will be displayed for about one year on the back of the park's new Fitness Court. The additional pieces are from artists Julia Fordyce (Denver) and Carlos Fresquez and Frank Zamora (Denver and Commerce City). Examples of those murals will also be on display at the event, along with art from the recently wrapped traffic control boxes across the city.



Bonus landfill day event coming Saturday

Staff has worked with Republic Services to offer residents a fifth Free Day at Tower Landfill due to some residents being inadvertently turned away during the last event on Nov. 2. The additional free landfill day is coming this Saturday, Nov. 23 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. to allow residents to dispose of large quantities of trash or large/oddly shaped items without using your curbside large-item pickups. Restrictions apply and proof of residency is required. Learn more at [c3gov.com/Trash](https://www.c3gov.com/Trash).

Week in Review Update

There will be no Week in Review report on Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. City offices will be closed Nov. 28-29, and we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Business/Economic Development



- City Council was joined this week by members of the recently-formed Small Business Task Force, as well as staff from the Small Business Development Center to read a proclamation declaring November 30 as Small Business Saturday in Commerce City. Residents are encouraged “to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday – celebrating its 15th year in 2024 – and Shop Small throughout the year.” The full text of the proclamation [can be found here](#).
- Staff participated in two trainings: 2024 Innovation Ecosystem Summit organized by the Small Business Administration and Small Business Resource and the Support Workshop hosted by Colorado Green Business Network.
- Staff received updates on three proposed hotel projects in Commerce City, each for approximately 100 rooms. Two are proposed along the Tower Road corridor, and another near Interstate 76.
- Staff received an update on a planned development project for an existing city employer. They confirmed their structure would be approximately 3,000 square feet and provide parking and support areas for employees.
- Staff assisted a developer with permitting a planned 12,000-square-foot commercial development located near Tower Road.
- Staff received an update from a developer representative on a planned multi-family component of a larger mixed-use project near E. 112th Ave. They confirmed plans to develop a for-lease community, the number of units is still undergoing feasibility analysis.
- Staff provided additional information on utilities and land use to the State of Colorado Office of Economic Development for the project conducting due diligence on a new proposed facility.
- Staff is preparing a response to a site selection RFP sent by the State OEDIT office. The team is also working with two other similar inquiries which have responded positively and are now evaluating potential sites in Commerce City.
- Communities across Adams County agreed to join a regional business retention and expansion group that will be coordinated by AC-Rep and Adams County. The group will work on projects including a "no wrong door" service model, collective data gathering and analysis, service and strategy alignment, and identifying regional issues impacting local businesses and seeking opportunities for collective response.
- Staff participated in RFP interviews alongside CMO and IT to select a consultant to complete a telecommunications strategy for the city.
- Staff met with internal staff and the Rocky Mountain Partnership, Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, and Adams 14 District staff to continue program development for an Advancing Commerce City (ACT) workforce training pathway program.
- Staff continued land development business liaison support for a new electronics employer including meeting with the Building and Planning Divisions.
- Staff coordinated with Adams County Workforce and Business Center regarding the recent layoff announcement from UPS that enables significant investment in automation at the Commerce City facility.

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Community Appearance/Clean Ups

Hot Shot Crew

Tuesday – 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 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:
 - 60th Avenue and Trestle Bridge
 - 68th Place and Pontiac Street
 - 88th Avenue and Highway I – 76 (bridge)
 - 93rd Avenue and Yosemite Street
 - 96th Avenue and Peoria Street
 - 96th Avenue and Potomac Street
 - 106th Avenue and Biscay Street



Distinctive Highlights

- After a heavy snowstorm last week, Hot Shot crews resumed their dedication to remove all debris and hazards from the city's streets.
- This week, crews collected 24 abandoned tires. Staff took all tires to the recycling center to promote sustainability.
- Crews were dispatched to 96th Avenue and Peoria Street where a report of a large dumping was found. Upon arrival, staff identified a mattress, furniture, and cardboard boxes. All debris was removed and brought back to be disposed of to prevent any contamination.
- An abandoned boat was found at the 60th Avenue and Trestle Bridge. Crews quickly removed it and reached out to a contractor to have it disposed of.
- Furniture and cardboard were found near 106th Avenue and Biscay Street. Crews were sent to pick up all the debris and hazards to prevent any damage to commuters and/or residents.



Housing & Community Well-Being

Community Well-Being	Weekly	YTD
Homeless Navigator		
Unhoused Resident Contacts	31	1,474
Voucher Matches to Housing	1	16
Unhoused Resident: Shelter	0	6
Unhoused Resident: Transitional Housing	2	19
Unhoused Resident: Permanent Housing	2	17
Family & Senior Navigator		
Senior Contacts	11	624
Senior Resource Referrals Made	25	1,131
Family Contacts	9	493
Family Resource Referrals Made	16	772

CWB partnered with Benefits in Action to host another Resource Round-Up event at Eagle Pointe Recreational Center on Tuesday, Nov. 12. This event marked the second session in their series of Mastering Medicare. The presentation provided valuable insight and featured an interactive segment where community members had the opportunity to engage with experts and ask questions related to Medicare.



Environment & Sustainability

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

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	23	514	Violations Issued	89	8,164
Multi-Family Permits Issued	0	0	Pro-Active Cases	15%	4,257
Duplex Permits Issued (SFA)	0	28	CAI and SCF-CRM	12	1,886
Townhome Permits Issued (SFA)	0	0	Residential Violations	-	2,691/ 48%
Residential CO issued	12	694	Non-Residential Violations	-	2,935/ 52%
Total Permits Issued	46	1,847	Abatement Hearings	0	263
Permits Processed	37	2,459	Snow Violations	0	0
Residential Permits Processed	25	1,810	Snow Guardians Serviced	0	9
Non-Residential Permits Processed	12	649	Compliance Rate	-	5,381/ 97%
Residential CO Processed	12	694	CDBG Services	2	388
Residential Inspections	364	20,594	CDBG Draw Downs	\$25,963.25	\$225,120.25
Non-Residential Inspections	23	514	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	8

SELECT CASE STATUS UPDATES

Commons at 104th	Preparing to record PUD Amendment
Tower Landfill	Certificate of Designation to go to City Council on November 18
Thompson Thrift Residential	Preparing for 1st reading at City Council on November 25

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 21, scheduled for 2nd reading on November 18.
Z24-0003, Thompson Thrift Residential Zone Change	Scheduled on November 25 for 1st reading at City Council.
PUDP24-0015, Tower Landfill Certificate of Designation	Scheduled for City Council on November 18.



Public Safety

CCPD warns motorists not to puff; the practice of warming up your vehicle attracts criminals

Due to the cold weather finally making its way to the west, it's puffing season, and we've got our first "puffed and perpetrated" situation. Last week a very valuable work vehicle with some even more valuable tools and equipment stored inside was stolen right out of the worker's driveway when he left it running and ran back inside his residence for just a matter of minutes; these crimes really do happen that fast.

The victim fortunately had a tracker on the vehicle, so he located it himself and then alerted the Police Department. While our officers were able to recover the vehicle quickly, that recovery didn't occur before the thief (or thieves) stole tens of thousands of dollars worth of tools out of it.

So please heed our Puffing Prohibition PSA: as tempting as it is to do when it's chilly outside, don't puff-- i.e. leave your vehicle running to warm up without anyone inside it. If you have a push-start ignition and can lock your ride then keep the fob on your person, that is the safe and legal way to "puff." But otherwise, just suffer through those first few frigid miles of driving and spare yourself the heartache and financial hardship of possible vehicle theft. Criminals are watching and waiting for you to puff. Don't be like this fish. You've been warned.

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New signage aimed at preventing overweight trucks From entering Adams Heights neighborhood

CCPD is aware that for whatever reason, some drivers just aren't reading and heeding the signs: semis, large trucks with trailers, and any vehicle over 8,000 pounds are NOT permitted on most residential roadways (unless they're providing a service in the area).

This is particularly a problem near Alsup Elementary School due to construction on Colorado Blvd. Trucks are using the neighborhood as an illegal detour-- and the signs explaining this is not permitted are literally everywhere. We have put up large VMS boards in multiple locations in the Adams Heights neighborhood, and the construction company has also put up barriers and signage.

Overweight vehicles on these residential roadways are more than just a nuisance— they're dangerous and degrade the surface of the road, but rest assured we will ticket them for the violation.



Infrastructure

Updates from Public Works

Parks

- Parks Operations crews continue their dedicated work to provide safe and clean parks, trails and open spaces for residents and visitors, alike.
- This week, staff combed through the parks and open spaces after last week's winter storm. Crews removed debris and hazards found from the storm. Staff removed broken branches from Monaco Vista Park and Sand Creek Trail that were found from the storm.
- Commerce City's Holiday Lights Project continues in full swing. This week, Parks staff completed hanging up holiday lights at the 56th Avenue and Quebec Street Commerce City signs. Crews also went back and identified and fixed damaged lights from winter storm at the Civic Center. Crews finished the week hanging up lights at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center. The Holiday Lights Project will continue through November.
- Crews completed repairs at a trail gate that was damaged by a car during the snowstorm at Prairie Gateway Trail.
- The city's Right-of-Way (ROW) Mowing crews completed trashing at 96th Avenue, 104th Avenue, along Highway 2 and Quebec Parkway.
- Crews installed new parks rules and regulations signage at Stampede Park, River Run Park, Ragweed Draw Open Space and Trail, and Turnberry Park. Crews replaced a total of 25 signs.

Streets

- Traffic teams continued addressing AccessC3 requests and emergencies for damaged or fallen signage. This week, crews replaced and fixed a total of 30 signs throughout the city.
- Teams responded to a report of damage in the alley of 56th Avenue and Monaco Street. Teams inspected the damage and promptly made the repairs. Crews also repaired damages on the dirt road on 86th Avenue and Roslyn Street.
- Stormwater crews completed drain pan cleaning at Los Valientes Park and Olive Park. Once completed, they cleaned the curb and gutters at the Brighton Road overpass, between 56th Avenue and York Street.

Active Permits

Engineering

- The 2024 concrete flatwork and slurry seal programs are complete.
- The 2024 Asphalt Crack Repair Phase II contract will go to City Council on December 2. This work will go into early 2025 and will end when the 2025 contract begins.
- Construction continued along Colorado Boulevard. The storm sewer on the east side of the road was installed this week. The project is still on track to be completed by the end of 2024.
- On Tuesday, Nov. 12, staff and the consultant held a bi-weekly Transportation Master Plan progress meeting.
- On Wednesday, Nov. 12, staff led a group of stakeholders on a 64th Avenue corridor walk as a part of the 64th Avenue corridor study. Stakeholders, staff, and the consultant discussed areas of concern and stakeholder desires for safety and transportation improvements to the corridor.
- Next Public Open House for the E. 64th Ave. Corridor Study (Hwy 2 to Quebec Pkwy) is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center.
- Staff received and opened bids for the Potomac Bridge CIP project on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Bids are now under review by a staff panel. City Council will consider the contract award at the December 16 City Council meeting.
- On Wednesday, Nov. 13, staff attended a coordination meeting with CDOT and the contractor for the CDOT-led Vasquez Boulevard project. CDOT confirmed that the first phase of the project will be awarded in January and that construction will begin by April 2025. Improvements at the 62nd Avenue/Vasquez Boulevard intersection will include a new traffic signal providing full access between Vasquez Boulevard/CO 2 and 62nd Avenue.
- On Thursday, Nov. 14, staff attended a coordination meeting with the Federal Railway Administration for the E. 120th Avenue & US-85 Interchange project. Staff will be posting the request for proposals for preliminary design for the project soon.
- Staff and the consultant held a bi-weekly Safety Action Plan progress meeting on Thursday, November 14th. The consultant is currently finalizing a list of top locations for the study based on initial community engagement results and crash data.
- On Thursday, Nov. 14, staff, representatives from DRCOG, and representatives from the Northeast Transportation Connections met to discuss a coordination plan for the two multi-modal transportation grants that the City and NETC have received.
- On Friday, Nov. 15, staff participated in a city-wide wayfinding signage discussion with the consultant and other City departments.



Parks, Recreation and Golf

2025 Winter/Spring Activity Guide

Our upcoming activity guide is your gateway to an exciting season filled with opportunities. It includes a diverse range of programs and courses to enrich your mind and workshops designed to ignite your creativity. Embrace the winter spirit and discover new possibilities with our Winter/Spring Activity Guide. It is *NOW* available online!

Registration Date: Opens on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Brochure Links:

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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](#)
- [2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) (ACFR)
- [2023 Popular Annual Financial Report](#) (PAFR)

Monthly Financial Report – October 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

Fourth Quarter Boards and Commissions Recruitment is open and taking applications through Friday, Jan. 17. Interviews will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. via Zoom. A list of current vacancies may be found at c3gov.com/Boards.