

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: **March 8, 2024**



RESOURCES

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New & Notable

58th Annual Memorial Day Parade: Grand Marshal nominations now open

The city is looking for nominations of military veterans in our community to serve as grand marshal for Colorado's largest Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27. Nominees can include veterans young and old from any branch of the armed forces, as well as local Gold Star Families to attend in honor of service members who have fallen in combat. The grand marshal will be recognized before the parade during a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park before leading the parade to be acknowledged by the crowd.

Nominees must be:

- A veteran (proof of discharge required) or active-duty member of the military or a Gold Star Family with an immediate family member who has fallen while serving in a time of conflict
- A current or former resident of Commerce City
- Willing and physically able to act as grand marshal, attend the Memorial Day Ceremony, and ride in the parade

If you know a military veteran in the city deserving of this special recognition, nominations are being accepted through Tuesday, April 2 at c3gov.com/Parade.

Highway 2 Open House coming Tuesday, March 12

The city is hosting a public open house to share information about the upcoming Highway 2 corridor study and median design projects. Community members are invited to stop by the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr. on Tuesday, March 12 anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The event will feature informational boards, comment cards to collect feedback, and opportunities to ask questions and chat with subject matter experts. Additional information about the meeting and these Highway 2 improvements will also be available at c3gov.com/CIP.

Commerce City's Grant Office

Grants - February Update

Council Work Schedules



Business/Economic Development



- Staff met with the owner of a fitness concept to discuss their conceptual plans for a new location in Commerce City. They confirmed the initial phase of development would be 13,000 square feet and feature an outdoor training area. Staff is assisting the engineering team to source clean fill dirt for a detention pond as a follow up to the meeting.
- Staff conducted a real estate search for a screen printer looking for an industrial space for lease. The tenant is targeting a space ranging from 10,000 – 35,000 square feet.
- Staff met with the owners of a proposed brewpub restaurant. They provided an update on conceptual design plans. Staff updated the owners on the results of an environmental survey work done as part of their due diligence for their financing.
- Staff attended a Rotary Club of Commerce City meeting to extend an invitation to the upcoming Economic Development Strategic Plan outreach meetings in March.
- Staff attended the Colorado NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Development Association) Annual Awards of Achievement.
- Staff received an update on the construction and opening date for tenant that will take over former drive thru restaurant on E. 104th Ave. They confirmed an anticipated date of their soft opening will be in mid Q2.

– Staff met with CLIMBER Loan Fund administrator Apex Consulting. Apex is located in Commerce City and will be included in the business resource index created for the business retention and expansion website.

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.

Now there are three opportunities 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:
 - Staff removed pallets from the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center.
 - Staff removed a box spring and mattress from E. 66th Avenue and Magnolia Street.



Distinctive Highlights

- Staff cleaned-up a large dumping at E. 48th Avenue and Ivy Street.
- Staff removed pallets from the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center.



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	36	265	ERA: Utility	\$0.00	\$8,875.00
Voucher Matches to Housing	1	1	ERA: Car repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voucher Orientations for Housing	0	0	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	27	212
Senior Contacts	19	113	Phone Contacts	138	1248
Senior Resource Referrals Made	16	118	CDBG Services	10	78
Family Contacts	13	131	CDBG Inspections	0	8
Family Resource Referrals Made	18	163			



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – March 4

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	753	5034
Multi-Family Permits Issued	0	0	Pro-Active Cases	100	741
Duplex Permits Issued (SFA)	0	0	CAI	3	27
Townhome Permits Issued (SFA)	0	0	SCF-CRM	16	159
Residential CO issued	19	101	Violations Issued	237	1379
Total Permits Issued	42	329	Snow Violations	0	85
Permits Processed	33	374	Abatement Hearings	12	43
Residential Permits Processed	27	281	Abatement Ordered	0	29
Non-Residential Permits Processed	6	93	CRT Violations	0	65
Residential CO Processed	19	101	CRT Outreach	0	11
Residential Inspections	622	4002			
Non-Residential Inspections	53	354			

PLANNING

Completed Cases	2
New Cases (Deemed Incomplete/Not Included in Total)	0
New Cases (Deemed Complete/Included in Total)	0
Total Active Cases	153
POD Inquiries questions about zoning, allowable use, development process and timelines, setback requirements	32

SELECT CASE STATUS UPDATES

Anderson Ranch	Comments Issued
Commons at 104th	5 th submittal under review
QuikTrip at 81st and Tower	PUD Permit comments issued

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Recent & Upcoming)

CITY COUNCIL, March 4	6601 Colorado zone change from AG and I-1 to I-2
CITY COUNCIL, March 4	SACWSD (property west of existing Klein Treatment Plant) Conditional Use Permit
PLANNING COMMISSION, March 5	Rocky Mountain Recycling Conditional Use Permit
PLANNING COMMISSION, March 5	Waterline for Denver Water
PLANNING COMMISSION, March 5	Reunion Plaza PUD Zone Document Amendment
PLANNING COMMISSION, March 5	Rosemary QuikTrip Zone Change

NEW SUBMITTALS



Public Safety

CCPD Prepares to Unveil “High Traffic Hazard Zones”

In two weeks, Commerce City will be home to four brand new "High Traffic Hazard Zones." If you are committing a traffic violation in those zones-- most notably speeding egregiously-- the fine that accompanies your citation will be doubled.

We crunched citation numbers to determine which roadways in our city have the most dangerous problems in regards to risky driving behavior and determined both Tower Road and Highway 2 would benefit most from these new zones.

Rest assured we are not trying to make your life miserable; we're trying to save your life and prevent what's preventable — crashes caused by reckless driving. We've had numerous fatal collisions on these two roadways. If that's not a deterrent then maybe a hefty fine will be.



The “High Traffic Hazard Zones” don’t include all of Tower and Highway 2, but rather two sections on each:

1. Highway 2 between E. 72nd and E. 79th
2. Tower Road between E. 81st and E. 87th
3. Highway 2 between E. 88th and E. 95th
4. Tower Road between E. 96th and E. 103rd

You'll see VMS boards in these locations now and permanent signage soon. Consider yourselves amply warned: “High Traffic Hazard Zones” go into effect on Monday, March 18.

CCPD Responds to Serious Injury Crash Involving 14-Year-Old Driver

There's a reason we want you to abide by law, and it's not just because we may ticket you.

On Tuesday morning a sedan with four juvenile males in it was traveling at what we believe was likely a high rate of speed on E. 88th Avenue. The vehicle struck a guardrail, then veered into oncoming traffic, hitting a minivan carrying two adult women nearly head-on.

Both women sustained serious bodily injury but will be okay. All four of the kids in the at-fault vehicle were ejected. The driver was only 14 years old; the front passenger was just 12.



The driver's injuries are critical. All six people involved in this preventable crash were transported to area hospitals. Our traffic team continues to plead with drivers and passengers — slow down, wear your seatbelt, and never get behind the wheel without a license.



Infrastructure

PW Updates

Preservation and Safety

- The City's Asphalt Crack Repair Project continues to move forward. This past week, 8 repairs in the Reunion neighborhood were completed, bringing the total number of cracks repaired under the project to 62.
- Snow Operations staff responded to the Snow Squall that passed through on Tuesday, February 27th dropping 1.5 inches of snow in a matter of minutes. A total of 671 miles of roadways were plowed and treated with de-icing material.

Engineering

- Staff submitted an application for the Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant (RAISE) for \$20,000,000 to reconstruct E. 88th Avenue.
- Work is progressing on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at the Municipal Services Center, the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, and the Civic Center.
- The City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report was submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).
- A coordination meeting was held with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to discuss the remaining interim bridge repairs along I-270. These repairs will extend the life of the bridges until they can be reconstructed with the I-270 Reconstruction Project. Work is planned to start the evening of Sunday, March 17th and last for two weeks.
- Staff held a construction coordination meeting with the contractor for the Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPM) improvements. Once completed, this project will provide real-time and historical functionality at signalized intersections along arterial roadways and will send alerts to the Traffic Operations Center (TOC) related to the operation of the traffic signal. This will allow the City's Traffic Engineers to identify opportunities to improve signal timing. The project is underway and approximately 20% complete.
- Staff held a design review meeting with CDOT staff for the Signal Head and Backplates Improvement Project.
- A weekly meeting was conducted for the E. 120th Avenue Widening Project between Chambers Road and Buckley Road.
- List of Active Permits/Projects Requiring Traffic Control – Attached.

Active Permits

Parks

- Staff seeded the Sand Creek Dahlia Trailhead with a native grass seed blend.
- Staff pressure washed the picnic shelters at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Staff replaced "Home Plate" at Moore Field at Pioneer Park.

Streets

- Teams completed the delineation of E. 96th Avenue from the Second Creek Bridge to Landmark Drive.
- Staff repaired/replaced downed signs on E. 104th Avenue and Chambers Road and at E. 96th Avenue and Tower Road.
- Staff repaired potholes in the Eagle Creek neighborhood and Derby area.
- Water was pumped from the drainage detention pond at E. 64th Avenue and Holly Street.





Parks, Recreation and Golf

Looking for the perfect venue for your upcoming events?

Spring and Summer are coming, look no further than our city's charming parks! With an impressive selection of 20 parks, half of which have shelters available to rent for family picnics, business meetings, corporate outings, or church functions.

As of March 1, applications for shelter rentals are officially accepted for the 2024 season. Enjoy access to these spaces from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily through October. Shelters are equipped with lighting and electrical outlets. Our shelters ensure your comfort and convenience no matter the occasion.

Embrace the beauty of nature and create unforgettable memories with our park shelters. Book yours today and make your next gathering truly special.

Applications and payments for the shelter must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to desired rental date.

Park Locations:

- Fairfax Park: 6850 Fairfax Drive
- Freedom Park: 6330 Oneida Street
- Fronterra Park: 10020 Joplin Street
- Monaco Park: 5790 Monaco Street (currently in renovation)
- Pioneer Park: 5950 Holly Street
- Prairie Gateway Open Space: 6350 Gateway Road.
- River Run Park: 11515 Oswego Street
- Stampede Park: 11755 Fairplay Street
- Turnberry Park: 10725 Wheeling Street
- Veterans Memorial Park: 6015 Forest Drive
- Villages East Park: 11698 Chambers Road

Additional details and application link: c3gov.com/rent-or-reserve





Urban Renewal

Another Successful Greyhound Park Milestone in the Books

Another exciting milestone has been accomplished at Mile High Greyhound Park! Delwest, a Denver-based residential real estate development firm, has constructed and delivered the first building of rowhomes to new residents. This phase of construction contains 68-units of built-to-rent townhomes that each boast 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, and a 2-car garage. The rowhomes were financed with a construction loan through the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority's Middle Income Access Program. The program addresses the middle-income workforce, sometimes referred to as the "missing middle," with incomes too high for Housing Credit units but often overburdened by market rents. The loan requires 25% of the units to be subsidized for households earning at or below 80% Area Median Income, furthering the vibrancy of this master-planned mixed-income neighborhood.



To learn more about the Mile High Greyhound Park redevelopment project, please visit c3gov.com/URA.



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 – 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. This report will be available next week for the 3/15/24 CM Weekly Update. 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.