

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: JULY 10, 2026



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New & Notable

Strategic Plan refresh feedback opportunity extended through July 15

Commerce City is refreshing our Strategic Plan, the roadmap that helps guide city priorities, projects, services, investments, and decision-making over the coming years. Community input is a main focus of this effort, and to give more residents an opportunity to participate, the public engagement period has been extended through Tuesday, July 15.

Earlier this year, City Council and city leadership participated in the 2026 City Council Retreat, where Council refined the city's Strategic Goal categories to better reflect their vision for Commerce City's future and the evolving needs of the community. Learn more and give us your thoughts at c3gov.com/StrategicPlanRefresh.



Pavement Maintenance program continues improving city roadways

Crews have begun mill-and-overlay work as part of the city's 2026 Pavement Management program. These improvements help extend the life of our roads and provide a smoother ride for drivers. Neighborhoods seeing work that began this week include Fronterra Village and Reunion. To see which roadways are scheduled for improvements, view the 2026 Pavement Management GIS Map and learn more about the program at c3gov.com/Pavement.

For information and updates about larger capital projects and major road construction such as the widening of E. 96th and E. 120th avenues, visit c3gov.com/CIP.

Long-Term Financial Planning materials and survey now online

If you missed this week's Town Hall meetings about the city's Long-Term Financial Planning effort, you could still learn more about the process and complete the survey to share your feedback. You'll find presentations and a link to the survey at c3gov.com/FinancialPlan.

As our community continues to grow and the cost of providing services rises, the city is taking a deeper dive into long-term financial forecasting. This Long-Term Financial Planning effort will help the city go beyond the normal annual budgeting process to better project future trends and plan for long-term goals over the next decade.

[Council Work Schedules](#)

[Updated 2026 Summer Events](#)

Commerce City Grant Office - [June Update](#)



Business/Economic Development



Commerce City celebrated our GED Graduates

Commerce City recently recognized 23 outstanding GED graduates, including nine residents from our own community. This was an inspiring and emotional milestone for everyone involved.

Launched in 2025 in partnership with Metropolitan State University of Denver, our GED Preparation Program through the [Workforce Pathway Program](#) was created to remove barriers by offering no-cost classes in English and Spanish, flexible schedules, childcare support, and hybrid learning options.

To our graduates: Congratulations! Your dedication and perseverance have opened new opportunities for you and your families. Your community is cheering you on!

Business Attraction

- Staff submitted a request to the Adams County Enterprise Zone administrator to reassign the Tower Road corridor as an Enterprise Zone. The submission included a letter of support from City Council, an endorsement from Denver International Airport, and a narrative outlining why Enterprise Zone designation is essential for keeping this key corridor competitive.
- Staff also received an update on a proposed coffee retailer along the Tower Road corridor. The update confirmed employee numbers, site size, and additional design details. Staff advocated for enhanced landscaping and other site improvements to elevate the overall project.

- Economic Development met with Bake Fresh Colorado, a local manufacturer that produces baked goods for brands such as Dunkin' Donuts. Staff provided information on available workforce and financial resources to support the company's continued growth.

Urban Renewal

- Staff led members of the Bridge House team on a tour of the Mile High Greyhound Park and Derby Urban Renewal Areas. Bridge House will deploy teams in both locations to assist with blight removal, cleaning, weeding, and other manual labor needs. The tour helped refine the project scope and informed scheduling and deliverable planning.

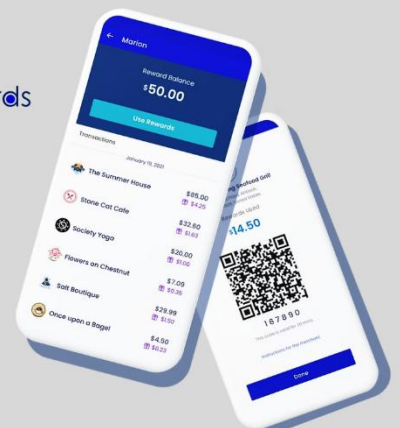
Earn up to 5% cash back just by shopping at your favorite local businesses! With the Open Rewards program, you can support hundreds of Commerce City local businesses and get rewarded for it.

Discover how easy it is to save while shopping local at
<https://www.openrewards.com/communities/commerce-city-co>



Get rewarded for shopping local

Shop, dine, have fun, all while supporting your community.





Community Appearance/Clean Ups

Hot Shot Crew

To support cleaner, safer neighborhoods and promote environmental responsibility, staff ensured the disposal of RTD receptacles and recycling of tires. Work completed by the Hot Shot Crew assists in preventing illegal dumping and ensuring recycling where possible.

The Hot Shot crew addressed abandoned debris at 13 high-priority locations identified for safety, visibility, and neighborhood impact. These cleanups improved public spaces, reduced hazards, and enhanced overall neighborhood appearance in the following areas:

- E. 64th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard (I-270)
- E. 83rd Avenue and Rosemary Street
- E. 84th Avenue and Pontiac Street
- E. 93rd and Yosemite Street
- E. 96th Avenue and Peoria Street
- E. 120th Avenue and Cameron Street
- E. 112th Avenue and Tower Road
- E. 69th Avenue to 72nd Avenue-Elm Street
- 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. 56th Ave and Sand Creek Drive

Distinctive Highlights

Crews responded to AccessC3 requests daily, addressing a wide range of resident concerns. Teams cleaned areas of illegal dumping and debris, with common items including trees, furniture, mattresses, televisions, and chairs. This week, teams cleaned a large encampment on 48th Ave and Ivy St. These efforts helped restore clean, usable spaces quickly and efficiently.

Report a Concern

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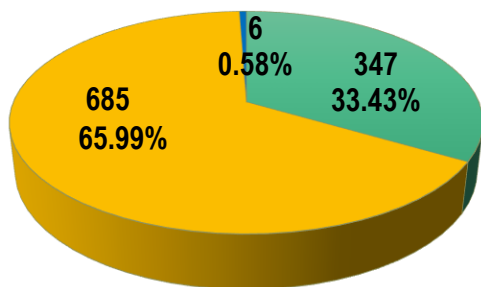


Growth and Development

Ward Report: **May Ward Report**

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

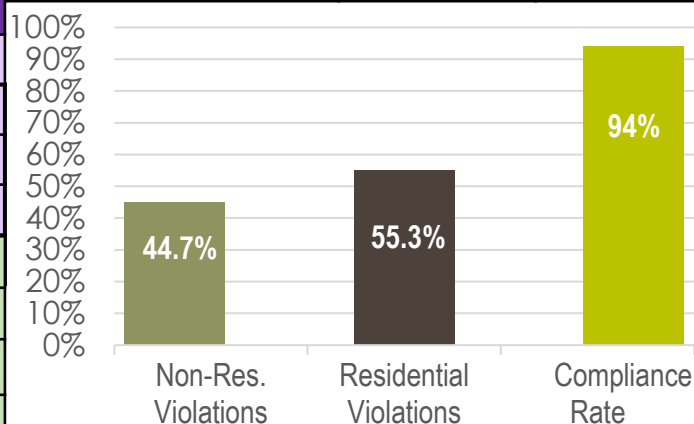
YTD Permits Issued



- New Residential (Includes Multi-Family)
- Other Permits (i.e. electrical, framing, basement finish)
- New Commercial

Code Enforcement	Weekly Totals	YTD Total
Abatement Hearings	12	58
Weeds Violation < 1 acre	2	9
Weeds Violation > 1 acre	30	123
Total Violations	139	2,616
*Proactive Cases	95	2,451
*Reactive Cases	73	559
**Total Actions	818	13,745
Knock & Talks	132	2,299

Certificate of Occupancies (CO) & Permits Issued	Weekly Totals	YTD Total
Commercial CO's	4	14
New Single-Family Residential CO (Units)	40	247
New Multifamily (MF) CO (Units)	0	0
Total New Dwelling Units	61	268
New Res. Permits Issued (Includes MF)	26	347
Commercial & Other Permits Issued	60	691
Residential Inspections	922	10,263
Non-Residential Inspections	153	1,978



Planning Development	Weekly Totals	YTD Totals
Current Active Cases (Weekly Totals Include New Cases)	4	128
Customer Planning Questions (Includes Phone, Emails, or In-person Visit's)	26	468
Completed Cases	4	92

Upcoming Public Hearings

<u>AV26-0007</u>	7050 E. 75th Place Shade Structure (continued from 6/9), at Board of Adjustment on July 14
<u>AV26-0008</u>	6525 Olive Street-Accessory Dwelling Unit, at Board of Adjustment on July 14

New Submittals - Application case numbers are linked to the Central Square system for review materials

<u>SMP26-0003</u>	Eberly Place Lot Line Adjustment
<u>S26-0005, MM26-0002</u>	7111 Monaco Lot Split
<u>SDP26-0002</u>	North Range Police Station

Please Note: Weekly Totals represent dates June 22 – July 2

*Proactive cases are code inspector-driven issues. Reactive cases are community members' reported issues.

**Total Actions Include: Proactive and Reactive Cases, Violations, Follow-ups, and Letters Sent.



Community Well-Being (CWB)

PROGRAMS	Weekly	YTD
Homelessness		
Unhoused Resident Contacts	65	1053
Housing Navigation		
Resident Contacts	0	213
Housing Resource Referrals Made	0	68
Family & Seniors		
Senior Contacts	28	485
Senior Resource Referrals Made	30	444
Family Contacts	18	152
Family Resource Referrals Made	25	182

HOUSING SUMMARY	Weekly	YTD
Housing Outcomes		
Eviction Prevention	1	37
Transitional Housing Placement	0	28
Permanent Housing Placement	0	17

Community Well-Being made a significant impact this month. The We Don't Waste Market served 443 families; 115 of those were Commerce City residents. Additionally, CWB partnered with the Adams County Health Department and Nativity Lutheran Church to distribute 30 free boxes of fresh produce to local families. The Grab and Go program also provided 62 meals at The Well.

Learn more at c3gov.com/CWB



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – July 10, 2026

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

- Environmental Policy and Innovation Commission (EPIC) 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

[Energy, Equity & Environment Division Q2-Q3 update](#)



Public Safety

Time still remains to register your kids for CCPD's unique Police Camp experience

Join police officers and recreation staff for an action-packed Police Camp, once again being held at the YMCA in beautiful Granby, Colorado, from August 3-6 (with drop-off and pick-up locally at Bison Ridge Recreation Center)!

Campers ages 11 to 15 will discover different aspects of police work with live demonstrations by our SWAT and K9 teams, interactive exercises like working a mock crime scene with our Crime Scene Investigators, building searches, and firearms safety. Your child or teenager will bond with their fellow campers and our officer-counselors while learning about a career in law enforcement.

A few spots remain; register today by clicking [here](#). We once again look forward to another awesome summer experience in partnership with Commerce City Parks, Recreation and Golf!

CCPD Detective asks for public's help solving cold case murder

It has been almost four years to the day, and we are still searching for Emilio Fernandez's killer. Can you help us?

Emilio was tragically shot to death in his own driveway in the 5400 block of Leyden Street, trying to defend his brother, who was being robbed at gunpoint on July 25th, 2022.

When Emilio ran outside to come to his brother's aid, he was killed. His brother described the gunman as being approximately 5'6", 220 pounds, and having a full connecting beard. He described the accomplice as being taller in stature with faded curly hair. They arrived on the scene in a 2004-2008 Acura TL, and the accomplice also stole Emilio's brother's truck, which was later recovered in Thornton.

Both men-- and a getaway driver-- are still out there, and Commerce City Police Department Detective Yailyn Cazares has made it her mission to find them and hold them accountable for the irreparable damage they did that night.

We've posted a video about the crime on our social media platforms. You can view that [here](#). If you believe you have information, call our tip line at 303-289-3626 or reach out to Detective Cazares at ycazares@c3gov.com. Let's work together to get justice for Emilio.



Infrastructure

Preservation and Safety

Public Works advanced key preservation and safety efforts that support reliable city infrastructure. Crews focused on proactive maintenance, quick responses to community needs, and steady improvements to road surfaces and public areas. These efforts help ensure safer travel and well-maintained spaces for everyone.

Streets Operations

Crews continued responding to AccessC3 and emergency requests throughout the city, including:

- 25 signs replaced and repaired; 90 added to Cartegraph, an asset management system
- Shoulder repair work on Brighton Rd between 100th Ave and 104th Ave, and Rosemary St and 88th Ave
- Maintaining, cleaning, and grading five alleys on the south side of 56th Ave between Kearney St and Monaco St
- Sweeping District 7 to include Reunion South and Fronterra
- Cleaning and inspecting 21 Priority 1 inlets

Parks Operations

Parks teams completed inspections, maintenance, and seasonal operations, including:

- Landscape maintenance including weed control, turf fertilization, herbicide applications, mowing operations, and irrigation repairs
- Pruning back trees and shrubs at Sand Creek Trail
- Ballfield maintenance including trash cleanup and dragging the infield
- Pressure washing park shelters throughout the City, and the main entrance at Eagle Pointe Rec Center
- Applying engineered wood fiber (EWF) to all playgrounds citywide

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The Work that Comes Before the Paving

As part of this year's Pavement Management Program, crews are currently replacing pedestrian ramps, curbs, and other concrete flatwork ahead of upcoming mill and overlay work. Completing this in advance allows new pavement to tie into the upgraded ramps smoothly at the proper elevation. Many residents wonder why curb ramps are replaced when the roadway itself is the primary focus. When a roadway is resurfaced, federal accessibility requirements require curb ramps at pedestrian crossings to meet current ADA standards. By completing these upgrades as part of the paving project, the City improves accessibility for everyone while extending the life of our streets through proactive maintenance. This coordinated approach delivers safer pedestrian access, a smoother driving surface, and greater long-term value for the community.

Please [click this link](#) to view all current and future Capital Investment Projects (CIP).



Parks, Recreation and Golf

Youth Service's Family Fun in the Park

The Youth Service's Family Fun in the Park event at Monaco Park on Wednesday, June 17, attracted the largest turnout since the program began, with over 350 attendees. Families enjoyed free giveaways, including coloring bags and crafts. Everyone had a great time on the complimentary inflatable Kraken slide and relaxed at the park in the pleasant summer weather!



Event recap: Music in the Park

Summer in Commerce City just keeps getting better. On June 25, over 1,500 residents gathered at Fronterra Park for the second Music in the Park event of the season, and Latin Sol delivered an unforgettable set full of rhythm, energy, and pure joy. (Even the wind couldn't help but get in the mix, and we did have to shut down a bit early!)

Throughout the evening, families enjoyed free food truck meals, a climbing wall, bounce house, bubble machines, and yard games, plus 20+ resource tables connecting neighbors with city services and community programs. It was the kind of night that reminds us why community events matter.

Music in the Park is organized by the City's Special Events Team in partnership with the Cultural Council, whose support helps bring incredible stage programming to Commerce City each summer. We're so grateful to everyone who came out, bared the wind, and enjoyed the night with us. Learn more at c3gov.com/MusicInThePark.



Thanks for joining us at Park After Dark

Lights, lawn, action! This past Friday, June 26, Commerce City Recreation joined forces with Commerce City E3 for a magical evening at Belle Creek Town Square. Park After Dark: Movie in the Park brought the community together for outdoor games, yard games, and the Disney classic WALL-E under the open sky.

Around 85 neighbors settled in for the night, and the weather could not have been more perfect warm, toasty, and made for an evening outside. Whether you were playing games before the show or cozied up for the film, it was the kind of laid-back summer night we all live for.



Our final Park After Dark is a special one! We are having Park After Dark at Paradise! Paradise Island, that is! Save the date for Saturday, July 31 for a movie in the water park! Registration required. Learn more at c3gov.com/Events.



Financial Reports

Review the Annual Budget, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), and Quarterly Financial Reports at c3gov.com/FinancialReports



Municipal Court

[Municipal Court & Probation Report](#) - through July 2026



Boards and Commissions

Workforce Advisory Committee (WFAC)

This new committee will provide recommendations to City Council on policies, procedures, and standards to improve workforce quality outcomes in an equitable manner within Commerce City. The committee will be a temporary city commission to meet for two years, designed to engage cross-sector partners, strengthen local talent pipelines, and advance strategic workforce alignment.

Apply today!

A list of current vacancies and the chance to apply may be found at c3gov.com/Boards.