

Introducing ‘Mercado de Derby’ Commerce City’s new summer market tradition



COMMERCE CITY IS THRILLED TO DEBUT MERCADO DE DERBY, a vibrant new market series in partnership with Empowered, Ltd. Rooted in the heart of the Derby neighborhood, Mercado de Derby celebrates local culture, small businesses, and community connection.

The market **opens Aug. 2** and is happening on four other selected Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **Aug. 16, Sept. 6, Sept. 20, and Oct. 4**. Mercado de Derby will transform E. 72nd Place between Monaco and Locust streets into a lively destination filled with local flavors, entertainment, and family-friendly fun.

Visitors can look forward to:

- Family Kids Zone presented by The Yellow Rose Event Center and Guzman’s Party Rentals, featuring free arts and cultural programming from CHAC. Kids can enjoy Lotería from 9-10:30 a.m. and hands-on crafts from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., including nichos (shadow box), jaguar and calavera mask making, milagro heart decorating, and flowerpot painting.
- Enjoy live entertainment at each market day, featuring performances from local artists and bands that capture the creativity and spirit of the Derby community.
- Special promotions from Derby businesses, such as El Camello Western Wear, Dulcería Candymex, Estética Peniel, Gordi-Buena Mexican Restaurant, Mimi’s Flower Shop, NM Boutique, Hola Bella! Beauty Bar, La Michoacanita, Tamales by Sara, Tasty Donuts, and The Yellow Rose. All are offering discounts and specials throughout the season.

Join us in supporting local businesses, celebrating community, and enjoying the best of Derby this summer! Mercado de Derby is free, family-friendly, and open to all. To stay updated on vendors, entertainment, and weekly highlights, visit c3gov.com/Mercado.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for this summer’s Music in the Park series! Thanks to your incredible support, we welcomed record-breaking attendance throughout the series, making this our biggest season yet. Your enthusiasm, and community spirit helped create unforgettable evenings for friends, families, and neighbors.

We appreciate everyone who came out and we look forward to making even more memories with you next summer!

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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling all artists

Commerce City is seeking artists to help shape the city's growing public art collection through three exciting upcoming projects. Opportunities are available for artwork at the E. 96th Avenue and Reunion Parkway pedestrian underpass, Second Creek Farm Park, and the Buffalo Run Golf Course clubhouse.

These projects offer artists the chance to create meaningful, lasting works that celebrate Commerce City's identity, enhance public spaces, and connect with residents and visitors alike. We encourage you to explore these opportunities and submit your qualifications. Visit c3gov.com/Art to learn more about each project, application requirements, and deadlines.



DEI Commission survey

Commerce City's DEI Commission wants to learn more about your experience of our community. This survey is an opportunity to share your perspective and help shape the work of the DEI Commission. Your response will inform our work, priorities, focus, and direction as we serve the community in an advisory capacity to City Council. Your input plays an important part in guiding meaningful and inclusive efforts.

Visit c3gov.com/DEI and complete this short, four-question survey to tell us what Commerce City does well and what could be better.

Support local scholarships through the Curt Holland Memorial Golf Tournament Silent Auction

You don't have to be a golfer to make a difference. The 6th Annual Curt Holland Memorial Golf Tournament Silent Auction is open to everyone. Community members have the opportunity to bid on unique items while supporting post-secondary scholarships for Commerce City students and Commerce City Police Department employees and their dependents.

Visit the tournament webpage at c3gov.com/CHGolf to browse auction items and place your bids. Every bid helps honor the legacy of Detective Curt Holland while investing in the future of our community.



Help shape the future of housing in Commerce City

COMMERCE CITY IS DEVELOPING a comprehensive Housing Action Plan to create a data-driven, community-informed roadmap for future housing. Building on the city's recent housing needs assessment, the plan will identify strategies tailored to Commerce City's unique needs while establishing measurable goals to track progress.

As Commerce City continues to grow, the Housing Action Plan will focus on practical solutions that help ensure longtime residents, families, and the local workforce have access to safe, stable, and attainable housing.

Community input is essential to shaping the plan. Residents are encouraged to share their experiences and ideas, including:

- The housing challenges you see in your neighborhood, such as housing costs, availability, or neighborhood conditions.
- The types of housing options you would like to see in Commerce City.
- Your feedback or suggestions regarding current or future housing development.

You can also speak directly with the Housing Planning team at SpeakUp Commerce City on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 5:30 –7:30 p.m. at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center (6060 Parkway Dr). Learn more about the Housing Action Plan and share your feedback at c3gov.com/HousingPlan.



WHAT'S COMING UP AT COUNCIL

City Council adopts laws, policies, and budgets consistent with the city charter. Regular City Council meetings and study sessions are open to the public. Public comments and official city actions occur only during regular meetings, not study sessions.

City Council meetings occur in person with opportunities to view and comment remotely via Zoom. Members of the public can attend and comment in person at the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave. Advance Zoom registration and written comments delivered to the City Clerk's Office must be received by noon on the day of the meeting.

Watch Live:

- Online at c3gov.com/Video
- On CCTV Channel 8 (HD 881) for Xfinity customers

All City Council meetings offer live Spanish interpretation services. To hear meetings in Spanish, call 720-386-9023 and enter conference code 104091*.

August 2026 Meeting Schedule:

- Monday, Aug. 3 – City Council Regular Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 10 – City Council Study Session, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 17 – City Council Regular Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 24 – City Council Study Session, 6 p.m.

City Council meeting agendas are posted online at commerce.legistar.com no later than 5 p.m. on Friday prior to the meeting. For more information, visit c3gov.com/Meetings.

Join the new Sustainable Neighborhoods Program

WHAT IF SMALL ACTIONS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD could make a big impact across Commerce City? That's the idea behind the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program promoted by the city's Energy, Equity, and the Environment Division. This new program invites residents to work together to create cleaner, more connected, and more sustainable neighborhoods. Whether it's organizing a community cleanup, hosting a workshop on saving energy at home, planting trees, or bringing neighbors together for a local event, the program provides support and guidance to help turn ideas into action.

Participating neighborhoods will partner with city staff and earn credits for completing sustainability-focused activities. Over time, those efforts can lead to official recognition as a "participating" or "outstanding" sustainable neighborhood. Beyond recognition, the real benefit is building a neighborhood you are proud to call home. You do not have to be an expert in sustainability to participate!

Learn more about how your neighborhood can participate at c3gov.com/E3.



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Slow down. Save lives.

Request your free 20 is Plenty yard sign



DID YOU KNOW? A pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 20 mph has about a 13% chance of severe injury or death. At 30 mph, that risk jumps to 40%. Slowing down by just 10 mph can make a life-saving difference.

That’s why Commerce City is launching 20 is Plenty, a key part of the city’s Safe Streets Initiative. The program lowers the speed limit on local residential streets from 25 mph to 20 mph to help create safer neighborhoods for everyone walking, biking, rolling, and driving.

By placing your yard sign where others can see it, you’re helping remind drivers that these streets are more than roads; they are places where people live, play, and connect. You can help spread the message by displaying

a free 20 is Plenty yard sign at your home, business, school, or neighborhood organization. Yard signs encourage drivers to slow down and show community support for safer streets.

Signs are available while supplies last on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit c3gov.com/20isPlenty to request your free yard sign, learn more about the program, road classifications and join the effort to make Commerce City’s neighborhoods safer for everyone.

New dates and locations scheduled for the Mobile Service Unit

GETTING HELP FROM THE CITY IS EASIER THAN EVER! Commerce City's Mobile Service Unit (MSU) continues to bring city services directly into neighborhoods, recreation centers, community events, and other popular gathering places throughout the year, making it more convenient for residents to access information, ask questions, and connect with city staff close to home.

Rather than making a trip to the Civic Center, residents can visit the Mobile Service Unit at scheduled pop-up locations across Commerce City to learn about city programs, receive assistance, and discover resources available to them.

What kind of resources can you find at the MSU?

- Get help submitting requests through AccessC3
- Learn about city programs and services
- Register for recreation programs and activities
- Schedule passport appointments
- Explore volunteer opportunities, including Boards and Commissions
- Connect with staff and receive information about city initiatives and upcoming events

Learn more about the Mobile Service Unit and view new upcoming locations at c3gov.com/MSU.



ACT Home Repair Program is building safer and healthier homes across Commerce City

THE ADVANCING COMMERCE CITY TOGETHER (ACT) Home Repair Program continues to make a meaningful difference for residents, improving home safety, accessibility, and long-term livability. Thanks to strong community partnerships and the dedication of contractors and city staff, the program is delivering real results for families across Commerce City.

Investing in home safety

To date, the program has completed work on 58 houses, spending more than \$1 million on essential repairs. That investment covers roofing, siding, windows, accessibility improvements, mechanical systems, and safety upgrades, all aimed at helping homeowners stay safe and comfortable in the homes they already love. Each project is tailored to a household's specific needs, ensuring repairs address the most pressing safety and livability concerns first.

Voices from the community

Residents who have been through the program say the repairs have transformed their homes and their quality of life. Ruth King, a home repair program participant, said, “It’s like having a new house. The workers were amazing. Beautiful people doing beautiful work.”

Rosemary Montoya, another participant, praised the program saying, “Excellent program for people that needed work on their home and can’t afford it. The workers always showed up when they said they would and did amazing work. Such a wonderful program!”

Signs of progress

Residents may have noticed ACT Home Repair Program yard signs appearing at project sites around the city. The signs help keep neighbors informed about active repairs underway and highlight the city’s continued investment in improving livability, one home at a time.

To learn more about the Advancing Commerce City Together (ACT) program, visit c3gov.com/ACT or call 303-289-3707.



CALENDAR

**Commerce City
Civic Center**
7887 E. 60th Ave.
303-289-3600

**Bison Ridge
Recreation Center**
13905 E. 112th Ave.
303-286-6800

**Eagle Pointe
Recreation Center**
6060 Parkway Dr.
303-289-3760

For the most updated event information and to confirm if meetings are occurring virtually or in person, check out the city calendar at c3gov.com/Calendar. All events and meetings are subject to be changed or rescheduled.

- Aug. 1 Neighborhood Curbside Cleanup Day, Learn more at c3gov.com/Trash
- Aug. 2 Mercado de Derby, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., E. 72nd Place between Monaco and Locust streets
- Aug. 3 City Council Regular Meeting*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 4 Planning Commission*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 4 Veterans Commission Meeting, 6 p.m., Virtual Meeting
- Aug. 4 National Night Out, Learn more at c3gov.com/NNO
- Aug. 8 Free Day at Tower Landfill, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tower Landfill, entrance at 19260 E. 88th Ave.
- Aug. 10 City Council Study Session*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 11 Zoning Board of Adjustment*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 11 Resource Round-Up ft. The Holding Group, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Eagle Pointe
- Aug. 12 SpeakUp Commerce City, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Eagle Pointe
- Aug. 13 Senior Commission Meeting, 3 p.m., Bison Ridge – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 14 The Well ft. Pop-up Clinic, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 6770 Monaco St.
- Aug. 15 Free Tire Recycling, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Municipal Services Center, 8602 Rosemary St.
- Aug. 16 Mercado de Derby, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., E. 72nd Place between Monaco and Locust streets
- Aug. 17 City Council Regular Meeting*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 18 Derby Review Board Meeting*, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Small Business Resource Center, 7270 Monaco St.
- Aug. 18 Cultural Council Meeting, 6 p.m., Civic Center
- Aug. 18 PRG Commission Meeting, 6 p.m., Bison Ridge – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 21 Curt Holland Memorial Golf Tournament, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., Buffalo Run Golf Course
- Aug. 24 City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 25 We Don’t Waste Mobile Food Market, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., 72nd Ave Station, 3838 E 72nd Ave.
- Aug. 25 Quality Community Foundation Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Canceled
- Aug. 26 DEI Commission Meeting, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Virtual
- Aug. 27 Citizens Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting, 4 p.m., PD briefing room 2413 – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 27 Environmental Policy and Innovation Commission Meeting, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Derby A/B Conference room, 7190 Colorado – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 27 Zoning Board of Adjustment*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 28 The Well (Grab & Go Lunch), 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 6770 Monaco St.
- Aug. 31 City Council Regular Meeting, 6 p.m., Joint Meeting with Adams 14, Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting

Live Spanish interpretation is available for this meeting. Call 720-386-9023 and enter conference code 104091 to hear the meeting in Spanish.

COUNCIL CORNER



Will Pierce,
Superintendent of
27J Schools

New year, same shared commitment to student success

As the 2026-2027 school year begins, there is a renewed sense of determination and optimism across 27J Schools.

This is because each new school year brings with it fresh opportunities. New friendships. New classrooms. New goals. New challenges to embrace and new successes waiting to be discovered. Every August reminds us that education is built one day, one lesson, and one relationship at a time.

That work has always been strongest because it is shared.

The partnership between the City of Commerce City and 27J Schools continues to make a meaningful difference for our students, families, and community. Together, we share a commitment to creating opportunities for every child to learn, grow, and thrive. Whether through investments in schools, community programs, shared spaces, or simply the countless ways we support one another, we are building more than great schools—we are building a stronger community.

Across Commerce City, our schools continue to inspire us every day through the achievements of our students, the dedication of our educators, and the support of our families. At the same time, we eagerly anticipate the opening of Rocky Vista High School, near 96th Avenue and Reunion Parkway, next fall. Watching the campus take shape serves as a visible reminder that our community continues to invest not only in a new school, but in the future of every student we serve. As we celebrate the successes happening in each of our schools today, we also look forward with excitement to the opportunities Rocky Vista High School will create for generations of students and families.

I want to thank our families, educators, staff, city leaders, community partners, and residents for the trust, collaboration, and support you continue to show our schools. Public education succeeds when communities come together around a shared purpose, and I am grateful for the strong partnership we continue to enjoy with Commerce City.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us. I wish every student, family, and staff member a wonderful start to the school year. We look forward to another year of learning, growth, and celebrating all that we will accomplish together.



From Parks & Rec to Information Technology

CAREER GROWTH CAN TAKE YOU in unexpected directions, and this month’s HR Spotlight is proof of that. After starting his career with Commerce City’s Parks, Recreation & Golf team, Dylan recently transitioned into Information Technology, carrying forward the customer service, communication, and problem-solving skills he developed along the way.



“When I first started with the City, I never imagined my career would lead me to Information Technology. Every role I had in Parks, Recreation & Golf taught me something valuable about how to communicate with people, stay calm under pressure, solve problems, and provide great customer service. Those experiences gave me a strong foundation for my transition into IT. I’m very grateful for the encouragement and support I’ve received from the people I’ve worked with throughout my time here. My advice to anyone thinking about a new opportunity is to be willing to step outside your comfort zone and keep learning, there is no limit to what you can

learn here. You never know where that next opportunity might take you.” said Dylan Sweetman, IT Service Desk Analyst.

Be a part of it. Visit c3gov.com/Jobs to see all open positions.

Commerce City delivers again!

U.S. News and World Report has named Commerce City the #8 Best Place to Live in Colorado.

Quality of life, desirability, and job market indexes helped determine our ranking compared to other cities across Colorado.



E. 96th Avenue Widening Project nears major milestone



THE TRANSFORMATION OF E. 96TH AVENUE is becoming more visible every day, and the project is on track to open to regular traffic later this fall.

One of the most exciting additions is the reopening of the underpass at Second Creek, which will provide a safe, convenient connection to the new CALU Park. Including a new pedestrian underpass at Reunion Parkway that will provide a safe, convenient connection for students traveling to and from the new Rocky Vista High School, allowing pedestrians to cross beneath E. 96th Avenue instead of navigating busy traffic.

In response to community needs, a new traffic signal has also been added to the project scope at Laredo Street and E. 96th Avenue. Installation of the signal is expected in early 2027.

We recognize construction has taken time and appreciate the patience of residents, businesses, and everyone who travels through the corridor. As the project enters its final stages, the finished roadway is beginning to take shape, and we look forward to delivering a safer, more connected corridor for the community.

Learn more at c3gov.com/96th.



SpeakUp
Commerce City

Wednesday, Aug. 12 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr.

Learn about a variety of city projects all in one place and let us know what you think in this interactive format featuring City Council and city staff!



BONUS: The first few residents to walk in will receive a free backpack prefilled with school supplies while they last!

Visit the SpeakUp online engagement hub to comment on select projects at c3gov.com/SpeakUp



Save the date for the last SpeakUp event of the year
Tuesday, Nov. 10 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Bison Ridge Recreation Center, 13905 E. 112th Ave.

c3gov.com/SpeakUp

Yard of the Month Program is more than a green lawn

COMMERCE CITY RESIDENTS CAN SHOW PRIDE in their neighborhoods in many different ways; having a well-maintained yard is just one of them. The city’s annual Yard of the Month Program recognizes residents who help make our community welcoming and cared for!

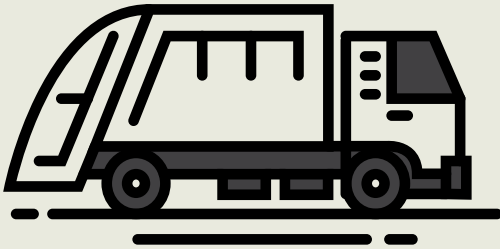
In June, we recognized homes based off nominations made by the community! Nominated homes may feature a variety of landscape styles, including native and drought-tolerant plants, pollinator-friendly gardens, xeriscape, transitional landscaping, or other examples of thoughtful property care and maintenance, considering the water restrictions currently in effect.



Thank you to these residents for their efforts in helping make Commerce City a great place to live. Their homes demonstrate that community pride comes in many forms! Know a property that deserves recognition? Nominations are open through the end of August at c3gov.com/MyC3Yard.

August cleanup events help keep Commerce City clean

AUGUST IS THE PERFECT time to declutter your home and properly dispose of unwanted items. Commerce City residents can take advantage of three free cleanup opportunities throughout the month of August.



- Neighborhood Curbside Cleanup – Saturday, Aug. 1**
Place eligible items at the curb by 7 a.m. Residents in the following neighborhoods are eligible for free curbside pickup of up to five large items:
- 88th to 104th avenues from Second Creek to E-470.
 - 104th to 112th avenues from Chambers Road to Tower Road.
- Bagged trash, hazardous waste, construction debris, and other ineligible materials will not be collected.
- Free Day at Tower Landfill – Saturday, Aug. 8 | 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Need to dispose of additional large items? Commerce City residents can bring one free load of household waste to the Republic Services Tower Landfill (19260 E. 88th Ave.) with proof of residency. Loads must be covered with a tarp, and some restrictions apply.
- Free Tire Recycling Event – Saturday, Aug. 15 | 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
Recycle up to eight passenger vehicle tires free of charge at the Municipal Services Center (8602 Rosemary St.). Residents must provide proof of Commerce City residency. Rims must be removed before drop-off. Heavy equipment, tractors, and commercial tires will not be accepted, and only tires will be collected during the event. All tires will be recycled into tire-derived fuel, giving them a second life while helping keep our community clean.
- For complete event details, accepted materials, and Neighborhood Curbside Cleanup Day Guidelines, visit c3gov.com/Trash.

Thinking about xeriscaping your tree lawn? This is what you need to know.

AS COMMERCE CITY RESIDENTS LOOK for ways to conserve water and create beautiful, low-maintenance landscapes, we want to clarify rules regarding tree lawns, the landscaped area between the sidewalk and the street, and whether or not they can be converted with water-wise gardening/xeriscaping.

The answer is yes, but there are important requirements to help protect public infrastructure, maintain healthy trees, and ensure safe pedestrian access. The city has developed the following detailed tree lawn xeriscaping guidelines:

- Residents living in an HOA-managed community must first obtain approval from their Homeowners Association (HOA) before making landscape changes.
- Living plants are required. Tree lawns cannot consist solely of rock or wood mulch. A mix of shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses, and groundcover is encouraged.
- Existing trees must continue to receive adequate water. Trees require proper irrigation, such as bubblers or deep-root watering systems. Drip irrigation alone is generally not sufficient to support healthy tree growth.
- Rock and wood mulch are allowed, but they must be used alongside living plant material.
- Steel edging is not permitted because it can become a safety hazard over time. Concrete or plastic edging may be used if it does not extend more than one inch above the mulch.
- A walkable area at least three feet wide is required to maintain pedestrian access.
- Decorative rocks or boulders are allowed, provided they do not exceed 24 inches in height.

City staff has developed additional guidance, including recommended design examples, irrigation recommendations, and an updated list of approved drought-tolerant plants to make planning even easier. Learn more at c3gov.com/Landscaping.



ONLY place these items in the recycling container



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Paper



Metal Cans



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How to prepare your recyclables



Empty. Clean. Dry.™
Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid



Keep it loose
Never put recyclables in containers or bags



NEVER place these items in the recycling container

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Soiled Paper	Greasy Pizza Boxes	Food	Construction Waste	Yard Waste
Styrofoam		Toys		Diapers
				Scrap Metal

Learn more at RecyclingSimplified.com

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JOIN THE COMMERCE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR

National Night Out



Tuesday, Aug. 4

Meet your local police officers and first responders while enjoying an evening of community, conversation and neighborhood pride.



c3gov.com/NNO



Family Literacy Program

GED Class Registration

FREE GED Classes (18+) with the commitment to attend class regularly and complete required tasks starting on Monday, Aug. 24

Hybrid classes in English & Spanish offered with flexible scheduling

4 hours of homework online with Aztec is required weekly

You must register in person before classes start

Opportunities to register

 Monday, Aug. 17 at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 9 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

 Central Elementary Community School
6450 Holly St. Commerce City, CO 80022

Fill out the interest form



 Commerce CITY

 METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

 ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP

MSU Denver Family Literacy Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation or disability in admission or access to its educational programs or activities. Further information is available on request.

c3gov.com/Workforce | 720-769-5772





SAVE THE DATE

COMMERCE CITY CELEBRATES

HISPANIC HERITAGE

Sunday, Sept. 20

In the Derby area
72nd Place & Monaco Street

c3gov.com/Events

SAVE THE DATE



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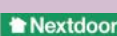


FRIDAY, AUG. 28 | 6 P.M.
Stampede Park
11755 Fairplay St.

c3gov.com/Events

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Register for email alerts from the city at c3gov.com/Subscribe. Report a city concern at c3gov.com/AccessC3. Submit your comments or questions on published stories with Connected Editor Javi Bañuelos at JBanuelos@c3gov.com

Fall registration is almost here!

The Fall 2026 digital Recreation Guide is packed with exciting programs, classes, events, sports, and activities for all ages. Whether you're looking to stay active, learn something new, or connect with your community, there's something for everyone this season.

Registration opens **Tuesday, Aug. 4**. Visit c3gov.com/Register to browse the guide, sign up for programs, and learn more.

Printed copies of the guide are still available at the city's recreation centers for those who want one. Learn more at bit.ly/CCPRG-DigitalShift.



PARKS & REC HAPPENINGS

Bison Ridge Recreation Center

13905 E. 112th Ave.
303-286-6800

Eagle Pointe Recreation Center

6060 Parkway Dr.
303-289-3760

Buffalo Run Golf Course

15700 E. 112th Ave.
303-289-1500
BuffaloRunGolfCourse.com

Wetlands Nature Walk (All ages)

Embark on a peaceful nature walk through a wetland habitat with a Park Ranger. As you stroll along the trail, learn about what makes wetland habitats unique as well as wildlife that can be found here. A wonderful opportunity to connect with nature and observe the diverse array of animals that thrive in wetland ecosystems. Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday, Aug. 30 1-2 p.m. Free Wetlands Trailhead 4801.204



MORE AMAZING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Bilingual Family Camping Trip (Ages 5 & up)

Join us for a family camping trip at Cal-Wood Outdoor Center near Boulder! We'll supply all the gear and meals, so you can focus on making memories. Enjoy activities like fishing, archery, hiking, and campfire time.
Weekend, Aug. 29 – 30 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$5/\$10 Bison Ridge 7451.201

Annual Fishing Frenzy Derby (Ages 5-16)

Join us for a day of fishing, fun, and community at the annual Fishing Frenzy Derby! We're excited to welcome anglers of all ages and skill levels to this popular event at the stunning Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge.
Saturday, Sept. 12 8-11 a.m. \$5R/\$7NR Lake Mary 7711.301

Fall Fest (All ages)

Save the date for Commerce City's annual fun-filled Fall Fest is back, now featuring Touch-A-Truck as one BIG event! Join us at Veterans Memorial Park and Eagle Pointe Recreation Center for these memorable family-friendly activities.
Saturday, Oct. 17 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free Veterans Memorial Park



Annual Maintenance closures coming soon

Each year, the city's recreation centers close for a period of time for maintenance and deep-cleaning that is difficult to complete otherwise. Annual maintenance closures for this year will be on the following dates:

- Aug. 24 - Sept. 4 – Bison Ridge closed for annual maintenance
- Sept. 8 - 18 – Eagle Pointe closed for annual maintenance

Family Fun in the Park (Ages 6 & up)

Grab your family and head to your neighborhood park for fun, snacks, and inflatables!

Wednesday, Aug. 12 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free

PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACES

Dog Day Afternoon (Ages 18 & up)

Calling all dogs! Head on over to the First Creek Dog Park. A Park Ranger will teach your owner all about leash safety, city leash laws, and wildlife conflicts. There may even be delicious dog treats and giveaways for the best pups. Don't forget your leash! Dogs must be friendly and up to date on vaccinations

Thursday, Aug. 6 Noon – 1 p.m. Free FCDP 4805.201



Tee it up this August!

Enjoy a round at Buffalo Run Golf Course this summer. With beautiful conditions at one of Colorado's top public courses and a fun challenge for golfers of all skill levels, there's no better time to play. Book your tee time today at BuffaloRunGolfCourse.com.





SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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65TH ANNUAL SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us for a community tradition that has been bringing neighbors together for 65 years! This year's event is a drive-thru fundraiser at two fire station locations, making it easy to pick up a delicious meal while supporting a great cause.

Drive-Thru Locations:

- Fire Station 23: 6550 E. 72nd Avenue
- Fire Station 28: 10326 Walden Street

Meal Prices:

- \$5.00 per order
- \$20.00 Family Pack

No advance purchase is necessary—tickets can be purchased onsite at either location.

Every meal purchased helps make a difference. Proceeds benefit the South Adams County Firefighters Association's 501(c)(3) charitable organization, supporting current and retired firefighters, their families, and numerous first responder organizations throughout our community.

We hope you'll join us for this long-standing tradition of great food, community spirit, and supporting those who serve. We look forward to serving you on September 12!



65TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



 **DRIVE-THRU**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

2:00PM to 8:00PM

STATION 23

FIRE STATION 23
6550 EAST 72ND AVENUE

STATION 28

FIRE STATION 28
10326 WALDEN STREET

 **\$5.00 PER ORDER**

 **\$20 FAMILY PACK**



Proceeds from this event go towards our 501(c)(3) charitable organization and are used to support current and past firefighters, retirees, and many first responder organizations.

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TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONSITE

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Thank you for your support!

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The Problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Recycle Batteries Responsibly

Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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Lithium-ion batteries power many everyday devices like e-bikes, smartphones, and laptops. While generally safe, damaged or incompatible batteries can pose risks, leading to fires and toxic smoke.

To minimize risks, consider these safety tips:

- Use Approved Chargers and Batteries: Always use the charger and battery specified by the manufacturer to avoid improper charging.
- Charge in Safe Locations: Charge devices in areas free of obstacles and near exits to ensure safe evacuation in emergencies.
- Avoid Overcharging: Never leave batteries unattended while charging, particularly overnight, to prevent overheating.
- Inspect for Damage: Regularly check for signs of damage, such as swelling or unusual odors, and discontinue use if necessary.
- Store Safely: Keep batteries in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and flammable materials.

Following these precautions can help reduce battery-related incidents and prolong the life of your devices.

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