

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: **AUG. 21, 2026**



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New & Notable

Commerce City Public Works: Building Tomorrow Starts Today

Commerce City's Public Works Department is getting a spotlight from the American Public Works Association (APWA), which is featuring our city as one of just 10 public works teams across the U.S. and Canada selected for the APWA's 2026–2027 Thought Leadership Film Series. The feature highlights how our team is building for tomorrow while delivering for our community today.



The [full video is available on the city's YouTube channel](#). Congratulations to our incredible Public Works team and thank you for the work you do every day to keep Commerce City moving forward!

Food Truck Rodeo coming to Stampede Park Aug. 28

Commerce City is thrilled to host our second Food Truck Rodeo, a community event to bring people together over great food, a movie in the park, and family fun! Join us on Friday, Aug. 28 at Stampede Park (11755 Fairplay St.) for a lineup of food trucks offering food for purchase and a free showing of Back to the Future on the big screen. The movie was voted on by community members in an online poll, and the event will also feature an opportunity for residents in the neighborhood to provide input on the features of the new Stampede Park playground expansion. Learn more at c3gov.com/Events.



Request the Mobile Service Unit for your event

Commerce City is bringing city services directly to the community through the launch of the Mobile Service Unit (MSU), a flexible, community-centered initiative designed to meet residents where they are. The MSU visits neighborhood events, parks, local businesses, and more to make city services more accessible and allow residents to connect face-to-face with city staff in welcoming community spaces. Residents visiting the MSU will be able to learn about programs and services, including AccessC3, the MyC3 Tool Rental Trailer Program, registration for recreation programs and activities, passport appointment scheduling, the ACT program, and opportunities to serve on city boards and commissions.



Community groups, businesses, nonprofits, and residents can also request the MSU to appear at their event and/or gathering! Learn more and request the Mobile Service Unit at c3gov.com/MSU.

[Council Work Schedules](#)

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



Business/Economic Development

Awards & Recognition

Commerce City is proud to announce that our [Commerce City Promise](#) program, a workforce partnership with Community College of Aurora and Rocky Mountain Partnership, has been awarded the Silver Excellence Award in Category 23 (Postsecondary Education Partnership) by the [International Economic Development Council](#) (IEDC).



This national recognition highlights the meaningful impact of our collaborative workforce development initiatives and showcases Commerce City as a leader in creating education, training, and employment pathways for local residents. Congratulations to all partners who continue to make C3 Promise a model of innovation and community-focused collaboration. See the [IEDC announcement](#) and [read the full award listing](#).

Business Attraction

The Economic Development team toured the new Holiday Inn (DEN) ahead of its grand opening on Sept. 15. The hotel is expected to generate more than 30 new jobs, offer convenient access to Denver International Airport, and bring additional customers to nearby retailers and businesses.

Workforce Development

Staff met with Centro de los Trabajadores, Rocky Mountain Partnership, Community College of Aurora, and the Community Well-Being team to continue strengthening workforce development collaborations. These partnerships help connect Commerce City residents to education programs, skills training, and meaningful employment opportunities.

Bridge House Update

Bridge House crews continue to make significant progress at both Derby and Mile High Greyhound Park. As of Aug. 17:

- 6 total workdays have been completed, now divided as Derby (6 days) and MHGP (4 days) following Mercado Del Derby preparations.
- Crews logged 40 work hours, typically with five members per shift (four on two occasions), totaling 1,920 labor-hours.
- Cleanups produced 59 extra-large bags of debris (approximately 295lbs) including noxious weeds, broken glass, metal, packaging waste, and construction materials.



During cleanup efforts, staff identified a public health concern in Derby involving a discarded medical needle container with loose needles nearby.

Bridge House immediately reported the issue, and the Community Well-Being team ensured the area was safely cleared.

Crews also recorded six community interactions! Ahead of Mercado Del Derby, staff prepared the area on August 15 by cleaning streets, refreshing Joe Reily Park, and sanitizing trash cans to create a welcoming environment for event visitors.

To date, \$11,500 of the \$40,000 project allotment has been used, averaging \$1,150 per workday.



Community Appearance/Clean Ups

Hot Shot Crew

To support cleaner, safer neighborhoods and promote environmental responsibility, staff ensured the disposal of 15 RTD receptacles and recycling of 31 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 Avenue 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.

Report a Concern

Send a request using **AccessC3** at c3gov.com/AccessC3 or call during normal business hours at **303-289-3600**.



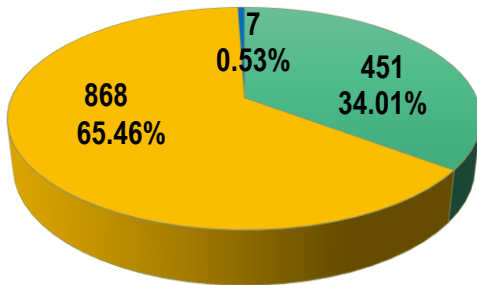


Growth and Development

Ward Report: **July Ward Report**

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

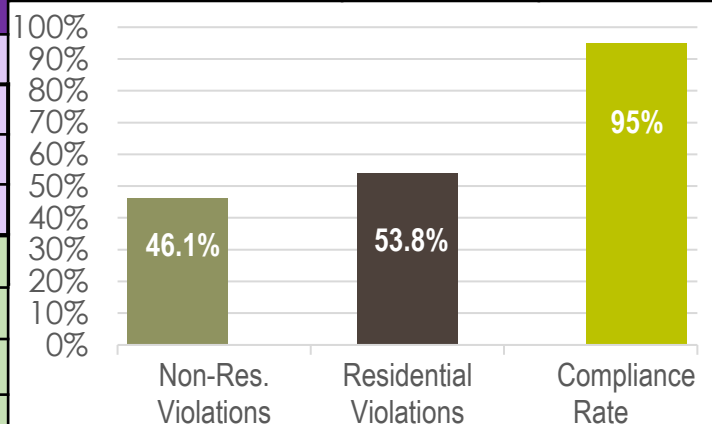
YTD Permits Issued



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

Certificate of Occupancies (CO) & Permits Issued	Weekly Totals	YTD Total
Commercial CO's	1	21
New Single-Family Residential CO (Units)	10	313
New Multifamily (MF) CO (Units)	0	21
Total New Dwelling Units	10	334
New Res. Permits Issued (Includes MF)	21	451
Commercial & Other Permits Issued	45	875
Residential Inspections	547	13,124
Non-Residential Inspections	101	2,457

Code Enforcement	Weekly Totals	YTD Total
Abatement Hearings	10	80
Weeds Violation < 1 acre	1	20
Weeds Violation > 1 acre	14	221
Total Violations	73	3,216
*Proactive Cases	47	2,853
*Reactive Cases	27	703
**Total Actions	363	16,433
Knock & Talks	67	2,688



Planning Development		Weekly Totals	YTD Totals
Current Active Cases (Weekly Totals Include New Cases)		0	120
Customer Planning Questions (Incudes Phone, Emails, or In-person Visit's)		45	692
Completed Cases		0	105
Upcoming Public Hearings			
Study Session	Review criteria revisions for the 2025 LDC at the Board of Adjustments meeting on Sept. 8		
For any further information about the above cases please reach out to cdplanner@c3gov.com			

*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	28	1274
Housing Navigation		
Resident Contacts	0	213
Housing Resource Referrals Made	0	68
Family & Seniors		
Senior Contacts	22	560
Senior Resource Referrals Made	21	531
Family Contacts	9	180
Family Resource Referrals Made	14	214

HOUSING SUMMARY	Weekly	YTD
Housing Outcomes		
Eviction Prevention	1	45
Transitional Housing Placement	1	32
Permanent Housing Placement	0	17

In partnership with the American Red Cross, a blood donation drive was held on site, collecting 45 units.

The monthly “The Well” event provided 60 warm meals to the community.

Lastly, 30 local produce meal boxes were distributed in partnership with Adams County.

Learn more about what Community Well-Being is doing at c3gov.com/CWB



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – August 21, 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



Public Safety

CCPD Traffic Team shares back-to-school safety reminders

As students return to school, the Commerce City Police Department Traffic Team is encouraging drivers and pedestrians to refocus on safety around school campuses. With summer coming to an end, school zones will once again be busy with children walking, riding, and riding the bus.

Drivers are reminded to reduce speeds in school zones, come to a complete stop for school buses loading and unloading, and always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Pedestrians are encouraged to use designated crossing areas and remain alert while traveling near roadways.

Traffic Team members and School Resource Officers will be actively enforcing school zone safety to help ensure a smooth and safe start to the new school year. If you are aware of any areas where additional attention may be needed, please email:

trafficcomplaints@c3gov.com.



CCPD arrests three in daytime copper theft incident

Commerce City Police officers recently made a significant arrest after discovering a suspicious vehicle parked along Highway 2. Upon investigation, officers interrupted an active copper wire theft in progress.

Three individuals were found stealing copper wiring from utility and light poles, causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage to city infrastructure. Thanks to quick action, officers were able to stop further destruction. The suspects now face multiple charges, including Criminal Mischief, Theft, and First-Degree Criminal Tampering. One suspect was also wanted on an outstanding warrant, and the vehicle used in the crime was discovered to be stolen, prompting additional motor vehicle theft charges.



Copper wire theft has been increasing since the start of the year. Community members can assist by reporting any suspicious activity. If you see something out of place, please contact the Commerce City Police Department. Together, we can stay proactive and help prevent further damage from these costly crimes.

Commerce City Police Department Non-Emergency Dispatch: 303-288-1535



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:

- Replacing/repairing 35 street signs citywide
- Inspecting all school flashers citywide, planning for the replacement of batteries and timers on some of them
- Completing the Brighton Boulevard shoulder repairs
- Attending a pump station training at 88th Avenue and Brighton Road on Wednesday morning
- Continuing to address AccessC3 requests, fixing/filling 10 potholes, cracks, and asphalt failures this week

Parks Operations

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

- Landscaping maintenance including mowing, herbicide applications, and irrigation repairs
- Ballfield maintenance including painting foul lines, dragging the infield, and weed management
- Removal of 47 bags of trash from roads and sidewalks citywide
- Adding tree ring mulch to trees at CALU Park to aid in moisture control
- Adding two tons of stabilized crusher fines around the Wetlands trailhead to help reduce noxious weeds

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Active Permits



Capital Investment Program (CIP) Dashboard Now Available Online!

Commerce City's Capital Investment Program (CIP) delivers transportation and infrastructure improvements across the community. To support transparency, the city now provides an online CIP Dashboard where residents can follow projects through planning, design, construction, and completion.

The dashboard is updated monthly and can be found at c3gov.com/CIPmap.

So far in 2026, the city has completed Highway 2 median improvements, multimodal upgrades along E. 68th Avenue, installation of a new traffic signal at E. 105th Avenue and Chambers Road, and ongoing pavement preservation work. Projects advancing toward completion this year include the E. 72nd Place and Monaco Street Reconstruction (Derby Diamond), the 88th Avenue Widening – Segment A, and the 96th Avenue Widening.

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



Parks, Recreation and Golf

Police Camp Recap

Police Camp took place from August 3 to 6, with a total of 39 participants. Throughout the week, teens developed meaningful relationships with the Community and Crime Prevention Division (CCPD) through various team-building activities. Participants engaged in solving a case file, experienced a VR simulator for emergency calls, and learned practical skills such as traffic-stop commands, handcuffing techniques, and crowd control.

[Click here to see the fun recap video of the event](#)





Financial Reports

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



Municipal Court

[Court Statistics Dashboard](#) - through August 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.

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