

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: OCT. 2, 2026



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New & Notable

Final Mercado de Derby + Derby Diamond ribbon-cutting on Sunday

Join us Sunday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the final Mercado de Derby of the season along E. 72nd Place between Monaco and Locust streets! Bring your family and friends to enjoy live entertainment, kids' activities, booths from a great collection of local vendors, and deals from local Derby businesses.

Sunday's event will also feature a ribbon-cutting at noon to celebrate the opening of the [newly rebuilt Derby Diamond intersection](#), marking another significant city investment in Derby as an important part of Commerce City's past and future.



Entertainment and activities for Sunday's market include Xicano Puppet Theater (9-10 a.m.), Ballet Folklórico Sangre de México (10-11:30 a.m.), and Banda Rockera La Negra (Noon-1:30 p.m.), plus free pumpkins, pumpkin painting with Chicano Humanities and Arts Council (CHAC), and free face painting at the Family Kids Zone! Learn more at c3gov.com/Mercado.

City staff and community members dig in with MyC3 Day of Service

There's a brand-new pollinator garden in Commerce City's Prairie Gateway Open Space thanks to dozens of volunteers, including residents, city staff, and CSU Extension Master Gardeners who contributed to this year's [MyC3 Day of Service](#). The event took place last Friday, Sept. 25, bringing people from across the community to help with site prep, planting, mulching, habitat features, and education/support.



The MyC3 Day of Service is a part of the MyC3 initiative that connects our community with opportunities to improve neighborhoods and public spaces throughout the city. Learn more at c3gov.com/MyC3. We enjoyed every moment of collaboration with you and hope you will join us again next year!

Improve your financial literacy with a Budgeting and Savings Workshop

Take the first step toward building your financial knowledge and confidence with this free event provided by the Community Well-Being Division in partnership with Servicios de la Raza and JPMorgan Chase Bank. On Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the fifth floor of the South Platte Crossing building (7190 Colorado Blvd.), this informative session will teach participants valuable skills and strategies to make everyday money management easier, including creating and maintaining a budget, saving strategies, and essential money management skills. [Follow this link to register](#) or contact Community Well-Being with questions at 720-769-5772. Learn more at c3gov.com/CWB.

[Council Work Schedules](#)

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



Business/Economic Development

Business Highlight: Rinker Materials

Rinker Materials, a QUIKRETE Company and a national leader in concrete pipe and precast products, continues to grow its presence in Commerce City following QUIKRETE's 2022 acquisition of Forterra Pipe & Precast. The company was honored with a proclamation at Monday's City Council meeting, recognizing its contributions to the local economy. This Friday, the Economic Development team will visit the Commerce City facility to explore new opportunities for partnership and collaboration.

Workforce Development

The Economic Development team attended the Colorado's new Skills-First Hiring initiative, designed to help employers recruit talent based on practical skills instead of traditional credentials. Key takeaways will be shared with local businesses aiming to strengthen their hiring results. Metro State University reports strong momentum in its fall GED program, with 58 Commerce City residents enrolled—highlighting the community's ongoing commitment to expanding education and career opportunities.

Business Retention

The Economic Development team provided targeted support to two Commerce City businesses this week, reinforcing ongoing relationship-building efforts. Staff also met with Xcel Energy through the Partners in Energy program to identify energy resources and training opportunities for local businesses. A virtual training session is planned for October.

In addition, the team collaborated with the Colorado Enterprise Fund (CEF) to advance the Community Loan Fund. To date, the fund has supported 28 Commerce City businesses, distributing \$1.78 million in capital and helping create or retain 207 jobs. Microloans up to \$50,000 remain available for businesses seeking flexible financing options.

Business Attraction

Commerce City's business attraction pipeline remains active, with 15 prospects currently evaluating opportunities in the community. Although no new RFIs were received this week, staff participated in the 2026 EDCC Conference. The conference highlighted key economic and workforce development initiatives in Colorado, including:

- Networking and collaboration among industry leaders, government representatives, and nonprofit professionals
- Workshops and sessions showcasing innovative tools and solutions to address economic development challenges
- Scholarships and travel stipends that support participation for attendees with limited budgets

Derby

Bridge House volunteer efforts remain strong, collecting 110 bags—approximately 550 pounds—of waste. Recent activities included assisting animal control with an injured cat, removing abandoned tires, and mowing overgrown weeds after recent rainfall. These efforts continue to enhance neighborhood cleanliness and safety.

Shop Local & Earn Rewards

Unlock instant rewards every time you support Commerce City businesses. With Open Rewards, you'll earn 5% cash back at more than 350 local businesses! It's the easiest way to save money *and* strengthen our community.

Learn more at c3gov.com/OpenRewards





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 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**.



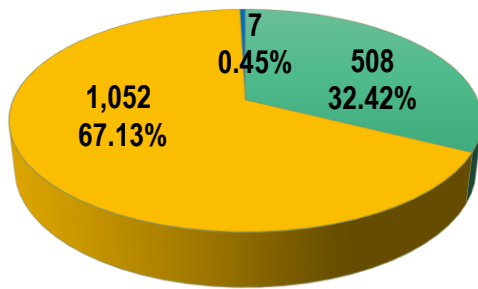


Growth and Development

Ward Report: **August Ward Report**

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

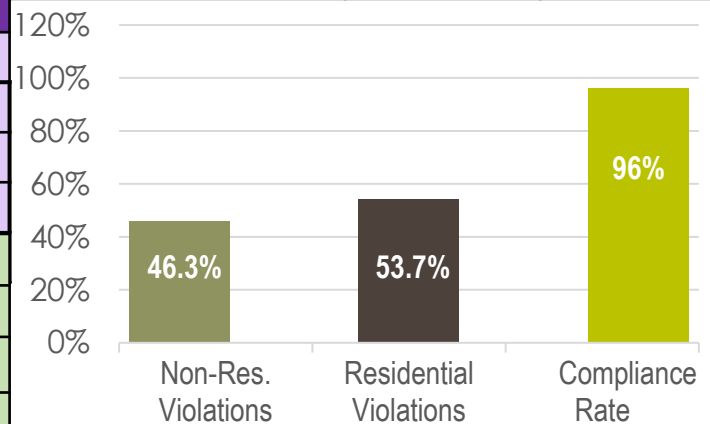
YTD Permits Issued



- 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	34
New Single-Family Residential CO (Units)	6	386
New Multifamily (MF) CO (Units)	6	43
Total New Dwelling Units	12	429
New Res. Permits Issued (Includes MF)	16	508
Commercial & Other Permits Issued	20	1,059
Residential Inspections	477	16,213
Non-Residential Inspections	66	2,989

Code Enforcement	Weekly Totals	YTD Total
Abatement Hearings	0	92
Weeds Violation < 1 acre	0	41
Weeds Violation > 1 acre	10	354
Total Violations	97	3,956
*Proactive Cases	71	3,361
*Reactive Cases	31	855
**Total Actions	472	19,766
Knock & Talks	89	3,218



Planning Development	Weekly Totals	YTD Totals
Current Active Cases (Weekly Totals Include New Cases)	2	131
Customer Planning Questions (Incudes Phone, Emails, or In-person Visit's)	40	895
Completed Cases	2	110
Upcoming Public Hearings		
City Council joint session with Planning Commission - Oct. 26	Housing Action Plan–Housing Needs Assessment Barriers	
New Submittals		
AV26-0019	Inland Truck Parts Company – Setback Variance	
PUDP26-0006	PUD Development Permit for CO-0660 - Maverick	
For any further information about the above cases please reach out to cdplanner@c3gov.com		
Please Note: Application case numbers are linked to the Central Square system for review materials		

*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 Program		
Unhoused Resident Contacts	16	1416
Housing Navigation Program		
Resident Contacts	6	234
Housing Resource Referrals Made	0	75
Family & Seniors Program		
Senior Contacts	3	612
Senior Resource Referrals Made	1	566
Family Contacts	5	200
Family Resource Referrals Made	6	243

HOUSING SUMMARY	Weekly	YTD
Housing Outcomes		
Eviction Prevention	3	55
Transitional Housing Placement	0	39
Permanent Housing Placement	1	19

In partnership with Adams County and Nativity Lutheran Church, our food produce box distribution has been a great success. Sixty (60) boxes of fresh, locally sourced food were provided at the last event.

Learn more about Community Well-Being events and outreach at c3gov.com/CWB.



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – Oct. 2, 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

Two New CCPD K9s Receive Bullet-Resistant Vests

The Commerce City Police Department is proud to announce that K9 Rico and K9 Chase are now equipped with bullet-resistant vests, giving them the same level of protection as our sworn officers.

Thanks to the efforts of Emergency Manager Kirk Dominic, who identified funding within the department budget, both K9s were recently fitted with their new gear. Rico and Chase now join K9s Delta and Holland in being fully vested and ready for duty. CCPD is committed to ensuring our K9 partners have access to the best equipment possible—because just like every member of the department, they're family.

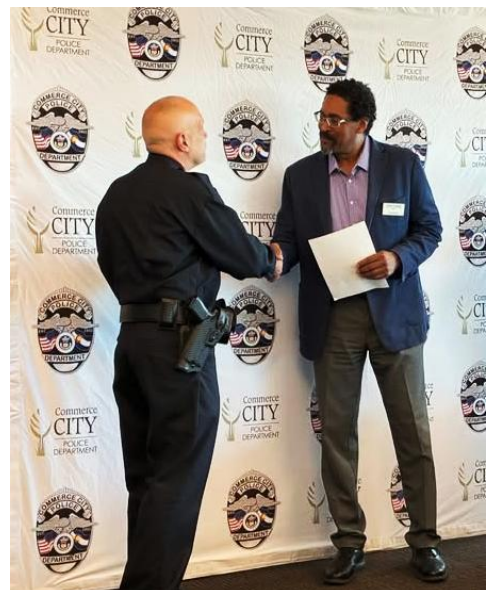


CCPD Welcomes Back Veteran Detective Rich Rodriguez

CCPD is excited to welcome back longtime Detective Rich Rodriguez, who has returned to the department after spending two years in Florida.

Detective Rodriguez brings more than 30 years of law-enforcement experience, including service with the NYPD, Fort Lauderdale, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and nine years with CCPD's Criminal Investigations Division. He was officially sworn in last week by Mayor Douglas, and we are thrilled to have his expertise and dedication back on the team.

Welcome home, Detective Rodriguez!





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:

- Assisting with the road closure and paving for the 96th Avenue repairs at the railroad tracks, a project that used 238 tons of hot mix asphalt
- Replacing/repairing 20 street signs citywide
- Continuing with the implementation of the 20 is Plenty program, installing/replacing a total of 103 20MPH signs this week
- Repairing 40 potholes citywide
- Assisted CIP with removing the pavers from Derby

Parks Operations

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

- Pollinator garden installation for My C3 Day on Friday—preparations included design, planning, prepping the soil and environment, installing irrigation pipes, and pre-digging planting holes for new trees
- Installing a new irrigation drip system for the newly planted trees at Gateway Open Space
- Pressure washing at park shelters and city building entrances citywide
- Ballfield maintenance and preparation
- Removal of 26 bags of trash from the right-of-way

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Active Permits

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Shaping Safer Streets on 68th Avenue

Design for the 68th Avenue Multimodal Safety Improvements is nearing completion and reflects the community feedback gathered during public meetings. Updates to sidewalk widening, ADA-accessible curb ramps, improved crossings, and intersection bulb-outs were refined based on resident input to improve safety for students traveling to Alsup Elementary and for those accessing nearby parks and the light rail station. The project also includes targeted drainage improvements to address long-standing issues and reduce pooling along the corridor, helping create a more reliable and comfortable walking and biking environment. Final design is anticipated this winter, with construction beginning this spring. The CIP team appreciates the community's engagement and looks forward to delivering these important upgrades.

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



Parks, Recreation and Golf

Heartfelt act of kindness

The week of Sept. 7, PRG's Silver Sneakers, Circuit, and swim class participants came together for a heartfelt act of kindness. The group presented a handmade quilt to Mary Kay, created to show support for her and her husband, Brad, after they lost their home in a fire about two months ago.

Eileen Wilcox beautifully organized the quilt, handing out fabric squares for participants to write messages and add custom artwork. She then stitched all the pieces together into a thoughtful, one-of-a-kind gift.

This gesture is an incredible display of compassion and a testament to the amazing community we have here. Moments like these remind us how powerful it is when we come together to support one another.



Additional fitness class offerings during annual maintenance closure

During the temporary annual maintenance closure of Bison Ridge Recreation Center, the Fitness team was excited to expand class offerings at Eagle Pointe to ensure all our members could continue their fitness routines without interruption. In addition to Eagle Pointe's regular classes, staff introduced several new pop-up classes during the two weeks, including:

- 4 additional Silver Sneakers classes, bringing the total to 8
- 6 Total Body Conditioning classes at 5:30 a.m.
- 6 Aqua classes at Eagle Pointe

Staff is thrilled to report that the response was overwhelmingly positive, with many of our regular participants joining in these additional classes at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center.





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 September 2026

Fresh Start Day with Municipal Court

Need help resolving outstanding warrants, fines, or unfinished court matters? Commerce City Municipal Court's Fresh Start Day is Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave.

Join in person or virtually: [Morning Session](#) | [Afternoon Session](#)

Depending on your case, you may be able to clear warrants, reduce fines, set up payment plans, or close your case. You can also ask about record sealing (excluding traffic cases). Restitution cases are not eligible.

Learn more at c3gov.com/Court.



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.