City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: **NOV. 20, 2026**

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New & Notable

Winter Wonderland Ice Rink opens this weekend

The holiday season just got a little brighter since Commerce City's community ice rink is back at the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave. Residents can rent (or bring) their skates, take a spin under the lights, and share the fun with family and friends.

We also need your help to name our Yeti! After receiving more than 90 creative submissions from the community, we have narrowed the list to six finalists. Voting is open through noon on Tuesday, Dec. 1. The winning name will be announced at the city's Holiday Tree Lighting event on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Commerce City Civic Center. Learn more, vote for your favorite name, and buy your skating tickets at c3gov.com/WinterWonderland.



Get ready for a full slate of awesome holiday events across Commerce City

- **Holiday Tree Lighting:** Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave.
  Enjoy live holiday music, free treats, family activities, a Merry Market, and a visit from Santa.
- **Run with the Buffalo Ugly Sweater Run:** Saturday, Dec. 5 | 10 a.m. | Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave.
  Put on your favorite holiday sweater and choose between a 5K or 2.5-mile run/walk.
- **Most Wonderful Time of the Beer:** Friday, Dec. 11 | 6-8 p.m. | Bison Ridge Recreation Center, 13905 E. 112th Ave.
  Celebrate the season with local craft beer, holiday cheer, and festive surprises. Ages 21+; nonalcoholic options available.
- **Cereal with Santa:** Saturday, Dec. 12 | 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Bison Ridge Recreation Center, 13905 E. 112th Ave.
  This popular holiday event is sold out for 2026, but we hope you'll join us next year!

Visit c3gov.com/Events for more information.

E. 96th Avenue Widening Project reaches final traffic switch

The E. 96th Avenue Widening Project is approaching another major milestone with the project's last traffic switch. Beginning the night of Sunday, Nov. 22, crews will implement a new traffic configuration to allow crews to complete median construction.

- Eastbound traffic: Will shift to one lane on the south side of the new median
- Westbound traffic: Will shift to one lane on the north side of the new median
- Left lanes: Will close in both directions while crews complete median construction

Another important milestone during the week of Nov. 23 is the activation of the permanent traffic signal at Landmark Drive. The temporary signal will be removed as the permanent signal becomes operational. Find more information and follow project updates at c3gov.com/96th.

Council Work Schedules **Commerce City Grant Office - October Update**

Business/Economic Development



Celebrating the Small Business: Ace Hardware
Commerce City's small businesses help strengthen our community, and this week we're proud to spotlight Ace Hardware, a trusted local business serving residents for nearly 80 years. Since 1947, Ace Hardware has been helping homeowners, DIYers, and contractors with expert advice and friendly service. Now in its third generation of family ownership, the business remains committed to being "The Helpful Place" for projects big and small.

As the holiday season approaches, stop by for lights, decorations, tools, and personalized service from a team dedicated to helping our community shine.



Supporting small businesses with funding options
Access to capital can be one of the most important factors in a business's success. That's why we partnered with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Huntington Bank, Colorado Enterprise Fund, and SBDC Accounting Advisor Leslie John to host our second SBDC Day on Nov. 19! The featured workshop, "Get Ready for Funding," shared valuable insights, resources, and strategies to help businesses start, grow, and thrive, including practical guidance on financing options and information on how to secure funding.

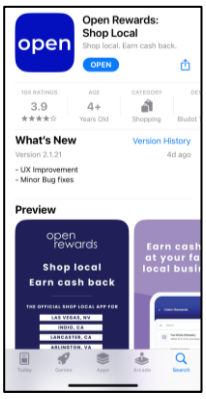
Thank you to the 40 people who joined us! Keep an eye out for the next opportunity at RedefiningCommerce.com



Building Connections
Commerce City's Economic Development team recently staffed the Mobile Service Unit at Our Lady Mother of the Church, engaging more than 20 residents and providing City resources in both English and Spanish.

The team also presented at an AC-REP Leadership class at Intermountain Electronics, sharing insights on our city's economy, demographics, and key industries with more than 20 participants from government, business, and nonprofit organizations across Adams County.

These outreach efforts continue to strengthen relationships, expand access to resources, and showcase Commerce City's economic opportunities.



Earn cash back by shopping local
Take advantage of Commerce City's Open Rewards program that let's you earn cash back on your local purchases. Download the free app, and either link your card or upload your receipts for purchases made from qualifying businesses (300+) in the city! A special offer is happening next week; click here to learn more.

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 the 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 14 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
- Brighton Blvd from 69th Avenue to York Street







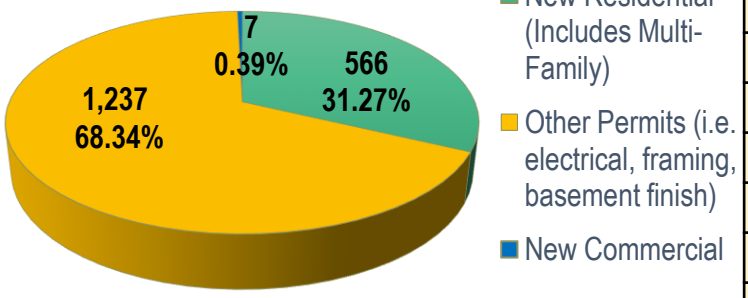
Distinctive Highlights
Crews responded to AccessC3 requests daily, addressing a wide range of resident concerns. Teams cleaned areas of illegal dumping and debris, with common items including trees, furniture, mattresses, televisions, and chairs.

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

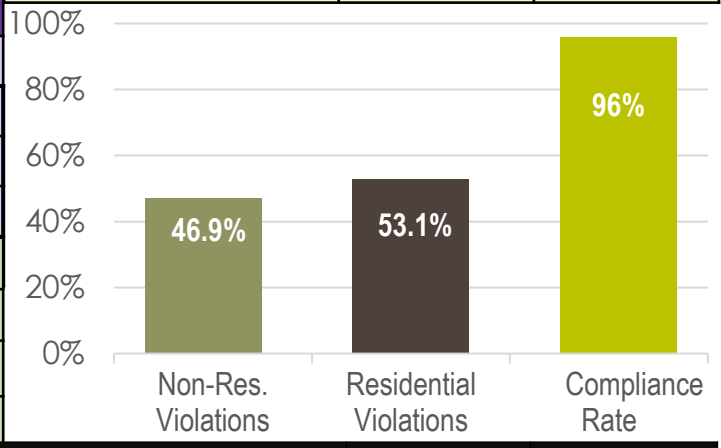
Ward Report: **October Ward Report** ** New Report will be updated by the second Wednesday of the month*

YTD Permits Issued



Code Enforcement	Weekly Totals	YTD Total
Abatement Hearings	0	105
Weeds Violation < 1 acre	1	46
Weeds Violation > 1 acre	10	449
Total Violations	135	4,749
*Proactive Cases	97	4,009
*Reactive Cases	23	1,019
**Total Actions	558	23,610
Knock & Talks	103	3,919

Certificate of Occupancies (CO) & Permits Issued+	Weekly Totals	YTD Total
Commercial CO's	0	38
New Single-Family Residential CO (Units)	7	473
New Multifamily (MF) CO (Units)	42	169
Total New Dwelling Units	49	642
New Res. Permits Issued (Includes MF)	2	566
Commercial & Other Permits Issued	18	1,244
Residential Inspections	415	19,714
Non-Residential Inspections	128	3,712



Planning Development	Weekly Totals	YTD Totals
Current Active Cases (Weekly Totals Include New Cases)	1	146
Customer Planning Questions (Incudes Phone, Emails, or In-person Visit's)	36	1,237
Completed Cases	0	115

Upcoming Public Hearings	
AV26-0016	Board of Adjustment Meeting on Dec. 8 - Contact cdplanner@c3gov.com for questions
CDBG CAPER	Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report - City Council meeting on Dec. 7
New Submittals	
PUDP26-0011	Planned Unit Development Permits for Black Rock Coffee at 950 Tower Rd.
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	10	1601
Housing Navigation Program		
Resident Contacts	10	309
Housing Resource Referrals Made	0	87
Family & Seniors Program		
Senior Contacts	3	643
Senior Resource Referrals Made	2	593
Family Contacts	3	219
Family Resource Referrals Made	3	288

HOUSING SUMMARY	Weekly	YTD
Housing Outcomes		
Eviction Prevention	0	62
Transitional Housing Placement	1	42
Permanent Housing Placement	1	22

Next week, the We Don't Waste Market at the RTD Light Rail Station on 72nd Avenue will continue supporting the community by providing access to fresh, healthy, and nutritious food.

Learn more at c3gov.com/CWB.

Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – Nov. 20, 2026

This report provides a weekly update on 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 addresses oversized vehicles and campers

The Commerce City Police Department (CCPD) recently conducted an oversized vehicle and camper enforcement operation to address ongoing quality-of-life concerns. Community Service Officers and the Crime Prevention Unit identified and tagged more than a dozen vehicles that were in violation of city regulations and issued notices requiring them to relocate from the area.



In addition to enforcing regulations, officers connected occupants with available community resources. Residents experiencing similar issues in their neighborhoods are encouraged to report concerns through the city's reporting system at c3gov.com/AccessC3.

Twenty residents graduate from CCPD Citizens' Academy

The Commerce City Police Department celebrated the graduation of 20 community members from its 2026 Citizens' Academy, marking the third graduating class since the program was reintroduced three years ago.



Over the 11 weeks of the academy, participants gained insight into many areas of police operations, including Traffic, K-9, SWAT, the Real-Time Crime Center, Community Service Officers, School Resource Officers, and the Crime Prevention Unit. The program also featured hands-on demonstrations and interactive experiences with specialized equipment and technology used by officers.

The academy provides residents with a deeper understanding of police services and community policing efforts. Congratulations to the Class of 2026, and watch CCPD's social media channels for information about the next Citizens' Academy, planned for fall 2027.

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:

- Continuing the implementation of the 20 is Plenty program, with 98% of existing 25 MPH signs having been replaced by 20 MPH signs as of this week
- Assisted PD with closing Tower Rd in response to a rollover accident on Nov. 10
- Providing traffic control and detour signage for BNSF railroad repairs
- Assisted a resident with recovering their cell phone from a storm drain on Truckee Court

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

- Holiday light hanging continues at Civic Center and begins at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center
- Removed 50 bags of trash from the right-of-way
- Leaf mowing operations at Ragweed Draw, River Run, Fairfax, and Pioneer Parks
- Watering newly planted trees at Civic Center, Prairie Gateway Trail, and Bison Ridge Recreation Center in the xeriscape garden
- Assisting Parks & Recreation by relocating eight picnic tables and 10 crowd-control barricades from Paradice Island and DICK's Sporting Goods Park to the Civic Center ice skating rink for the winter season

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Moving closer to the finish line on 96th Avenue
The E. 96th Avenue Widening Project is reaching another major milestone as crews prepare for the final planned traffic switch before project completion. Beginning the night of Nov. 22, eastbound and westbound traffic will shift into a new configuration that more closely resembles the roadway's final condition. This change will create additional access for motorists and pedestrians while allowing crews to complete construction of the center median. The switch also includes activation of the permanent traffic signal at Landmark, replacing the temporary signal currently in use. This marks a significant step toward project completion, which remains on schedule for completion by the end of the year.

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

Active Permits

Parks, Recreation and Golf

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

On Thursday, November 12, the Active Adult team in the Parks and Recreation Department honored 52 volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The event at Bison Ridge Recreation Center had a Prohibition-era speakeasy theme, and guests were required to provide the password "Bee's Knees" before entering through the hidden door. Guests were encouraged to dress for the theme, and the band played tunes from the 20s and 30s while everyone enjoyed a fully catered meal. The evening concluded with the presentation of two Red Sweater awards honoring individuals whose longevity as volunteers earned them prestigious awards. Thank you to the volunteers for all they do throughout the year, and thank you for joining us at the "Speakeasy Affair".







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 November 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.