

City Manager Week in Review Report

WEEK OF: Sept. 26, 2025



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New & Notable

Thanks for attending our Hispanic Heritage Celebration!

Hispanic Heritage Month is officially underway, and the Commerce City community celebrated in style last weekend with our Third Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration in Downtown Derby! Our partners at the Commerce City Cultural Council, Adelante Community Development, and Cultivando helped us put on another great event for the local community.

The event featured 70+ vendors/exhibitors (some selling wares and some providing important community services/information), numerous live music and dance performances, kids' activities, loteria at the Yellow Rose Events Center, and a Broncos watch party at Mariscos Sinaloa. Thanks to the hundreds of attendees, planning partners, exhibitors, local businesses, and community volunteers who helped make this year's event another one to remember!



Get the latest updates on 96th Avenue construction

Learn more about the status of construction and what's coming next for the E. 96th Avenue widening project. The next quarterly public meeting will be held at Southlawn Elementary School, 10075 Walden St., on Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The E. 96th Avenue widening project between Chambers Road and Tower Road is working to improve connectivity and infrastructure along this important arterial roadway. With additional new development continuing to occur in the area, the current project is set to complete the full buildout of this essential roadway to four lanes with a dividing median, along with multi-use paths, water lines, traffic signals, and more. Learn more about the project at c3gov.com/96th, and we hope to see you at Southlawn on Oct. 1.

City participates in CDOT Vasquez Boulevard groundbreaking event

The Colorado Department of Transportation hosted a groundbreaking event for the Vasquez Boulevard Improvements Project this week, officially celebrating the start of a project that began this summer to make key roadway improvements through one of the city's busiest areas.



Safety and traffic improvements during the Vasquez Boulevard project will continue through most of 2026 to make improvements to not only Vasquez Boulevard, but also the intersection with E. 60th Avenue and Parkway Drive, improving E. 62nd Avenue, including full access movements with Vasquez Boulevard/Highway 2, and elements such as new traffic signals, medians, curb alignment, etc. There is currently a closure of E. 62nd Avenue between Vasquez Boulevard/Highway 2 and Elm Street (north of the King Soopers shopping center) due to construction associated with these improvements. Learn more at codot.gov/projects/vasquezimprovements.

Council Work Schedules

[HR Dashboard - 2025 Q2](#)

**Commerce City's Grant
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Business/Economic Development



Staff participated in the Hispanic Heritage event, where Commerce City small businesses engaged with the community and promoted their services to hundreds of attendees. Thanks to all the partners, organizations, and people who volunteered to make this event a success!

Staff hosted the eleventh Small Business Task Force meeting as members prepare to present their report of suggestions to City Council later this year.

Staff recently attended the CO-08 Industry Roundtable hosted by Rep. Gabe Evans. As Colorado continues to pave the way as one of the leading aerospace states in the U.S. and the space economy continues to accelerate, Rep. Gabe Evans wants to ensure his office is not only advocating for this innovative sector in Congress but also fostering partnerships at the local level.

Staff met with the leadership of another metro Denver community interested in considering the Rocky Mountain Partnership's Target Champion Program. As the first community to become a Target Champion, Commerce City is demonstrating leadership in the workforce development space.

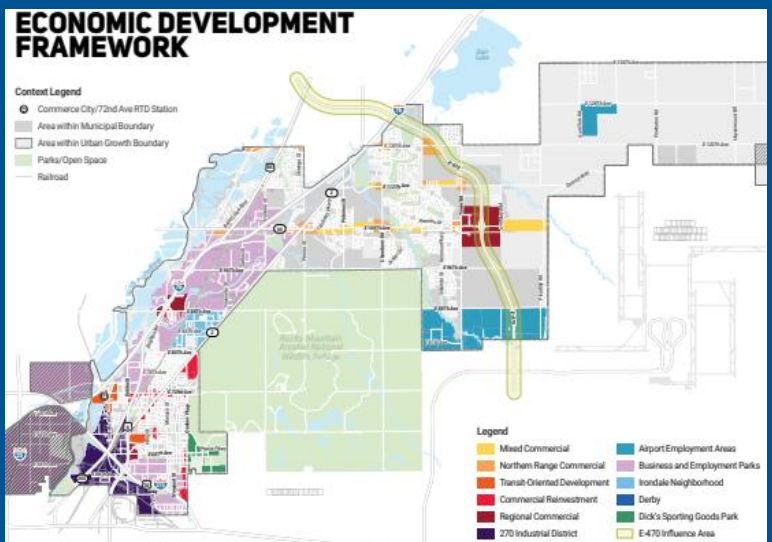
Staff attended the Chamber Luncheon event and tour at Intermountain Electronics (IE). IE is an award-winning advanced manufacturer in Commerce City manufacturing modular power units for data centers and other key infrastructure. IE reported revenue growth projected to double in the next year. Staff is working with IE on workforce development needs.

Staff member Carlos Maciel attended the annual IEDC conference in Detroit. He participated in sessions discussing trends in Economic Development, professional development, and networking opportunities.

Staff provided continued support to a local restaurant to address its ongoing business needs.

DID YOU KNOW?

The City Council adopted a new Comprehensive Plan in November 2024, which guides new development in our community?



While development is woven throughout the document, Chapter 7 specifically provides the economic framework for future development. Learn more at c3gov.com/CompPlan



Community Appearance/Clean Ups

Hot Shot Team

Monday – Friday

- During the past work week, the Hot Shot crew consisted of a two-person team that worked eight hours per day. Clean-up efforts were dedicated to both scheduled locations of known hotspots and in response to AccessC3 requests.
- The Hot Shot team conducted inspections and removed abandoned items at the following scheduled, routine locations:
 - 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. 64th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard (I-270)
 - E. 83rd Avenue and Rosemary Street
 - E. 84th Avenue and Pontiac Street
 - E. 96th Avenue and Peoria Street
 - E. 112th Avenue and Tower Road
 - E. 120th Avenue and Cameron Street
 - Elm Street - E. 69th Avenue to 72nd Avenue
- In addition to routine areas, crews performed clean-up at the following locations:
 - 120th and High Line Bridge

Distinctive Highlights

- Every week, the city's Hot Shot team aims to remove tires that may be an obstruction in the city's right-of-way. This week, teams collected and removed 35 discarded tires from across the city, transporting them to the recycling center.
- Staff continues their ongoing collaboration with the Regional Transportation District (RTD) to provide clean trash receptacles in the city's Derby neighborhood. The team cleaned 14 RTD trash receptacles on Friday.
- Teams received a report of a dumping of an abandoned boat along with additional debris. Teams were quick to remove it to prevent any damages to vehicles in the area.





Community Well-Being (CWB)

Programs	Weekly	YTD
Homelessness Program		
Unhoused Resident Contacts	30	910
Housing Navigation Program		
Resident Contacts	23	364
Housing Resource Referrals Made	18	163
Family & Seniors Program		
Senior Contacts	30	655
Senior Resource Referrals Made	35	784
Family Contacts	5	193
Family Resource Referrals Made	5	289

Housing Summary	Weekly	YTD
Housing Outcomes		
Eviction Prevention	0	18
Transitional Housing Placement	0	27
Permanent Housing Placement	1	20

CWB partnered with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Benefits in Action to offer Medicare support sessions for our community. Attendees received answers on enrollment, coverage options, and plan comparisons. Learn more at c3gov.com/CWB.



Environment & Sustainability

Energy, Equity, and Environmental Weekly Report – September 26, 2025

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

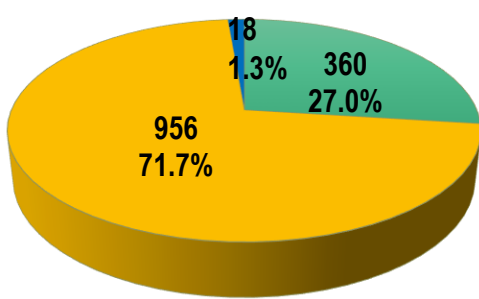


Growth and Development

Ward Report: **August Ward Report**

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

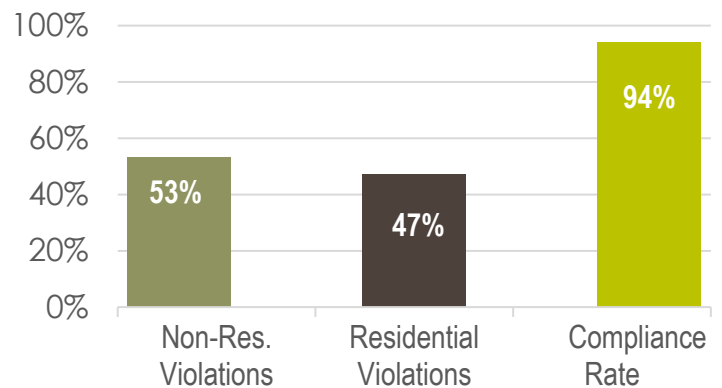
YTD Permits Issued



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

Code Enforcement	Weekly Totals	YTD Total
Abatement Hearings	0	76
Weeds Violations <1 acre	18	462
Weeds Violations > 1 acre	2	209
Total Violations	113	5,223
*Proactive Cases	102	3,832
*Reactive Cases	29	1,181
**Total Actions	562	23,132
Knock & Talks	106	3,457

Certificate of Occupancies (CO) & Permits Issued	Weekly Totals	YTD Total
Commercial CO's	1	16
New Single-Family Residential CO (Units)	22	466
New Multifamily (MF) CO (Units)	0	80
Total New Dwelling Units	22	546
New Res. Permits Issued (Includes MF)	9	382
Commercial & Other Permits Issued	40	968
Residential Inspections	369	13,403
Non-Residential Inspections	89	1,831



Planning Development		Weekly Totals	YTD Totals
Total Active Cases (Weekly Totals Include New Cases)		6	156
Customer Planning Questions (Incudes Phone, Emails, or In-person Visit's)		6	887
Completed Cases		0	36
Upcoming Public Hearings			
<u>LUP25-0002</u>	Villages at Buffalo Run East (VBRE) – Townhomes, Comp Plan Amendment		
<u>S24-0016</u>	Murray Farms Plat		
New Submittals-Application case numbers are linked to the Central Square system for review material			
<u>PUDP25-0014</u>	Commerce Yards PUD Permit		
<u>S25-0017</u>	Commerce Yards Subdivision		
<u>S25-0018</u>	AAA Fire Final Plat		
<u>V25-0002</u>	Buckley Crossing ROW Vacation		
<u>MM25-0014</u>	5200 Oneida CSP Minor Modification – Sign Area		
<u>AV25-0008</u>	5200 Oneida – Tenant Sign, Sign Area		

*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.



Public Safety

Hours-long SWAT call ends with surrender

The Commerce City Police Department patrol officers, SWAT team, and detectives spent the better part of Monday, Sept. 22, on an hours-long call involving a shot fired inside a residence that we are happy to report ended with an arrest.

The incident occurred in the 5300 block of 63rd Place after an individual fired a shot that went through the wall of his duplex and into a neighbor's house; the suspect then refused to comply with officers' orders to peacefully exit, and instead barricaded himself inside his residence.

After hours of negotiations with the CCPD SWAT team, K9 Delta entered the garage and found the suspect hiding inside the trunk of a vehicle. He was taken into custody and faces a slew of charges, including Illegal Discharge of a Weapon, Reckless Endangerment (for firing through the wall into the neighbor's house), Obstruction, Resisting, Failure to Vacate, and Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender. This was excellent work by the entire CCPD team, who brought about a peaceful resolution to what was a very volatile situation.



CCPD begins second Citizens' Academy

The Commerce City Police Department is pleased to announce the start of our second Citizens' Academy. The group of twenty citizens met for the first time on Wednesday, Sept. 11, and will meet every Wednesday through Nov. 12 for the purpose of giving community members who live and/or work in Commerce City or the surrounding communities in Adams County an opportunity to learn first-hand about the inner workings of the police department.

Police and civilian personnel will do interactive demonstrations (participant participation is encouraged!) using our specialized equipment and provide an overview of each unit within the police department and how they work together to keep you safe.

The first week focused on an overview of the police department by Chief Guadnola and a building tour that included an inside look at our evidence facility. The second week, participants learned about our patrol division and got to see what's inside a patrol vehicle, from the lights and sirens to the equipment officers utilize. The third week was the traffic division, and students even got to experience mock traffic stops!

Here's what's still to come: Defensive tactics and less-lethal response, Criminal Investigations Division, Crime Scene Investigation, drone program, SWAT, School Resource Officers, Crime Prevention, Community Service Officers, K9, and virtual reality "shoot/don't shoot" scenarios. Join the waitlist for next year's academy at c3gov.com/Academy.



Infrastructure

PW Updates

Streets

- This week, the Streets Maintenance team continued their dedication to providing safe roadways throughout our city. This week, teams identified and repaired 29 signs, citywide.
- Teams worked on school flashers on 88th Avenue and Telluride. During routine inspections, crews identified that the flashers were not operating correctly and quickly connected new parts. Teams were, unfortunately, not able to fix two of the flashers, but are collaborating with the manufacturing company to get the parts to have the flashers up and running by next week.
- Crews then continued with the flashers near Belle Creek Charter School. All school flashers are working in that area.
- Teams collaborated with Lighthouse, a city vendor, and worked on two of the six school flashers at Southlawn Elementary. Crews identified that the flashing lights are working but are currently waiting for parts for the radar speed digital sign to work.
- Traffic teams continued work on 96th Avenue and Eagle Creek Parkway, replacing 12 new pedestrian crossing signs in the area.
- Crews removed a traffic control reporting device from 71st Avenue and Olive Street this week. Each time teams pick up these devices, they collect the data and send it to the city's engineers who review the data and determine needed actions. Streets teams have a total of five devices currently that will be collected within the upcoming weeks, at the following locations:
 - Midpoint between 96th Place and 96th Way
 - Midpoint between 97th Place and 97th Avenue
 - Moline Street, between 119th Place and 119th Avenue
 - 107th Place, between Reunion Parkway and Waco Street (2 devices at this Location)
- Teams successfully graded and sprayed dirt roads on 96th Avenue, Potomac Street, and Peoria Street, to provide smoother and level roadways for drivers in that area.
- The teams continued addressing AccessC3 and emergency requests for potholes on the road. This week, teams fixed and filled a total of 25 potholes, and staff used a total of 3/4 of a ton of cold mix asphalt for the repairs.
- Crews were dispatched to fix the double yellow lines that were in the wrong spot near 95th Avenue and Telluride and 94th Place & Telluride.
- Teams continued with work through the weekend, preparing for the city's Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Crews patched and helped set up traffic leading devices on the side of the road in the Derby area.

Parks Operations

- Crews kicked off the week with sanitizing and restocking the portable restrooms throughout the city. Teams complete this task daily to ensure all visitors have access to safe and usable restrooms when visiting our sites. Teams then inspected and cleaned the playgrounds, cleaned the parking lots, and finished off by cleaning the baseball fields and turf areas. Teams dragged the fields at Fairfax Park and Pioneer Park to fill in low spots and maintain a safe playing field.
- Crews then continued with trail maintenance, removing debris from an abandoned camp near Fernald Trail. Staff quickly removed and properly disposed of the debris. The Commerce City park rangers were on-site to assist with this task.
- This week, teams completed an irrigation system check at Fairfax Park. Crews identified two damaged rotors, which were replaced to ensure efficient water distribution.
- Staff inspected the Fernald Trail irrigation system to ensure the newly planted trees were receiving an adequate amount of water. The system was determined to be functioning properly.
- Crews completed herbicide maintenance at the shrub beds at Fronterra Park, Villages at Buffalo Run East (VBRE), and Stampede Park. Staff used four gallons total for the operations, applying 2 gallons at Fronterra Park, one and a half gallons at VBRE, and half a gallon at Stampede Park.
- Staff cleaned up the area near Derby in preparation for the city's Hispanic Heritage Event. Staff cleaned the curbs, landscape beds, pruned trees, removed trash and debris, and removed weeds from sidewalks. Crews pressure-washed Joe Reilly Park and checked the electrical outlets at the Derby intersection and Joe Reilly Park to ensure there was power. Staff removed an old, damaged, and cracked concrete bench that was in the area.
- With fall quickly approaching, teams have begun winterization operations throughout the parks. This week, teams aerated the east and west fields at Fronterra Park. Teams prepare operations by marking all the irrigation heads and identifying the staff who will carefully go through and identify which irrigation heads need attention or were damaged during aeration. Teams aim to complete a couple of parks a week until the entire city has been winterized. Staff aim to complete the Villages at Buffalo Run East and Stampede Park fields next week.

Active Permits





Parks, Recreation and Golf

Join us for Touch A Truck

On Saturday, Sept. 27, bring the whole family to this FREE event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at DICK'S Sporting Goods Park (6000 Victory Way), in Lot H. Get up close with a variety of vehicles in all different shapes and sizes! Learn more at c3gov.com/Events.

TOUCH A TRUCK

From fire trucks to snow plows you and your family will love playing, climbing, and touching a variety of vehicles in all different shapes and sizes.



Join us for our fifth annual Fall Fest

Join us on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park and Eagle Pointe Recreation Center (6060 Parkway Dr.) for family-friendly activities, including:

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Beer Garden
- Arts & Crafts
- Pumpkin Patch
- Inflatables
- ...and more!

Learn more at c3gov.com/Events.





Financial Reports

Where to find Budget and Financial Information:

Review the Main Budget & Financial Reports at c3gov.com/FinancialReports

- [2025 Adopted Budget](#)
- [2025 Budget at a Glance](#)
- [2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) (ACFR)
- [2024 Popular Annual Financial Report](#) (PAFR)

Quarterly Financial Report

The second quarter 2025 Financial Report was presented to City Council during the August 25, 2025, Study Session. The third quarter report is scheduled to be presented in November 2025. Each quarterly report contains cumulative financial data through the end of the reporting quarter.



Municipal Court

Municipal Court & Probation Report - through August 2025

Fresh Start Day

If you have warrants, unpaid fines, or other unfinished business with the Commerce City Municipal Court, come in for a fresh start. Re-set your case, get warrants vacated, and more! Learn more at c3gov.com/Court.



Boards and Commissions

A list of current vacancies may be found at c3gov.com/Boards.