

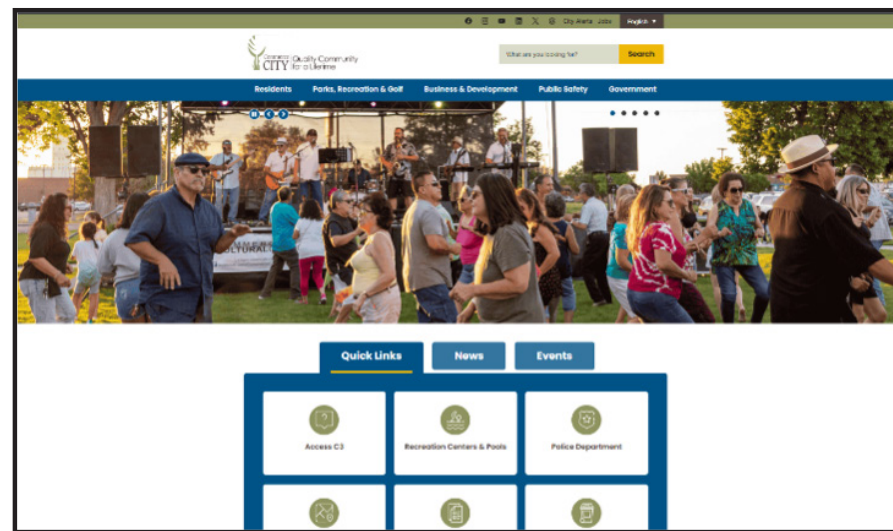
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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, CO

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Check out the new and improved city website

Newly redesigned site, same web address at c3gov.com



THE COMMERCE CITY WEBSITE recently underwent a major renovation, with a new design launching on Thursday, July 31. The new site features a fresh design, helpful navigation menus, and a modern look, offering all the same services as the old site, along with many new tools to guide you to the resources you need.

The redesigned site was also built with digital accessibility in mind, including vast improvements in equal access to important information for community members, regardless of physical limitations.

See the new Commerce City website that was redesigned with residents in mind at c3gov.com.

Introducing our Back-to-School Food Truck Rodeo

COMMERCE CITY IS THRILLED TO host its first-ever Food Truck Rodeo, a new community event to bring people together over great food, live entertainment, and family fun. Join us on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Turnberry Park, 10725 Wheeling St., to enjoy this family-friendly event. The event theme, “Fuel Up for the Future”, highlights the exciting launch of the Commerce City Promise program, a powerful new education opportunity for residents.

- Purchase offerings from a diverse lineup of 10-plus food trucks
- Enjoy live music from Chicano Heat
- Take in free fun activities for the whole family

This year’s inaugural Food Truck Rodeo also helps celebrate something bigger: the launch of the Commerce City Promise program in partnership with the Community College of Aurora (CCA). Funded by federal dollars through the Advancing Commerce City Together (ACT) Program, Commerce City Promise gives residents access to free job training and career certification programs in high-demand industries such as healthcare, public safety, mechanics, and construction. This is your chance to explore new career paths and connect with resources that can transform your future at no cost. Learn more about Commerce City Promise at c3gov.com/Promise.

Don’t miss out on this first-of-its-kind celebration! Whether you’re coming for food or for your future, this is your chance to celebrate, connect, and grow together. Learn more at c3gov.com/Events.



Learn how to run for City Council in the 2025 election

COMMERCE CITY HAS FOUR CITY COUNCIL SEATS on the ballot in the 2025 election, including the Ward I and Ward III representatives and two At-Large positions (all seats will serve a four-year term). Residents who are interested in running for a seat on the City Council can begin the process by picking up nomination petitions starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5, in the City Clerk’s Office at the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave. Completed nomination petitions must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 25.

To help inform prospective candidates, the city will host a candidate information session on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. While attendance is not required, this session offers valuable insight into the municipal election process and the role of elected officials in Commerce City’s government.

For more information about the upcoming election, visit c3gov.com/Elections or contact the City Clerk’s Office at 303-289-3600.



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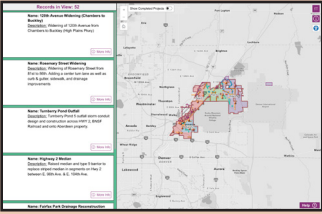
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NEWS BRIEFS

See our progress on projects with the new CIP map and dashboard

Commerce City has introduced a new way to track progress and updates on all our capital improvement projects across the community. The new interactive map and dashboard are updated monthly with status updates, project timelines, budget numbers, and more.



Visit c3gov.com/building-a-quality-community/cip-map to learn more.

Whether projects are currently under construction, recently completed, or upcoming in the city's five-year plan, these new tools help you keep track of each new park, roadway improvement, and all other capital projects!

For questions and additional information, contact CIPinfo@c3gov.com.

Enjoy a community meal at The Well

Provided by the Community Well-Being Division in partnership with 180 Community Church, a free replenishing meal is available to the community on the second Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Templo Gethsemani, 6690 Monaco St. Join us this month on Friday, Aug. 8, where a free pop-up clinic will also be available. Learn more at c3gov.com/CWB.

Commerce City welcomes two new department directors

Two internal candidates were recently promoted to serve in director roles on the city staff. Learn more about the organization at c3gov.com.



Jenna Hahn has been named the city's new Director of Public Works. Jenna brings a wealth of experience to the role, having most recently served as Co-Director of Public Works for the past six months. Prior to that, she was Deputy Director of Public Works and previously served in the City Manager's Office as a Management Analyst.



Tiffany Chacon has been promoted to Director of Information Technology. Tiffany joined Commerce City in early 2023 as Application Services Manager and was elevated to Deputy Director of IT in early 2024. Her leadership and expertise have been instrumental in advancing the city's technology initiatives.

SpeakUp Commerce City: A new way to connect

DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS on city projects and programs, or ask questions about what's happening around Commerce City? Come to SpeakUp Commerce City, a new type of interactive event that makes it easy to connect with city staff and elected officials.



Instead of a formal meeting, SpeakUp Commerce City offers a casual, drop-in format where you can explore what interests you. Stop by different tables to provide input on projects or programs, learn about city services, and ask questions. If you don't have specific issues in mind, bring your curiosity and find out what's new, or chat with a City Council member about what's happening in your neighborhood.

Join us at one of the upcoming events:

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Eagle Pointe Recreation Center, 6060 Parkway Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 25, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Bison Ridge Recreation Center, 13905 E. 112th Ave.

SpeakUp is your chance to have a say and share your thoughts to help shape our community's future. City Council members and staff from departments across the city's organization will be on hand to collect your input! Learn more at c3gov.com.

Honor Grief Awareness Day at the “Healing in Community” event

GRIEF IS A DEEPLY PERSONAL JOURNEY, and no one should have to walk it alone. In recognition of National Grief Awareness Day, the Community Well-Being Division invites residents to a special event designed to bring healing, connection, and support to those experiencing loss.



Join us for Healing in Community, on Friday, Aug. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Well-Being office, located on the 5th floor of 7190 Colorado Blvd. This free event is open to the public and offers a safe and welcoming space to explore grief through holistic healing practices and shared experiences.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in art therapy sessions, experience acudetox (a gentle acupuncture technique for stress relief), and access grief support resources from local organizations. A keynote speaker and interactive workshop will also provide valuable tools for navigating the grieving process.

Whether you are grieving a recent loss, supporting a loved one through their journey, or simply looking to better understand the many forms of grief, this event encourages reflection, community, and self-care. A free lunch will be provided for all attendees. RSVP by contacting the Health & Food Equity Navigator, Paulina Garcia Ursua, at pgarcia@c3gov.com or 720-769-1099. For more information, visit c3gov.com/CWB.

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 comment 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 2025 Meeting Schedule:

- Monday, Aug. 4 – City Council Regular Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 11 – City Council Study Session, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 18 – City Council Regular Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 25 – 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 the Friday prior to the meeting. Follow the city's social media accounts for updates about upcoming meetings and short recap videos of actions taken during recent City Council meetings. Meeting recaps are also available at YouTube.com/CityOfCommerceCity.

For more information, visit c3gov.com/Meetings.

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ACT programs help with home maintenance and clean-up

COMMERCE CITY IS DEDICATED to enhancing residents’ quality of life through the Advancing Commerce City Together (ACT) Program. Supported by federal grant funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), this initiative addresses key needs, including career training, infrastructure improvements, and community well-being.

Applications are still being accepted from qualifying residents for help with home clean-up and repair needs, including code compliance assistance, home modifications and minor repairs.

The Code Compliance Assistance program area helps residents who are experiencing financial hardships or disabilities that make it challenging to resolve property code violations. The program can help with violations, including but not limited to:

- Overgrown weeds
 - Accumulated trash
 - Outdoor storage
- Low-hanging branches
 - Brush piles
 - The Home Modifications



and Minor Repairs programs can help pay for vital home repairs. This program assists low- to moderate-income Commerce City homeowners with essential home repairs, improvements, and accessibility modifications.

Examples of the types of projects supported by this program include:

- Siding, doors, windows, and roof replacement
- Furnace and water heater replacement
- Electrical work
- Fencing, exterior painting, and ADA accessibility improvements

Homeowners earning at or below 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI) can apply now.

For more details or to apply for these programs, visit c3gov.com/ACT.

2025 Pavement Maintenance Projects Underway

THE CITY’S ANNUAL PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM is underway in 2025, with a series of street improvements scheduled across the city through the end of August.

Roads are being repaired using a mill and overlay method, which involves removing the top layer of the street and resurfacing it with fresh pavement. Impacts of this process typically include lane closures, areas of rough pavement, and lower speed limits. This work rarely calls for street closures. Please remember to obey signs and watch for workers in construction zones. Review the neighborhoods and street segments scheduled for work this summer at c3gov.com/Pavement.

Celebrating June’s Yard of the Month Winners

COMMERCE CITY IS IN FULL BLOOM this summer, and the Yard of the Month program continues! For the second year in a row, this community tradition highlights residents who take pride in their homes and contribute to neighborhood beauty through exceptional curb appeal and creative landscaping.

The June 2025 Yard of the Month winners were nominated by fellow residents for their attention to detail, vibrant displays, and overall contributions to neighborhood charm. Congratulations to each winner for showcasing the care and creativity that help make Commerce City a great place to live!



Ward I: 10446 Akron St.



Ward II: 6571 Leyden St.



Ward III: 13951 E. 106th Pl.



Ward IV: 11390 Kalispell St.

The Yard of the Month program continues through September, with new winners selected each month. If you think your yard or your neighbor’s has what it takes to be recognized, submit a nomination at bit.ly/MyC3Yard.

Attend the Klein Water Treatment Facility Open House

SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT invites residents to an open house on Thursday, Sept. 4, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at 7400 Quebec St. Come learn about the District’s water treatment facilities and the Klein Enhancement Project. Learn more at SouthAdamsWaterCO.gov.

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 E. 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. All events and meetings are subject to be changed or rescheduled.

- Aug. 2

Low-Cost Shot Spot Vaccination Clinic, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Civic Center
- Aug. 4

City Council Regular Meeting*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 5

2025 Election Candidate Information Session, 6 p.m., Civic Center, Conference Room 2108
- Aug. 5

Planning Commission*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 5

Veterans Commission Meeting, 6 p.m., Virtual Meeting
- Aug. 6

Housing Needs Assessment Meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., Virtual
- Aug. 7

Youth Commission Meeting, Canceled
- Aug. 8

The Well ft. Pop-up Health Clinic, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Templo Gethsemani, 6690 Monaco St.
- Aug. 9

Community Well-Being Pet Clinic, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Empowerment Apartments 5424 E. 62nd Ave.
- Aug. 9

Back-To-School Food Truck Rodeo, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Turnberry Park, 10725 Wheeling St.
- Aug. 11

City Council Study Session*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 12

Resource Round-Up, 10 – 11 a.m., Bison Ridge
- Aug. 12

Zoning Board of Adjustment*, 5:30 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 14

Blood Donation Drive, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., South Platte Crossing, 7190 Colorado Blvd. (5th Floor)
- Aug. 14

Senior Commission, 3 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 15

Park After Dark ft. Harold and the Purple Crayon, 7:30 p.m., Villages East Park, 11698 Chambers Rd.
- Aug. 18

City Council Regular Meeting*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 19

Derby Review Board Meeting*, 6 p.m., Civic Center
- Aug. 19

Cultural Council Meeting, 6 – 8 p.m., Civic Center
- Aug. 19

PRG Advisory Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Bison Ridge – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 20

SpeakUp Commerce City, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Eagle Pointe
- Aug. 22

Curt Holland Memorial Golf Tournament, 6:30 a.m., Buffalo Run Golf Course, 15700 E. 112th Ave., Commerce City, CO
- Aug. 25

City Council Study Session*, 6 p.m., Civic Center – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 26

Quality Community Foundation Meeting, Canceled
- Aug. 27

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission Meeting, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Civic Center
- Aug. 28

Citizens Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting, 4 p.m., Civic Center, Conference Room 2108 – Hybrid Meeting
- Aug. 28

Environmental Policy Advisory Committee Meeting, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Civic Center
- Aug. 30

Healing In Community, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Community Well-Being Office at South Platte Crossing, 7190 Colorado Blvd., 5th floor

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



Karla Loría,
Superintendent of
Adams 14

Greetings, Commerce City, my name is Dr. Karla Loría, and I am honored to serve as the Superintendent of Adams 14 School District. I hope you all enjoyed a restful summer break. As the start of the new school year approaches, I, like many of you, feel a mix of excitement and anticipation.

Saying goodbye to summer break is always bittersweet. Whether you're a parent, adjusting to early morning routines or a student preparing for earlier bedtimes, this transition marks a new beginning. Yet, any sadness quickly fades as I reflect on the excitement that lies ahead: welcoming new and familiar faces into our schools, seeing

classrooms filled with eager learners, and educators ready to inspire through meaningful instruction.

I have looked forward to the first day of school since we ended the last school year on such a high note. In our last month of the school year, we hosted several celebrations to honor the remarkable achievements of our students and staff. For example, more than 30 high school students were awarded the Seal of Bilingualism during the Pathways to Bilingualism ceremony at Adams City High School.

The district achieved remarkable growth earlier in the year. Among Colorado districts with the largest percentages of students of color and more than 1,000 students, we led in increasing the four-year graduation rate. From 67.0% in 2020-2021, to 68.8% in 2022-2023, we proudly reached 75.9% in 2023-2024.

We also connected with our community during the district's Third Annual Soccer World Cup, where over 30 teams, from Pre-K to alumni and adult players, competed in spirited matches and earned their places in the finals.

Those moments remind us of how far our district has come and how much more we can accomplish together. Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, I am confident that the 2025-2026 school year will be exceptional. The momentum we've gained over the summer lays the foundation for a strong start.

Over break, we proudly announced the official name of our new junior high: Summit Heights Junior High School, home of the Bison. Establishing our school's identity is an important step in cultivating pride and belonging among our students. I am also proud to share that Adams 14 teacher salaries now rank in the top 5% in the state of Colorado.

This achievement reflects our deep commitment to recognizing and retaining the dedicated educators who drive our district forward.

I am genuinely excited to embark on this new school year, and most of all, I look forward to seeing our students thrive once again. I am confident that 2025-2026 will be one for the books! Whether this is your first or final year in Adams 14, let's make it unforgettable. Let's keep striving for the summit together, Fourteeners!

Sincerely,
Dr. Karla Loría



Join us for National Night Out!

Neighborhood block parties held on Tuesday, Aug. 5

MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT and other local first responders are looking forward to visiting neighborhoods this year for National Night Out festivities on Tuesday, Aug. 5. This annual celebration brings neighborhoods together with CCPD and others stopping by to build relationships, strengthen ties, and stand together against crime in the community.

Stop by any of the six locations hosted this year:

- Holly Park Apartments: 5524 E. 60th Ave.
- South Adams County Water District: 6595 E. 70th Ave.
- Conter Estates: 6600 E. 60th Pl.
- Belle Creek Charter: 10693 Belle Creek Blvd.
- Fronterra Village: E. 101st & Chambers Dr.
- Harvest Meadows: Fraser & E. 101st

Learn more at c3gov.com/NNO.



Learn about free dementia support resources at Resource Round-Up

THE COMMUNITY WELL-BEING DIVISION invites residents to join the next Resource Round-Up on Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center (6060 Parkway Dr.). This monthly event is free and open to the public, offering helpful information and access to local services, all in one place.



This month's topic will focus on a groundbreaking new Medicare program designed to support individuals and families impacted by dementia. The Holding Group, now an official provider for Medicare's GUIDE program, short for Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience, will lead the session. This innovative care coordination program is available at no cost to those with original Medicare and offers personalized, long-term support to help manage the challenges of dementia.

Attendees will have the chance to hear directly from experts, ask questions, and learn how to connect with helpful community resources. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Topics change monthly, so there's always something new to discover.

For more information, visit c3gov.com/CWB.

Clear out your old tires for free

COMMERCE CITY RESIDENTS have a chance to safely and responsibly dispose of their old tires, free of charge, at the city's annual Tire Recycling Event on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Held at the Municipal Service Center (8602 Rosemary St.), this one-day event provides an easy way to recycle up to eight passenger vehicle tires per household. To participate, residents must bring valid proof of Commerce City residency.



This free program helps reduce illegal dumping and promotes environmental responsibility. All collected tires will be shredded and processed into tire-derived fuel, an energy source that gives used tires a second life.

Important guidelines:

- Rims must be removed before drop-off
- No commercial, heavy equipment, or tractor tires
- Tires only, no other waste materials accepted
- Valid proof of residency required

Help keep our community clean and sustainable, recycle your tires the right way. For more information, visit c3gov.com/Trash or contact the Public Works Department at 303-289-8150.

Enjoy the benefits of working for the city

DISCOVER THE OPPORTUNITY to shape your community from the inside out. Working for the City of Commerce City doesn't just mean working at the Civic Center; the city has six other facilities, including the Municipal Services Center, Eagle Pointe and Bison Ridge recreation centers, Buffalo Run Golf Course, Bison Grill Restaurant, and Paradise Island Pool. As a city employee, you can take advantage of great benefits including a retirement plan, exclusive recreation center discounts, homeownership program, and more.

"What I enjoy most about working at Commerce City is being around people who care about serving our community. I also get to be part of the first steps in our new team members' journey, helping them feel welcome and ready to start their story with us."

- Daniel Gonzales, Human Resources Department



Commerce City is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. We are ready to receive your application and welcome you to the team! Apply today at c3gov.com/Jobs.

THE COMMUNITY WELL-BEING DIVISION PRESENTS

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Thursday, Aug. 14

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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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7190 Colorado Blvd. (5th Floor)

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Family Literacy Program
GED Class
Registration

FREE GED Classes (18+) with the commitment to attend class regularly and complete required tasks

- Classes begin the Monday after registration at 5:30 p.m.
- 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

Interested in participating?
Fill out the interest form

Registration will be available the week of Aug. 18

Commerce CITY

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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.

Questions? Contact FamilyLiteracy@MSUDenver.edu

Get your furry friends taken care of



COMMERCE CITY PET OWNERS will have two opportunities this August to get your furry friends the care they need: a low-cost vaccination clinic for the general public on Aug. 2 and a free pet clinic for low-income and unhoused residents on Aug. 9.

Low-Cost Shot Spot Vaccination Clinic

The Commerce City Police Department is partnering with Spay Today Healthy Pet Clinic to offer a Low-Cost Shot Spot Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Civic Center, 7887 E. 60th Ave. Vaccinations and microchipping are available and cash or all major credit cards are accepted.

Services and vaccinations available for dogs include rabies (\$20), bordetella (\$25), leptospirosis (\$25), distemper/parvo (\$20), microchip (\$30), and dewormer/pyrantel (\$5). Services and vaccinations for cats include rabies (\$20), FVRCP (\$20), feline leukemia (\$25), microchip (\$30), and dewormer/pyrantel (\$5). For questions about the low-cost clinic, contact Joanna Small at jsmall@c3gov.com.

Pet Clinic for low-income residents

The Community Well-Being team is hosting a free Pet Clinic in partnership with the Street Dog Coalition to serve Commerce City residents who are low-income or experiencing homelessness. This event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Empowerment Apartments, 5424 E. 62nd Ave.

Supplies for this event are limited; therefore, services are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Proof of a Commerce City address is requested if available, and there's a limit of two pets per household. Pet owners must ensure dogs are leashed and cats are in carriers. Learn more at c3gov.com/CWB.

SAVE THE DATE

COMMERCE CITY CELEBRATES
HISPANIC
HERITAGE

Sunday, Sept. 21

In the Derby area
72nd Pl & Monaco St

c3gov.com/Events

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Thank you for celebrating Parks and Recreation Month

Parks and Recreation Month has ended, and we want to extend a huge thank you to all our incredible parks, recreation, and golf staff members! Their dedication and hard work are the backbone of everything we do. Without their tireless efforts, so much of what we accomplish daily simply wouldn't be possible. And thank you to everyone who celebrated with us this month! We loved seeing you out and about, enjoying all that our parks and recreation facilities have to offer.

Park After Dark

Get ready for a FREE movie night under the stars! Commerce City Parks and Recreation is hosting the final Park After Dark series at Villages East Park (11698 Chambers Rd.) with a showing of Harold and the Purple Crayon. On Friday, Aug. 15, bring your blankets, chairs, and the whole family for an evening of fun. We'll have family-friendly activities starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit c3gov.com/Events.

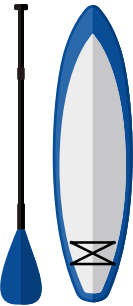


Discovery Kids (Ages 3-5)

Discovery Kids offers an engaging and interactive class session designed to foster skill-building, promote independence, and provide hands-on fun! Join us for an unforgettable learning experience that inspires creativity and confidence in every child, happening every Tuesday through Thursday. July 8 - Aug. 31 2 - 4 p.m. \$120/\$160 Bison Ridge 7152.201

Family Paddleboarding and Picnic (Ages 7 and up)

The recreation staff is partnering with the National Sports Center for the disabled paddle sports program, dedicated to providing an educational, therapeutic, and fun experience for everyone. All equipment and adaptations are provided. We will end with a picnic potluck. Friday, Aug. 15 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$15/\$20 Bison Ridge 7552.201



Grandparents Day Ice Cream Social (Ages 6 months and up)

Don't miss our Scoop-tacular afternoon filled with delicious ice cream treats! It's the perfect opportunity for grandparents and grandkids to bond and make unforgettable memories together. This special event is designed to celebrate the invaluable bond between grandparents and their grandchildren while enjoying a sweet treat together. Please register every participant – 2 and under are free. Saturday, Sept. 6 1-3 p.m. \$12/\$14 Bison Ridge 7071.301



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

Fishing Frenzy (All ages)

Join Commerce City Parks and Recreation and the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge for our Annual Fishing Frenzy. The Youth Fishing Derby will be a great event, including some great prizes! Our event partners will be here to support you if it's your first time fishing. Take a break from fishing to visit our interactive booths. We will have a limited amount of fishing poles and bait for you to borrow. Fishing Frenzy is held at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Rd, Commerce City, 80022.



Toddler Fishing Ages 1-4

Saturday, Sept. 13 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. FREE

Youth Fishing Derby Ages 5-15

Saturday, Sept. 13 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. \$5/\$7 7711.301

Family Fishing All Ages

Saturday, Sept. 13 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. FREE



Nine & Dine

Enjoy a fun-filled Nine and Dine outing this month. Golf begins with a shotgun start and includes nine holes of golf followed by dinner and awards at Bison Grill. Costumes are always encouraged, and the best-dressed always gets an award. This month's theme, Beach Bash in August. Don't wait and call 303-289-1500 to register. Saturday, Aug. 5 5 p.m. \$130 per couple. Buffalo Run



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RMA Welcomes New Leader with Expanded Role



Jamar Adams (left) has been named Director of the Front Range Restoration Program for the U.S. Army.

In this role, he manages environmental restoration efforts at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA), Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. He is filling a newly expanded role that was formerly held

by RMA Program Manager Charlie Scharmann, who retired last year.

“The environmental cleanup program at RMA is an example of what can be achieved through partnership with the community and regulatory agencies,” Jamar said. “I’m excited to lead this program and to build on the site’s legacy of safety, environmental stewardship and collaboration.”

Jamar brings more than a decade of military, civilian and engineering experience to RMA. Before joining the program last August, he served as the Restoration Program Manager for Fort Carson and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site. There, he was responsible for developing end-to-end environmental remediation strategies, overseeing budget analysis and management, collaborating with state and federal regulatory agencies, and providing effective leadership to Army staff and contractors.

In addition to his environmental program management expertise, Jamar served in the U.S. Air Force as a Supervisory Fire Inspector and Firefighter, before joining the U.S. Army as an engineer.

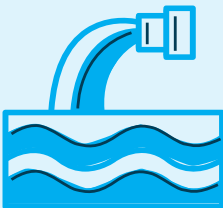
He holds a Master’s in Business Administration and a Bachelor’s in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of South Carolina at Columbia. He also earned a Master’s in Psychology from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

QUICK FACTS



10,000

Tons of steel recycled during RMA’s environmental cleanup



5

RMA groundwater treatment systems operating 24/7



5,554

Days without a safety incident resulting in lost time

RMA Begins Its Five-Year Review Process

The U.S. Army is starting its next Five-Year Review (FYR) process for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal environmental cleanup.

FYRs are a comprehensive assessment of how the environmental cleanup program is performing and of how well it protects human health and the environment. During the review, a multiagency team evaluates if environmental standards that affect the site have changed in the past five years, whether the cleanup continues to protect public health and the environment, and whether the cleanup can be expected to remain protective in the future.

FYRs are conducted cooperatively with the EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Adams County Health Department.

The review team completes community interviews and considers public input as part of the FYR process. If you would like to be interviewed for the FYR, please call 303-289-0200. You may also submit comments in writing to kelli.n.schneider.ctr@army.mil.

Learn more about the FYR online at home.army.mil/RMA.



Army Consolidates Operations into Headquarters Building

The Army recently completed a renovation of its headquarters building at RMA. Located northeast of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, the headquarters building is visible to hikers from the Rattlesnake Hill trail.

The building improvements enabled the Army to unite all Army staff and contractors in a single building. The project also helped to improve worker and traffic safety and realize energy and operational efficiencies.



▲ The site renovation included improvements to the building and parking areas.



▲ The lower floor includes space for groundwater monitoring activities.



▲ Conference and office spaces now support all Army staff and contractors in a single building.

Community Questions

Q Does RMA contribute “forever chemicals” to local groundwater?

A The Army reviewed its records to find out whether “forever chemicals” were released at RMA. These chemicals, which are collectively known as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), are found in everyday items like fast-food wrappers, carpets, clothing, paints, and Teflon because they help make materials resistant to stains and sticking.

At RMA, the only known PFAS releases came from a firefighting foam used twice in the late 1970s to control flammable liquid spills. Both incidents involved about 25 gallons of foam in areas already known to have contamination. These areas are upstream of groundwater treatment plants, which remove contamination before the water flows further.

Since 2017, the Army has been testing the water from these treatment plants to check for PFAS. Tests show that the treated water meets drinking water standards set by the EPA. In short, while small amounts of PFAS were released at RMA, the existing water treatment systems are working effectively to remove them.



▲ Traffic flow improvements enhance site safety for employees and visitors.

Contact Us

Would you like an RMA representative to come talk to your community group? If so, please call us at 303-289-0200. You can also reach us online by scanning this QR code.

