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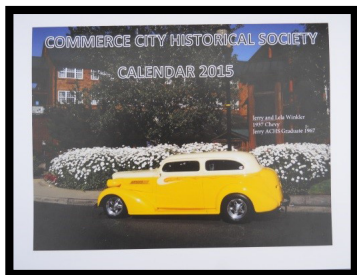
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2015 Calendar

We have a few
calendars left for 2015.
Cost \$8.00



Thank You!

The Commerce City Historical Society Board would like to thank June Younger for all of her years of dedication and hard work that she contributed to the Commerce City Historical Society. June resigned as a board member on November 5, 2014. We are sorry to see her leave and we will miss her and we wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.



2014 Christmas Lights Bus Tour

DUPONT AREA: Robert Vashaw and Kim Weber; 5881 E. 77th Avenue

Robert and Kim have been on a two cross country road trips in the summer of 2014 looking for Christmas decorations. He purchased most of his blow molds in Chicago.



IRONDALE AREA: Dean and Geri Frazell; 8786/8796 Ulster Street

Dean and Geri have lived in Irondale for over 50 years. He decorates 2 houses (His house and his Mom's house).



FRONTERRA AREA: Steve Brecheisen and Keith Dipprey; 15333 E. 100th Court

Steve and Keith have been previous winners on our bus trip. They upgrade every year and their house is wonderful!



HARVEST MEADOWS AREA: Mike and Jean Onstott; 10046 Fraser Street

Mike and Jean have a grand house to look at. Mike is an IT person and he controls his lights right from his computer.



Letter from the President

CCHS has had a wonderful year. We have our Museum, and we have settled in and are open for visitors.

Commerce City has approved a wonderful preservation plan for the City Master Plan. This plan will make it possible to designate historic sites to be preserved. Also, our membership has grown. Congratulations to all of us who are part of CCHS. Thanks for your help.



~JoAnn Stevenson

Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center *The First History Museum in Commerce City*



*6505 East 60th Avenue
303-288-2590*

*January Hours:
Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Or by appointment*

**Come and see the
history of Commerce
City, businesses,
organizations, people
and much more!**

CCHS Receives Grant

The Commerce City Historical Society Receives a grant from the Commerce City Business and Professional's Association

On Dec 11, CCHS receives their grant check at the annual Santa Bag Packing Day for the Derby Winter Festival.



(Teri Smith, Debra Bullock and Esther Hall).

Holiday Craft Sales

Leora Richards and Esther Hall selling craft items for the CCHS.



Lois Bertapelle

Lois, a long-time resident and CCHS member, donated her Christmas village to the museum and she helped us put it up as a display for Christmas.



Decorating the Museum for Christmas

Thanks to Esther Hall, Debra Bullock, Ron Brown, Sheila Harris, Donna Oberbeck, and Lois Bertapelle for decorating the museum for the Christmas holidays.



The Derby Survey Project

After almost 18 months of research Kris and Tim Hoehn, of Hoehn Architects, presented the final findings for the Derby Survey at Key Bank on Friday December 2. The final reports are available at the Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center. We would like to thank Key Bank for being one of our partners in the community and for allowing us to use their space for this presentation.



Would You Like to be a Committee Chairperson?

Interested in serving the Commerce City Historical Society as committee chairperson?

The list of committees we need to have a chairperson for include:

- Northern Range History Committee
- Adams City High School History Club
- Publicity and Publications Committee

If you are interested, please call
Debra Bullock at 303-288-2590.



The Commerce City Historical Society Hosted the
Adams 14 Administration for lunch at the museum November 4



Commerce City Historical Society Participates in the Derby Winter Festival

The CCHS donated money for three food baskets, and donated cookies for the cookie distribution with Ron and Kathy Struwe family and friends, at the Derby Winter Festival on December 12.



CCHS On-Hand for Ground Breaking and Grand Openings

Emergency Care Opens December 17, 2014

First Choice Emergency Room
15100 E. 104th Avenue, Commerce City,
Dr. Evan Schwartz, Facility Medical Director.

City Council attended the opening
(Mayor Sean Ford, Mayor Pro-Tem
Rene' Bullock, Councilman Rick Teter
and Steven Douglas).

First Choice Emergency Room
facilities are equipped with a full
radiology suite, as well as on-site
laboratories – all staffed by board-
certified physicians and emergency
trained Registered Nurses.



October 24, 2014

Ace Hardware Grand Opening

December 4, 2014

Fronterra Park Ground Breaking

Just more than a year after voters approved a sales tax increase, city officials were on hand Thursday, Dec. 4, for the ground-breaking ceremony for one of five capital projects.



Ground Breaking for the Boys and Girls Club

Commerce City Mayor Sean Ford, Congressman Ed Perlmutter CO-07, representatives from Suncor Energy and other community supporters joined Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver on Tuesday, October 21, for a ground breaking celebration at the new site of Suncor Boys & Girls Club in Commerce City, Colo. Speakers at the event included: Commerce City Mayor Sean Ford, Congressman Ed Perlmutter (CO-07), Nancy Thonen with Suncor, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver CEO John L. Barry and Haramarys, a Boys & Girls Club member.



Commerce City Celebrates Ground Breaking for New Outdoor Leisure Pool

Commerce City celebrates the beginning of construction on the first of five voter-approved capital projects Oct. 23, 2014. The first of its kind in Commerce City, the new outdoor leisure pool at Pioneer Park will feature a 5,000-square foot leisure pool, three water slides, a lazy river, a toddler pool and more. Students from Rose Hill Elementary School who submitted the winning games theme for the new pool will join city council and community leaders for the ceremonial event and learn more about pool, which will open next summer.

WHERE: East side of Pioneer Park
5950 Holly Street, Commerce City

*The pool will be named PARADICE.
There was a naming contest through the city
and the Council voted on the final name.*



In Memoriam



Mildred C. Baker

Born in Denver on Dec. 20, 1924

Departed on Oct. 7, 2014, and resided in Commerce City, CO

Mildred Baker passed away suddenly on October 7, 2014. Mildred was born in 1924 in Denver, Colorado to Robert Collins and Minnie (Sullivan) Collins. She graduated from Manual High School in 1942. Mildred married Gerald Baker in 1945 and they had two sons, Clifford and Clyde. They moved to Commerce City in 1955 and she worked for Booth-Rouse Equipment Co. for 24 years. After she retired she joined the Commerce City Music Makers and participated in the group for 27 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Commerce City which became Open Door Fellowship Church of Commerce City which became Good News Community Church since about 1963. She was preceded

in death by her husband Gerald in 2005. She is survived by her sons Clifford (Shirley) Baker of Greeley, CO and Clyde (Terri) Baker of San Antonio, TX. She is also survived by her sister Vivian Jella of Denver, CO and Cousin Donna Hernandez of San Francisco. She also has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Timothy Joe Black

September 16, 1947 - December 4, 2014

Resided in Westminster, CO

Timothy Joe Black, 67, of Westminster, Colorado passed away on December 4, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Karen; and many loving family members. Timothy was the son of Denver and Earlea Black. Services were held at Family in Christ Community Church, 11355 North Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, CO 80020 on Thursday December 11, 2014.



KENNETH LOEL DOSS

November 23, 1962- November 28, 2014

Kenneth L. Doss, 52, of Commerce City, CO. passed away peacefully on November 28, 2014 at the Denver hospice, after losing a short battle with stage IV liver cancer. He was born on November 23, 1962 to Estel R. and Lois J. Doss in Denver, CO. He graduated from Adams City High School in 1980. Kenneth worked as a store manager for McDonalds in Commerce City, as well as some of their other stores. Kenneth is survived by his parents, Estel and Lois Doss, of Commerce City, a daughter, Angela Marie Doss and her significant other, Rudy Stines of Lakewood, Co and a son, Brendon Aric Doss, his wife, Marysol and their two children, Luna and Leonardo of Lincoln, NE.

Leonardo was born 3 days before Kenneth passed away. He had four siblings; Sherlyn (Gregory) Keiling, Curtis (Anita) Doss, Kelvin (Regina) Doss, Duane (Tamera) Doss. He also had 14 nieces and nephews and 6 great nieces and nephews and his children's half-brother, David Erion. A memorial service was held December 12, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the Nativity Lutheran Church.



In Memory of Randy Jay Kittinger

Randy Jay Kittinger, 60 of Commerce City, Colorado died on Monday, October 20, 2014, at Decedent's Residence in Commerce City, Colorado. Born Sunday, May 30, 1954 in Denver, Colorado, he was the son of Charlene Nelson and the late John Kittinger. Surviving are daughter, Tobi (Christopher) Kittinger-Pond, Sister Kathy (Dave) Griffin, and granddaughter Callista Pond.

In Memoriam



Mick Mitchell

October 23, 1933 - October 15, 2014

Harry Brainard "Mick" Mitchell Jr., 80, of Brighton Colorado, passed away on October 15, 2014 with family by his side. Loving husband and friend of Rita Mitchell; loving father of David (Debbie) Mitchell, Steven (Mitzi) Mitchell, and Marjorie Mitchell; loving grandfather of Tiffany (Shawn) Moss, Miranda (Dylan) Baker, Ashley Mitchell (Mike Reed), Jonathan (Gina) Mitchell, and Timothy Mitchell; loving great-grandfather of eleven. Mick was a loving brother to Charles "Bud" Mitchell whom precedes him in death. Mick was born on October 23, 1933 to Harry B. Mitchell, Sr. and his wife Florentine during the height of the Great Depression. From the very beginning he was a gift to his family. Though he grew up poor, his family always found ways to find the bright side of things and he carried that attitude on to his own family. Mick was a third

generation Coloradan. He was one of the three founders of Mitchell & Sons, which manufactured Mitchell campers for many years. Life revolved around his family and his family business. Boisterous and full of life; he was easily remembered. Mick took his family on many trips all over the USA and Canada in Mitchell campers. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren came running to him when they saw him. After he retired, Mick wrote several books with stories about his family. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew him. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on October 21, 2014 at Highland Mortuary in the Chapel.



Danial Lee Simmons of Commerce City,

Son of the late Samuel Simmons and Irene Ruby

Father of Jennifer (Nicholas) LaPenna, Danial Simmons and Joshua Simmons.

Brother of Diana (Ken) Schafer, Pam (Jim) Birdsell.

Grandfather of Leilonni, Bo, Jaxon, Rocco, Hayleigh, Amy and Joshua.

Preceded in death by his two brothers Steven and Rusty Simmons.

Memorial Service 2:00pm Friday, December 19 at Aspen Magnolia Chapel. 6580 E. 73rd Ave. Commerce City.



Karolyn Denise (Link) Yattaw

(July 3, 1957 - December 20, 2014)

Karolyn Yattaw of Commerce City, Colorado, passed away suddenly at St. Anthony's Central Hospital on Saturday December 20, 2014 at 6:23 am. Karolyn was born in Merced, California on July 3, 1957, to Leroy and Martha Link that now reside in Russellville, Arkansas. She went to Clovis High School in Clovis, New Mexico for most of her high school years, But Graduated from Adams City High School where she finished her senior year. Karolyn worked in Banking for 35 years, in various areas and with multiple banks over the years and was currently working for Colorado Business Bank (CoBiz) of Colorado in the Loan Operations Department, after leaving Vectra Bank recently. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Jeffery L Yattaw of Commerce City. They had been together for 37+ years and will be Sorely missed. She is survived by three

younger brothers - Terry Link (Sherilyn Link) of Colorado, Delbert Link (Karen Link) of Arkansas, and Bruce Link (Amber Link) of Arkansas. Also survived by multiple nieces and nephews residing in Arkansas. Karolyn was Cremated at Aspen Mortuary and internment will be decided at a later date. She would want to thank all the good friends and colleagues she has met over the years and wish them Gods Speed, until she meets all again in a better place. Thanks for all your Thoughts and Prayers. God Bless All.

2015 Jean Klein Angel Awards

We are now accepting nominations for the Jean Klein Angel Awards for 2015. We have two categories:

1. Jean Klein Angel Award
2. Business Award

JEAN KLEIN ANGEL AWARD

The Commerce City Historical Society has initiated the Jean Klein Angel award to honor recipients that have made contributions of time and talent to the City, the people and the area that profoundly and positively affected our history.

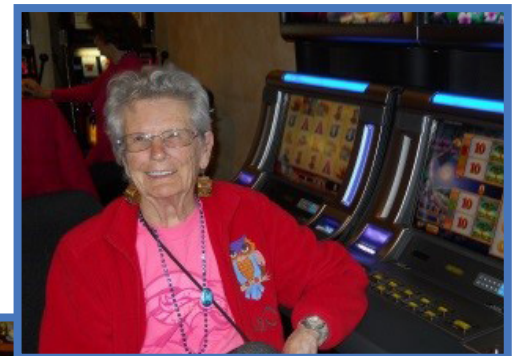
BUSINESS AWARD

The Commerce City historical Society has initiated the Business Award for the businesses in Commerce City that have been in business for over 50 years and who have profoundly and positively affected our history. Please mail you nominations to the Commerce City Historical Society, 6505 East 60th Avenue or bring them to the museum on Saturday mornings.

Nominations are due by February 28, 2014, by email to cchistoricalociety@yahoo.com, or mail to 6505 East 60th Avenue, or drop it off at the Museum.

Commerce City Historical Society Visits Central City

We headed to the hills on Sunday November 2



Commerce City Historical Society 2015 Calendar

MEETINGS

JANUARY 16, 2015

MARCH 20, 2015(Annual Membership Meeting)

MAY 15, 2015

JULY 17, 2015

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

NOVEMBER 20, 2015

Board Meetings the second Monday of every month at 6pm

ANNUAL EVENTS:

History Coloring Book Distribution Th/Fri APRIL 16 & 17, 2015

"From Time To Time" Luncheon Sunday APRIL 26, 2015

Annual Garage Sale, Saturday MAY 9, 2015

Third Grade Book Distribution MAY 2015

Commerce City History Coloring Contest Awards Ceremony MAY 18, 2015

Central City Fundraiser, Sunday MAY 17, 2015

Memorial Day Parade, Monday MAY 25, 2015

Victorian Afternoon, Saturday AUGUST 22, 2015

Pioneer Picnic, Saturday SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

Derby Antique Road Show, Saturday NOVEMBER 14, 2015

Christmas Lights History Bus Tour Saturday DECEMBER 19, 2015


COMMERCE CITY HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER:

Hours: Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

CCHS appreciates our business members!



As a new feature in our newsletter, the Commerce City Historical Society is adding this Business Membership Page featuring advertisements for those businesses that have either a Business/Corporation

MADISON & COMPANY
PROPERTIES, LTD.



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BROKER ASSOCIATE

Office: 303-771-3850 Mobile: 303-901-7486
pam@theknollteam.com theknollteam.com
1221 S. Clarkson St. Suite 300 Denver, CO 80210



7280 Monaco St. 303-286-3982

MAGNOLIA
ENTERPRISES



Harlow Leeper, Owner
7290 Magnolia Street




7887 E. 60th Avenue
Commerce City, CO 80022
303-289-3600

Commerce
CITY



SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY
WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

6595 E. 70th Avenue
303-288-2646



Adams 14 Education Foundation

La Casa del Rey



7035 E. 72nd Ave
Commerce City 80022
(303) 287-7480



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Commerce City Historical Society Application for Membership

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ home _____ cell _____

Business Name: _____ Date Paid _____

Annual Dues

Please make checks payable to: Commerce City Historical Society,
6505 East 60th Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022

Individual	\$10.00	_____ (per year)
Family	\$25.00	_____ (per year)
Business/Corporation	\$100.00	_____ (per year)
Life Membership	\$500.00	_____ (one time)
Senior Lifetime Membership (Age 65 Plus)	\$250.00	_____ (one time)

How would you like to be notified of meetings and the Newsletter?

Email _____ phone _____ mail _____

Donations

I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution
to the Commerce City Historical Society:

Please make checks payable to: Commerce City Historical Society,
6505 East 60th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ home _____ cell _____

Email: _____

Business Name: _____

- ☐ \$10
☐ \$25
☐ \$50
☐ \$100

- ☐ \$250
☐ \$500
☐ \$1,000
☐ \$ _____

- ☐ General Operating Fund
☐ Newsletter Fund
☐ Staff
☐ Building Maintenance

- ☐ Future Building Acquisition
☐ Future Land Acquisition
☐ Non-Specific
☐ Other _____

Mailing Address:

10671 Nucia Ct.
Commerce City, CO 80022

Museum Address:

Commerce City Heritage and Cultural Center

Open Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Commerce City, CO 80022

303-288-2590

CCHS Storage Facility

7450 Highway 2

Email: cchistoricalociety@yahoo.com

Website: cchistoric.com



*Our Mission
"To Preserve the
Commerce City Area History"*

Current Members

Debra Bullock•JoAnn Stevenson•Rene Bullock•Dick Stevenson•The Family of Sean & Samantha Ford•Don Sater•Loretta Petty•Thelma Cole•Bob Hutchings•Dorothy Hutchings•Esther Hall•Hester Bonnel•The Family of Reba and Gary Drotar•The Family of Steve and Kristi Douglas•The Family of Troy and June Younger•The Family of Norm and Janet Union•Harlow Leeper•Laura Wells•Maxine Galindo•Sandra Carruthers•Dave Chambers•Kris Jimenez-Chambers•Martha Applegarth•The Family of Carol Dietz•The Family of Dami Hummel•The Family of David and Sherrie Hage•The Family of Carroll & Dolores Harr•City of Commerce City•Magnolia Enterprises•Beverly VanDeWeghe•Joe Stongle•Shirley Brown Wilcoxon•Leora Richards•The Casey Hayes Family•The Family of Pam & Jim Meier•Pearl Brown•Norma Russell•Lynn Bradley•Dixie Pierce•Ronald Brown•Ann Emerson•Julie Hohn•The Family of Judy Tunis•Larry Minert•Mary Minert•Harley Hall•Barbara McMillan•Robert Gehler•Lou and Charlene Jaramillo•The Family of Larry Quintana•Steven Kreutzer•Al Klein•The Family of Jim & atraicia Deden•Patricia Blair Corning•Carol Kenworthy•Sally McIntosh•Tom Schrah•Hal Swanson•Laura Wells•Family of Pat and Lynette Malloy•Jim and Pam Meier•Dotson and Pamela (Bromley) Skaggs•Reverend Victor and Debbie Young•Delores Yunko•Adams 14 Education Foundation•La Casa Del Rey•Derell and Carolyn Younger•Adams 14 Board of Education•Carol Kenworthy•The Family of Harry and Margie Buschman•The Family of Dave and Charlene Busby•The Family of Edward & Ruth Muhr•Crystal Elliott•South Adams County Water & Sanitation District•Marsha Taylor•The Family of Rudy Grant•Sheila Gacetta•The Family of Rick and Patti Teter•DominickMoreno•Evelyn Barnard•Pearl Mott•The Family of Herb and Shirley Stertz•Teresa Muniz•Darlene Muniz•Carolyn Kerls•Miriam Hast•Mary Krenzer•Susan Carabajal•Janet Jackson•Delora Lane•Hi-Lo Employees Corp•Westminster Historical Society•Foresight•The Family of Mark Epstein•The Family of Mizaim Cordero•Dottie Bakke•Dodie Doren•Charlene Kittinger•The Family of Carl & LaDonna Wagoner•Bonnie Campbell•Ted Kimmes•The Family of Bert & Vivian Parker•The Family of Kevin and Ruth Phillips•The Family of David and Cindy Brown•The Family of Steve O'Dorisio•Phil Perez•Marilyn Teto•The Lois Bertapelle Family•Linda and Terry Bullington•Tony and Connie Bertapelle•Alberta and David Farnsworth•Jim and Jan Anderson•Alice and Scott Ingram•The Family of William Shelby•The Family of Domenic Teto•The Knoll-Meier Realty Group•Wayne Maddox, The Family of Jessie Singh•Arlene Castro-ReMax Momentum•William and Susan Frew•Tom Schrah•Chaz and Bernadette Tedesko•Maria and Jason Carabajal•Cyrus Douglas•Marlene Goettelman•Renee Hast Stabila•Stephanie Hast Clow•Gail Hast•Karen Stromer•Keith and JoAnn Moss