

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, November 6, 2025 AGENDA

Thursday, November 6, 2025 80104

5:00 PM

100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO

Conference Rooms A&B
Instructions for virtually joining the meeting
can be found at:

https://www.douglas.co.us/board-county-commissioners/boards-commissions/open-space-advisory-committee/

The purpose of the Douglas County Open Space Advisory Committee is to advise and make recommendations to the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners (Board) and municipal officials regarding disbursement of funds from the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources, Open Space Sales and Use Tax Fund, and to select open space land to be proposed for acquisition, maintenance, or preservation, to establish priorities, and to make recommendations to the Board on lands involving conservation easements acquired with such funds.

COSAC Administrative Pre-Meeting 5:00 PM

Administrative questions on anything on the agenda

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

- I. Roll Call
- II. COSAC Disclosures
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes October 2, 2025
- V. Public comment (Provisions for additional public comment will be made as deemed appropriate by Chair)
- VI. Administrative Announcements
 i. Parks & Trails Updates

- ii. Historic Preservation Updates
- iii. Open Space Updates
 - 1. Minor Department Restructure
 - 2. COSA Plus Sponsorship
 - 3. Rx Fire Spruce Meadows
- iv. Other Updates
 - 1. County Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS

VII. Brooke Fox to discuss Mark Weston

VIII. Budget Tool Review

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

**The Next Meeting Will be Held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. **

Attachments: Last meeting minutes Presentations (if applicable) Staff Reports (if applicable) County Manager Report

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025 MINUTES

Call to Order

I. RECURRING ITEMS

ROLL CALL

Jay Sage, Chair – Present
Jim Guerra, Vice Chair – Present
Jennifer Drybread, Committee Member – Excused
Mark Giebel, Committee Member – Present
Patti Hostetler, Committee Member – Present
Gregory Ochs, Committee Member – Present
Brian O'Malley, Committee Member – Present
Tom Rundell, Committee Member – Present
Elizabeth Snow, Committee Member – Present
Kathie Shandro, Committee Member – Present

II. Disclosure for Items on the Agenda

Mark Giebel abstained as a COSAC member from discussions surrounding Funding Request for Wildcat Regional Park due to a conflict of interest.

Wildcat was not an agenda line item – the funding request document is in the packet. A recommendation was made by COSAC at the April 22, 2025, meeting.

III. Motion to Approve Agenda

RESULT: Approved MOVER: O'Malley SECONDER: Shandro

AYES: Sage, Guerra, Giebel, Hostetler, Ochs, O'Malley, Rundell, Snow, Shandro

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes from September 4, 2025

RESULT: Approved MOVER: Shandro SECONDER: Guerra

AYES: Sage, Guerra, Giebel, Hostetler, Ochs, O'Malley, Rundell, Shandro

Abstain: Snow

V. Public Comment

None.

VI. Administrative Announcements

Scott McEldowney, Assistant Director, provided the following updates:

- 30th Anniversary Fall Festival was a huge success. Planning for next year has started.
- Sandstone Forest Mitigation project is in the finishing stages.
- Spruce Meadows prescribed burn will be starting in the beginning of November 2025.
- Spruce Mountain treatments are underway to get good control on the dwarf mistletoe that is killing the Ponderosa Pines.
- Schmidt Jackson Creek/Garber Creek Forest Management Prescription Project is getting close to starting. Project is almost 100% funded by grants and \$300,000 from General Fund.

Dan Dertz, Director, provided the following updates:

• County Manager Report Update. Wildcat Land Transfer is going to the Board of County Commissioners on October 14, 2025. Funding requests will happen at the same time.

Jay Sage, COSAC Chair, provided the following updates

- The 30th Open Space Anniversary had a wonderful turnout and was very successful.
- Introduced David Walker and explained that he is following Brian O'Malley around getting footage for Mr. O'Malley's Oak Leaf Award presentation.

VII.NEW BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Finance Request Presentation by Brittany Cassell. Brittany Cassell, Historic Preservation, presented COSAC an overview of the request for Open Space sites. Ms. Cassell discussed the cost breakdown for each project on the 3 proposed properties. The purpose of this presentation was to update COSAC on each project and cost as the request will be presented at the BOCC business meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. COSAC recommends the BOCC approve Historic Preservation's request for \$1,757,500.

VIII. Motion to Approve \$1,757,500 Historical Preservation Funding Request

RESULT: Approved MOVER: Shandro SECONDER: O'Malley

AYES: Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell

NAYS: Sage, Ochs ABSENT: Drybread

Comment details on COSAC votes

Jim Guerra This conversation has been discussed for a while now. This is already paired down to highest priorities of repair needed. No choice. A discussion needs to be had on future projects and payroll for

Open Space needs to be moved to the general fund. That will free up money to maintain structures and our core properties.

Brian O'Malley It's our obligation to take care of these properties and we have let them go for far too long. Watching them deteriorate.

Elizabeth Snow Yes, for taking care of the obligation of taking care of what was previously prioritized by COSAC. This request has already been pared down from the backlog of items that are on the deferred maintenance list.

Kathie Shandro Structures going down are not an option.

Mark Giebel Supporting staff's recommendation to move forward with this request. In the future I would like to learn more on if this is mandatory on the conservation easements and what the value is.

Patti Hostetler Agree with Jim. Has been put off for some time. Necessary. We need to take care of what we currently own. Moving forward it would be nice to work with historic preservation on an assessment on any future acquisitions for budgeting purposes.

Tom Rundell Would like to see a 10% cut in the funding request but in risk of losing the funding altogether feels it is imperative that COSAC approves this request tonight. If we lose the structure, does it mean we lose the importance of open space? This supports the Commissioners with their request to open properties.

Jay Sage Voted no. Suggested to fund some degree of historic preservation. Wants more detail and definition of levels of historic need. Better definition of what needs to be funded.

Greq Ochs voted no. Needs more details of the repairs and value to historic structures.

Open Space & Natural Resources Department Vehicle Requirements Request – Motion Required.

Kirk Inderbitzen, Ranger Supervisor, presented COSAC an overview of the request for Department Vehicle Requirements. Mr. Inderbitzen is requesting 11 vehicles for staff; 4 vehicles are retained and need to be turned into fleet and the purchase of 4 new vehicles with a funding request of \$425,000. COSAC recommends the BOCC approve the vehicle request for \$425,000.

IX. Motion to Approve \$425,000 Open Space Vehicle Requirement Funding Request

RESULT: Approved MOVER: Rundell SECONDER: Guerra

AYES: Sage, Guerra, O'Malley, Snow, Ochs, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell

ABSENT: Drybread

No Comment details on COSAC votes given.

Highlands Ranch Community Association \$3.5 Million Funding Request – No Motion Required COSAC refreshed the scorecards and reopened the request to the Board of County Commissioners with COSAC's recommendation. This item will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on October 14, 2025.

COSAC Budget Subcommittee - No Action Required.

Scott McEldowney presented the budget tool that was created by Jay Sage, COSAC Chairman, Jim Guerra, COSAC Vice Chairman, Kirk Inderbitzen, Ranger Supervisor, and Darcy Wilson, Administrative Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator. This is an interactive spreadsheet to outline five-year budget requests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COSAC entered executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a),(b) and discussed the potential acquisition of specific real property in Douglas County for preservation as open space. The discussion included the costs, benefits, and relative merits of potential property acquisitions, existing protections and encumbrances, limitations upon use, wildlife, natural resources, terrain, surrounding properties, and how the property relates to the objectives of COSAC and Douglas County. COSAC also received legal advice from an assistant county attorney regarding executive sessions and compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

Motion for COSAC to enter an executive session.

RESULT: Approved MOVER: Sage

SECONDER: Hostetler

AYES: Sage, Guerera, O'Malley, Snow, Ochs, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler,

Rundell

ABSENT: Drybread

X.COSAC Discussion for the Good of the Order

COSAC members and staff engaged in a collective discussion pertaining to the scorecard completion and process of evaluating projects. COSAC will discuss project scoring at an upcoming premeeting.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

After adjourning the executive session, COSAC members came back to the regular COSAC meeting. COSAC Chair, Jay Sage stated that COSAC was now finished with the executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a),(b) for the purposes of discussing the potential acquisition of specific properties and legal advice, stated that no decisions were made in the executive session, and asked for a motion for adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the regular COSAC meeting.

RESULT: Approved MOVER: Hostetler SECONDER: Gerra

AYES: Sage, Guerera, O'Malley, Snow, Ochs, Shandro, Giebel, Hostetler,

Rundell

ABSENT: Drybread



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To Resilience.

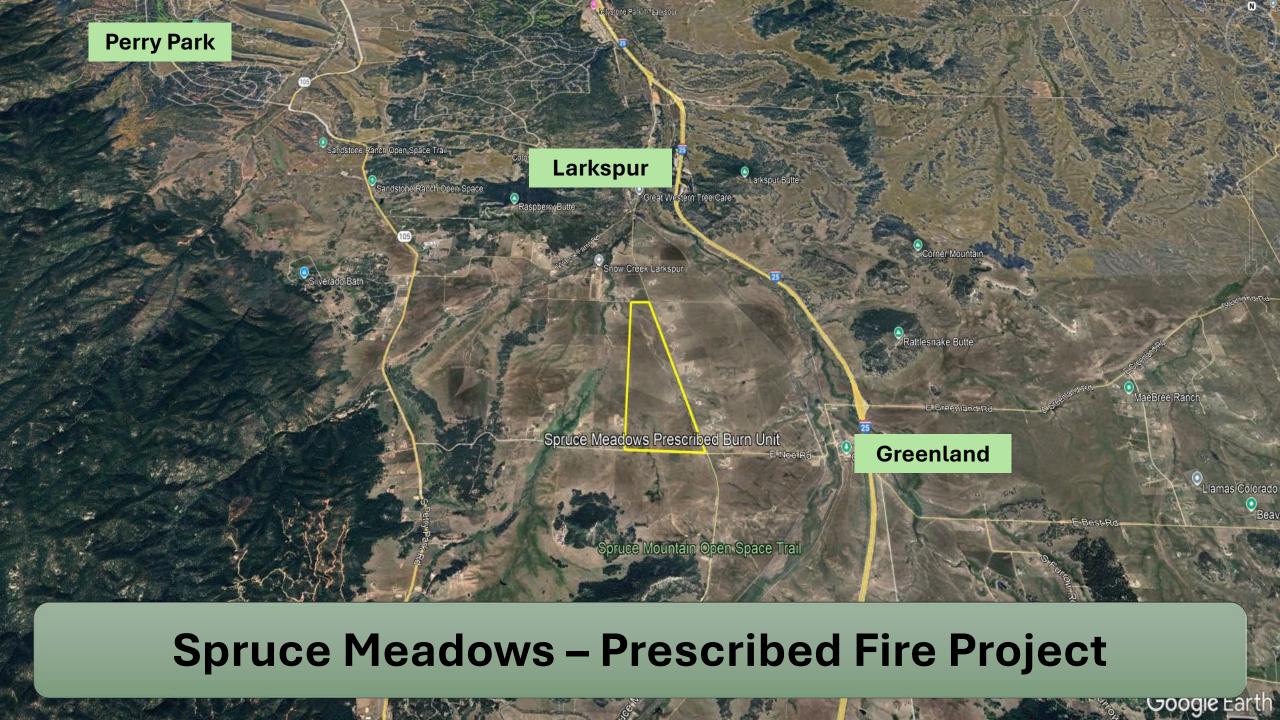
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Protecting Tomorrow...









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Reduce Wildfire Risk



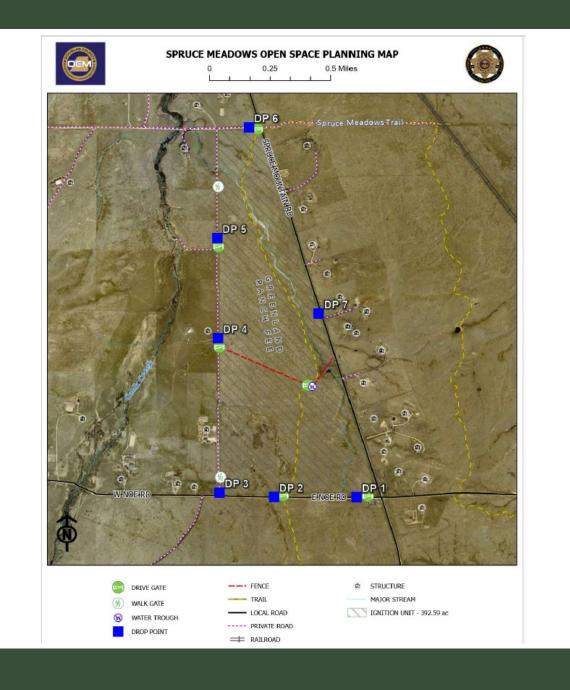
Improve Ecosystem Health



Suppress Invasive Species



Provide Critical Training





TO: The Board of County Commissioners **FROM:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager

DATE: October 28, 2025

RE: County Manager Report

• Vote Early. Near You. Voting is underway for the Nov. 4, 2025, Coordinated Election, and there are 23 convenient ballot drop boxes located across Douglas County for you to securely return your voted ballot. All ballot drop boxes are open now through 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 4, 2025. Visit our webpage to find a ballot drop box near you and for all of your election services.



Generous contribution builds momentum for Heroes Hall fundraising Veterans help build the fabric of



our nation, community and families. Honoring them locally continues long after active duty. This is the vision for Douglas County Heroes Hall, funded primarily through private donations. This marked a major step forward in fundraising thanks to a \$100,000 founding donation on behalf of the Aloha Fund, a private, locally owned philanthropic fund that supports non-profits in Castle Rock and throughout Douglas County. Visit our webpage to

<u>learn about the inspiration behind this week's donation and more about how you can help build Heroes</u> Hall.

Community Development

Parks, Trails and Building Grounds

• Commissioners acquire 45.6 acres for new regional sports complex - The community asked, and now the

vision for new regional sports amenities to serve youth and adults across Douglas County is one step closer to reality. During a regular business meeting on Oct. 14, the Board of Douglas County Commissioners unanimously approved a land transfer with Sterling Ranch to acquire 45.6 acres for the new Zebulon Regional Sports Complex. Visit our webpage to learn more about the project plans.



More trails and open space in Douglas County thanks to partnership between Douglas County and



Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) - Thanks to your feedback and a partnership between Douglas County and Highlands Ranch Community Association, 202 acres of open space known as Wildcat Regional Park and an additional 150 acres known as the Highlands Ranch Open Space Conservation Area will soon be preserved as open space property with miles of trails for everyone to enjoy. Visit our webpage to learn

about plans for trails and public access on the Wildcat property.

Community Services

Activity Report October 9 – October 23, 2025

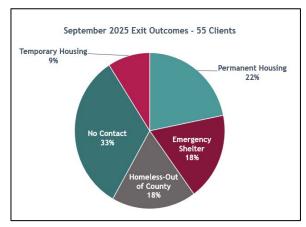
- **HEART Success Story** In April 2024, a HEART Navigator encountered a man pushing a shopping cart along Hwy 85 and stopped to check in with him. Staff learned the man had been unhoused for an extended period and needed food. Over the past year, Staff provided support by helping him submit multiple housing applications, providing food boxes, and ensuring he had bus passes for transportation. The man successfully secured permanent housing in September 2025 and expressed deep gratitude for the guidance and help staff offered throughout his journey.
- HEART September 2025 Report

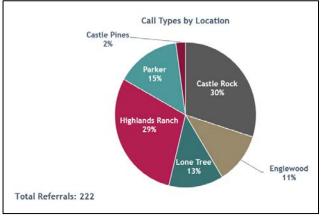












- CDOT Onsite Visit –CDOT conducted an onsite visit on October 15 to review Douglas County's compliance
 for transit projects utilizing CDOT funds. The County provided an overview of the process to keep projects
 within budget, financially accurate and on schedule. CDOT's staff were given a brief tour of the vehicles that
 Aging Resources of Douglas County has in their fleet and challenges around State funding were discussed.
- **DRCOG Quarterly Meeting** Jennifer D'Ambrosio and Kim Smith attended DRCOG's quarterly meeting on October 22 at Project Angel Heart in Denver. The meeting included legislative and grant updates, along with opportunities for attendees to network and discuss how to address current challenges.

Community Outreach

HEART – On October 18, the Douglas County High School Dance Team assembled care bags for individuals in need and donated more than 40 of them to the HEART program. Each bag included gloves, socks, toiletries, and a notepad. This generous contribution will help support and bring warmth to people who are unhoused that are working with the HEART to obtain shelter or housing.



- Link On Demand Discussion with Vi Community Services staff held a discussion with Vi at Highlands Ranch about the Link On Demand on October 8. The discussion revolved around the capabilities and limitations of the service in regard to the older adult population that resides at Vi. Plans were made for Community Services staff to return to provide an educational brief to Vi staff involved in transportation, so that they may assist residents with creating accounts and booking rides through Link On Demand.
- Cherry Hills Community Church On October 9, HEART collaborated with the Community Response Team (CRT) to present to staff at Cherry Hills Community Church. Information was shared with 20 staff members about Douglas County's efforts to address homelessness and mental health. CRT shared signs and symptoms to look for when staff encounter a person experiencing a mental health crisis. HEART shared how they connect individuals to services in the community and help them navigate the system of care.

Douglas County Youth Initiative (DCYI):

- Family Partnership Meeting The Douglas County Health Department had a Family Partnership Meeting. As the program moves to their next chapter, older youth will become a major area of focus. DCYI will work with this group to provide youth voices for focus groups.
 - o Target Population: School-aged children and families
 - o Focus: Behavioral Health
 - o Activity: Youth Engagement
 - Action Steps:
 - Two-hour focus groups on substance use and mental health.
 - DCYI will engage interested students to participate.
 - Ongoing Engagement Opportunities:
 - Working group around messaging and graphics, in partnership with Communications, for a youth and family-centered behavioral health campaign.
 - Engagement in the Youth Suicide Prevention Subcommittee a subset of the Suicide Prevention Workgroup.
 - Possible video testimonials of youth with lived experience (substance use or mental health).
 - Offer community service hours for ongoing participation and feedback.

Open Space and Natural Resources

Great Horned Owl Release at Dupont Open Space - Staff collaborated with Rocky Mountain Wildlife



Alliance (RMWA) to release three rehabilitated Great Horned Owls in Dupont Open Space in Louviers on October 14th. The release included two young owls that came to the rescue in the spring. One was suffering from rodenticide poisoning after being fed poisoned rats by its mother. The second owl suffered head trauma after flying into a window. The third owl was an adult female who suffered significant soft tissue injury to the soft fleshy area at the base of the beak. She was unable to hunt and became very malnourished before being rehabilitated by the rescue. Dupont Open Space provides great habitat for Great Horned Owls because of the unique blend of forested areas and grasslands.

• Conservation Easement Monitoring with Douglas Land Conservancy - During the fall, Douglas Land



Conservancy (DLC) starts their annual Conservation Easement (CE) monitoring of Open Space and Natural Resources (OSNR) properties. Most OSNR properties are protected by a CE and DLC holds 21 of these easements, approximately 15,000 acres. A CE is an agreement between a landowner and an outside organization that permanently protects the natural, historic, cultural and scenic resources (collectively referred to as the conservation values) on the property. The map area highlighted in green indicates the CE spanning the County's portion of Greenland Ranch and Spruce Meadows Open Space.

When a property is initially placed into a CE, a baseline study is conducted documenting the vegetation communities and current condition of the property. The purpose of annual monitoring is to ensure the terms of the easement are being upheld, and the land is well-preserved with data from the baseline report used as reference. Over the last 20 years OSNR has received successful annual monitoring reports from DLC and the team remains committed to protecting and maintaining these properties for future generations.

Public Works

Activity Report Oct 13 - Oct 24, 2025

Active Projects (Cone Zone Webpage)

County Line Road Widening and Reconstruction – Construction on County Line Road began in September



2025. On Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, traffic was shifted on County Line Road between University Boulevard and Clarkson Street. With this traffic shift, westbound traffic shifted to the south, and eastbound traffic remains shifted to the south. Be aware of crews working on the north side of County Line Road, as well as trucks and construction equipment in the project vicinity. This lane shift is scheduled to be in place until approximately August 2026. Beginning in late December 2025, motorists should anticipate a full closure of County Line Road from

Clarkson Street to the U-Haul business access area. The closure will last approximately 100 days, giving crews time to import dirt for construction at Lee Gulch.

Since 2019, Douglas County has worked with partners to advance the final design, acquire right-of-way, and prepare utility relocation design for a major water line located within the project area. Douglas County is partnering with the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the City of Littleton, and the City of Centennial to fund the project.

Highlands Ranch Drainage Projects - The Highlands Ranch Small Storm Sewer UV-CIPP Lining projects



started - Pipe repairs have already been completed located on Plaza Drive (Broadway & Ridgeline) and on Broadway (south of Northridge Recreation Center driveway). Starting in mid-August to early September of 2025, the next phase of storm sewer maintenance on Sterling Ct, Sterling Dr, Heatherwood Ct, Broadway just south of the Northridge Rec Center Access point, and at 9261 S Broadway, will occur. These projects are anticipated to be completed on December 31, 2025, weather dependent.

 I-25 Douglas County Monument Signs – Cushing Terrell has begun producing construction plans for the sign near Lincoln Ave. Cushing Terrell has RTD contact information and will begin coordination on the overpass signage. County staff also received feedback from CDOT on the location of the southern signage and the consultant will now move forward with the design of a sign north of exit 163. Next steps include revisiting the design of the sign for the south end, continuing to reach out to RTD regarding the pedestrian bridge sign, and applying for CDOT approval of the north site near Lincoln Ave.

- Highlands Ranch Pkwy Reconstruction, Broadway to Burntwood Olsson submitted the 30% design, the
 geotechnical report, and a cost estimate for the project. A design review is scheduled with Olsson and
 County staff on October 23rd. After incorporating the County feedback into their design, Olsson will submit
 90% plans. The project is planned for construction bidding in early 2026.
- Pine Creek and Highway 67 Culvert Replacement Project Two culverts on Pine Creek Rd and three culverts on Douglas County Highway 67 need to be replaced. The existing storm culverts vary in size from 36" diameter to 48" diameter and are made of metal. We are anticipating that this work will occur Fall 2025 Spring 2026. These culvert replacements will have roadway impacts and travelers to the area should expect long delays.



Hilltop Road (Legend High School to Crest View Drive) Improvements Project – For segment 1 of this



project, the construction began on April 16, 2025, and the contractor began implementing public notifications on message boards. This is the first of three projects planned over the next few years to reconstruct and widen the Hilltop Road and Singing Hills Road corridors. The project has a 16-month completion date and is anticipated to be finished in September 2026. Phase 2 of Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027; and will take 9 to 12 months to construct. Phase 3 of construction is anticipated to

begin in 2029 (pending funding); and will take 12 to 18 months to construct.

There have been questions from citizens about the new roundabout construction at the intersection of Crestview Dr and Village Rd on Hilltop Rd, which will eliminate the existing two-way stop-controlled intersection. Here is the map: Roundabout Rendition/Map.

- Kendrick Castillo Way / Plum Valley Lane Intersection Signal Project This project consists of installing a
 new traffic signal and making upgrades to meet current ADA requirements at the intersection of Kendrick
 Castillo Way and Plum Valley Lane. Traffic signal and roadway construction started on May 5, 2025, and is
 anticipated to be completed in mid-November 2025.
- Quebec and Lincoln Turn Lane (Post Office Corner) Muller Engineering, the designer of the intersection reconstruction project, has provided updated concept designs incorporating County staff feedback. Staff is evaluating cost versus benefit before moving forward with the project.



• Quebec and Park Meadows Drive Intersection Improvements – Basis Partners presented an initial review of the concept design on October 21st and will deliver the concept design as well as cost estimates in mid-November. The concept design includes improvements from C470 to the lighted intersection south of Park Meadows Dr. The first phase of work is planned for 2026 and may include retiming of signals and upgrades to signs and striping. Basis is also working on a proposal to provide final design for a larger project that includes reconfiguring the lanes, median, and sidewalks as well as reconstruction of the pavement continuing south to Palomino Pkwy.

• <u>Grigs Road Paving Project – Phase 2</u> - RS&H was selected as the design consultant for phase 2 of the Grigs



Road project. Phase 2 will start where phase 1 ends, near the East-West Trailhead Parking Lot and will continue north onto the existing concrete road. The project includes realignment of the road, drainage improvements, a parallel pedestrian trail, and asphalt paving. A kick-off meeting was held on September 15th with the consultants, County staff, Highlands Ranch Metro District staff and Highlands Ranch Community Association staff. The consultant will now begin survey work.

• C-470 Trail and University Blvd Pedestrian Grade Separation Project - Douglas County and CDOT are

partnering on advancing the construction of a new bridge to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety by eliminating the need for users of the C-470 Trail to cross University Blvd at-grade. This currently requires four separate roadway crossings, across a total of eight lanes of traffic. The proposed grade separated C-470 Trail crossing will also improve traffic operations, since the numerous bicyclists and pedestrians currently crossing at-grade, adversely impact signal progression along University Blvd and traffic

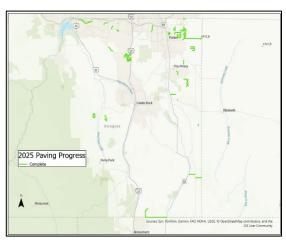


entering or existing the C-470 ramps, especially on the weekends when trail use is highest. HEI Civil started construction on January 27, 2025. The completion date of the project is anticipated to be on or before December 31, 2025.

In order to build the new pedestrian bridge, crews have built a <u>pedestrian detour</u>. Cyclists will be required to dismount and walk through the area. Cyclists and pedestrians should slow down and follow signage through the area. This detour will remain in place throughout the project.

• 2025 Pavement Management Projects

- The 2025 Pavement Management projects under contract currently total \$17,518,074.22 with \$11,473,696.44 spent; work is 65% complete.
- o The **2025 Sidewalk Repair Project** has been awarded a contract amount of \$2,635,150.00. Additional work has been added to the contract, and the current amount is \$4,141,104.92. The sidewalk project is 83% complete, based on funding. A change order in the amount of \$633,454.92 was approved by the Board on September 2nd. Concrete repair work will continue the week of September 15th with pavement repairs throughout Highlands Ranch.



The 2025 Asphalt Overlay Project has been awarded with a contract amount of \$11,011,969.30.
 An additional \$2,365,000 has been added through change orders and the current amount is \$13,376,969.30.
 All paving work is complete and shouldering work will conclude the week of Oct 6.
 Staff will now begin to close out the contract.

Ideal Fencing will continue guardrail installation and repair this fall. Repairs will be performed on Rainbow Creek Road and on Lincoln Avenue at Stonegate Parkway. A new guardrail will be installed on Russellville Rd. near Red Deer Rd.

• 2023 Spring Canyon LID – The design consultant, TST, is working on design work and 25% plans are



anticipated in early October. The geotechnical design report has been reviewed and is being incorporated into the design. TST has begun the CDPHE approval process for the proposed lift station. The county has received rough construction cost estimates as well as a proposal for final design work and the project is still on schedule for mid-2026 construction bidding. TST will begin reaching out to property owners in November to discuss design considerations. (Design work performed in advance of

finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)

• 2023 Bannock LID - The design consultant, TST, is working on the design, with a preliminary design expected



by the end of the year. County staff have reviewed the initial roadway design and provided feedback. The consultant is continuing the roadway design and beginning the drainage design. Once the preliminary design is complete, financing will be executed, and plans will be prepared for bidding. (Design work performed in advance of finalizing financing will be reimbursed to the County by the lender as part of the construction loan.)

 Hess Road Wildlife Crossing Bridge - This project began on September 2 and was completed on October 15. Work included rehabilitation of portions of the existing bridge that carries Hess Road over a Wildlife crossing.



Development Review

- Letters of Credit (LOC) and Warranties: Resolution Approving the Draw in the Amount of \$195,420.15 on Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 100107380-3, issued by AMG Bank, National Trust Bank, In Connection with Arrowpoint Subdivision DV 2020-197 Warranty Performance Security (goes before BOCC on 10/28/25).
- Sterling Ranch Filing #7-B: Ironwoman is installing storm infrastructure (DV #2024-200). (see far right)
- The Canyons Subdivision Filing #5: WW Clyde is installing storm infrastructure (DV #2021-287). (see near right)
- Pinery Center Parkway King Soopers: ESI is installing asphalt pavement (DV #2018-453). (see far right)
- The Trails Smoky Hill Subdivision: Iron Woman is installing storm structures and water main backfill (DV #2020-240). (see near right)









 Piney Lake Trails Subdivision: Claystone Construction is installing storm sewer infrastructure (DV #2022-517). (see right)

The Fields Subdivision Filing #1:
 Liberty Infrastructure is installing storm and water quality infrastructure (DV #2024-322). A pavement design was received for roads in Fields Filing 1 and in Trails (West). (see right)



Operations and Pavement Management

- **Street Sweeping Program:** In October, 90 lane miles were swept and 60 square yards of debris were removed from County roadways.
- Gravel Road Blading: In October, 68 lane miles were graded for a total YTD of lane 2,062 miles.
- **Paved Surface Maintenance**: In October, 1,800 pounds of pothole patching material was applied to County roads for a YTD total of 189,484 pounds of cold mix.

• Waste Diversion Programs:

Services	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Slash Collected	1,112	2,271	1,485	1,686	1,105	1,260
Mulch Distribution to Residents	174	339	253	247	131	352

- Slash Collected:
 - Number of Loads Dropped Off: 8,919 Loads
 - Total Yardage of Slash Accepted: 17,838 yards
- Mulch Distribution:
 - Number of Mulch Loads Given to Residents: 1,496 Loads
 - Total Yardage of Mulch Distributed: 2,992 yards

o Green Waste:

	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	YTD
Residents	370	585	485	360	455	355	2,610
Volume	420	430	340	330	310	340	2,170
Costs	\$13,941	\$15,029	\$12,332	\$11,574	\$11,574	\$12,181	\$77,027

Traffic

• Advance Warning Signs – Lincoln Avenue & Third Street: Douglas County Traffic Engineering conducts an annual review of signalized intersections to examine accident history and identify and mitigate accident

patterns. This often results in adjusting signalized intersection operations, adding or restricting left turn phases, adding traffic control signs, restriping lanes, as well as other options to enhance driver safety through the intersection. In reviewing the accident history for Lincoln Avenue and Third Avenue and Lincoln Avenue and Chambers Road, an eastbound rear-end accident pattern was evident, primarily in the afternoon timeframe, coinciding with the heavy eastbound afternoon and evening rush hours. Signal timing had been adjusted at these intersections in the past; however, minimal improvements in rear-end accident patterns were observed as a result of this change. This is likely due to the fact that eastbound traffic along Lincoln Avenue comes from three sources (eastbound Lincoln Avenue – west of I-25, the southbound I-25 off-ramp, and the northbound I-25 off-ramp), which often results in constant traffic flow through these intersections with little to no gap in traffic volumes during the heaviest times of the evening rush hour.

In response to this accident pattern, Advance Warning Signs were placed on both approaches to Third Avenue and will be installed for the eastbound approach only for Chambers — due to a primarily eastbound rear-end accident pattern. These signs warn drivers of the impending change of the traffic signals in an attempt to reduce drivers being caught off-guard and rear-ending drivers who stop in front of them.





- **Special Events**: The Traffic Division is responsible for administering and processing Special Event Permits in unincorporated Douglas County for events that occur on or near county roadways, which may impact the transportation system due to the activity type or number of participants attending the event, and potentially increase traffic congestion. Additional details for Special Event Permits
 - o Special Events In 2025: 20

Building

Inspections, Permits and Valuations for Oct 9 – Oct 22, 2025:

Inspections	
Building	740
Electrical	651
Mechanical/Plumbing	480
Roofing	137
Permits	
Accessory Use	29
New Commercial	2
Residential Alteration	1
New Residential	12
Roofing	81
Valuations	
Accessory Use	\$909,452
Commercial	\$2,376,045
Residential Alteration	\$1,485,497
New Residential	\$3,749,148

Human Services

• Connecting wisdom and wonder: new Bridging Generations program goes far beyond childcare - A new



program in Douglas County is turning childcare into connection by bringing together older adults and preschoolers to share stories, skills, and smiles. Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) has teamed up with Douglas County to pioneer Bridging Generations, which connects the wisdom and knowledge of older adults with the wonder and imagination of our smallest residents during preschool classes. Visit our webpage to learn more about the

program and how you can get involved.

Federal Government Shutdown Impact on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



Recipients - The State of Colorado was notified last week that they need to hold issuance of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefits (SNAP) for the month of November due to the Federal Government Shutdown. If the shutdown is not resolved prior to November 1st, 10,422 Douglas County residents will not receive the funds that they have been determined to be eligible for purchasing groceries. In addition to those households not receiving the funds to be able to purchase groceries, the

\$1.9 million dollars of SNAP funds that normally infuse the local economy through SNAP funded food purchases each month will not be able to be spent. If the shutdown were to continue beyond November, the concerns will compound. Additionally, many local non-profits and food banks are also seeing increased demand for assistance with food insecurity but are simultaneously experiencing a reduction in funding, donations, and volume/variety of food to disburse. This is creating additional strain on the agencies and programs within our community that provide assistance to those most in need.

The employees of Human Services continue to accept applications for SNAP and process all documentation and redeterminations for SNAP households, so that benefits can be issued to those who qualify once the shutdown has concluded.

• Sign up for free Mental Health First Aid training - Do you know what to do if you see a friend, coworker, neighbor of family member in distress? Learn life-saving tools of Mental Health First Aid at free upcoming training sessions this fall. Join individually or as a group for this season's class for those who work with youth, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, in Castle Pines. Learn more and register online.



Office of Emergency Management (OEM):

- The Douglas County Emergency Operations Center is undergoing technology upgrades, improving capabilities and systems for coordination and situational awareness.
- The Emergency Services Unit is working towards the implementation of a prescribed fire project at Spruce Meadows Open Space, under the supervision of OSNR.
- Staff helped host the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update public meeting
- Two staff members are beginning attendance at the Colorado Academy for Professional Emergency Managers

Facilities, Fleet and Emergency Support Services

Douglas County Fairgrounds and James R. Sullivan Events Center

Upcoming Fairgrounds Events: Mile Hi Barrels, Plum Creek Kennel Club, Rebel Ratters, Honor Guard, MCC



Relief Sale, GOP Breakfast, October Barrel Race, Mile Hi Barrels, DCSO Mounted Patrol, 4-H Achievement Night, Heroes Hall Meeting, All American Reptile and Plant Show, RM Beagle Club, PE Plus, Elections, Active Athletics, Cirque Italia Water Circus, Southern Colorado Australian Shepherds, Royalty Clinic, 4-H Running Rovers, Senior Craft Show, Vargas Birthday Party, Church

Gathering

Fair & Rodeo Committee Meetings: Guest Services Meeting 11/10, Marketing 11/10, Show Management 11/15, Livestock Sale 11/5, Executive Committee 11/13, Fair Board 11/20

Facilities Projects:

- **Fairgrounds:**
 - Fairgrounds Office Remodel: 10% complete (see right)
 - Fire panel replacements in multipurpose barn (20%), heated storage (100%), indoor arena (20%)
- EV Tech: High density storage update: 100% complete
- **Justice Center:**
 - Elevator Modernization J, K, L, M: 100% complete
 - 3rd floor court security office remodel: 55% complete (see right)
- **LED Lighting Conversions:**
 - o Elections: 65% complete
 - Operations: 97% complete

Fleet

- **Recently Completed:**
 - o In Serviced units 25048 and 2405.
 - o Decommissioned eight units.
 - Moved EVOC fuel tank (see right)
 - Purchase of 6 leased John Deere motor graders.
- **Working On:**
 - Vehicle Purchasing IFB will run through 11/7.
 - Working with IT on fuel site controller/pedestal upgrades.
 - Prepping assets for snow removal season. (see right)

Information Technology

Completed IT Projects

ArcGIS WebApp Builder Migration - Staff successfully completed a countywide modernization project in partnership with Esri. Using Esri's latest platforms, the County updated 18 key mapping and information applications to ensure continued reliability, performance, and long-term support. Over the course of nine months, DCIT collaborated with staff from seven County departments to review, test, and enhance each application, ensuring they meet current business needs and support essential operations. This effort strengthens the County's digital infrastructure and reinforces its commitment to delivering efficient, highquality public services through innovative, sustainable technology solutions.







- Cohero Enhancements Through strong collaboration between DCIT, the Coroner's Office, Cohero, and NMS Labs, investigators no longer need to fill out paper forms to request lab results, and toxicology results are automatically populated within their case management system. Cohero, a trusted provider of public safety and case management solutions, partnered with NMS Labs and the County to streamline the process, reducing manual entry, minimizing errors, and enabling faster access to vital information.
- EventPro Fairgrounds Database Split Staff and EventPro successfully launched a dedicated system for the
 Fairgrounds division of the Facilities Department on September 12, 2025. This new platform is tailored
 specifically to the Fairgrounds' operations, simplifying event scheduling, billing, and reporting while
 improving overall efficiency. By providing a system designed around the team's unique needs, this project
 enhances day-to-day operations and positions the Fairgrounds for continued growth and long-term success.
- Next Generation Teams and SharePoint Rollout Continues to Expand Recent successful implementations include Open Space, County Admin, Veterans Services, Public Works Operations, Public Works Engineering, Traffic, and Assessor. Led by the IT team, each department now benefits from a modern Microsoft Teams and SharePoint environment designed for streamlined communication and information sharing. With legacy systems retired and staff trained on the new tools, departments are now positioned to collaborate more effectively. Next up: implementations for the Finance, HR, and IT departments are already underway.
- Cybersecurity Training for County Employees In September, employees participated in a quarterly
 training campaign aimed at raising awareness about the risks and realities of how cybercriminals are
 utilizing Generative AI in their attacks. The training campaign yielded 97% of County employees taking the
 class. These classes continue to strengthen County Employees' capabilities to recognize and report
 suspicious and fraudulent activity.
- Zoning Application Update The updated Zoning Application launched to the public on September 18, marking a successful collaboration between IT GIS and Community Development. This initiative enhances the county's zoning tool to better meet current needs by improving usability for both staff and residents. The system migration to a new platform also restores important features and creates a flexible foundation for future improvements, ensuring continued efficiency and user satisfaction.
- Cisco 1KEyes Network Performance Project This new network monitoring system is now operational and
 helps the County maintain a closer watch on internet and cloud connections to ensure they run smoothly
 and efficiently. With this new tool, DCIT can identify and resolve potential issues before they impact
 employees or residents, thereby improving overall reliability and performance. The launch marks the
 completion of a six-month project focused on strengthening the County's technology systems, done in close
 partnership with experts from Advanced Network Management (ANM) and Cisco.
- Law Enforcement App for Open Space The latest version of the Law Enforcement App for Open Space launched on October 1, 2025, through a successful partnership between IT and the department. The update enhances field operations by enabling Rangers to access maps offline, identify repeat offenders during patrols, and use a more intuitive dashboard to track patterns—supporting both effective law enforcement and open space management.

New Projects

Project Name	Description	Department Office
FFESS Fuel	Douglas County is replacing its outdated and unsupported fuel	FFESS
Management	management system with a modern, cloud-based solution to improve	
System	efficiency, enhance security, and ensure compliance. This upgrade will	

Replacement	be rolled out in phases over three years, aligning with available budget	
	and minimizing disruption.	

Active Projects

Active Projects	Description	David Office
Project Name	Description	Dept/Office
Zoning Statutes	This project will implement a modern zoning and subdivision solution to	Community
Codification	streamline the update and maintenance of municipal codes, enhancing	Development
Project	efficiency for Douglas County's Community Development Department.	
Copilot	This project will evaluate the County's technology infrastructure to	Enterprise
Use/Rollout	ensure the safe and ethical adoption of Microsoft M365 Copilot. It will	
Strategy	include a comprehensive assessment, a clear action plan, targeted	
	pilots, and broader use case implementation.	
.gov Migration	This project aims to enhance security and citizen confidence by	Enterprise
Project	migrating Douglas County websites, email addresses, county collateral,	
	and processes to a .gov domain (from the CO.US domain).	
WorkSMART	As part of the JDE replacement program, we aim to streamline business	Enterprise
Budget/Finance	processes and enhance data accuracy by implementing efficient data	
	entry and integration across systems. This project will modernize the	
	County's outdated finance, accounting, budget, and procurement processes with a modern Enterprise Resource Planning system.	
	processes with a modern Enterprise Resource Planning system.	
Next-Gen Teams	This initiative is designed to streamline collaboration by leveraging	Enterprise
and SharePoint	Microsoft Teams and SharePoint. With clear guidelines, training, and	
	ongoing support, departments will have the tools to work together	
	more efficiently and securely.	
IT Support for	From August until November, IT will provide technical support to	Assessor,
County Board of	ensure seamless and efficient phone or teleconference hearings for the	Administration
Equalization	Equalization County Board of Equalization (CBOE) appeals process.	
Recreation Develop a comprehensive, up-to-date map showcasing recreational		Parks
Opportunity Public	opportunities across the county. This initiative is designed to improve	
Мар	public access to information about parks, trails, open spaces, and other	
·	amenities, making it easier for residents and visitors to explore and	
	enjoy the county's outdoor offerings.	
Address	Develop a comprehensive mapping system for multi-unit addresses to	Sheriff's Office
Verification	improve the accuracy and efficiency of emergency response. This	
Program	initiative supports dispatch operations and ensures compliance with	
	Next Gen 911 standards while meeting key stakeholders' operational	
	needs, such as the Assessor, Treasurer, and Community Development.	
Windows 11	Douglas County IT is rolling out Windows 11 to all County devices in	Enterprise
Migration Project	phases, delivering enhanced security, modern features, and a	
	streamlined user experience with minimal disruption.	
Onsite	This initiative will add approximately 8,000 archived septic permit	Public Health
Wastewater	documents into the County's GIS application, creating a searchable map	
Treatment Services	layer that allows staff and the public to easily access historical permit	
Upload Scanned	records.	
Files		
Tax Roll Phase 2	This project will update the county's tax roll process to comply with	Assessor,
	new legislative requirements by separating assessments into "school"	Treasurer,
	and "non-school" categories. It will also strengthen financial accuracy	Budget, IT
	through additional reconciliation steps and ensure overall readiness by	
	completing the annual tax roll test.	
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DC Services	The DC Services Refresh project is upgrading Douglas County's	Enterprise
Refresh	employee service portal to provide a modern, user-friendly experience. By moving to ServiceNow's Employee Center, employees will gain a centralized place to access services, submit requests, and track approvals across departments. This refresh streamlines navigation, improves usability on any device, and enhances visibility into service delivery—making it easier for staff to get what they need while supporting the County's efficiency, transparency, and digital transformation goals.	
Lansing Circle 1st	The E. Lansing Circle project expands Douglas County's northern	Human
Floor	presence by building and equipping a new leased facility to house multiple departments. Phase 2 focuses on the first floor, completing office construction, furniture installation, and security access, along with the design and deployment of IT infrastructure, conference room A/V, and staff technology setup for the Human Services Department. This work ensures the building is fully functional, connected, and ready to support relocated departments in delivering services to the community.	Services
Election Support	From October 24 th to November 5 th , IT will provide technical support to	Elections
	ensure a secure, efficient, and smooth voting process.	Office

Communication and Public Affairs

Campaign Highlights

• Preparing for and protecting from wildfire, the #1 hazard in Douglas County: Wildfire mitigation and



response is an ongoing campaign that is responsive to emerging needs. On July 13, fire rescue crews from across the County, including Douglas County's Helitack team, responded to reports of spot fires ranging from Chatfield to Louviers. By the next morning, the fire was 90% contained and no injuries or structural damage occurred.

Beginning in August, Douglas County entered a Stage 1 Fire Ban. During September, Douglas County recognized National

Preparedness Month by sharing information and resources on how residents can keep their families and communities safe in the event of hazards like wildfire.

- o Communication Objective: Inform Douglas County residents of relevant information and resources related to wildfire response and mitigation.
- o Tactics are primarily digital and include Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, earned media, and organic social media.
- o Results: Newsroom Post Views: 2,720; Social Media Impressions: 137,555; Facebook: 88,575; Instagram: 5,530; LinkedIn: 4,935; X: 10,710; NextDoor: 27,805; Email Open Rate: 46.4%
- Media: Total number of media mentions (online and print): 86; Estimated Reach (online and print):
 70,056; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (online and print): \$127,791

• Douglas County expands compassionate, data-driven approach to addressing homelessness:



Communications efforts surrounding HEART began in 2022 and are ongoing.

Douglas County's coordinated Homeless Initiative continues to show measurable results. Through the Homeless Engagement, Assistance and Resource Team (HEART), the County provides direct outreach and housing navigation while encouraging residents to give through the Douglas Has Heart / Handouts Don't Help

fund, which has raised more than \$18,000 for local nonprofits. A new text-to-connect option now makes it even easier for community members to report concerns or request outreach for unhoused neighbors, reinforcing the County's commitment to compassion, collaboration, and long-term solutions.

- Communication Objective: Provide timely updates on HEART, showcasing Douglas County's commitment to addressing homelessness through long-term, sustainable solutions.
- Tactics have been primarily digital and include Douglas County's online newsroom, earned media, email distribution, a YouTube video, and organic social media.
- Results: Newsroom Post Views: 2,043; Social Media Impressions: 165,856; Facebook: 137,146;
 Instagram: 1,462; LinkedIn: 7,662; X: 4,526; NextDoor: 15,060; Email Open Rate: 45.8%; YouTube Video Views: 5,595
- Media: Total number of media mentions (online and print): 3; Estimated Reach (online and print):
 189; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (online and print): \$70
- Douglas County secures federal grants to advance major transportation, water infrastructure, and



sustainability projects: Campaign began July 18 and is ongoing. Douglas County has won multiple federal funding awards toward critical infrastructure and sustainability initiatives. \$500,000 was allocated to U.S. 85 widening, \$1 million was allocated to The Louviers Water & Sanitation District Drinking Water Distribution Replacement project, and \$1.75 million was awarded to the Plum Creek to Rueter-Hess Reservoir Pipeline project.

- o Communication Objective: Raise awareness among taxpayers of federal awards that will fund improvements in Douglas County, as a result of the Board of Commissioners' advocacy efforts.
- o Tactics have been primarily digital and include Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, earned media, and organic social media.
- o Results: Newsroom Post Views: 1,326; Social Media Impressions: 21,287; Facebook: 6,911; Instagram: N/A; LinkedIn: 1,364; X: 931; NextDoor: 12,081; Email Open Rate: 48.9%
- Media: Total number of media mentions (online and print): 4; Estimated Reach (online and print):
 42,611; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (online and print): \$15,766
- Douglas County breaks ground on nation's first county-owned biochar facility coupled with recycling



center: Campaign began July 23 and is ongoing. Douglas County is pioneering a groundbreaking project to build and operate the nation's first county-run biochar facility integrated with a waste diversion and recycling center, with operations expected to begin in 2026.

o Communication Objective: Demonstrate the County's forward-thinking approach to wildfire mitigation and resource

management; provide updates on the construction process and educate about the benefits of biochar.

- Tactics include a groundbreaking event, Douglas County's online newsroom, an updated webpage, email distribution, earned media, and organic social media.
- Results: Newsroom Post Views: 1,288; Social Media Impressions: 15,047; Facebook: 6,135;
 Instagram: 486; LinkedIn: 3,917; X: 524; NextDoor: 3,985; Email Open Rate: 46.2%; Groundbreaking event attendance: 50 (estimated)
- Media: Total number of media mentions (online and print): 5; Estimated Reach (online and print):
 25,524; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (online and print): \$9,444; Total number of media mentions (broadcast): 14; Estimated Reach (broadcast): 6,900,893; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (broadcast): \$2,553,330
- Douglas County expands opioid response with funding support and stigma-reduction campaign:



Communication efforts surrounding the Douglas County Opioid Council began in 2024 and are ongoing. In August, the Board voted to approve \$667,000 in funding awards presented by the Douglas County Opioid Council to support substance use prevention and recovery resources, including peer support in the jail and hospital systems and assistance for entry into sober living. In September, the Douglas County Opioid Council launched its adult-focused, anti-stigma campaign that highlights

the stories of individuals with lived experience, with the goal of encouraging people to seek help and fostering a more supportive community environment.

- O Communication Objectives: Educate target audiences about the opioid crisis, the need for new abatement programs, and the background on the settlement and funding, and the purpose of the Opioid Abatement Council. Engage a transparent public process for investing the settlement funding. Transparently communicate funding decisions from the Council. Communications include RFP awardees as well as ongoing funding allocations to these organizations as they work to achieve the Council's priorities. In a timely manner, communicate updates and advancements resulting from the work of the organizations funded by the Council. Work with SE2 to advance public awareness surrounding opioid use and recovery. Ensure public-facing campaigns are tailored for Douglas County's unique community, will effectively raise public awareness and reduce stigma, and will be positively received by residents.
- Tactics have been primarily digital and include Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, an updated webpage, press conference, earned media, organic social media and paid social.
- o Results: Newsroom Post Views: 384; Social Media Impressions: 7,073; Facebook: 1,807; Instagram: N/A; LinkedIn: N/A; X: 469; NextDoor: 4,797; Email Open Rate: 46.8%; YouTube video views: 238
- Media: Total number of media mentions (online and print): 9; Estimated Reach (online and print):
 65,251; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (online and print): \$7,020; Total number of media mentions (broadcast): 2; Estimated Reach (broadcast): 18,311; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (broadcast): \$6,775
- Douglas County and TESSA expand critical support for survivors of domestic violence through new



safehouse: Campaign began August 4 and is ongoing. In November 2024, Douglas County purchased a facility to be used as a domestic violence shelter, and at a March 2025 Business Meeting, the Board of Douglas County Commissioners approved a \$350,000 service agreement and partnership with the nonprofit TESSA to increase the number of safehouse beds in Douglas County. In August, County leaders, law enforcement, and

community partners joined TESSA for a ceremonial ribbon cutting at the Wilcox Building in downtown Castle Rock, to celebrate the opening of the remodeled safehouse — a milestone in protecting some of the community's most vulnerable.

- Communication Objective: Celebrate the opening of TESSA's confidential safe house in Douglas County—an essential milestone in the County's commitment to supporting survivors of domestic violence—while respecting and protecting the privacy and safety of its location. Raise awareness of new help that is available in Douglas County, encouraging those who need help to call the safe line.
- o Tactics have been primarily digital and include Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, earned media via a ribbon-cutting event, and organic social media.
- o Results: Newsroom Post Views: 1,642; Social Media Impressions: 13,622; Facebook: 848; Instagram: 3,119; LinkedIn: 673; X: 373; NextDoor: 8,609; Email Open Rate: 43.7%
- Media: Total number of media mentions (online and print): 10; Estimated Reach (online and print): 59,749; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (online and print): \$10,355; Total number of media mentions (broadcast): 6; Estimated Reach (broadcast): 1,760,034; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (broadcast): \$651,212.58

Douglas County advances transportation infrastructure with University Blvd. closure, County Line Road reconstruction, and US 85 widening completion

In August, the US 85 Widening Project, which began in 2024, was completed ahead of schedule. This project expanded the highway from Highlands Ranch Parkway to north of C-470, enhancing safety and mobility for commuters. In September, a full overnight closure of University Boulevard between C-470 and County Line Road occurred to facilitate the installation of new pedestrian bridge trusses. Also in September, the County Line Road Reconstruction and Widening Project commenced, aiming to improve traffic flow between University Boulevard and Broadway.

- Communication Objectives: Provide residents with timely information on transportation projects that effect their daily commutes.
- o Tactics have been primarily digital and include Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution, earned media, and organic social media.
- o Results: Newsroom Post Views: 3,841; Social Media; Impressions: 114,560; Facebook: 99,566; Instagram: 1,457; LinkedIn: 5,481; X: 3,463; NextDoor: 4,593; Email Open Rate: 49.6%
- Media: Total number of media mentions (online and print): 5; Estimated Reach (online and print):
 30,388; Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (online and print): \$11,243.56





• Douglas County celebrates its beloved past and bright future in parks and recreation: Throughout Quarter





Three, Douglas County celebrated several milestones and accomplishments related to parks, recreation and open space. In 2025, Douglas County is celebrating 30 years of support for the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources, and Open Space Fund. In August and September, the Open Space and Natural Resources Department hosted community events, and in September the Board adopted a resolution formally recognizing the milestone. In September, the Board also announced historic investments in parks and recreation in Parker, Lone Tree, and Castle Rock funded by the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources, and Open Space Fund. To celebrate this investment, Douglas County hosted a Community Field Day at Highland Heritage Park on Oct. 2.

• Communication Objectives: Engage Douglas County stakeholders throughout the decision-making process, so everyone feels informed, even if they don't agree with the decisions. Announce funding decisions in a transparent and fun way. Continue community engagement during construction of new amenities

- Tactics have been primarily digital and include Douglas County's online newsroom, email distribution,
 YouTube videos, earned media, and organic social media.
- Results: Newsroom Post Views: 3,949; Social Media Impressions: 215,430; Facebook: 174,697; Instagram: 12,819; LinkedIn: 2,478; X: 8,657; NextDoor: 16,776; Email Open Rate: 45.5%; YouTube video views: 1,533; Fall Festival attendance: over 1,000 (estimated); Community Field Day attendance: 150 (estimated)
- Media: Total number of media mentions (online and print): 130; Estimated Reach (online and print): 96,900;
 Estimated Ad Equivalency Value (online and print): \$61,368

Commissioner Work Sessions – October 13, 2025

- Douglas County Zoning Resolution Amendment to Section 15 Administrative and Major PD Amendments Post Referral Comments The Board directed planning staff to revise and return proposed zoning amendments for Planned Developments (PDs), clarify referral language to specify HOAs within 1,000 ft and all regulatory agencies, retain and refine approval standard 1514.01 to include items such as traffic and water, and provide monthly summaries of administrative and material planning decisions. Commissioners agreed to keep the Planning Commission involved in major PD amendments but suggested holding hearings within the same week to expedite the process. Staff will also review the possible removal of sign posting requirements, ensure proper referral distribution (about 500 recipients), and implement the requested language changes.
- Legal Updates Executive Session No notes

Commissioner Administrative Session – October 13, 2025

• Compark Metropolitan District – 30-Day Notice of Intent - At the October 13, 2025 Administrative Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledged the Compark Metro District's notice of intent to form a subdistrict and noted that a public hearing was scheduled for the following day regarding a proposed \$18.5 million debt increase, which would bring the district's total authorized debt to \$68.5 million.

- Lot Line Adjustment The Board was briefed on a successful lot line adjustment near Ponderosa High School, where engineering staff completed trail and bridge improvements and exchanged equal property strips with an adjacent homeowner, resulting in no net loss of county acreage.
- **Boards and Commissions** The Board unanimously appointed Michael McCormick as the District 3 Alternate to the Planning Commission. Passes 2-0.
- Other: Final approval for the new quarterly county magazine, Douglas County Neighbor, to proceed to print. Staff was directed to coordinate a Zebulon presentation including a financing slide by Martha, and to follow up on communications feedback provided by Sean Owens.

Commissioner Work Sessions - October 14, 2025

- DCSO/Sheriff Personnel Matters Executive Session
 Motion Direct staff to explore retirement healthcare plans for the sheriff's department, based on input from the sheriff and undersheriff. The motion was supported as a way to address long-term funding needs in justice and public safety. A friendly amendment set the delivery deadline for the staff's report to the end of the first guarter. Passes 3-0.
- Zebulon (Negotiations) Executive Session No Notes

Public Works Bid Calendar

Project Description	Plans Available to Contractors	Contractor Pre- Bid Conference	Project Bid Opening	Tentative BCC Approval Date
Waterton Road & Eagle River Street Roundabout Project CI 2025-007	Sept. 29, 2025	Oct. 8, 2025	Oct. 21, 2025 13 bids under review	Nov. 18, 2025

This project consists of construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Waterton Road and Eagle River Street in the Sterling Ranch community. Work includes removals, aggregate base course, concrete pavement, curb and gutter, median material, asphalt pavement, street light pole assembly and associated wiring, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, pavement markings, construction surveying, and traffic control.

Planning Services Activity Report

Com	Completed Projects						
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.		
2	10/08/25	3879 N State Highway	Fall festival event for 5 weekends in Sept and	Major Ent	EE2023-005		
		83	Oct over a 5-year period.	Event			
3	10/09/25	Sterling Ranch Planned	Clarify trail uses permitted within the Willow	Planned Dev -	ZR2025-005		
		Dev, 11 th Amd	Creek Wildlife Corridor.	Admin Amd			
1	10/10/25	9056 E Parker Rd,	New shade structure over an existing	USR	US2025-015		
		11th Amendment	outdoor learning area	Amendment			
2	10/13/25	The Meadows Filing	Town of Castle Rock - reconfigure Tract A	External	RE2025-150		
		19, Parcel 2S Amd 1	boundary & increase the area of Lot 1.	Referral			

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	10/13/25	Sundown Oaks	New Service Plan for Sundown Oaks	New Service	SV2025-005
		Metropolitan District	Metropolitan District.	Plan	
2	10/13/25	Lagae Family Trust	City of Castle Pines - setback variance from	External	RE2025-156
		Minor Dev Lot 5	20' to 14' or 11.2' for a commercial structure	Referral	
2	10/13/25	HH Subdivision	Town of Castle Rock - Site Development Plan	External	RE2025-158
		Amendment 2, Lot 2	to expand & improve an existing church.	Referral	
2	10/13/25	Charter Oaks, Filing	City of Castle Pines for a Site Improvement	External	RE2025-148
		No 1, Lot 3, 6th Amd	Plan detailing a 510 square foot coffee shop.	Referral	
1	10/13/25	Pine Curve Filing 1	2 nd request - Town of Parker to divide 25.13	External	RE2025-149
			am/I to create open space, parks & drainage.	Referral	
1	10/13/25	Looking Glass Filing	2 nd referral request from the Town of Parker	External	RE2025-147
		33	for the final plat of Looking Glass Filing 33.	Referral	
1	10/13/25	Douglas County Ind'l	Request to add fuel storage tank to existing	SIP	SP2025-076
		Park Filing 1, Lot 5, 1 st	commercial site.	Modification	
		Rev, 8 th Mod			
2	10/13/25	Canyonside Filing 4,	Referral request from the City of Castle Pines	External	RE2025-154
		Havana St Pond	for an access road.	Referral	
		Access Road			
3	10/13/25	River Canyon Filing 2,	DWSD for expansion and renovation of the	Location and	LE2025-018
		3 rd Amd, Lot 2A-1	Chatfield Basin Water Reclamation Facility.	Extent	
1	10/14/25	Inverness Filing 7, 15 th	Request to replace existing generator.	SIP	SP2025-072
		Amd, Lot 1A, 1 st Rev,		Modification	
		7 th Mod			
2	10/14/25	Castle Pines Village	Request to create 17 single-family residential	Final Plat	SB2024-034
		Filing 14A, 2nd Amd	lots.		
2	10/21/25	Pinery Filing 8B, Lot	Request for adjust boundary between	Administrative	SB2025-011
		52A	residential lot and County-owned tract.	Replat	

Refe	Referrals							
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.			
1	09/24/25	10615 Tomahawk Rd	Request to board no more than 12 horses.	Administrative	US2025-014			
				Horse Boarding				
1	09/24/25	11866 Heirloom	Request for new Site Improvement Plan (SIP)	Site Imp Plan	SP2025-065			
		Parkway	for a church and related improvements.					
3	09/24/25	Town of Sedalia, Block	Request to convert a restaurant to an event	Use by Special	US2025-009			
		7, Lots 9 through 14	center use with shows and classes.	Review				
3	09/26/25	Sterling Ranch	Revise Section S-1.2, school land dedication.	Planned Dev -	ZR2025-009			
		Planned Dev 13 th Amd		Major Amd				
3	09/29/25	5960 N US Highway	SWSD to add water main and 500,000-gallon	Location and	LE2025-019			
		85	ground water storage tank.	Extent				
1	09/30/25	9056 E Parker Rd,	New shade structure over an existing	USR	US2025-015			
		11th Amendment	outdoor learning area.	Amendment				
1	09/30/25	Pinery Village Filing 1,	Create one lot and three tracts from two	Administrative	SB2025-034			
		1st Amendment, Lot 3	existing lots in preparation for development.	Replat				
1	10/03/25	10411 Cosmopolitan	New T-Mobile wireless small cell	Site Imp Plan	SP2025-066			
		Circle	telecommunications facility.					
2	10/08/25	Echo Valley Road	ER to A1 to bring into compliance with the	Zoning Map	DR2025-009			
		Zone Map Change	Master Plan.	Change				

Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	10/08/25	Perry Park Filing 7, 1st	Request to adjust the common lot line	Administrative	SB2025-035
		Amd, Lot 11 & 17	between two residential lots.	Replat	
2	10/13/25	Bears Den Rural Site	Request for a residential building envelope	Exemption	EX2025-008
		Plan Ex, 18th Amd	adjustment on Parcel 16B.		

Upco	Upcoming PC Hearings						
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.		
2	11/03/25	9560 S East Cherry	Request to allow 14 horse lessons per day.	Use by Special	US2025-003		
		Creek Rd		Review			
3	11/03/25	Sterling Ranch Planned	Revise Section S-1.2, commitments for	Planned Dev –	ZR2025-009		
		Dev, 13 th Amd	school land dedication and cash-in-lieu.	Major Amd			
2	11/03/25	Bears Den Rural Site	Kennel for the keeping of more than 4	Use by Special	US2025-012		
		Plan, 2 nd Ex, Lot 16B	household pets (birds).	Review			
	12/01/25	2050 Transportation	Adoption of the 2050 Transportation Master	Master Plan			
		Master Plan	Plan.				
1	12/01/25	Pinecrest Community	Request for a Minor Development	Minor	SB2024-070		
		Church	application to subdivide parcel into 2 lots.	Development			
3	12/15/25	Town of Sedalia,	Use by Special Review for Event Center in	Use by Special	US2025-009		
		Block 7, Lots 9 - 14	Sedalia (site of former Gabriel's Restaurant).	Review			

Upco	Upcoming BCC Land Use Hearings or Meetings					
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.	
2	10/28/25	Pinery Planned Dev, 31 st Amd	Increase dwelling units in PA 63 for future development of up to 44 residential lots.	Planned Dev -	ZR2023-002	
			·	Major Amd		
2	10/28/25	Fee Waiver Request -	Use of Fairground Regional Trail for the 2025	Fee Waiver		
		\$1,210 for the Turkey	Turkey Rock Trot fundraising event on			
		ROCK Trot	November 27, 2025.			
2	10/28/25	Fee Waiver Request -	Use of Fairgrounds Regional Park Field 1 for	Fee Waiver		
		\$250 for Nueva Vida	La Liga FC soccer league on 10/4/25 and 4			
		Ministries	subsequent Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to noon			
1	11/03/25	Pinery Planned Dev,	Allow for mini warehouse use in Business	Planned Dev -	ZR2025-006	
		33 rd Amd	Park Planning Areas.	Major Amd		
2	11/03/25	Canyons South Filing	Request to adjust road and tract boundaries.	Replat	SB2025-018	
		1A, 4th Amendment				
3	11/03/25	Range Metropolitan	Set a hearing date for November 18	Service Plan	SV2025-007	
		District – First Amd		Amendment		
2	11/03/25	9998 South Perry Park	115 acres from RR to A-1 to be consistent	Zone Map	DR2024-005	
		Road	with an existing conservation easement.	Change		
3	11/18/25	Range Metropolitan	Approval of first service plan amendment for	Service Plan	SV2025-007	
		District – First Amd	the Range Metropolitan District.	Amendment		
2	11/18/25	9560 S East Cherry	Request to allow 14 horse lessons per day.	Use by Special	US2025-003	
		Creek Rd		Review		
3	11/18/25	Sterling Ranch Planned	Revise Section S-1.2, commitments for	Planned Dev –	ZR2025-009	
		Dev, 13 th Amd	school land dedication and cash-in-lieu.	Major Amd		
2	11/18/25	Bears Den Rural Site	Kennel for the keeping of more than 4	Use by Special	US2025-012	
		Plan, 2 nd Ex, Lot 16B	household pets (birds).	Review		
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3	11/18/25	Owens Industrial Park	Request for Brannon Sand and Gravel	Use by Special	US2021-002
		Filing 1, 1 st Amd, Lot 1A asphalt batch plant.		Review	
		& M/B Parcel, 3 rd Amd			
1	12/16/25	Pinecrest Community	Request for a Minor Development	Minor	SB2024-070
		Church	application to subdivide parcel into 2 lots.	Development	

Pre-s	Pre-submittals Pre-submittals					
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.	
1	10/08/25	8754 North State	Allow for a mix of commercial uses with	Rezoning	PS2025-220	
		Highway 83	multiple buildings on the site.			
3	10/09/25	M/B East of US 85 at	Range Metro Dist to install potable water	Location and	PS2025-211	
		Airport Rd, (Range PD)	lines, pumping stations and storage tanks.	Extent		
1	10/10/25	9315 Sand Creek Rd	Create a second residential building lot.	Minor Dev	PS2025-218	
				Residential		
2	10/10/25	Addington/Gearke Ex,	Delete a plat note to allow for the	Exemption	PS2025-219	
		2 nd Amd, Parcel A-1	construction of an ADU.			
3	10/10/25	Highlands Ranch Filing	4,100 SF Mechanical Yard and building	SIP Revision	PS2025-229	
		20, 17th Amd, Lot 2A-	access changes.			
		4A				
3	10/10/25	Metes & Bounds	Operate a landscape business on the	Site	PS2025-108	
		North of Titan Rd,	Business zoned portion of a split zoned	Improvement		
		East of Wildlife Way	property.	Plan		
3	10/10/25	Sterling Ranch Filing	333 luxury rental apartments in the Sterling	Site Imp Plan	PS2025-214	
		6A, Part Lot 231	Ranch development.			
2	10/15/25	2190 N State Highway	Rezoning from RR to SR to allow for the	Rezoning	PS2025-226	
		83	development of 20 residential lots.			
1	10/21/25	Pinery Meadows Final	Final plat and SIP in line with the Preliminary	Final Plat	PS2025-217	
		Plat	Plan for the Pinery Meadows PD.			
2	10/21/25	8635 South State	Alter design of the wall, parking lot lighting,	Amendment	PS2025-215	
		Highway 83	landscape plan and management plan.			

Streamline Pre-submittals						
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.	
1	10/08/25	Pinery Village Filing 1,	The applicant proposes a Lot Line Vacation	Administrative	PS2025-222	
		Most Lot 1 & 2 & Tract	to combine three lots into one contiguous	Replat		
		A Prospector Way	lot.			
2	10/08/25	Double D Exemption,	Vacate the lot line between parcels to create	Exemption	PS2025-213	
		Parcels 2 and 3	a larger building site for a new home.			
1	10/14/25	Hilltop Lots 22 and 23	Lot Line Vacation to combine two Lots.	Admin Replat	PS2025-230	

New Applications						
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.	
2	10/08/25	Perry Park Filing 2,	Request to adjust a drainage easement on a	Administrative	SB2025-038	
		Block 9, Lot 15	residential lot.	Replat		
2	10/08/25	Dawson Trails Blvd	Town of Castle Rock - review the Roadway	External	RE2025-157	
		North Infrastructure	Construction Plans	Referral		

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2	10/09/25	HH Subdivision	Town of Castle Rock - expansions and	External	RE2025-158
		Amendment 2, Lot 2	improvements to an existing church.	Referral	
3	10/09/25	7541 Daniels Park Rd,	Eligible Facilities Request for replacing	SIP	SP2025-077
		6 th Rev, 2 nd Mod	equipment on existing AT&T Cell Site.	Modification	
1	10/10/25	Stonegate Filing 22, 7 th	Request to 190 square foot freezer structure	SIP	SP2025-078
		Amd, Lot 90A, 1 st Mod	to convenience store site.	Modification	
2	10/10/25	Pinewood Knolls, Lot	Lot Line Vacation to combine properties to	Administrative	SB2025-039
		62 and Lot 63	build a garage on the vacant lot.	Replat	
1	10/13/25	Pinery Planned	Rezone undeveloped school land within the	Planned Dev -	ZR2025-010
		Development 34 th Amd	Pinery PD.	Major Amd	
3	10/13/25	Highlands Ranch	Rezone the undeveloped Eastridge school	Planned Dev -	ZR2025-011
		Planned Dev, 82 nd Amd	site	Major Amd	
2	10/13/25	Canyons Superblock	City of Castle Pines - subdivide the area into	External	RE2025-159
		Plat 1, Amd 1	conveyable lots.	Referral	
1	10/15/25	Pinery Village Filing 1,	Public mini-storage facility and a collision	Site Imp Plan	SP2025-079
		1st Amd, Lot 3B	center.		
1	10/17/25	Meridian Int'l Business	Request to add security fencing around a	SIP	SP2025-080
		Center Filing 1, 2 nd Amd	portion of a commercial property.	Modification	
		Block 5, Lot 1, 2 nd Mod			
2	10/17/25	Ramblewood	Request to subdivide into 70 single family	Preliminary	SB2025-040
		Preliminary Plan	residential lots and 8 tracts.	Plan	
3	10/20/25	Sterling Ranch	Modify planning areas on the Land Use Plan	Planned Dev -	ZR2025-012
		Planned Dev 14 th Amd	and associated Plan Details.	Major Amd	
2	10/20/25	Meadows Filing 17,	Town of Castle Rock - 19,455 combined sq.	External	RE2025-160
		Area 4, Lot 6-A-1A, 1B	ft. mixed commercial space. Referral		
		& 1C, Amd 14			
	10/21/25	2040 CMP Amendment	Request for an Amendment to the 2040	CMP	DR2025-010
		Sec 8, Environmental	Comprehensive Master Plan Section 8	Amendment	
		Quality & Sec 10, Amds	Environmental Quality, and Section 10		
	/ /	& Updates	Amendments and Updates.		
3	10/21/25	Highlands Ranch Filing	5,029 sq. ft. convenience store and eight fuel	Site	SP2025-081
		57A, 2 nd Amd, Lots 1,	pump islands.	Improvement	
	40/04/05	2A, 3		Plan	DE2025 462
	10/21/25	Residences at Platte	Arapahoe County - General Development	External	RE2025-162
		Canyon General	Plan to rezone to PUD for development of	Referral	
	10/24/25	Development Plan	single family detached homes.	Francis	RE2025-161
2	10/21/25	567 Lake Gulch Road	Town of Castle Rock - preapplication to	, , ,	
	40/01/05	Annexation	annex and change the zoning to PD	Referral	CD2027 244
3	10/21/25	Highlands Ranch Filing	Request for a lot line adjustment and lot line	Administrative	SB2025-041
		57A, 2 nd Amd, Lots 1,	vacation to accommodate new	Replat	
		2A, 3	development.		

New Miscellaneous Jobs					
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project Type	Project No.
2	10/09/25	14756 Yucca Lane,	STR application for primary residence, 2	Short-Term	MI2025-022
		Doncer	bedrooms, 4 occupants max	Rental	

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2	10/14/25	6948 Fox Cir, Bradley	STR Application for Primary Residence, 4	Short-Term	MI2025-021
		and Kim-NGOC Fales	Bedrooms, 8 occupants max	Rental	
		Family Trust			

New	New Sign Permits						
Dist.	Date	Project Title	Project Description	Project No.			
3	10/14/25	Highlands Ranch Filing 142, Lot	Amaze Lash Skin Brow - 9579 S University Blvd #5	SG2025-127			
		5	Unit #270				
1	10/15/25	Meridian Int'l Business Center	Ridgeline at Meridian Village - 10801 Levitt St	SG2025-128			
		Filing 7H, Tract A		& 2025-129			
3	10/15/25	Highlands Ranch Filing 26, Lot 1	Modern Vintage Marketplace - 2690 E County Line #I	SG2025-130			
2	10/20/25	Castle Pines Village Filing 10,	The White Antler - 862 W Happy Canyon Rd Unit 115	SG2025-132 -			
		3rd Amd, Lot 2A-1A		2025-134			
2	10/20/25	Meadows Square Condos, # 100	The Ruff House - 3197 N Commerce Ct	SG2025-131			
3	10/20/25	Highlands Ranch Filing 123A, Lot	Rock the Stages - 9427 S University Blvd	SG2025-135			
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1	10/21/25	Castle View Heights Amended,	Courtyard by Mariott - 8320 S Valley Hwy	SG2025-136			
		5 th Amd, Lot 3B		- 2025-139			

Special Event Liquor Permits					
Dist.	Date	Event Name	Permittee Name & Event Address	Permit No.	
2	10/08/25	18 Hands Community Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser	18 Hands Community - 3879 N State Highway 83	LL2025-079	