

# COMMERCE CITY CITIZENS FOR RECYCLING

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## THINK ABOUT IT!!

### Water conservation in your kitchen

There are several ways to save water in your kitchen. A running faucet can waste 2.5 gallons of water each minute. A dishwasher uses 11 gallons of water per use. Each time you wash dishes by hand and rinse them under running water, 35 gallons of water is typically used. Clean vegetables in a pan of water rather than under running tap water. Run only full loads in your dishwasher and scrape your dishes without water before loading the dishwasher instead of running the pre-rinse cycle. Use your food disposal sparingly. This will also keep your plumbing from becoming clogged by foods and greases, which is an added benefit in addition to saving water.

Remember, water is one of our most valuable resources. Saving water is everyone's business.

[http://www.cityofinglewood.org/pdfs/pw/Recycling\\_Facts.pdf](http://www.cityofinglewood.org/pdfs/pw/Recycling_Facts.pdf)

## Tribute to Trudy Smith - Bradley Johnson

Trudy Smith, the founder of Commerce City Citizens for Recycling has stepped down in order to pursue full time commitments to her church. Trudy brought a great deal of energy and creative vision to CCCR. Her enthusiasm will be sorely missed. She attracted a wonderful array of volunteers to the core group which will continue on with the same enthusiasm it has had for the last five years.

We thank Trudy for all she has done for CCCR. Trudy had been recycling her own household items for years and began wondering 'what can I do to

get more people involved in recycling?' CCCR is truly her brain child and our groups motto will continue to be 'Think globally, act locally.' We know that Trudy's creativity and energy will be of great value to her church and we will always wish Trudy the best, she has more than earned it.

If you are interested in joining CCCR to continue the work Trudy began in the community call me, Bradley, at 303.286.5993. We have four working committees—steering committee, curbside, outreach. Join us!



**THANK YOU  
TRUDY FOR YOUR  
VISION, ENERGY  
AND  
COMMITMENT!!**

*Trudy Smith presenting long-time  
CCCR member Gene Leffel with  
an award of appreciation*

## Yard Clipping Disposal Update - Bradley Johnson

In our previous newsletter we shared information about the yard and organic kitchen waste bins located at 9982 E. 112th Avenue. This farm lies at the southwest corner of 112th and HWY 85. The bins have been temporarily closed because a large volume of sod was dumped there. The site was intended for grass clippings, yard waste, and organic kitchen waste such as potato peelings, egg shells, etc.

Jonathan Yellenick, the operator of the bins, is attempting to process this large volume of sod and re-open the bins for normal use as quickly as possible. If you have grass clippings and other organic wastes, Jonathon asks you to PLEASE call him BEFORE you dump to make sure he can accommodate your load. He can be reached at 303.288.4190 and PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, NO SOD!

## Curbside Recycling Update and Strategy

### WANT MORE RECYCLING INFORMATION? VISIT THE WEB!

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/cccr>

(Keep watching and join our group!) This site shares upcoming meetings and events.)

[www.c3gov.com](http://www.c3gov.com)

1. Click on ask c3gov (f.a.q.) - left side toolbar
2. Click on trash/recycling link
3. Three links will pop up
  - Hard to recycle drop off
  - Single stream drop off
  - What is 'single stream?'

### July 19th Tire/ Computer Drive Statistics

- \* 1,620 lbs of scrap metal
- \* 187 tires
- \* ~5,000 lbs of electronics
- \* 4 propane tanks

The next event is scheduled for September 13th. See the last page of the newsletter for more information.

One of the three working committees of Commerce City Citizens for Recycling is all about securing curbside recycling in Commerce City.

This group has been taking a multifaceted approach to ensure we all have access to a curbside program in the future.

#### Accomplishments:

1. Attended multiple municipal candidate forums
2. Have attended events to gather signatures to gauge interest
3. Conducting a letter campaign in the community to gauge interest in curbside recycling—current focus is Reunion neighborhood because of interest. While we are concentrating our efforts in one neighborhood we ARE collecting signatures in all Commerce City neighborhoods. In the Reunion neighborhood we have collected signatures from nearly 300 of the 1,100

households. Our goal is 75%. Thank you to the following residents for their volunteer efforts to collect signatures:

- \* Chris Ruskowski
- \* Jacki Rivers
- \* Cayce Rivers
- \* Jennifer Wahl
- \* Carol Weber
- \* David Weaver
- \* Ana Stapleton
- \* Kora Klahn
- \* Bev Benzel
- \* Bob Benzel
- \* Bradley Johnson

#### Next steps:

1. Attend back to school nights to collect additional signatures
2. Brief article in Reunion HOA newsletter
3. Ask to speak at next Reunion HOA meeting
4. Send letters to those in Reunion that have not yet responded
5. Ask to hold a couple of signature gathering events at the Reunion Recreation Center.
6. Send flyers home with school children
7. Organize another walking event in the neighborhood.
8. Encourage residents to canvass their

streets for additional letters, call 303.288.4783 to receive the official canvassing letter.

9. Creating a compare/contrast of recycling in other metro communities.

As you can see this committee is very committed and energetic regarding securing curbside recycling.

At this time CCCR would like to reiterate that we are committed to securing curbside in all of Commerce City. Based on returned letters (suggesting interest) we choose to begin our campaign in the Reunion area. Once we have assisted in establishing a program we will move to the next area of interest.

We also continue to work with city officials, council members, and HOA representatives to keep them updated on our strategies.

Please help us in our efforts! Bradley Johnson can be reached at 303.286.5993 regarding upcoming meetings and events.

## We are looking for a NEW CCCR logo!!

CCCR is looking for folks to offer suggestions for a new logo to unveil at our November America Recycles Day event! Please enter our contest to update our logo. The chosen logo's designer will receive a \$100.00 cash prize.

### Rules:

1. Submit logo on 8 1/2 x 11 paper
2. Incorporate a recycling symbol
3. Incorporate our name Commerce City Citizens for Recycling

### Rules:

1. All entries must be submitted by October 31, 2007
2. Once submitted all entries become property of CCCR and we can alter as we see fit.

### FYI

1. Entries will be judged by CCCR committee
2. Winner will be announced at November America Recycles Day event.

Entries must be received by October, 31st at 5:00 pm, not postmarked.

Mail or drop off the below entry form and your design to:

Community Enterprise  
7290 Magnolia Street  
Commerce City, Co 80022

Questions? Call 303.288.4783



*Current Logo*



### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM:

Name/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E.mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your design.

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I agree to above rules: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (Checking no will exclude you from the contest)

Signature of contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

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### *Think Globally, Act Locally!*

*CCCR is a group of individuals dedicated to ease and expand recycling for community, through community participation thus transforming the Commerce City area into a regional model for recycling.*



This message is brought to you on recycled paper!  
Buy recycled products and close the recycling loop!

# You Are Invited!!

August	September	October	November	December
* Recycling display at the library	* 13th—Computer/Tire Drive, Community Enterprise, 7290 Magnolia Street, 4:00-6:00 pm	* 30th—monthly meeting, Reunion Rec Center, 5:30 pm	* TBA—CCCR's America Recycles Day	* 8th—Derby Winter Festival, Downtown Derby (E. 72nd and Monaco), 6:00 pm
* 16th—Pioneer Park outreach 6:00 pm	* 15th—Household Round-up, Super K-mart, 104th and Marion, 9:00 am		* 27th—monthly meeting, CC Rec Center, 8:30 am	
* 18th—All About Kids Fair, 9:00 am Community Health Services, 6625 E. 69th Avenue	* 25th—monthly meeting, CC Rec Center, 5:30 pm			
* 28th—monthly meeting, CC Rec Center, 8:30 am				

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