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## Thornton Utility Bill IS NOW PAPERLESS

The city of Thornton has switched over to e-billing and has discontinued mailing utility bills to all its water customers. To ensure you receive an utility bill, visit [goCOT.net/utilitybilling](http://goCOT.net/utilitybilling) to enroll in e-billing. Signing up for e-billing does not require you to pay online. You can still mail, call or stop in to make your payment. If you have questions about the switch, or if you still need to receive a paper bill, contact Utility Billing at 303-538-7370.

## City Voice gets a FRESH, NEW LOOK

We've freshened up the look of your City Voice Newspaper with a bit more color. City Voice will continue to bring you timely city news and events. Residents tell us that this is their primary way to get city news.

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# Thornton Fire Chief Gordie Olson retires



Thornton Fire Chief Gordie Olson retired on February 7, 2023, 40 years to the day after he began his firefighting career in Washington state. Olson served Thornton as Fire Chief since 2015, and during his time with Thornton Fire, he led the effort to provide COVID-19 drive-through vaccination clinics during the pandemic, receiving national recognition for the department as a leader in that effort. Also during the pandemic, Thornton Fire was one of the first in the nation to begin using new technology to monitor firefighters exposed to COVID-19. Olson guided the modernization and renovation of Thornton's fire stations. Fire Station 1 was relocated to a new facility and recently the new Fire Station 7 opened to better serve the residents of northern Thornton. During Olson's lead, Thornton Fire also became the first in Colorado to become a Test to Treat provider,

which is a mobile service that brings medical attention for COVID-19, RSV, and flu testing and treatment to the resident's home. Thornton Mayor Jan Kulmann said, "Chief Olson has been a tremendous asset to the Department and to all of Thornton during his years of service, and we are truly grateful for all he has done." Olson says leading Thornton Fire was an honor and the staff has a great deal of talented and dedicated people. "As I move on to my next adventure in life, I am certain they will work together to continue moving Thornton's fire and emergency medical services in the right direction as our city continues to grow."

Thornton City Manager Kevin Woods has appointed Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Kelly as interim Fire Chief. Woods will guide the process for naming a permanent replacement in the months to come.

## Residents are loving Thornton's newly formatted community meetings

For years, residents of Thornton have been voicing their concerns and needs to city officials in a traditional community meeting format. But now, Thornton has a new approach to face-to-face community engagement. "This new community meeting format brings staff, City Council, and residents from across Thornton to one location," says Thornton Communications Director Todd Barnes. "The meetings feature elements of information, food, and even some fun. It's definitely a new approach that has turned these gatherings into an opportunity for effective community engagement with more productive conversations between residents and city staff." The latest meeting was held in February at the Active Adult Center,

and the room was filled with community members eager to engage in a discussion about the future of Thornton. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions in an open and casual environment. "Many people in attendance spoke with us throughout the gathering," says Thornton Mayor Jan Kulmann. "They shared personal stories, ideas, and concerns related to the issues they face or hopes for the community. This new format really creates a space where everyone has a chance to be heard or find information that is important to them." The community meetings are held every three months at different Thornton locations. For more information, visit [goCOT.net/communitymeetings](http://goCOT.net/communitymeetings).

Help map out Thornton's future  
**TAKE PART IN THE THORNTON TRANSIT STUDY**

Thornton is conducting a transit study and your input is needed to help ensure that the study results in a transit system that serves your needs. "Half of Thornton's population and land area are not directly served by RTD's transit and current transit routes do not provide convenient access to key city destinations," says Thornton Regional Transportation Engineer Kent Moorman "That's why it's so important to take part in this survey to help Thornton grow in a way that best serves the needs of the residents." Take the survey at [bit.ly/ThorntonTransitSurvey](https://bit.ly/ThorntonTransitSurvey) or by scanning the QR Code below.

You can provide input at a public meeting on March 6, 6-7:30 p.m., at Thornton City Hall, 9500 Civic Center Dr.



Spring brings the **ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING**

The city will begin fire hydrant flushing throughout Thornton this spring to ensure the proper operation of the fire hydrants and clean the water system mains. During the flushing operation, Thornton water customers may experience cloudy or rust-colored water from the tap. The water is safe to drink during this time.



Share your story **HEALTHY FARMERS MARKET COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY**

Share your story and let your voice be heard about Thornton's Healthy Farmers Market. Visit [goCOT.net/connections](https://goCOT.net/connections) to take the survey or call 720-977-5800 or email [Connections@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:Connections@ThorntonCO.gov) to receive a paper copy. The survey is open through April 1.

**Thornton Community Center begins ushering in a new era of service as renovations begin**

Thornton is making way for a new Community Center at the existing site, 2211 Eppinger Blvd., and that will be unique to Thornton.

The center closed in August 2022 followed by a community 'Wrecking Ball' party where residents shared memories of the long-serving center. Demolition began in January.

The project will take approximately two years to complete, and when finished, the new building will feature community center functions and amenities as well as an Anythink Public Library. For more information on the transformation, visit [goCOT.net/tcc](https://goCOT.net/tcc).



**Thornton's newest fire station is now in service**



Thornton is a growing city, with more and more people choosing to call it home, and with that growth comes an increased need for public safety services.

Thornton Fire is responding to that growth and recently opened a brand-new fire station. Fire Station 7, located on York Street near 157th Avenue, and will serve as an important addition in the effort to meet the needs of our growing community.

"The new station will help to reduce response times for emergencies by shortening the distance between an emergency event in the north area of Thornton and the station," says Thornton Fire Public Information Officer Sabrina Iacovetta. "As we continue to grow and thrive as a community, it's important that we invest in services that benefit our residents now and in the future."

**Water use rules help preserve our water supply**

Water is an essential resource. To ensure a clean and reliable supply of drinking water, we all need to use water in a sustainable manner.

There are many ways in which we can be more sustainable in our use of water. One of the easiest ways is by limiting the amount of water we use outdoors. To promote efficient outdoor water use and preserve our community's water supply, water use rules, enforced April 1–October 31, have been added to Thornton's City Code. The turf/lawn irrigation rules include watering no more than three days/week, no turf/lawn irrigation between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and more. Scan the QR code for our Saving Water Outdoors page where you will find more information, including a lawn watering guide.



**Thornton residents accessing city informational avenues in impressive numbers**

Thornton has several ways of relaying information to residents, and those information channels are proving to be very popular. You can find information about Thornton programs and services in City Voice Newspaper, on social media and YouTube as well as Comcast Cable Channel 8. "Thornton's YouTube Channel reached the one-million minutes of video viewed since its inception," says Thornton Communications Director Todd Barnes. "Thornton residents are also accessing information on our social media channels, with social media impressions reaching over 1.2 million people in 2022 through over 1,600 posts."

Thornton's webpage is also a popular stop for residents with 2.3 million user sessions on [ThorntonCO.gov](https://ThorntonCO.gov) with over one million page views.

*Save the Date!*  
Earth Day & Arbor Day Volunteer Event  
Saturday, April 22 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

VISIT [GOCOT.NET/VOLUNTEER](https://goCOT.net/volunteer) FOR INFO AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

Assistance is available for your **THORNTON WATER BILL**

The Thornton Water Assistance Program helps low-income individuals and families to pay their water bills. Thornton water customers who meet the program qualifications can apply for the program once per calendar year. For more information, contact Community Connections at 720-977-5800 or visit [goCOT.net/waterassistance](https://goCOT.net/waterassistance) to apply.

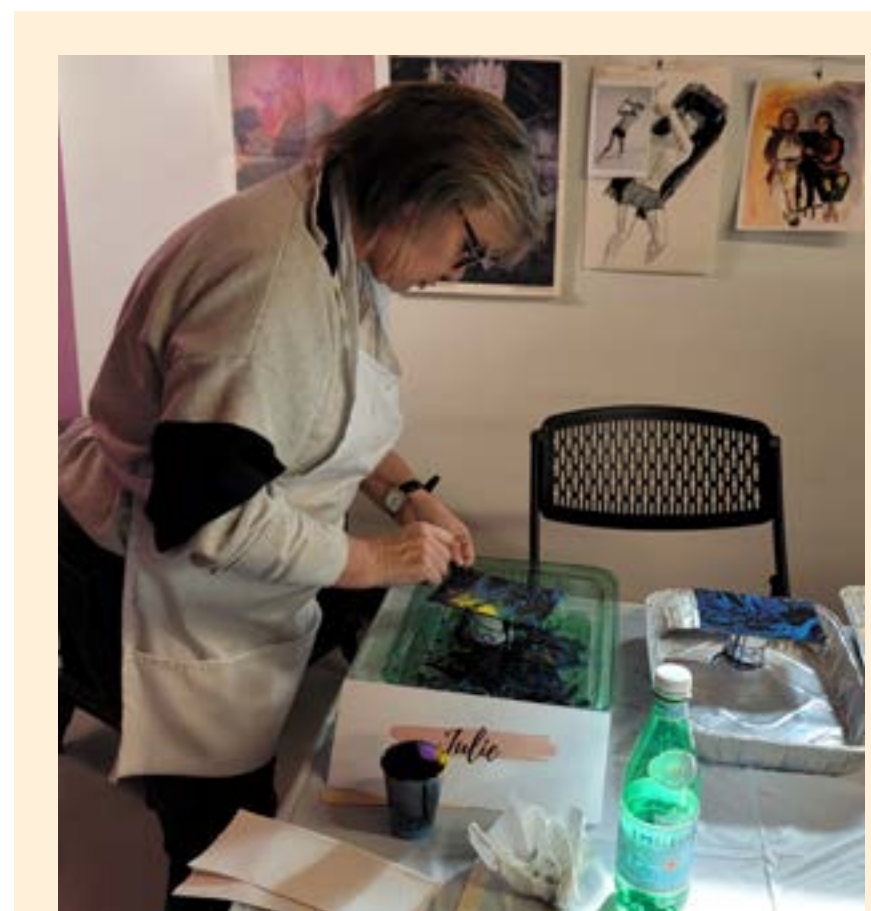
Your Thornton **TRASH & RECYCLE CALENDAR**

**Landfill Day, Saturday, March 18, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Republic Services Tower Landfill, 19260 E. 88th Ave., Commerce City.** The gate fee is waived for Thornton residents to take non-hazardous debris. One vehicle load per household. Pickup trucks, cars, and small single-axle trailers only. Electronics and liquids will not be accepted. Mattresses are subject to an additional fee. All loads must be covered. Restrictions and limitations apply. Proof of residency is required.

**Tree Branch/Compost Drop-off, Saturday, April 8, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Thornton Infrastructure Maintenance Center (IMC), 12450 Washington St.** Thornton residents may bring tree branches and compostable material to the Thornton IMC north entrance off 126th Ave. Restrictions and limitations apply. Proof of residency is required.

**Electronic Recycling Drop-off Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton.** Fees apply. Online registration is available six-weeks prior to event date at [ThorntonCO.gov/TrashRecycling](https://ThorntonCO.gov/TrashRecycling).

**Help Us on Your Pickup Day.** Please have your containers out by 7 a.m. and leave plenty of room for us to work. Place containers at least four feet from vehicles and obstructions and two feet away from each other.



**SECOND SATURDAY EVENTS** at Thornton's OZ Gallery and the Ken Freiberg Fire Museum  
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Free

Activities vary and currently include art exhibits, classes such as acrylic pours (pictured above), or preserving historical photos and documents.

You can also visit the museum to see the history of the Thornton Fire Department, including one of the original fire trucks.

For more information, visit [ArtsThornton.com](https://ArtsThornton.com) or call 720-977-5880.

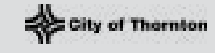
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4-6 p.m. | Carpenter Recreation Center | 11151 Colorado Blvd.

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2023 Thornton Business Awards



Don't forget your basket! Parking is limited.

**Eggcessible Eggstravaganza**

**April 8**  
**9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
Community Park @ York Street & Thornton Parkway  
Food Trucks • Appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Bunny  
~ GO ONLINE OR CALL FOR AGE GROUP START TIMES. ~

Visit our website, [gocot.net/festivals](https://gocot.net/festivals) or call 303-255-7800 for age group start times. Call 720-977-5702 for information for the adaptive & inclusive portion of the event.

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# What's happening in Thornton?

All events listed below are subject to change. Visit [ThorntonCO.gov](http://ThorntonCO.gov) for calendar updates.

The links to join Thornton public meetings can be found at [ThorntonCO.gov](http://ThorntonCO.gov) on the Community Calendar.

**Tuesday, March 14, 5:45 p.m.**  
City Council Update

**Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting

**Saturday, March 18, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
Thornton Landfill Day  
Republic Services Tower Landfill  
19260 E. 88th Ave., Commerce City

**Tuesday, March 21, 5:45 p.m.**  
Council Planning Session

**Tuesday, April 4, 5:45 p.m.**  
Council Planning Session

**Saturday, April 8, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
Tree Branch/Compost Drop Off  
Infrastructure Maintenance Center  
12450 Washington St.

**Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m.**  
Eggcessible Eggstravaganza  
Community Park, 2141 E. 95th Ave.

**Tuesday, April 11, 5:45 p.m.**  
City Council Update

**Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting

**Tuesday, April 18, 5:45 p.m.**  
Council Planning Session

**Tuesday, April 25, 5:45 p.m.**  
City Council Update

**Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting

**Tuesday, May 2, 5:45 p.m.**  
Council Planning Session

**Tuesday, May 9, 5:45 p.m.**  
City Council Update

**Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting

**Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
Tree Branch/Compost Drop Off  
Infrastructure Maintenance Center  
12450 Washington St.

**Tuesday, May 16, 5:45 p.m.**  
Council Planning Session

**Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m.**  
Thornton Community Meeting  
Trail Winds Multipurpose Room  
13495 Holly St.

**Tuesday, May 23, 5:45 p.m.**  
City Council Update

**Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting

**Monday, May 29**  
Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

**Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
Thorntonfest  
Carpenter Park Multipurpose Fields  
108th Avenue & Colorado Boulevard

**Tuesday, June 6, 5:45 p.m.**  
Council Planning Session

**Saturday, June 10, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
Tree Branch/Compost Drop Off  
Infrastructure Maintenance Center  
12450 Washington St.

**Tuesday, June 13, 5:45 p.m.**  
City Council Update

**Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting

**Saturday, June 17, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
Thornton Landfill Day  
Republic Services Tower Landfill  
19260 E. 88th Ave., Commerce City

**Tuesday, July 4**  
Independence Day - City offices closed

**Tuesday, July 4, 12 p.m.**  
July 4th Celebration, Carpenter Park Fields  
108th Avenue & Colorado Boulevard

**Tuesday, July 11, 5:45 p.m.**  
City Council Update

**Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting

**Saturday, July 15, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
Tree Branch/Compost Drop Off  
Infrastructure Maintenance Center  
12450 Washington St.

**Tuesday, July 18, 5:45 p.m.**  
Council Planning Session

**Tuesday, July 25, 5:45 p.m.**  
City Council Update

**Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting

**Tuesday, August 8, 5:45 p.m.**  
City Council Update

**Tuesday, August 8, 7 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting

**Thursday, August 10, 6 p.m.**  
Thornton Community Meeting  
Infrastructure Meter Shop,  
12450 Washington St.

**Saturday, August 12, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
Tree Branch/Compost Drop Off  
Infrastructure Maintenance Center  
12450 Washington St.

## City Facilities & Commonly Used Numbers

Thornton City Hall  
9500 Civic Center Dr., 80229

Thornton Police Department  
and Municipal Court  
9551 Civic Center Dr., 80229

Infrastructure Maintenance Center  
12450 Washington St., 80241

Margaret W. Carpenter  
Recreation Center  
11151 Colorado Blvd., 80233

Thornton Community Center  
2211 Eppinger Blvd., 80229

Thornton Active Adult Center  
11181 Colorado Blvd., 80233

Thornton Arts & Culture Center  
9209 Dorothy Blvd., 80229

Trail Winds Recreation Center  
13495 Holly St., 80241

Thornton Community Connections  
9471 Dorothy Blvd., 80229

Active Adult Center.....	303-255-7850
Alliance Business Assist. Center....	720-674-3547
Animal Control .....	720-977-5250
Arts & Culture Center.....	720-977-5880
Building Inspection .....	303-538-7250
Building Permits .....	303-538-7250
Business Assistance .....	303-538-7605
Carpenter Recreation Center .....	303-255-7800
City Clerk's Office .....	303-538-7230
City Communications .....	303-538-7279
City Council & Mayor .....	303-538-7002
City Manager's Office .....	303-538-7002
Code Compliance .....	303-538-7517
Community Connections .....	720-977-5800
Economic Development .....	303-538-7605
Fire Department (non-emergency) ...	303-538-7602
Human Resources .....	303-538-7245
Municipal Court .....	720-977-5400
Parks, Recreation & Community Programs .....	303-538-7275
Police (non-emergency) .....	720-977-5150
Pothole Repair .....	720-977-6464
Snow & Ice Control .....	720-977-6464
Trail Winds Recreation Center .....	720-977-5700
Trash & Recycling .....	720-977-6200
Utilities (Water, Sewer) .....	720-977-6500
Utility Billing .....	303-538-7370
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Voter Registration .....	303-538-7230
Water Quality .....	303-255-7770

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THORNTON ARTS & CULTURE CENTER

# ART CLASSES

CHECK OUT THE NEW SEASON OF CLASSES FOR KIDS, TEENS AND ADULTS!

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# T-Pass

- Unlimited admission to both outdoor pools.
- Unlimited admission to both recreation centers.
- One Sport Package per day at the batting cages.
- One small bucket of range balls per day at the golf course.

Beginning Saturday, April 1, the T-Pass will be available for purchase at both recreation centers and the batting cages. Passes will also be available at the outdoor pools once they open for the 2023 season.

**\$50 R/NR per person**  
Ages 10-16 Pass is valid Memorial Day-Labor Day 2023.

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