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## Upcoming Meetings AND EVENTS

City offices are closed January 1 for New Years Day, January 19 for Martin Luther King Day and February 16 for Presidents' Day.

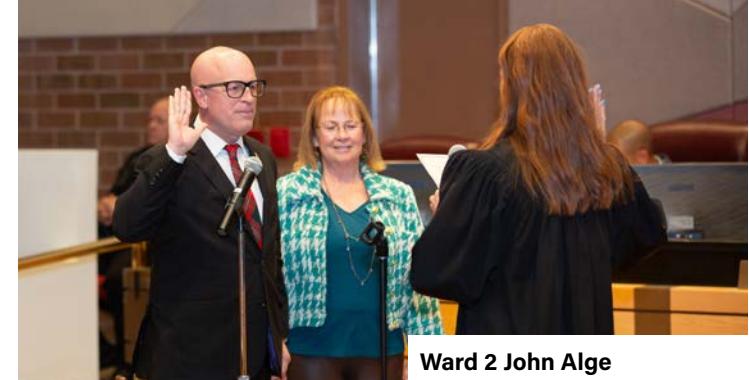
Join us for Thornton City Council Meetings in the Council Chambers at 9500 Civic Center Dr.—everyone's welcome!

January 13      January 27  
February 10      February 24

## The 2025 Thornton Municipal Election results



Ward 1 Cherish Salazar



Ward 2 John Alge



Ward 3 Devin Byrd



Ward 4 Drew Morris

The Thornton City Council has three new members and one returning member following the municipal election held on November 4, 2025. The individuals elected to City Council were sworn in on December 9, 2025. Cherish Salazar, who was elected to Council in a special election in April of 2025, was unopposed for her Ward 1 seat and will now serve a full 4-year term on City Council. In Ward 2, John Alge was elected to replace the term-limited Jessica Sandgren. Devin Byrd was elected to represent people in Ward 3. He replaces Tony Unrein, who chose not to run for reelection. Drew Morris will

serve Ward 4, replacing Mayor Pro Tem Karen Bigelow, who also chose not to seek reelection.

The service and accomplishments of the outgoing Council Members were also celebrated at the meeting and you can find the resolutions celebrating their service at [goCOT.net/resolutions](http://goCOT.net/resolutions).

For more information about Thornton City Council and a schedule for all meetings, you can visit the city's website at [ThorntonCO.gov](http://ThorntonCO.gov).

## Thornton's new Strategic Plan is moving forward

The Thornton City Council has adopted a new Strategic Plan to guide the work and resource allocation for the city. Throughout 2024 and 2025, the Thornton City Council, the city's Senior Leadership Team and employee representatives from across the city have collaborated to refine the city's vision, mission and values and to identify joint priorities to guide the future work of the City Council and Staff. The plan reflects feedback through the city's Resident Satisfaction Survey, multiple community-visioning and planning exercises, and review of existing efforts. The Strategic Plan will provide an important foundation to align the work of city staff, to identify opportunities for partnership, to prioritize future resources, and to measure success.

The plan includes four Strategic Focus Areas:

- Vibrant and Purposeful Development
- Connected Communities
- Safe, Supported, and Livable Community
- Organizational Excellence

The approved Strategic Plan includes 17 goals and 65 actions and the city is currently developing Operational Teams to guide implementation of the plan.

You can learn more about the Strategic Plan by visiting the city's website at [ThorntonCO.gov](http://ThorntonCO.gov). Additional public resources regarding the Strategic Plan are under development and will become available soon so that the community can identify opportunities to contribute and to follow progress.

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## City Council Approves 2026 Budget

Thornton City Council approved a \$634,082,614 budget plan for 2026. The goal of the 2026 budget is to advance the city towards goals stated in the four strategic focus areas of the recently adopted Strategic Plan, while remaining financially sustainable for the city. The approved budget is a balanced budget, which means that ongoing revenues meet or exceed ongoing expenditures. The budget does include the planned spending down of some of Thornton's fund balance in order to make one-time investments in capital projects.

The 2026 budget provides for a net addition of three full-time employees. Five additional positions are either conversions from contract or part-time or are positions that have been reallocated to a new function. The new positions will provide the following services:

- hiring an additional EMS Dispatcher to provide an increased response to emergency calls for service.
- converting three contract Co-Responder positions to full-time city employee positions which will promote wellness and safety in our community by providing effective and compassionate behavioral health response and intervention.
- hiring 3 additional firefighters to staff Engine 71 to continue implementation of four-person staffing on all engines.
- converting a temporary/part-time position to a full-time position for assistance with preparing lunches for our active adult lunch program.
- supporting the Arts & Culture division and programming with the addition of hours and conversion of a  $\frac{3}{4}$  part-time position to full-time city employee.
- hiring a Senior Assistant City Attorney to provide prosecutorial services at the Thornton Municipal Court.

The 2026 budget provides for several one-time capital projects, including:

- the second year of a 5-year project to make improvements along the South Washington corridor
- widening of 104th Avenue,
- the addition of PFAS-removing improvements at the Thornton Water Treatment Plant,
- two large trail expansion projects: Big Dry Creek Trail from 136th Avenue to 144th Avenue, and
- the replacement of the Emergency Response CAD and Records Management System

This budget also provides for several ongoing or capital maintenance-type projects, including:

- continued investments in projects that will improve accessibility throughout the community
- street rehabilitation, which includes: paving, crack seal, and other road treatment projects,
- remediation of the Thornton Shopping Center site
- maintenance of the city's recreation facilities and parks, including: sport courts, sport fields, recreation facility equipment, swimming pool repairs, concrete repairs along trails, hazardous tree removal, etc.
- maintenance of water and sewer lines, hydrants, tanks, and valves throughout the city.

The city property tax mill levy will remain at the same level that it has been since 1989, which is 10.21 mills. A mill is equal to \$1 in property tax, which is levied per every \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. Therefore, for every \$1000 dollars of assessed value for a property, the city collects \$10.21 of property tax revenue annually.

## As of January 1, new water rates are in effect

Information provided by [ThorntonWater.com](http://ThorntonWater.com)

New water rates are in effect for the new year. You can expect to see the changes reflected in your February utility bill. "Thornton Water is dedicated to maintaining the quality and reliability of your water 365 days a year," says Thornton Senior Water Resources Administrator Laura Wing. "To achieve this, water rates increase by a small amount each year – balancing affordability with the need for clean, reliable water for our community." Your water rates not only pay for the actual water running through your pipes, but for a complex water system that transports, stores, treats and delivers an average of 22 million gallons of drinking water to customers each day. Past water rate investments have included the AMI water meter upgrades, which now allow you to detect leaks early and manage your daily water use in the WaterSmart Portal at [Thornton.WaterSmart.com](http://Thornton.WaterSmart.com).

In 2026, your water rate contribution will continue to support improvements and maintenance for the existing reservoirs, water treatment plants, distribution pipes, pump stations, storage tanks, hydrants, and technologies that run your water system. These upgrades and repairs are necessary to improve the safety and efficiency of Thornton's water infrastructure. The improvements also include the addition of a new PFAS treatment system at the Thornton Water Treatment Plant to meet new state and federal drinking water standards. This new system is slated to be operational in 2028. It's important to note that water rates do not contribute to system expansion for new customers across Thornton; expansion is funded through connection fees.

### Your Thornton Water Rate Covers:

Water Source Management

Infrastructure Maintenance

Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Safe Drinking Water Requirements

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## Thornton launches Housing Choice Code update to expand affordable options

Information provided by Thornton City Development

Thornton's City Development Department has launched an effort to update its Housing Choice Code; a project aimed at expanding the variety of housing options available to residents and supporting the city's long-term housing goals.

The initiative focuses on identifying tools and policies to encourage the development of diverse housing types and to streamline the review process for qualifying projects. The goal is to make it easier to create

homes for seniors, families, residents with disabilities, workers, veterans, and young people—ensuring that housing costs remain within reach.

Thornton defines "housing cost-burdened" households as those spending more than 30% of their gross income on housing expenses, including mortgage or rent, utilities, insurance, property taxes, and HOA or rental fees. You can learn more about the effort and share feedback through a brief survey at [goCOT.net/development](http://goCOT.net/development).

# Thornton Begins Environmental Cleanup at Historic Thornton Shopping Center

*Information provided by Thornton Economic Development*

Environmental cleanup and excavation at the former Thornton Shopping Center at East 88th Avenue and Washington Street began in December. The once-thriving retail hub, built in the 1950s, was Thornton's first major shopping center. The first stores opened at the Thornton Shopping Center in May 1955, and included Woolworth's and Miller's Market, Thornton's first grocery store.

"Thornton Economic Development has worked with the community, and the Thornton Development Authority to revitalize the space and position it for a fresh start for future redevelopment," said Chad Howell, Thornton Redevelopment Administrator. "Removal and proper disposal of contaminated soil and other materials must be completed before the site can be rebuilt," said Howell. Active remediation is expected to continue through July 2026.

The work represents a major milestone in the long effort to bring the property back to life. "For decades, this site has been a cornerstone and a priority in our community," said Howell. "We're turning the corner toward a modern, productive redevelopment."

For more information, visit [goCOT.net/thorntonshopctr](http://goCOT.net/thorntonshopctr).



# SUMMER CAMP

**Registration Begins February 4**

Thornton Resident Registration Begins  
**Wednesday, February 4 @ 8 a.m.**

Nonresident Registration Begins  
**Thursday, February 5 @ 8 a.m.**

[goCOT.net/registration](http://goCOT.net/registration) | 720-977-5901

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## Thornton named Colorado's Large Community of the year

*Information provided by BusinessinThornton.com*

The Economic Development Council of Colorado has named Thornton the 2024 Large Community of the Year, recognizing our city's success in attracting and retaining new development while fostering a strong, diverse local economy.

The award highlights Thornton's focus on redevelopment, particularly the ongoing revitalization of the Thornton Shopping Center, which was noted as a model for community engagement and renewal. The city was also honored for its innovative support of small businesses through the Alliance Business Assistance Center.

## Celebrate your favorite Thornton businesses: nominate them for the 2026 Business Awards

*Information provided by BusinessinThornton.com*

If you know of a Thornton business that always goes above and beyond, now's your chance to give them the recognition they deserve. Nominate your favorite local businesses for the 2026 Thornton Business Awards. Award Categories include the People's Choice, Community Spirit, Small Business of the Year, and Retailer of the Year.

Join Thornton Economic Development in applauding Thornton's top businesses to give them the spotlight they deserve. For more information and to cast your vote, visit [BusinessinThornton.com](http://BusinessinThornton.com).

## Thornton City Council

[goCOT.net/council](http://goCOT.net/council)



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## NEED HELP

### Paying your water bill?

The Thornton Water Assistance Program helps low-income individuals and families to pay their water bills. All Thornton Water Utility (TWU) customers, including homeowners and renters, can apply for the program once per calendar year. The 2025 credit is \$475 for all TWU applicants with an additional \$60 in storm sewer credit for city residents. For more information, call **720-977-5815**, email **Assistance@ThorntonCO.gov**, or visit in person at Community Connections, 9471 Dorothy Blvd. during business hours.

## FREE FOOD AND RESOURCE

### Drive-thru events

Thornton Community Connections and Adams County Human Services partner to host a Free Food and Resource Drive-Thru event every third Friday of the month at 9471 Dorothy Blvd., from 8:30-9:30 a.m. If you need immediate food assistance you can call 211 or [211colorado.org](http://211colorado.org), or call the Hunger Free Colorado Resource Hotline at **855-855-4626**. To find a Food Bank/Pantry near you, you can use the Food Bank of the Rockies Food Locator at [foodbankrockies.org/find-food](http://foodbankrockies.org/find-food).

If you're able to financially support the efforts of the Food Bank of the Rockies, they have several giving options. Whether it's a one-time gift or monthly donations, your gift can make a huge impact on community support. Visit [foodbankrockies.org/give/giving-opportunities](http://foodbankrockies.org/give/giving-opportunities) to discover what option works best for you.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

serves as an Adams County Human Services Outreach Site

Thornton Community Connections serves as an Adams County Human Services Outreach Site. If you are interested in applying or have questions about benefits, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps), Medicaid, and cash assistance, you can come by and get help on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Community Connections at **720-977-5800** or [Connections@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:Connections@ThorntonCO.gov).

## NEED HELP WITH YARD CODE VIOLATIONS?

Let CodeCAP help

The Code Compliance Assistance Program (CodeCAP) assists income-eligible homeowners to fix code violations in their yards. Eligible projects include removal of hazardous trees, trash, debris, vehicles, and fence repair or replacement, drainage, erosion, and accessibility corrections.

For more information, visit [goCOT.net/Housing](http://goCOT.net/Housing) or contact Community Connections at **720-977-5800** or at [Housing@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:Housing@ThorntonCO.gov).

# Thornton celebrates 70 years! Check out the 70th Anniversary History Exhibit

*Information provided by ArtsThornton.com*

When developer Sam Hoffman began building homes in 1954, he envisioned a thriving community that could stand on its own. Now, as Thornton approaches its 70th anniversary in May of this year, Hoffman's vision has become reality. You can see for yourself as the Thornton Arts & Culture Center Annex, 9211 Dorothy Blvd., brings our timeline to life in a special exhibit called Thornton Yesterday, Thornton Today, Thornton Tomorrow. "This exhibit celebrates the city's growth and spirit," says Thornton Arts & Culture Manager Alisa Zimmerman. "You will be able to explore Thornton's story through historic artifacts, photographs, murals, and personal accounts that trace our journey from Thornton's early days to the vibrant community we are today." Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., closed federal holidays, and admission is free beginning Monday, January 5. For more information, visit [ArtsThornton.com](http://ArtsThornton.com) or call **720-977-5880**.



## Safer streets ahead: Thornton's new red-light and speed cameras are now active

*Information provided by Thornton Police Department*

New red-light cameras and mobile speed vehicles are now operational, as part of Thornton Police Department's new automated traffic safety program. The effort is designed to reduce crashes, curb speeding, and make our streets safer for everyone. Red light cameras are now active at the intersections of: 88th Avenue and Washington Street, and 120th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard.

In addition, two mobile photo speed enforcement vehicles will rotate through areas that have a history of crashes or speed violations, including school zones. Thornton PD's goal isn't to hand out tickets, it's to encourage safer driving. During the program's 30-day warning period, drivers received warnings instead of fines, giving everyone a chance to adjust before full enforcement began. Fines are \$75 for red-light violations, \$40 for speeding in regular zones, and \$80 in school zones.

All photos and videos are reviewed by Thornton Police staff before any citation is issued. Driver data is kept only as long as required by law and is permanently deleted afterward. "Speeding and red-light violations are two of the leading causes of serious crashes," said Police Chief Jim Baird. "If these cameras make drivers slow down or think twice



before running a red light, they're doing exactly what they're meant to do."

Thornton partnered with Verra Mobility, a national leader in photo enforcement technology, to administer the program. To learn more about the program, visit [ThorntonPD.org/cameras](http://ThorntonPD.org/cameras).

## Thornton's Community Connections offers help during tough times

*Information provided by goCOT.net/connections*

Thornton's Community Connections provides a wide range of resources and services that support our neighbors as they improve their quality of life in Thornton. "Our team speaks both English and Spanish ensuring we offer a tailored selection of programming and referrals to meet individual needs for food, clothing, shelter, social/mental health supports and beyond," says Thornton Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Programs Jaylin Stotler. "We

provide a welcoming and safe space for all Thornton residents to connect with life-enhancing support, referrals and services." Services include information regarding housing and shelter, food assistance, legal, employment, health services, mental health, addiction, and more.

For more information, visit [goCOT.net/connections](http://goCOT.net/connections), call **720-977-5800** or email [Connections@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:Connections@ThorntonCO.gov).

# Thornton Youth Community Outreach program effort boosts local food banks

Information provided by Thornton Fire Department

The Thornton Youth Community Outreach program held its holiday food drive and extended its thanks to King Soopers and all who donated. The collected food was delivered to local food banks in time to support families during the holiday season.

Thornton Fire Department, which oversees the outreach program, continues to play a major role in meeting community needs year-round. From emergency response to ongoing charity drives and youth programs, the department's efforts help ensure that residents facing hardship receive vital support when they need it most.



## Thornton streamlines permit process with launch of City View Portal

Information provided by Thornton Development Engineering Division

Thornton has launched a new online system designed to make it easier for contractors and developers to apply for permits related to construction and traffic control in the public right-of-way.

All Development Engineering Right-of-Way (ROW) and Traffic Control permits can now be processed exclusively through the City View Portal, a streamlined, all-in-one platform for submitting applications, tracking status, making payments, and receiving approvals electronically. The new system consolidates three separate processes into one convenient online location.

Development Construction ROW Permits are required for any work performed within the city's right-of-way that isn't already covered under a property's construction permit, such as streetlight installations or dry utility connections for new or redevelopment projects.

Development Engineering Traffic Control Permits are needed when traffic control devices or warning signs are placed within the city's right-of-way for development-related work, helping ensure public safety and compliance with city standards during construction.

Contractors and developers can register and access the system at [cityviewportal.ThorntonCO.gov](http://cityviewportal.ThorntonCO.gov). Step-by-step instructions and additional resources are available at [goCOT.net/devconstructionpermits](http://goCOT.net/devconstructionpermits).

For more information contact the Thornton Development Engineering Division at [Permits@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:Permits@ThorntonCO.gov).

### Your Thornton

## TRASH & RECYCLE CALENDAR

City trash/recycling customers can access their 2026 collection calendar, sign up to receive reminders, print a schedule, or add it to their personal iCal, Google Calendar, or Microsoft Outlook Calendar at [goCOT.net/trashrecycling](http://goCOT.net/trashrecycling).

Customers can also download our City of Thornton Recycles mobile app from the App Store and on Google Play.

For details about any of the programs listed below, visit [goCOT.net/trashrecycling](http://goCOT.net/trashrecycling), email [environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov), or call 720-977-6200.

**New Year's Day** - Trash/recycling collection service will be on a one-day holiday delay beginning Thursday, January 1.

**Christmas Tree Curbside Pick Up** - City trash/recycle customers may place their natural Christmas trees at the curb for pickup on their regular trash collection day from December 29–January 9. Please do not wrap the trees in plastic and remove all ornaments and lights.

**Christmas Tree Recycle Drop Off** - Saturday, January 10, from 8 a.m. to noon. Thornton residents may bring their natural Christmas trees to the Infrastructure Maintenance Center, 12450 Washington St., for recycling. Proof of residency is required. Restrictions and limitations apply. Remove all ornaments and lights and use the north entrance with access from 126th Avenue east of Washington Street.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day** - Monday, January 19, NO delay in trash/recycling collection service. Please place your containers at the curb on your regular pick-up day by 7 a.m.

**Presidents' Day** - Monday, February 16, NO delay in trash/recycling collection service. Please place your containers at the curb on your regular pick-up day by 7 a.m.

**Adopt-A-Street** - You can help support litter control efforts along Thornton streets. To find out more about this volunteer program, email [environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov).

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Thornton's one-stop resource shop

Thornton Community Connections English/Spanish bilingual team members inventory community-based programs offered by non-profits, the faith-based community, government organizations, and other partners so we can best connect community members with the services they need. From basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter, to social and mental health support, contact us to make the connection. Community Connections is located at 9471 Dorothy Blvd. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call us at **720-977-5800**, or email us at [Connections@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:Connections@ThorntonCO.gov).

## THORNTON TAX REBATE APPLICATIONS

Thornton residents may be eligible for rebates on property and food sales taxes for 2024. For the first time, both programs are open to all qualifying residents—including renters—regardless of age. Eligibility is based on participation in programs such as SNAP, LEAP, or Medicaid, or by meeting the city's income guidelines, which match those for the Water Assistance Program. Applications are available online at [gocot.net/assistanceapp](http://gocot.net/assistanceapp). For help, call **720-977-5815**.



## OZ GALLERY EXHIBIT PRESENTS

'Conversations with the Divine'

Denver-based artist Yazmin "Yazz" Atmore invites visitors to experience "Conversations with the Divine," an immersive exhibition exploring spirituality, ancestry, and connection at the Thornton Arts & Culture Center, 9209 Dorothy Blvd. Through storytelling, collage, and floral elements, Atmore's work creates a portal between viewer and the Divine, celebrating wisdom and the unifying power of community.

The show runs January 12-March 20, Tuesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m., and second Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be an artist's reception on Friday, January 16, 6-8 p.m. and a Floral Altar Workshop on Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., it's open to ages 11+, and is free with registration at [gocot.net/registration](http://gocot.net/registration).



## Thornton's Active Adult Sensory Walk wins award; come see why!

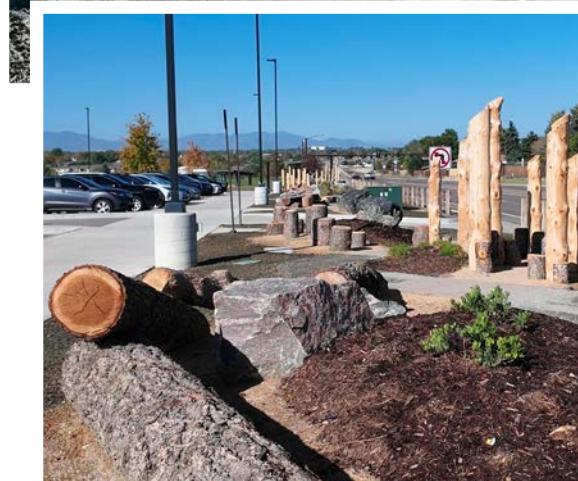
*Information provided by [gocot.net/AAC](http://gocot.net/AAC)*

The Active Adult Center sensory garden project received a Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) Columbine New Park Design award. The CPRA award recognizes and celebrates the individuals and organizations that contribute to the success and value of parks and recreation in the state of Colorado.

The Thornton Active Adult Center (AAC) Sensory project, nestled between the AAC, 11181 Colorado

Blvd., and the skatepark, is designed to offer a peaceful, engaging experience for all ages, connecting multiple generations with nature using different spaces on the campus.

Whether you're seeking a quiet place to meditate, a scenic route for a stroll, or a new way to connect with nature, the Active Adult Sensory Walk is sure to become a favorite destination in Thornton. For more information, visit [gocot.net/aac](http://gocot.net/aac).



## Thornton to honor local volunteers at inaugural recognition awards

*Information provided by [gocot.net/volunteerawards](http://gocot.net/volunteerawards)*

Thornton will host its first-ever Volunteer Recognition Awards in 2026, celebrating individuals who give their time and talent to strengthen the community. The awards are part of Thornton's new Community Volunteer Recognition Program, created to honor individuals whose meaningful service strengthens local initiatives, nonprofits, and community partnerships.

Award categories will include the Volunteer of the Year award and the Youth Volunteer of the Year award, including anyone 18 years of age or younger. The nomination period will run from December 1,

2025, through March 31, 2026, with the nomination form available online on the city's website and in paper format available at the Civic Center. Awardees will be notified in May 2026 and recognized at a public ceremony during the 2026 Thorntonfest.

The 2026 Volunteer Recognition Awards will highlight that spirit of service and celebrate the individuals who make Thornton a more connected, caring, and vibrant place to live and work.

For more information on the volunteer recognition awards, visit [gocot.net/volunteerawards](http://gocot.net/volunteerawards).

## New Arts Thornton music series

*Information provided by Arts & Culture, [ArtsThornton.com](http://ArtsThornton.com)*

Feel the beat of Thornton's new Music Series, a vibrant celebration of live music, dance, comedy, and performance art for all ages! From March through September, join us on the third Fridays of the month at the Thornton Arts & Culture Center and other city venues for unforgettable evenings filled with energy, laughter, and creativity. Each show brings something fresh, whether it's toe-tapping rhythms, hilarious

moments, or inspiring performances. Come be part of this new season of ticketed performances that celebrate community, culture, and fun!

Tickets for this new music series go on sale in January, so be sure to check the [ArtsThornton.com](http://ArtsThornton.com) website.

Learn more at [ArtsThornton.com](http://ArtsThornton.com) or call **720-977-5880**.

# Mayor Jan Kulmann elected to the National League of Cities Board of Directors

Thornton Mayor Jan Kulmann was elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors by NLC's membership at the organization's 2025 City Summit in Salt Lake City, Utah. Kulmann will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy, governance and membership activities. Mayor Kulmann will also serve as the Chair for the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee.

"I am very excited and honored to serve on the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities and as the Chair for the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee. The work that NLC does on behalf of municipalities in our country is invaluable, says Kulmann. They are the voice of local governments before our federal delegations in Washington, D.C., and the NLC committees are often where innovative solutions to complex issues facing cities are first developed. I look forward to representing Thornton's interests at the national level while serving on NLC."

As the largest and most representative organization for cities, their elected leaders and municipal staff, NLC advocates for local government priorities

in Washington by building strong federal-local partnerships. NLC Board members are selected by a 15-member nominating committee and are confirmed by a vote from NLC's membership at the organization's annual business meeting held in November. As a member of the board, Mayor Kulmann will meet in March, June and November to guide NLC's strategic direction.

"The Board of Directors creates the vision and direction for our more than 19,000 cities, towns and villages," said National League of Cities President Kevin Kramer, Councilmember, Louisville, Kentucky. "I am ready to dive into the details with this extraordinary group of local leaders as we support strong and thriving communities across America."

More than 3,000 mayors, councilmembers and other delegates from nearly every state, and the District of Columbia, convened in Salt Lake City, Utah, for NLC's annual City Summit. Local leaders remain on the frontlines of the nation's most pressing challenges and are working hard to pioneer innovative solutions that move our cities, towns and villages forward.

## Keep stormwater clean while clearing snow and ice

*Information provided by [goCOT.net/stormwater](http://goCOT.net/stormwater)*

As winter lingers on, so do snowstorms—and the need to shovel driveways and melt ice. While salt is a quick and common fix, it can have lasting environmental impacts.

Traditional deicers, such as sodium chloride (halite), can damage freshwater ecosystems, harm plants, deteriorate concrete, and even stain carpets once tracked indoors.

For an eco-friendlier approach, consider products listed on the EPA's Safer Choice program, such as acetates, such as Premier Ice Melter, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride, such as Safe Step Mag Chloride 8300.

To learn more about safer deicing options, visit [epa.gov/saferchoice/products](http://epa.gov/saferchoice/products).

For information about protecting Thornton's stormwater quality, visit [goCOT.net/stormwater](http://goCOT.net/stormwater) or email [StormwaterQuality@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:StormwaterQuality@ThorntonCO.gov).



## When it snows, snowplows hit the streets, so give them room to do their jobs!

*Information provided by Thornton Infrastructure, [goCOT.net/snow](http://goCOT.net/snow)*

Driving near snowplows requires extra caution, so as a driver, remember to slow down, give plows plenty of space and avoid passing on the right.

The safest place to drive is behind the plow, where the roadway has already been cleared. Thornton plows are equipped with wing blades that extend about 6 feet into the passenger-side lane, making right-side passing especially dangerous.

Drivers should stay at least 200 feet behind a plow, as the trucks spread sand and de-icing materials that can damage vehicles at close range. Plows may also stop abruptly. Motorists are urged to watch for the large blind spots on both sides and behind the truck; if a driver cannot see the operator in the mirrors, the operator likely cannot see them.

Snowplows often create a rolling "snow cloud," which can cause sudden whiteout conditions and hide the full expanse of the truck from view. So, avoid driving into this cloud or attempting to pass through it. Because plows typically travel between 25 and 35 mph, drivers are asked to be patient. Operators will pull over when it is safe to let traffic pass. On multi-lane highways, several plows may work together in a diagonal formation to clear all lanes at once. Passing or weaving through this formation is dangerous and often illegal.

Drivers should also use extra caution when meeting an oncoming plow on a two-lane road, moving as far right as safely possible to avoid debris and allow room for the plow's wide blade. Keeping headlights on, using low beams when approaching a plow at night, helps ensure the operator can see other vehicles. For more information, visit [goCOT.net/snow](http://goCOT.net/snow).



## What's happening in Thornton?

Visit [ThorntonCO.gov](http://ThorntonCO.gov) for meetings and events.

## Community efforts strengthen and support the Thornton Fire Museum

Information provided by Thornton Fire Department, [goCOT.net/fire](http://goCOT.net/fire)

The Thornton Fire Museum continues to take shape, thanks to community members committed to preserving the city's fire service history.

Wyatt Morrison, an aspiring Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 67, recently completed a service project to support the museum, constructing fire-themed benches for visitors. Morrison coordinated and managed the project with help from his family and fellow Troop members. The new benches will serve as a meaningful addition to the museum's displays and visitor experience.

The Thornton Fire Department, with support from volunteers, continues to archive items donated by former firefighters and their families. Retired firefighters and members of the museum subcommittee also meet regularly and share information about the city's first museum at community events.

The Thornton Fire Museum is located inside the city's original fire station at 9451 Dorothy Blvd. For more information, visit [goCOT.net/fire](http://goCOT.net/fire).



## ATTENTION WebTrac Users!

Our online registration system has moved to a new web address:

<https://cothorntonweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/>

Please update your bookmarks and use this new link for all future program registrations and account management.

Contact us at 720-977-5901 if you have any questions!



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