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Protect your property and help Thornton PD prevent motor vehicle theft

Information provided by Thornton Police Department Community Relations, thorntonpd.org



Thornton Police Officer Smart keeps a watchful eye on the community during his shift on patrol, supporting the department's efforts to prevent motor vehicle theft.

Upcoming MEETINGS

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

Be part of the conversation and help shape our community's future.

March 25	April 8
April 22	May 13

Meet and talk with your Council members at the Ward and Community meetings which are held throughout the year.

Community Meeting
March 6 - Active Adult Center
11181 Colorado Blvd.

Ward 2 Ward Meeting
April 24 - Thornton Community Center
2211 Eppinger Blvd.

Motor vehicle theft is often a crime of opportunity, but small steps can go a long way in protecting your property. It's important to stay vigilant and avoid common practices that can make vehicles an easy target for thieves.

Here are a few reminders from the Thornton Police Department to help prevent auto theft:

Don't leave your car running unattended: Known as "puffing," this practice is common during cold weather but creates an easy opportunity for thieves. If you need to warm up your vehicle, consider using a remote start system or staying with the car while it's running.

Always lock your doors and remove valuables: A locked vehicle with no visible valuables is far less likely to be targeted. Be sure to take items like electronics, wallets, or bags with you when you leave your car.

Close your garage doors: An open garage can provide easy access to your vehicle and other belongings. Make it a nightly habit to check that your garage door is securely closed.

Park in well-lit areas: If parking in a garage isn't an option, choose well-lit, high-traffic locations to reduce the risk of theft.

See something, Say something: If you notice suspicious activity in your neighborhood, such as someone looking into cars or attempting to open doors, don't hesitate to report it to law enforcement. Avoid confronting suspicious individuals yourself.

Taking these small steps can make a big difference in keeping your vehicle and belongings safe. If you have further questions about safety and crime prevention in your neighborhood, please reach out to Thornton Police Department Community Relations at tpd.comrel@ThorntonCO.gov.

Top stolen vehicles in 2024

City of Thornton		Statewide (Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority)	
1. Chevrolet Silverado	6. Hyundai Sonata	1. Chevrolet Silverado	6. Ford F-150
2. Ford F-250	7. Kia Soul	2. Hyundai Elantra	7. Kia Optima
3. GMC Sierra	8. Kia Sportage	3. Hyundai Sonata	8. Kia Soul
4. Kia Optima	9. Hyundai Tucson	4. GMC Sierra	9. Honda Civic
5. Hyundai Elantra	10. Ford F-150	5. Ford F-250	8. Kia Sportage

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Thornton's largest-ever Fire Recruit Academy now training

Information provided by Thornton Fire Department, goCOT.net/fire



The Thornton Fire Department welcomed 30 new recruits in January, marking the largest hiring class in the city's history. These new recruits began their journey with the department on January 2 for onboarding and pre-academy tasks before joining the North Area Fire Academy (NAFA) to train alongside 30 recruits from neighboring fire agencies. The academy runs through September, equipping Thornton's newest firefighters with the skills and knowledge needed to protect and serve the growing community.

As Thornton's population continues to rise, the city remains committed to enhancing public safety. The increase in firefighters reflects Thornton's proactive efforts to keep pace with the city's expanding needs and ensure high-quality emergency response services for all residents.

Upon completing the academy, these recruits will join the department's ranks, supporting its mission to deliver prompt and reliable fire protection, medical aid, and emergency response services. For more information about the Thornton Fire Department, visit goCOT.net/fire.

Thornton Fire breaks ground on Fire Station 8



The Thornton Fire Department recently broke ground on Fire Station 8, marking another step forward in its enduring mission to protect and serve. More than just a new building, this station symbolizes the department's unwavering dedication to safeguarding the lives and well-being of Thornton residents. With every call answered and every life saved, Thornton Fire continues its proud tradition of providing high-quality service to a community it is honored to serve.

Sign up for Thornton's emergency alerts with CodeRED

Stay informed during emergencies with CodeRED, the city of Thornton's high-speed notification system. CodeRED delivers critical alerts about wildfires, flooding, evacuations, and other dangerous situations directly to your phone or email.

Sign up today by visiting goCOT.net/codered, texting the keyword ThorntonCO to **99411**, or calling **720-977-5150**. Don't miss important updates—register now to stay safe and prepared!

Ward 1 Special Election coming soon – mail ballots arrive in March

Information provided by Thornton City Clerk's Office, goCOT.net/elections

Thornton voters in Ward 1 will soon decide who will fill the vacant City Council seat in a special mail-ballot election scheduled for March 25.

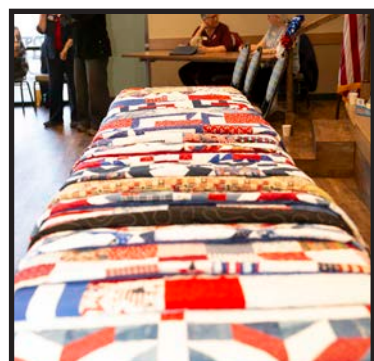
The vacancy occurred after former City Council Member Kathy Henson, who was elected to Ward 1 in 2021, won a seat as an Adams County Commissioner in the November 2024 election. This special election is being held under a new Charter Amendment requiring council vacancies to be filled within 120 days if more than a year remains in the term.

The candidates running to fill the Ward 1 seat are: Cherish Salazar, Eric Garcia and Thomas "Tom" Mollendor.

Ward 1 voters should watch for mail ballots, which will be sent out in early March. Only registered voters living in Ward 1 are eligible to vote in this election. For more information about the election, contact the Thornton City Clerk's Office at **303-538-7230** or visit goCOT.net/elections.



Quilts of Valor honors local Veterans



Lovingly crafted with care and personal effort by dedicated volunteers, 15 Thornton veterans were honored recently with Quilts of Valor. Presented at the Thornton Active Adult Center by the 55+ Organization each quilt is a symbol of gratitude, reflecting the message of the QOV organization: "The Quilt says unequivocally, 'Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation.'"

City Council Virtual Town Hall Meeting

Information provided by Thornton Communications, ThorntonCO.gov

Thornton's Mayor and City Council will hold a virtual town hall meeting on May 14, 2025 from 7 PM to 8 PM. The meeting will be held online via Zoom and residents and business owners are welcome to attend.

Questions for the Mayor and Council can be submitted in advance via the QR Code below. There will be a State of the City presentation at the beginning of the meeting. The Zoom link for the meeting will be published several weeks in advance on goCOT.net/council.



Scan this QR Code to submit your question for the virtual town hall meeting:



CITY OF THORNTON

COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

6-7:30 p.m.

**ACTIVE ADULT CENTER
11181 COLORADO BLVD.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our community and share your thoughts with City Council and city staff, all in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Come with your questions and enjoy a bite to eat while engaging with new friends and neighbors.




For more information and a list of additional 2025 meetings, visit goCOT.net/CommunityMeetings.

Thornton proactively responds to new EPA Water Quality Standards

Information provided by Thornton Water Quality, goCOT.net/qualitywater

In April 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a new regulation to limit six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including PFOA and PFOS, in drinking water. Although the rule won't take effect until 2029, Thornton has already taken proactive steps to meet these standards, using short-term strategies while working on long-term solutions.

The EPA's regulation requires PFAS levels to be averaged over 12 months, known as the Running Annual Average (RAA). In 2024, Thornton successfully kept PFAS concentrations below the new limits at both of its water treatment plants.

Thornton Water Treatment Plant

At the Thornton Water Treatment Plant, the primary method for reducing PFAS is blending water from different sources to lower overall concentrations. However, during situations where lower PFAS water sources are unavailable—such as droughts or pipeline maintenance—

Thornton is planning for a permanent solution. In 2024, the city began designing a PFAS treatment system and secured a \$1 million grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to support this project.

Wes Brown Water Treatment Plant

At the Wes Brown Water Treatment Plant, PFAS levels are managed by blending source water and adding powdered activated carbon (PAC), which helps remove PFAS. Thornton received a \$308,000 grant from CDPHE in 2024 to cover the cost of additional PAC. Additionally, a \$1.03 million grant was awarded to expand the plant's PAC storage capacity, ensuring long-term compliance with the EPA's standards.

Thornton's commitment to clean water and proactive planning ensures residents will continue to receive safe, high-quality drinking water well ahead of federal requirements. For more information, visit goCOT.net/qualitywater.

Thornton City Council

goCOT.net/council

								
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FREE TAX PREPARATION By IRS-Certified Volunteers

The free tax assistance program now requires appointments and has new hours.

Now - April 3, 2025

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

In-person only and appointments REQUIRED.

Schedule Online at taxhelpcolorado.as.me/NORTH or call 2-1-1 or 866-760-6489

Eligibility: Household income of \$67,000 or less (2024)

IRS-certified volunteers will prepare, and file federal and state tax returns same-day.

Sessions take 45 minutes to a few hours, depending on complexity and site volume.

WATER BILL ASSISTANCE Available

If you're struggling to pay your Thornton water bill, the Thornton Water Assistance Program is here to help. This program offers financial relief to individuals and families who need help paying their water bills.

The program is open to all Thornton Water customers, including both homeowners and renters. To qualify, applicants need to meet certain income requirements. To find out if you qualify, call **720-977-5815**, email assistance@ThorntonCO.gov or visit goCOT.net/WaterAssistance.



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. The program is free to qualifying residents.

If you're looking for a way to give back, keep an eye out for our next yard clean-up event. Volunteering is a great way to help your neighbors and make a difference in Thornton.

For more information on volunteering or to see if you're eligible for the CodeCAP assistance, contact Community Connections at **720-977-5800** or Housing@ThorntonCO.gov.

Thornton enhances water quality with membrane filter maintenance

Information provided by Thornton Water Quality, goCOT.net/qualitywater

Thornton's Wes Brown Water Treatment Plant is key to providing clean, safe drinking water. Ultrafiltration membrane filters remove contaminants as small as viruses, ensuring water meets strict safety standards.

The plant uses 80 large membrane filter cassettes, each holding 64 modules made of fibers resembling spaghetti strands. These fibers use suction to pull water through microscopic pores, allowing only water molecules to pass. After filtration, only disinfectant is added before the water is ready for use.

Maintaining Filter Performance

These filters, though effective, are delicate and require regular maintenance. Annual checks, mid-season repairs, and timely replacements ensure optimal performance. Thanks to process improvements, the filters' lifespan has been extended from 10 to 12 years, saving the city significant costs.

Each set of filters costs about \$1 million to purchase, ship, and install. Extending their lifespan by even one year saves Thornton approximately \$100,000 annually, freeing up funds for other services.

Extending filter life involves:

- **Process Optimization:** Monitoring operations to minimize damage.
- **Membrane Repair:** Inspecting and repairing damaged fibers to extend usability.
- **Replacement:** When filters reach the end of their lifespan, the team works together on a full-day replacement project.

Residents can request tours of the Wes Brown or Thornton Water Treatment Plants by emailing WaterTreatment@ThorntonCO.gov. Tours last about an hour and are by appointment only.



Traffic signal timing and why it matters to your daily drive

Information provided by Thornton Infrastructure, goCOT.net/transportation

How Signal Timing Works

Traffic signals operate in cycles—the time it takes to serve all directions, including vehicles, left turns, and pedestrians. A typical cycle lasts 80 to 120 seconds, depending on traffic volume and intersection size.

Signal coordination along major corridors is key to improving traffic flow. You may have noticed when you catch one green light and continue through several intersections without stopping—that's no coincidence! Known as signal coordination, it's based on the posted speed limit, so there's no need to speed—maintaining the limit gives you the best chance of hitting green lights.

Why Time and Coordinate Signals?

The goals are simple: improve safety and boost efficiency.

- **Safety:** Well-timed signals reduce crash risks, including dangerous T-bone collisions, and ensure safer pedestrian crossings. Features like

protected left turns, flashing yellow arrows (FYA), and Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI), where pedestrians start crossing before vehicles get a green light, enhance safety. LPIs are in place at many intersections across Thornton.

- **Efficiency:** Smart signal timing prioritizes heavy traffic, reduces overall wait times, and lowers emissions. Signal timing can vary by time of day or even by day of the week. For instance, some roads prioritize morning traffic in one direction and evening traffic in the other. In areas with steady traffic, shorter cycles keep everyone moving with minimal delays.

Thornton's traffic system is constantly evolving. The city collects traffic data regularly, adjusts signal timing, and looks for new ways to improve flow. While timing may not always feel perfect, ongoing efforts aim to make your drive as smooth and safe as possible.



Spring Brings the Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

Thornton will begin fire hydrant flushing throughout the city 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.

Enhanced annual street rehabilitation program

Information provided by Thornton Infrastructure, [goCOT.net/transportation](https://www.thornton.net/goCOT.net/transportation)

Thornton's streets are getting a major upgrade in 2025, with 79 lane miles scheduled for rehabilitation. This includes a mix of mill-and-pave, hot-in-place, and slurry seal treatments, ensuring smoother, safer roads throughout the city. The expanded program, approved by Thornton City Council, focuses on maintaining residential streets before they deteriorate further—an essential step in extending pavement life and saving on costly repairs down the road.

The Slurry Seal Program will target an additional 40 lane miles of residential streets that are in "fair" condition. Slurry seal is a preventive maintenance technique that applies a protective layer to streets, sealing fine cracks to prevent moisture damage and giving the roadway a clean, uniform look. Before applying the slurry seal, crews will first crackseal, patch, and repair any problem areas to ensure the best results.

Regular street maintenance is crucial for keeping roads in good condition, improving safety, and preventing costly repairs in the future. By addressing roads before they significantly degrade, the city ensures a longer lifespan for its infrastructure and a smoother driving experience for residents. For more information on Thornton's street maintenance efforts, visit [goCOT.net/streets](https://www.thornton.net/goCOT.net/streets).

Grant opportunities available for Thornton businesses

Information provided by Thornton Economic Development, [businessinthornton.com](https://www.thornton.net/businessinthornton.com)

Planning to start or expand your business in 2025? The Thornton Alliance Business Assistance Center offers grants to help local businesses succeed and thrive:

- **Business Improvement Grant (BIG):** This matching grant reimburses 50% of eligible improvement costs, up to \$20,000, to support upgrades that boost job creation, increase revenue, and enhance capital investment. To qualify, businesses must have a commercial license in Thornton for at least 12 months, operate in non-residential zones, and comply with city regulations. The grant is available once every five years per business.
- **South Thornton Attraction & Revitalization (STAR) Grant:** Businesses south of 104th Avenue can benefit from the STAR Grant, which encourages growth and revitalizes commercial spaces in the South Thornton Development Area. Eligible expenses include building upgrades, permitting and licensing fees, equipment purchases, regulatory compliance, and exterior improvements. The grant offers reimbursement of up to \$15,000 after project approval.

Whether you're just starting or upgrading your current operations, these grants provide the resources needed to achieve your goals. For more information, visit [businessinthornton.com](https://www.thornton.net/businessinthornton.com) or call **720-674-3547** to find out how we can help your business grow.

Empowering Businesses: The Alliance Business Assistance Center

Information provided by Thornton Economic Development, [businessinthornton.com](https://www.thornton.net/businessinthornton.com)

Now is the perfect time to explore fresh opportunities for your business growth and success! Thornton's Alliance Business Assistance Center is your one-stop destination for invaluable resources to help your business thrive. The center offers business workshops where you can gain insights on essential topics such as marketing, business safety, financial planning, and more. These workshops are designed to empower you with the knowledge and tools to navigate the complexities of running a business. In addition, the center provides one-on-one counseling and legal support for businesses. All services offered by the Alliance Business Assistance Center are completely free and available in both English and Spanish. Visit [thealliancebusinesscenter.com](https://www.thornton.net/thealliancebusinesscenter.com) or call **720-674-3547** for more information.



Eggcessible Eggstravaganza

Don't forget your basket! Parking is limited.

Saturday, April 19
9 a.m.-12 p.m. | Community Park
York Street & Thornton Parkway



Visit [goCOT.net/eggstravaganza](https://www.thornton.net/goCOT.net/eggstravaganza) for start times according to age.

Transforming the Thornton Shopping Center

Information provided by Thornton Economic Development, [goCOT.net/thorntonshopctr](https://www.thornton.net/goCOT.net/thorntonshopctr)



Thornton and its partners have made significant strides in transforming the Thornton Shopping Center into a vibrant community space.

Key milestones in 2024 included:

- April: The Thornton Development Authority gained ownership of the property.
- June: Demolition and asbestos removal were completed.
- July: The state approved the cleanup plan, enabling soil removal and vapor monitoring.
- **Community Input:** Public meetings in April, August, and October, hosted with Kansas State University through the EPA's Technical Assistance for Brownfields program, allowed residents to share ideas for the site's future.

The city applied for a \$4 million federal cleanup grant in November, with funding expected in late 2025 if approved. The project was also selected for the 2025 Rocky Mountain Real Estate Challenge, where graduate students from the University of Denver and the University of Colorado will propose redevelopment ideas.

Efforts to enhance safety continued in December, with vapor monitoring outreach to nearby homes, businesses, and daycares.

Thornton is on track to deliver a cleaner, safer, and more dynamic space for the community. Visit [goCOT.net/thorntonshopctr](https://www.thornton.net/goCOT.net/thorntonshopctr) to learn more.

Your Thornton TRASH & RECYCLE CALENDAR

City trash/recycling customers can access their 2025 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](https://www.thornton.net/goCOT.net/trashrecycling).

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

Thornton Water: behind the scenes of your everyday essential

Information provided by Thornton Water Conservation, Thorntonwater.com

Ever wonder what it takes to get clean, safe water flowing from your tap? Every drop you use is the result of a remarkable journey that prioritizes one thing: quality. From reservoirs to state-of-the-art treatment facilities and a vast infrastructure network, Thornton Water works tirelessly to deliver some of the best water in Colorado.

Where does Thornton's water come from?

Thornton sources its water from multiple pristine watersheds, including the Upper South Platte River and Clear Creek headwaters. By 2028, an exciting addition to Thornton's water supply will come from the Cache la Poudre River. This high-quality water will travel through the Thornton Water Project pipeline—a 70-mile feat of engineering—to our community.

Drawing water from various sources allows our team to blend and treat it effectively, ensuring a reliable supply of clean, great-tasting water year-round. But before it reaches your home, it undergoes a cutting-edge treatment process.

Why does water need treatment?

When you picture a serene reservoir, you might see ducks gliding across the water or a rainstorm sending muddy runoff downstream. While picturesque, these natural and human-made influences introduce contaminants that make treatment essential. Thornton's Water Treatment team works around the clock to remove harmful impurities such as:

- Bacteria and viruses from wildlife and wastewater runoff.
- Inorganic contaminants such as metals and salts.
- PFAS chemicals which Thornton is already meeting the new EPA regulations for PFAS five years ahead of schedule.

State-of-the-art Treatment Plants

Thornton operates two advanced water treatment plants, each playing a crucial role in ensuring your water is clean and safe.

Wes Brown Water Treatment Plant

This facility processes up to 50 million gallons daily using ultrafiltration (UF) technology. After clarifying the water to remove larger particles, it's passed through UF membranes to eliminate bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens. A final disinfection step ensures the water is safe before distribution.

Thornton Water Treatment Plant

This facility treats up to 20 million gallons daily and specializes in enhancing water's taste and smell using coagulation and sedimentation, ozonation, granular activated carbon filtration and disinfection.

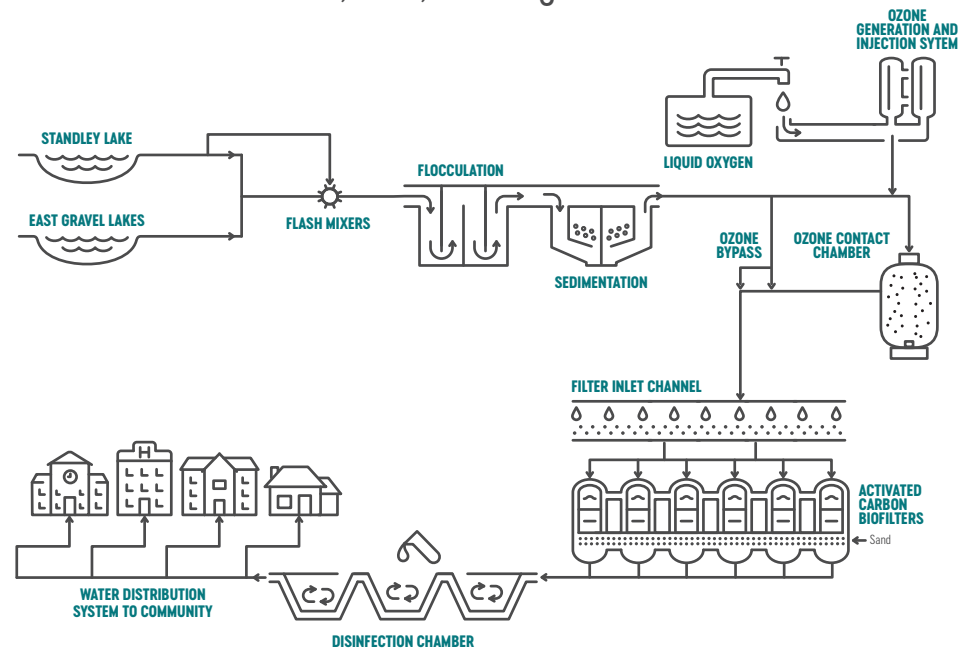
Addressing water hardness, taste, and smell

Water Hardness: Natural minerals like calcium and magnesium make Thornton's water moderately hard. These minerals are safe to drink and even beneficial for health. To manage mineral buildup, clean fixtures with a 1:1 water and vinegar solution and hand-dry to reduce residue.

Taste & Smell: Seasonal changes can affect the natural elements in water, but weekly testing and optimized treatment ensure a fresh taste. Curious about these processes? Visit our "Taste & Smell" Waterblogged post at Thorntonwater.com to learn more.

THORNTON WATER TREATMENT PLANT

How clean, safe, drinking water is made.



Staying informed about your water

Thornton is committed to transparency and quality. Check out the latest Water Quality Report on our website to dive deeper into the science and care behind every drop. Have questions? Our Water Quality team is here to help at **303-255-7770** or via email at waterquality@ThorntonCO.gov.

Water is essential, and Thornton's dedication ensures it's always there for you—clean, safe, and reliable. Cheers to every drop!

Learn how to build your dream deck or finish your basement with ease

Information provided by Thornton City Development, goCOT.net/permits

Planning to finish your basement or build a deck? Join Thornton's Building Inspection Division for two presentations designed to make the process easier and stress-free. Whether you're a DIY enthusiast or working with a contractor, our team will walk you through the permitting and building steps while offering helpful tips and answering your questions.

How to Finish Your Basement - April 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

How to Build a Deck in Thornton - May 10, 9 a.m. to Noon

Both presentations will take place at Trail Winds Recreation Center, 13495 Holly St.

Don't miss out and RSVP today by emailing **April.O'Connell@ThorntonCO.gov** or calling **303-538-7268**. These sessions are free and open to all residents.



Exciting changes ahead: Thornton Development Code Update

Information provided by Thornton City Development, goCOT.net/developmentcode

Thornton is wrapping up the final phase of a long-overdue update to its Development Code—a crucial document that sets the rules for how the city grows and evolves. Since the Code hasn't undergone a comprehensive revision since 1992, this modernization effort reflects the many changes our community has seen over the past three decades.

In May, a complete draft of the updated Development Code will be ready for public review and feedback. Residents can get involved by visiting goCOT.net/DevelopmentCode to explore the draft and share input. Additionally, public

open houses are planned for late May, where residents can learn more about key changes in the Code. Keep an eye out for details in the mail on dates and locations or check the website for updates on how to participate.

Following community input, the proposed Development Code will move through a public hearing process, with adoption anticipated in summer 2025. For more information, visit goCOT.net/DevelopmentCode or contact the City Development project team at Development.Code@ThorntonCO.gov or **303-538-7295**.

Thornton open burning regulations: learn before you burn!

Information provided by Thornton Fire Department, [goCOT.net/fire](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/fire)

Spring is almost here, bringing longer days and perfect evenings for backyard fun. If you're planning to add a little spark to your outdoor celebrations with an open fire, check out these essential safety tips to keep the good vibes burning bright!

What is Open Burning?

Open burning is an outdoor fire where wood or other combustible materials are burned for purposes such as entertainment, training, or agriculture, as approved by the Thornton Fire.

Who Can Open Burn Without a Permit?

Single-family homes, duplexes, and townhomes may burn without a permit if these rules are followed:

- Fires must be contained in a non-combustible chiminea, outdoor fireplace, fire pit, or similar device (max size: three-foot diameter by two-foot height).
- Containers must have wire mesh or screens to block sparks and embers.
- Fires must be at least 15 feet from structures and constantly attended.
- Burning yard waste, leaves, garbage, or rubbish is prohibited.

Examples of approved containers for open burning include chimineas, an outdoor fireplace, and firepits with a mesh lid. Other containment methods, such as a built-in pit or fire ring may also be approved.

Who Needs a Permit?

Open burning is prohibited in apartments, condos, or shared spaces without a permit. All other open burning activities, including larger fires or events, require a permit from the Fire Department.

For more information and to obtain a permit, call the Thornton Fire Department at **303-538-7602** or visit [goCOT.net/fire](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/fire).



Branch out and go green!

Information provided by Thornton Infrastructure, [goCOT.net/trashrecycling](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/trashrecycling)



Tree Branch and Organics Drop-off Event, Saturday, April 12, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Bring your items to the Thornton Infrastructure Maintenance Center, 12450 Washington St. Enter through the north entrance off 126th Ave. Proof of residency is required, and restrictions and limitations apply so check before you load up!

Don't miss this opportunity to tidy up your yard while supporting a healthier environment for all. Let's make a difference, one branch at a time!

Clear out the clutter – it's Landfill Day!

Information provided by Thornton Infrastructure, [goCOT.net/trashrecycling](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/trashrecycling)

Got unwanted stuff piling up? Take advantage of Landfill Day on Saturday, March 22, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thornton residents can drop off non-hazardous debris for free at the Republic Services Tower Landfill, 19260 E. 88th Ave., Commerce City.

What you need to know:

- The gate fee is waived for one vehicle load per household.
- Accepted vehicles: pickup trucks, cars, and small single-axle trailers.
- No electronics or liquids allowed, and mattresses may incur a fee.
- Cover your load and be ready to show proof of residency.
- Mattress and box springs are an additional \$37 fee.

It's the perfect chance to clean out your garage, yard, or basement. Restrictions and limitations apply, so plan ahead and bring your non-hazardous debris for easy disposal.

Changes to Thornton's tax rebate programs

Information provided by Thornton Community Connections, [goCOT.net/assistanceapp](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/assistanceapp)

Thornton City Council changed the Food Sales Tax Rebate Program and the Property Tax Rebate Program requirements to allow more residents to qualify. Now, every income-qualified household in the city may apply for the cash benefit. Use the 2025 Thornton Assistance Program application to apply. Applicants must income-qualify. For more information visit [goCOT.net/assistanceapp](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/assistanceapp).

Food Sales Tax Rebate Program

Thornton residents who lived in the city throughout 2024 may qualify for a food tax refund! The refund amount is based on the city's portion of sales tax on groceries and the maximum annual SNAP allotment for your household size. In 2025, the refund starts at \$131 and increases depending on the number of people in your household. To learn more, visit [goCOT.net/assistanceapp](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/assistanceapp) or call **720-977-5815**.

Property Tax Rebate Program

Residents who paid property tax or rent in 2024 for single-family homes, multifamily homes, and mobile homes in Thornton may be eligible for a tax rebate. The amount to be refunded is based on an average assessed valuation per home type, multiplied by the city's property tax mill rate, up to \$40 for a mobile home, \$217 for a multi-family unit, or \$346 for a single-family home. For more information, visit [goCOT.net/assistanceapp](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/assistanceapp) or call **720-977-5815**.

Discover new adventures and connections at Thornton's Active Adult Centers

Information provided by Thornton Active Adult Center, [goCOT.net/aac](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/aac)

At Thornton's Active Adult Center and Trail Winds Active Adult Wing, community partnerships bring exciting opportunities right to your doorstep. These collaborations offer residents engaging ways to explore history, travel, new hobbies, diverse cultures, and even delve into the fascinating world of genealogy.

Thanks to a partnership with the Adams County Genealogical Society, residents have uncovered the stories of their family histories through highly popular genealogy sessions. These classes have become such a hit that four to six classes are now offered each year at Trail Winds.

From workshops and lectures to hands-on activities, there's always something happening, made possible by our amazing community partners. Explore the full lineup of upcoming programs at [goCOT.net/aac](https://www.thorntoncolorado.gov/goCOT.net/aac).

What's happening in Thornton?

Visit the new ThorntonCO.gov for meetings and events.

Housing University

Information provided by Thornton Community Connections, goCOT.net/connections

Community Connections invites you to attend one of our Housing University (HU) courses and events. Topics include budgeting, maintenance, landscaping, eviction prevention, housing legal rights and responsibilities, baby proofing your home, vaccination events, aging in place safely, becoming an urban farmer, home sharing,

and homebuyer courses. All the courses and activities are free and held in-person or virtually. Courses are held year-round and taught by experts. Registration is required. To find out more, email Housing@ThorntonCO.gov.

Art Event: Omnichromatic - mixed-media works by Evan Colbert

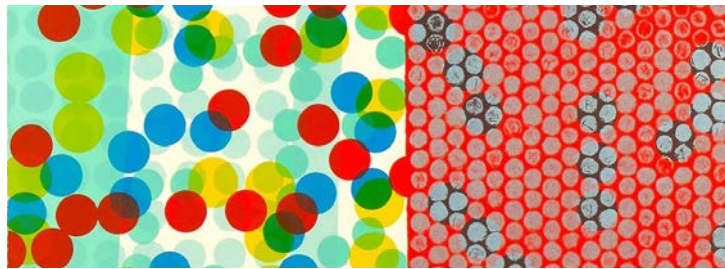
Information provided by Thornton Arts & Culture, goCOT.net/OzGallery

Exhibit: January 14 - March 21

Artist Class: Saturday, March 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Free with registration.)

Evan Colbert's unique works draw inspiration from everyday objects and unexpected materials—think bubble wrap or the intricate patterns inside security envelopes. Sign up for the free artist class to explore Colbert's creative techniques firsthand. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with bold, graphic art like you've

never seen before. Visit artsthornton.com for more information.



Art Event: Emotional Alchemy - Transmuting Feelings into Masterpieces

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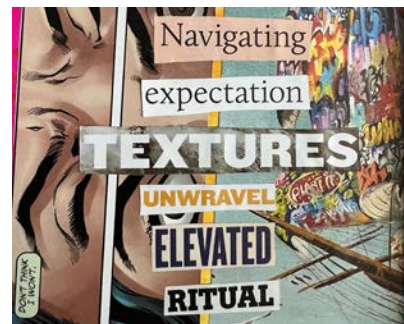
Exhibit: April 8 - June 20

Opening Reception: Friday, April 18, 6-8 p.m., Thornton Oz Gallery, 9209 Dorothy Blvd.

Artist Class: Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Free with registration.)

Join us for the opening reception to meet the artist and experience the emotional depth of his creations. For a hands-on experience, sign up for the free artist

class and explore how feelings can be transmuted into your own masterpiece. Visit artsthornton.com for information.



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., 80602
- Thornton Community Connections
9471 Dorothy Blvd., 80229

- Active Adult Center 303-255-7850
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- Police (non-emergency) 720-977-5150
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Arbor Day Tree Planting
April 19 | 9-11 a.m.
Riverwalk Ball Fields, 9830 Riverdale Rd.

Earth Day Clean-Up
April 22 | Visit goCOT.net/volunteer for details.
A clean-up project along Thornton Parkway.

Create your own "Day of Service"!
Contact Belia Dameron 303-255-7831 or Belia.Dameron@ThorntonCO.gov.

