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Residents encouraged to sign up for ThorntonREADY: Thornton's free local emergency notification system

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

Thornton has officially launched ThorntonREADY, a new emergency notification system powered by Rave – Motorola and Smart911, replacing CodeRED. The free service allows residents, businesses, and travelers to receive timely alerts about severe weather, utility outages, law enforcement activity, and other urgent situations via phone call, text message, or email.

"Thornton made the transition following the data breach involving CodeRED, prioritizing a system that offers enhanced security, reliability, and public trust," says Thornton Emergency Manager Ryan Doyle. "To protect user information, data from the previous system was not transferred into the new platform." While standard landlines and select publicly available cellular data have been added, residents are strongly encouraged to register to ensure accurate and personalized notifications.

ThorntonREADY alerts also offers expanded accessibility features including communication in more than 120 languages. Through integrated Smart911 technology,



residents can create a secure and voluntary Safety Profile for their household that provides 9-1-1 Dispatchers and first responders with critical information such as medical conditions, medications, and access and functional needs.

"ThorntonREADY alerts strengthen our ability to meet residents where they are, communicating in their preferred language, enhancing emergency response, and increasing awareness when it matters most," says Doyle.

Residents, businesses, and visitors can sign up and manage their notification preferences today at goCOT.net/thorntonready. By signing up, you'll stay informed and better prepared during emergencies.

Upcoming Meetings AND EVENTS

Join us for Thornton City Council Meetings in the Council Chambers at 9500 Civic Center Dr., 7 p.m.—everyone's welcome!

May 12 **May 26**
June 9

Community Meetings

Thursday, May 21, 6-7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Ward 4
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COMMUNITY MEETINGS


THURSDAY, MAY 21

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Infrastructure Maintenance Center | 12450 Washington St.

Join us for a relaxed chance to connect with City Council and staff, share your thoughts, and learn more about our community. Bring your questions, enjoy a bite to eat and meet new friends and neighbors.





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For more information and a list of future 2026 meetings, visit goCOT.net/CommunityMeetings.

Thornton's drought status update - together we can weather the drought

Information provided by ThorntonWater.com

Thornton City Council recently declared a Stage 1 Drought Response pursuant to the city's Drought Management Plan. Warm and dry conditions have persisted in the Upper South Platte and Clear Creek watersheds where Thornton's water supply originates, and as of March 25, snowpack was at 51% of median. Snowpack levels this winter are some of the lowest in Colorado's history. To adapt to anticipated reduced inflows into Thornton's water reservoirs due to the record low snowpack, Thornton has set a 10% water demand reduction target and is asking customers to reduce outdoor water use, look for and fix leaks, and delay turning on sprinkler systems until May.

Stage 1 Drought Water Use Rules and Regulations are in effect, and the city will be increasing outreach, education and enforcement of the mandatory rules this summer. During Stage 1, water your lawn no more than two days per week, and do not water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Currently, the city is allowing customers to choose their two watering days. Trees, shrubs and gardens may be watered as needed, by hand, drip or by deep root watering.

While the drought will likely stress vegetation, watering two days a week will be sufficient for residential lawns for most of the summer. Watering less frequently encourages deep root growth and improves your lawn's drought resilience. Help your lawn soak up as much water as possible with the cycle and soak method: break your watering into three shorter cycles at least an hour apart. For a 2-day per week watering guide with recommended minutes per zone, visit ThorntonWater.com/drought.

Thornton recreation and school athletic sports fields will be allowed to water to ensure the safety of youth, student athletes and recreation program participants. Those customers will be asked to cut back in other areas with less use and foot traffic. City facilities, schools and other large commercial and HOA properties will be required to reduce their water use by 10% under the Stage 1 Drought rules.

Working together as a community this summer to reach our water savings target of 10% will help us weather this drought. If drought conditions worsen and water use increases significantly, the city may need to take additional actions to protect our water supply. In this instance, the city may progress to Stage 2 Drought, which would further limit outdoor irrigation.

Drought and warm temperatures also bring increased fire risk. The city Parks department will be actively managing the defensible space around parks and open lands. Residents are encouraged to keep their property free of dying vegetation and debris, keep flammable materials away from structures, and adhere to local fire bans and other regulations.

For drought condition updates and to learn more about how Thornton manages water supplies during drought visit ThorntonWater.com/drought or contact us at Water@ThorntonWater.com or 720-977-6600.

Celebrate Thornton's yesterday, today and tomorrow for the 70th Anniversary

Information provided by [Thornton Arts & Culture](http://ThorntonArts&Culture) and goCOT.net/ozgallery

Thornton celebrates its 70th anniversary with special events throughout the year, including concerts, a special Sortin' through Thornton scavenger hunt, a history walking tour, awards to recognize Thornton volunteers, and a new history exhibit that traces Thornton's journey from farmland to one of Colorado's largest communities. The exhibit looks at Thornton's origin story and details the transformation through rare artifacts, photographs and personal accounts. One long-lost artifact uncovered by Thornton's Historian Lance Jones, happened in what he described as an "Indiana Jones moment."

In researching the city's early years, Jones combed through dozens of storerooms and hundreds of boxes. He settled into the archives and began methodically sorting through long-forgotten records and artifacts. "I found some very interesting artifacts," he said. "Some hadn't seen the light of day in a long time."

One discovery stood out: Thornton's original, and only, Key to the City, a ceremonial honor bestowed by a mayor to recognize contributions to the community. The key had not been seen in decades.

Jones traced its disappearance to the year of the city's incorporation. "It left Thornton in 1956," he said. That year, a Thornton teacher traveled to California to appear on the game show "High Finance," where she won \$85,000 — about \$1.1 million today. After her win, Mayor Bill Leary sent the Key to the City with her to present to the show's host when she collected her prize money.

The key resurfaced briefly in the 1970s, when a woman whose son lived in Thornton bought it at a Los Angeles garage sale. Then, once again, it wouldn't be seen for decades.

Early in his effort to curate the exhibit, Jones went to the Carpenter Rec. Center to measure an old display cabinet for use in the exhibit, and what did he find inside the cabinet, sitting there for years, that Key to the City. "When I found it in the cabinet, it was my Indiana Jones moment," he said. "I believe this is the original Key to the City, the only one ever issued, and somehow it found its way back home." It is now one of the many things you will see at the 70th Anniversary exhibit at the Thornton Arts & Culture Center Annex, 9211 Dorothy Blvd. The exhibit is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed holidays and weekends, and admission is free; children under 16 may attend with an adult.

When you visit, be sure to sign the guest book. When you do, you'll join people such as Michael Thornton, who lived in Thornton as a child, and returned on the exhibit's opening day, which was also his birthday. But you don't need to wait for your birthday to stop by. Jones encourages everyone to visit whether you're a new or long-time resident. "You really need to come and check it out. These artifacts are literally your history; these are the things that helped shape what we are today, and I'm very pleased as a historian to get them out of the boxes and into the daylight for a whole new generation to be able to appreciate." For more information, visit goCOT.net/ozgallery or call 720-977-5887.



Thornton Police, Active Adult Center partner on safety information series

Information provided by Thornton Active Adult Center

Thornton's Active Adult Center, in partnership with the Thornton Police Department, is offering a series of public information sessions designed to help residents stay safe, informed and connected. The classes cover topics ranging from fraud prevention and driver safety to neighborhood crime prevention and homelessness in Thornton.

Classes at the Thornton Active Adult Center, 11181 Colorado Blvd.

Call 303-255-7850 to register for AAC classes or visit goCOT.net/AAC.
 Preventions and Signs of Elder Abuse: Weds., May 6, 1 p.m. Activity #231410-A
 Driver Safety: Weds., May 13, 10:30 a.m. Activity #231410-B
 Home Security and Crime Prevention: Mon., June 8, 1 p.m. Activity #231410-C
 See Something, Say Something: Weds., June 24, 1 p.m. Activity #231410-D
 Driver Safety: Tues., July 21, 10:30 a.m. Activity #231410-E
 Personal Safety and Situational Awareness: Mon., Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m. Activity #231410-F
 Community Programs: Understanding Homelessness: Weds., Aug. 19, 1 p.m. Activity #231410-G



Classes at Trail Winds - Active Adult Wing, 13495 Colorado Blvd.

Call 720-977-5777 to register for Trail Winds classes or visit goCOT.net/AAC.
 Driver Safety: June 10, 1-2 p.m. Activity #231410-H
 Driver Safety: Aug. 12, 1-2 p.m. Activity #231410-I

Thornton Police Department hosts summer kickoff celebration at Carpenter Park

Information provided by ThorntonPD.org

The Thornton Police Department invites the community to celebrate the start of summer at this year's Summer Kickoff Party on May 20, 6 – 8 p.m. at Carpenter Park, 3498 E. 112th Ave., near the carousel and splash pad.

This free, family-friendly event brings together public safety teams, city departments, and local partners for an evening packed with fun, food, and community connection.

Stop by Thornton PD team tents and meet Your Public Safety Teams, including Community Liaison Officers, Animal Control, Victim Services, Dispatch, and Co-Responders, plus Code Compliance, Community Connections, and more. There will also be big attractions and live demonstrations such as a helicopter landing, emergency vehicles on display, Karate demonstration, face painting, food trucks, yard games and access to the park's carousel and splash pad area. "This event is all about bringing people together in a fun, welcoming environment," said Thornton Police Community Liaison Sergeant Brent Mullen. "We're excited to connect with our community and kick off summer the right way."

Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and join us for an evening of excitement, engagement, and summer celebration!

For more information, contact the Thornton Police Department Community Liaison Team at CLO@ThorntonCO.gov.



Know before you ride: Thornton shares rules for E-bikes, scooters and other motorized vehicles

Information provided by ThorntonPD.org

In Thornton, e-bikes may use bike paths or pedestrian trails only when the motor is turned off. Riders may pedal through these areas, but if the motor is engaged the e-bike must be ridden on the road.

E-bikes are grouped into three classes. Class 1 e-bikes provide pedal assist only and can reach up to 20 mph. Class 2 e-bikes include pedal assist and a throttle and are limited to roads in Thornton. Class 3 e-bikes can reach up to 28 mph; riders must be at least 16, and helmets are required for riders under 18.

Low-powered scooters, such as those under 50cc gas or 4,476 watts electric and without a manual clutch, are designed for street use and are not allowed on sidewalks, bike paths or pedestrian trails. They must be registered, insured and operated by a licensed driver, or they can only be used on private property.

Motorcycles must follow all traffic laws and can only be used on roads. Revving, racing and stunting are prohibited citywide.

Toy and recreational vehicles — including mini bikes, pocket bikes, go-karts, dirt bikes and golf carts — are only allowed on private property and cannot be used on roads, sidewalks, trails, parks or other city property.

Parents or guardians may face fines of up to \$2,650 for allowing a minor to operate a motor or recreational vehicle in a prohibited area.

All riders must follow traffic signs and signals, yield to pedestrians and avoid unsafe riding.

For more information, visit ThorntonPD.org.

Thornton City 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, may apply for the program once every 12 months. The 2026 water credit for all eligible TWU applicants is \$528. City residents also qualify for an additional \$60 stormwater credit. Credits are distributed over 12 months. 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, 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**.

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 to discover what option works best for you.

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serves as an Adams County Human Services Outreach Site

Thornton Community Connections serves as an Adams County Human Services Outreach Site. If you have questions about or are interested in applying for 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**.

NEED HELP WITH YARD CODE VIOLATIONS?

Let CodeCAP help

The Community Connections 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 or contact Community Connections at **720-977-5800** or email **Housing@ThorntonCO.gov**.

Celebrate Economic Development week

Information provided by **BusinessinThornton.com**

Economic Development Week begins May 4 and recognizes the vital role economic development professionals play in building strong, vibrant communities.

"Thornton's Office of Economic Development is dedicated to supporting businesses at every stage," says Thornton Economic Development Director Adam Krueger. Economic development helps create quality jobs, encourage investment, and strengthen the community's long-term vitality."

Thornton's Office of Economic Development focuses on business attraction, retention, expansion and

redevelopment, while also supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses. Services include site selection assistance, market and demographic data, permitting guidance, business counseling, and access to financial assistance programs such as grants and incentives. The office also hosts free networking events, resource meetings, and educational business workshops that connect and strengthen the local business community.

For more information, visit **businessinthornton.com** or contact the Office of Economic Development at **303-538-7605** or **Business@ThorntonCO.gov**.

Shop local for Small Business Week

Information provided by **BusinessinThornton.com**

Small Business Week is a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. In Colorado, small businesses make up 99.5% of all businesses, provide over one million jobs, and generate over \$225 billion in economic output annually. "These businesses are the heart of our local economy," says Thornton Economic Development Director Adam Krueger. "Small businesses bring innovation, character, and opportunity to communities across the country, including right here in Thornton."

The City of Thornton's Office of Economic Development is proud to support the small businesses that help our

community thrive. From neighborhood restaurants and retail shops to service providers and startups, small businesses create jobs, strengthen local economy, and help shape Thornton's unique identity.

Throughout Small Business Week residents are encouraged to show support by choosing to shop small and local. Every purchase made at a local business helps reinvest dollars back into our community. To search for Thornton businesses, visit the City's business directory at **businessinthornton.com/search-thornton-businesses**.

Thornton's resource center is dedicated to helping small and local businesses

Information provided by **BusinessinThornton.com**

Whether you're an entrepreneur thinking about launching a new business, expanding an existing one, or simply looking for support, the Alliance Business

Assistance Center has free resources for you. Visit them at 550 Thornton Pkwy, Suite 170, call **720-674-3547** or email them at **alliance@ThorntonCO.gov**.

Thornton continues to serve the community through grant acquisitions

Information provided by *Thornton City Manager's Office*

Thornton aggressively pursued outside funding in 2025, applying for dozens of grants totaling nearly \$28.5 million in potential support for the community.

"So far, the city's success rate has climbed to 65%, up from 57% in 2024," says Thornton Grant Program Manager Rebecca Abrahamson. Currently announced awards total about \$10.7 million and are helping fund projects in public safety, infrastructure, sustainability, housing, arts and culture, recreation, and parks and open space.

"The grant environment has grown more competitive and regulations continue to shift," said Abrahamson. "Even so, city departments focused on high-impact projects designed to strengthen services and improve quality of life for residents."

The 2025 figures are preliminary and do not include pending applications, meaning totals are likely to change as more funding decisions are announced.

Need a home improvement permit? Try Thornton's new Rapid Review program

Information provided by *Thornton City Development*

If you're a resident planning home improvement projects, you can now receive permit reviews in as little as one business day. The new Rapid Review program is designed to streamline the approval process.

The program expedites select residential permit applications, reducing review times and helping homeowners move forward more quickly with common projects. Eligible improvements include decks, carports

and patio covers; basement finishes; minor remodels and additions; solar system installations; and residential electrical or mechanical upgrades. For more information visit **goCOT.net/buildinginspections**, email **buildings@ThorntonCO.gov** or call **303-538-7250** for guidance on eligibility, required documents, and how to prepare a complete submittal.

Thornton hires new Assistant City Manager to supervise quality of life and development initiatives

Information provided by Thornton City Manager's Office

After a competitive, national search, the City of Thornton selected Jessica Prosser to fill a new Assistant City Manager supervising Quality of Life and Development initiatives in the City of Thornton. In her new position, Prosser supervises three planned departments including Planning and Economic Development; Parks and Recreation; and Community Programs, which will consolidate code Enforcement, housing and human services and engagement functions.

Before coming to Thornton, Jessica served as the Director of Housing and Community Services for the City of Aurora since 2020. In that role, she oversaw Housing and Community Development, Code Enforcement, Animal Services, Community Engagement including Youth Violence prevention and the Homelessness Program. Through her prior roles in Aurora and Arvada, she has had meaningful experience in the City Manager's Office and in roles advancing planning, parks and recreation, engagement, sustainability and partnerships.

"We were lucky to have incredibly strong candidates reflecting on the City's positive momentum," City Manager Tansy Hayward shared. "Jessica demonstrated strong technical expertise that not only aligns with both this departmental portfolio but also brings strength and momentum to the City's newly adopted strategic plan and to organizational changes planned this year. She also demonstrated alignment with the City's values of trust, collaboration, dedication, and excellence."

Jessica has a bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado. When not working Jessica enjoys spending time with her two children, exploring the outdoors and baking.

"It is exciting to have the opportunity build on the meaningful service experience that I have had in Arvada and Aurora and use that experience to continue to grow Thornton's excellent quality of life and to create opportunities for all," Prosser said.



Resilience in Bloom now at Pecos Park

Information provided by ArtsThornton.com

Artist Bimmer Torres is anxiously watching over a large and colorful 'lowrider cactus' as it's carefully lowered into place by a crane. "It's defiantly nerve-wracking seeing it being off-loaded and put into position," says Torres. The sculpture, titled Resilience in Bloom, was installed recently on the northeast side of Pecos Park. It features bright and bold colors, with murals across the cactus pads. "This project is rooted in Hispanic heritage and history," says Torres. "So, I drew a lot on inspiration from that, and the impact that community has made to Thornton."

According to his website, Torres' work is "a synthesis of bright colors from Zarape patterns, as well as hyper-realistic portraits, plants and cultural artifacts. The harmonious balance between each element creates a unique image that tells a story which unfolds throughout the space."

Acquisition of the sculpture was funded by the Thornton Arts, Sciences & Humanities Council (TASHCO) and the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). Thornton's public art effort has approximately 250 pieces, including sculptures, paintings, and photographs. For more information, visit [goCOT.net/publicart](https://www.thorntonco.gov/goCOT.net/publicart).



Community Connections Homeless Outreach Team helps resident transition from car to stable housing

Information provided by [goCOT.net/Connections](https://www.thorntonco.gov/goCOT.net/connections)

Ricarda first connected with the City of Thornton's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) in after learning about the team's weekly walk-in hours. She had been experiencing homelessness since April 2025, living in her car. Initially seeking assistance through the Severe Weather Activation Program (SWAP), HOT quickly recognized that additional support could help her secure stable housing.

HOT staff enrolled Ricarda in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and assisted her in obtaining vital documents and accessing essential resources. During this time, she maintained full-time employment while actively participating in HOT programs, including attending events such as the Thornton Empowerment Expo.

In November, Ricarda faced a major setback when her car caught fire, leaving her without direct transportation to work. Despite the challenge, she persevered, continued working, and eventually secured a new vehicle. With guidance from HOT and financial support from the SWAP Flex Fund via Almost Home, she found an apartment within her budget.

Earlier this year, Ricarda officially signed the lease to her new apartment, officially marking her transition from homelessness to stable housing. "The best advice I have for anyone is to not give up and keep pushing," she said. "Thank you to the Homeless Outreach Team."

For more information about the variety of ways Thornton Community Connections can help, visit [goCOT.net/connections](https://www.thorntonco.gov/goCOT.net/connections).

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](https://www.thorntonco.gov/goCOT.net/trashrecycling).

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

Visit [goCOT.net/trashrecycling](https://www.thorntonco.gov/goCOT.net/trashrecycling), email environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov, or call **720-977-6200** for details about any of the programs listed below.

Memorial Day – NO delay There will NOT be a delay in collection service the week of May 25. Please place containers at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular pickup day.

Juneteenth – NO delay There will NOT be a delay in collection service Friday, June 19. Please place containers at the curb by 7 a.m. if it is your regular pickup day.

Tree Branch/ Compost Drop-Off - May 9, June 13, Infrastructure Maintenance Center (IMC), 12450 Washington Street, 8 a.m. - noon, proof of residency required, restrictions apply. Use the north gate entrance with access from 126th Avenue, east of Washington Street.

Electronic Recycling Drop-off - May 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Infrastructure Maintenance Center. Visit [goCOT.net/trashrecycling](https://www.thorntonco.gov/goCOT.net/trashrecycling) for information and to register online. Restrictions, limitations, and fees will apply. Open to Adams County residents.

Landfill Day - Saturday, June 27, 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-axel 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.

Can I place yard waste in my green recycle container?

No. Please keep yard waste out of the green container! Grass clippings, tree branches, etc., do not belong in the recycle container and have the potential to contaminate an entire load of recyclables. Consider mulching your grass clippings or bring them and your branches to the IMC on the next drop-off date.

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.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS THORNTON TAX REBATE

Thornton residents may be eligible for previous year Property Tax and Food Sales Tax Rebates. These 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 are the same as those used for the Water Assistance Program. This program is city funded and administered by Community Connections. Applications are available online at goCOT.net/assistanceapp. For help, call **720-977-5815**.

IN-PERSON PAYMENT OPTION

for Thornton Utility Customers

One less stop: pay your bills where you shop.

Thornton has a new in-person payment option for utility customers. Payments can now be made at Walmart and King Soopers locations through CheckFreePay, a nationwide walk-in bill payment service. Hours of availability vary by location; however, in-person payments are generally accepted seven days a week until 9 p.m.

Payments must be made using cash or a debit card and will be credited to the city on the following business day. A transaction fee will be assessed by the retailer for use of this service. Customers must present their 13-digit account number and the 9-digit biller ZIP code, 802294326 (no dash), when making a payment.



Nominate your favorite Thornton Businesses for the 2026 Business Awards!

Information provided by BusinessinThornton.com

Nominate your favorite local businesses for the 2026 Thornton Business Awards and help shine the spotlight on their success. Award categories include People's Choice, Community Spirit, Small Business of the Year, Retailer of the Year, and the Sustainability Award.

Join Thornton's Office of Economic Development in celebrating the outstanding businesses that make our community thrive. Submit your nomination today at goCOT.net/bizawards.

Make volunteering part of your summer with Volunteer Thornton

Information can be found at goCOT.net/volunteer

If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back, Volunteer Thornton invites you to be part of the vibrant community spirit that makes our city thrive!

Volunteer Thornton connects caring residents with opportunities to support city programs and services across various departments. By volunteering, you'll

contribute to making Thornton a more rewarding and welcoming place to live and work and gain the satisfaction of knowing you're making a difference in our community. For more information, visit goCOT.net/volunteer.

Outstanding community volunteers to be honored at Thorntonfest

Thornton's Community Volunteer Recognition Program celebrates individuals whose service to nonprofits, schools, and other organizations strengthens our community.

The nomination period, open from December through March, invited residents and community members to recognize outstanding volunteers making a difference in Thornton. All nominations were carefully reviewed by a staff committee, with recipients selected for both the Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year awards.

The selected recipients will be recognized at the 2026 Thorntonfest on Saturday, June 6. Check the Thorntonfest schedule to see when the award winners will be announced.

For more details or additional questions, visit goCOT.net/volunteerawards or contact Emily Whittington at Emily.Whittington@ThorntonCO.gov or **303-538-7429**.



Volunteer for the Spring 2026 Neighborhood Clean-Up

Join our Community Connections clean-up crew on Saturday, May 16. Volunteers assist senior or residents with a disability who are unable to maintain their yard. This assistance helps them avoid costly City Code violations. Families and community organizations are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteers ages 13-17 welcome with parental permission. All tools, equipment, safety gear, breakfast and lunch are provided.

Services provided to the homeowner's yard include mowing, weed whacking, light tree and bush trimming, raking and general clean-up.

Bilingual staff will be available for Spanish speakers. For more details and to volunteer, visit goCOT.net/cleanup to register or contact Mayra Ramirez at Mayra.Ramirez@ThorntonCO.gov or **720-977-5818**.

Día de Pesca

Sunday, May 17 at 10 a.m.
Carpenter Park, 3498 E. 112th Ave.

Visit diadepescacolorado.com or call **720-740-2010** for more information.

This FREE event is organized by the Colorado Chamber of Commerce, Denver Parks and Recreation, Colorado Wildlife Federation, and Colorado Parks & Wildlife.



SORTIN' THORNTON

MAY 22-JUNE 7

Join us for a Thornton scavenger hunt!

Explore the outdoors, solve clues and discover new places in the community. Don't miss this free, family-friendly event.

Follow us for details: facebook.com/ThorntonPRCP





**LIVE MUSIC | 5-6:30 P.M.
MOVIE @ 7 P.M.**

Enjoy a FREE concert, movie, and summertime treat courtesy of Thornton City Council. Visit Gocot.net/rhythmsreels or call 303-255-7800 for dates, locations, musicians and movie titles.





Check out these upcoming homebuyer workshops

Homebuyer Workshops at Community Connections – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on these upcoming Saturdays: May 2 and 16, and June 6 and 13

Learn how to buy a home, including understanding your finances, mortgage options, checking your credit, understanding the laws, hiring a realtor, and working with lenders. Graduates of this workshop will have access to down payment assistance, including grants or low-interest loans by Colorado Housing Enterprises. Email Connections@ThorntonCO.gov or Housing@ThorntonCO.gov to learn more and to register.

Housing University

Community Connections invites you to attend one of our dozens of the Thornton's Housing University (Housing U) courses and events. All the courses and activities are free and will be held locally or virtually. Courses are held year-round and taught by experts. Our 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. Registration is required for courses and events. To find out more, email Housing@ThorntonCO.gov.

Thornton assistance program

The Thornton Assistance Program (TAP) helps lower-income households financially with five different assistance programs. Eligible applicants can receive:

- Water bill credits
- Curbside junk and debris removal for only \$15
- A 50% reduction in city recreational activities costs
- A partial property tax rebate
- A partial food sales tax rebate

Only one application is required to apply for all five programs. The program is city funded and administered by Community Connections. Apply now before funds run out at goCOT.net/assistanceapp or visit Thornton Community Connections at 9471 Dorothy Blvd to pick up an application.

Call **720-977-5815** if you have questions.

Thornton School Supply Drive, July 1-31

Mark your calendar for the Thornton School Supply Drive in July! You can donate backpacks and school supplies to help local students in need. Thornton Community Connections will be collecting new and gently-used backpacks, new crayons, colored pencils and markers, #2 pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, erasers, college- and wide-ruled loose leaf paper, 3-ring binders of all sizes, spiral and composition notebooks, blue and black ink pens, scissors, rulers and protractors. Fire Stations 1, 4 and 5 will also be drop off locations. For more information, call **720-977-5800** or email Connections@ThorntonCO.gov.

Arts Thornton music series underway

Information provided by ArtsThornton.com

Experience Thornton's first indoor music series happening on the third Friday of each month through September 18. Designed to be a vibrant celebration of live music, dance, and performance art for all ages, each performance will bring something new to our community – whether it's toe-tapping rhythms, hilarious moments, or inspiring songs. We look forward to enjoying a new season of community, culture, and fun with you.

Visit goCOT.net/MusicSeries for the full schedule, locations, and to purchase general admission tickets on TicketSpice. Performances take place in handicapped accessible city facilities with free parking. Email artsthornton@ThorntonCO.gov or call **720-977-5882** for more information.

The Arts Thornton Music Series is sponsored by the Thornton Arts Sciences and Humanities Council (TASHCO), the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), and the city of Thornton. Additional support provided by SCFD partner organizations.

Join the Thornton Active Adult Center for summer outdoor adventures

Thornton's Active Adult Center sponsors outings and adventures throughout the year. Check out these upcoming summer events as part of the Active Adult Center Great Colorado Outdoor Adventure Series, Ages 62+:

Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg—May 19, \$60 for Thornton residents, \$72 for nonresidents, wildanimalsanctuary.org

Beginner Fly Fishing Lessons in Rocky Mountain National Park—June 16, \$65 for residents, \$78 for nonresidents, sasquatchflyfishing.com

4 x 4 Jeep Offroad Experience in Rocky Mountain National Park—July 14, \$140 for residents, \$168 for nonresidents, wildside4x4tours.com

Pike's Peak Cog Railway—August 11, \$80 for residents, \$96 for nonresidents, cograilway.com

Fee includes transportation from the Active Adult Center and event fees. Lunch and drinks are on your own unless otherwise noted. Trips will depart AAC at 8 a.m. and return around 3 p.m. Registration begins the first Tuesday of the month prior starting at 8:30 a.m. Please contact Mike at Mike.Coulter@ThorntonCO.gov for more information.



Walk in the Wards

Thornton City Council highlights a recent improvement in a city ward each month. Join your neighbors to connect, chat, and celebrate progress. A food truck will have food available for purchase.

Grange Hall Creek Park | Wednesday, May 13 | 6-8 p.m. | 4701 E. 110th Ave.
Hosted by Ward 2 Mayor Pro Tem Roberta Ayala & Council Member John Alge

Skylake Ranch Open Lands | Wednesday, July 8 | 6-8 p.m. | 119th Avenue & Holly St.
Hosted by Ward 3 Council Members David Acunto & Devin Byrd

Questions? Call 720-977-5939.



CELEBRATE

JUNE TEENTH

FREEDOM DAY

Thursday, June 18
5:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, visit goCOT.net/TASHCO.



What's happening in Thornton?

Visit ThorntonCO.gov for meetings and events.

Check out these upcoming Arts & Culture summer events

Information provided by ArtsThornton.com

Protected & Exposed: Mixed Media Artworks by Jalaina Joy Felker

Artist Jalaina Joy Felker presents Protected & Exposed, a mixed-media exhibition exploring the complexities of womanhood. Through digital manipulation, collage and painting, Felker creates her own form of camouflage, abstracting the female form to challenge viewers to consider society's pervasive objectification of women in media and the patriarchy. Now through June 19.

Attend her community class, Intuitive Layers – Mixed Media, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13. The class is open to ages 10 and older and is free with registration. Visit ArtsThornton.com for more information.

Upcoming events at the Harley Brown Amphitheater, 3498 E. 112th Ave.

Juneteenth Celebration - Thursday, June 18, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Pride: Celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community in Thornton - Thursday, June 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The case of the missing Monty: school cat's brief adventure ends happily

Information provided by ThorntonPD.org

When Monty, Westgate Community School's beloved emotional support cat, mysteriously disappeared, the hallways quickly filled with worry. School staff retraced their steps, students checked every cozy corner, and the front office soon became a full-fledged "Find Monty" command center, posting on social media asking Thornton residents to help solve mystery of their missing Monty.

Then School Resource Officer Duskey took the case. After receiving the call to action, Duskey approached the search with determination. He interviewed staff members, reviewed security camera footage and followed a promising lead that Monty may have hopped into the wrong backpack — a move those familiar with the curious cat say would be classic Monty.

The investigation soon revealed the truth: the fluffy escape artist had been inadvertently taken home by a well-meaning stranger who believed he was simply a friendly neighborhood wanderer.

Within hours, Officer Duskey arrived at the door to explain that this wasn't just any cat — this was Monty, a morale booster, lap warmer and the school's unofficial assistant principal.

Monty was safely returned to campus, where he quickly resumed accepting head scratches and attention from relieved students and staff.



Can you spot Monty? Officer Duskey did.

School officials offered a heartfelt thank-you to Officer Duskey for reminding everyone that no case is too small when it comes to caring for the community — including its furry members.

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

Alliance Business Assist. Center... 720-674-3547

Animal Control720-977-5250

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 Development 303-538-7295

City Manager's Office 303-538-7002

Code Compliance 303-538-7517

Community Connections720-977-5800

Economic Development 303-538-7605

Fire Department (non-emergency) ... 303-538-7602

Human Resources 303-538-7245

Legal303-538-7210

Municipal Court720-977-5400

Parks, Recreation & Community Programs 303-255-7800

Police (non-emergency) 720-977-5150

Pothole Repair720-977-6464

Snow & Ice Control720-977-6464

Trail Winds Recreation Center 720-977-5700

Trash & Recycling720-977-6200

Utilities (Water, Sewer)720-977-6500

Utility Billing 303-538-7370

Volunteer Hotline720-977-5760

Voter Registration 303-538-7230

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Thorntonfest
A Signature Event of the City of Thornton

Saturday, June 6
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Carpenter Park Fields
108th Avenue & Colorado Boulevard

goCOT.net/Thorntonfest | 303-255-7800

4TH ANNUAL PRIDE

SUPPORT EVERYONE. OPPRESS NO ONE.

Celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride in Thornton! This free, community event welcomes everyone—families, friends, allies, and neighbors. Join us and be part of something joyful and inclusive.

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS • STORY TIME • DRAG SHOW

Thursday, June 25 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Harley Brown Amphitheater
3498 E 112th Ave., Thornton
720-977-5880

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