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Emergency? Non-emergency? Here's how to know which number to call

Guest article provided by Thornton Police Public Information Officer Kylynn McTague, thorntonpd.org

Upcoming Meetings AND EVENTS

City offices are closed November 11 for Veterans Day, November 27-28 for Thanksgiving and December 25-26 for Christmas.

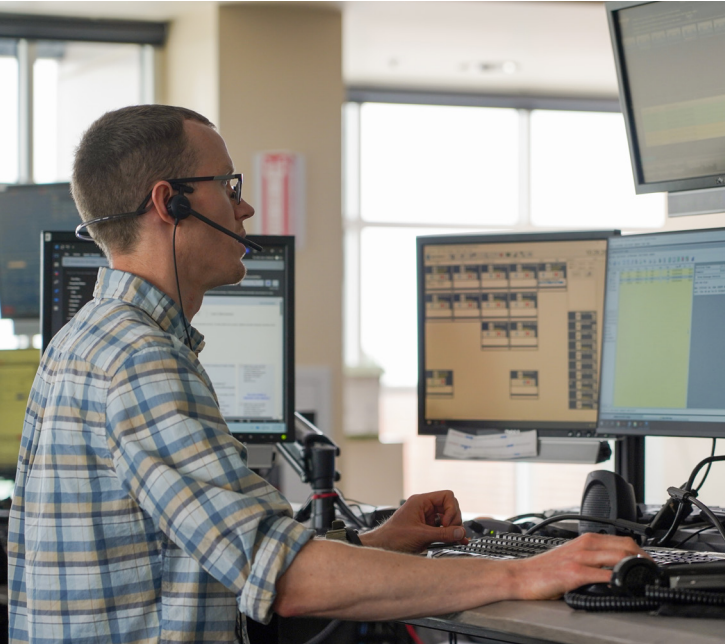
Join us for Thornton City Council Meetings in the Council Chambers at 9500 Civic Center Dr.—everyone's welcome!

December 2

December 16

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

November 13, 6 p.m.
Ward 3 Meeting
Trail Winds Recreation Center
13495 Holly St.



Most of us hope we'll never have to dial 9-1-1, but when emergencies happen it can be one of the most important calls we'll ever make. Behind that call is a team of professionals working around the clock to get help where it's needed.

Thornton's Emergency Communications Center operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each month, dispatchers handle thousands of calls ranging from life-threatening emergencies to noise complaints, and everything in between. But what really happens after you dial 9-1-1? And how do you know if 9-1-1 is even the right number to call?

The first voice you hear

When you dial 9-1-1 in Thornton, your call is answered by a trained Emergency Communications Specialist. Their first priority is to determine the location and nature of the emergency so help can be sent immediately.

"When someone is calling in, it's crucial that we remain calm and get as much information as quickly and accurately as possible," says Marina Soto, Emergency Communications Supervisor. "The more you're able to tell us, the better picture we can paint for our officers and for the scene they're heading into."

In Thornton, if you're unable to make a voice call, you can also text 9-1-1. This option should only be used when calling isn't possible or safe, but it ensures you can still connect with dispatchers in an emergency.

Help is already on the way

What many people don't realize is that while you're still on the phone, your information is already being relayed to dispatchers. In Thornton, call-taking and dispatching

Call 9-1-1 if:

- There is an immediate threat to life or safety.
- A crime is in progress.
- Fire, medical, or police response is needed right away.

Use the non-emergency line if:

- A crime has already occurred and there is no immediate danger.
- The situation doesn't qualify for online reporting.
- You need to speak with an officer, but lights and sirens aren't required.

File a report online if:

- The incident is non-violent.
- It happened within Thornton city limits.
- There are no known suspects or physical evidence.

Examples include damaged property, minor car crashes, fraud/identity theft, graffiti, lost property, or theft from vehicles.

are separate but closely coordinated roles.

As soon as the initial details are entered, a dispatcher begins sending the appropriate response — police, fire, medical, or all three. Officers and firefighters are often on their way before you've even hung up.

More than just answering the phone

Emergency Communications Specialists don't just take information, they can also provide life-saving instructions in the moment. From CPR guidance to choking aid to emergency childbirth, all while first responders are on their way.

Throughout the response, dispatchers continue monitoring radio traffic, updating details, coordinating with outside agencies if needed, and making sure responders in the field have the most up-to-date information possible.

Knowing which number to call

Thornton's Emergency Communications Center doesn't just handle 9-1-1 calls. The same team also answers the non-emergency line, **720-977-5150**, which we recommend saving to your contacts. Using the right number helps call-takers prioritize true emergencies while still making sure every call for service is documented and acted upon.

Whether you call 9-1-1 or the non-emergency line, one thing remains the same: as soon as you start speaking with a call-taker, your information is being entered and shared with dispatchers right away.

For more information or to file an online report, visit thorntonpd.org/report.

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Your Vote Counts: Thornton's Regular Municipal Election is Tuesday, November 4

Information provided by Thornton City Clerk's office

Thornton voters will elect one City Council Member from each of the city's four wards during the Coordinated Mail Ballot Election on November 4. Ballots were mailed to active registered voters in mid-October. If you don't receive a ballot but believe you're registered, contact the Adams County Election Office at **720-523-6500**.

Completed ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day. You can drop them off at the Adams County Election Office or at any official drop-off location listed with your ballot instructions or at **adamscountycoelections.gov**. For election results, visit **goCOT.net/elections**.

Get to know the items that will appear on ballots this November

Information can be found at **goCOT.net/elections**

Last summer, Thornton City Council unanimously approved for consideration by Thornton voters several proposed amendments to the City of Thornton Charter. The Charter is the governing policy document for how city operations must be conducted. All amendments to the City of Thornton Charter must be approved by voters. The following items will appear on ballots this year and will be decided by Thornton voters on the November 4, 2025, election.

Partial Terms and Term Limits

This Charter amendment would amend Section 4.3 of the Charter to provide that serving a partial term of office of less than two years does not count as a term in office for purposes of term limits provided in the Colorado Constitution.

The Colorado Constitution limits members of City Council to serving not more than two consecutive terms in office. The law is unclear as to whether a partial term counts as a term in office for purposes of term limits.

- The Colorado Constitution allows voters to approve local term limits.
- Charter Section 4.3 addresses terms of members of City Council but does not address term limits.
- To provide clarity and certainty for candidates, the City and its voters, and to reduce the likelihood of a future legal challenge, Council wishes to clarify the partial term issue.
- Council believes it appropriate and reasonable that serving less than two years of a four-year term should not count towards constitutional term limitations.

Initiative & Referendum Petitions - Allow More Time to Gather Signatures

This Charter amendment would amend Sections 8.13(a) and 8.16(a) of the Charter to increase timeframes to gather signatures on initiative and referendum petitions. An initiative proposes a new ordinance, while a referendum proposes to repeal an enacted ordinance or section thereof. A petition must be signed by registered electors of the city, not less than 10% of the number of persons who were registered electors of the city as of the date of the last regular election. Currently, the requisite number of signatures must be gathered within 21 days for both initiative and referendum petitions. This Charter amendment would increase that time to 120 days for initiative petitions and 30 days for referendum petitions.

Ten percent of registered Thornton electors is approximately 8,800. It is Council's position that collecting this number of signatures within a 21-day window can prove to be unfeasible. City Council has approved for consideration 120 days for initiatives and 30 days for referendums as more reasonable amounts of time for proponents to collect signatures. Because referendum petitions entail a proposal to repeal an ordinance or section thereof adopted by City Council, a shorter timeframe to collect signatures is proposed so that Thornton residents and community members can promptly know whether an enacted ordinance will be repealed.

Non-Substantive Revisions

This Charter amendment proposes non-substantive revisions to various provisions in the Charter to eliminate superfluous, obsolete, outdated and ambiguous language; clarify applicability of anti nepotism provisions; clarify authority related to intergovernmental agreements and revocable permits; clarify provisions related to budget procedures and control; correct grammar and citations; conform to changes in the law; and make other non substantive revisions.

Periodically, the Thornton City Attorney's Office, with the assistance of other city staff, performs a review of Thornton's Charter provisions to identify necessary or desirable corrections, clarifications, updates to conform with changes in the law, and other non-substantive revisions to the Charter.

After review, the City Attorney's Office may provide suggested changes to City Council for them to consider for approval by the voters.

Vacancy in the Mayor's Office

This November, Thornton voters will be asked to decide whether to change how a vacancy in the elected office of mayor is filled in the city. The Thornton City Council unanimously approved a ballot question to ask Thornton voters if they want to change the Thornton Charter so that should a vacancy occur, and under certain circumstances, Thornton voters will decide by special election who becomes mayor for the remainder of the term. Currently, the City Charter says that the Mayor Pro Tem becomes acting mayor until the next regular election. City Council directed staff to draft a ballot initiative that makes filling a mayoral vacancy consistent with the ballot issue approved by Thornton voters in 2024 for filling Council Member vacancies.

The proposed changes would be:

- If the vacancy occurs with a year or less in the Mayor's term, the Mayor Pro Tem will be Acting Mayor for the remainder of the term.
- If the vacancy occurs with more than a year left in the Mayor's term, the vacancy will be filled by special election within 120 days from when the vacancy occurs, but not if there are 90 days or less before the next regular election.
- If the vacancy occurs 90 days or less from the next regular election, the Mayor Pro Tem will serve as Acting Mayor until the vacancy is filled at the regular election.
- Following the election of a Mayor at the regular election, the Acting Mayor will continue the role of Council Member for the remainder of their term.
- The term of office for the person elected Mayor at a special election shall be for the remainder of the vacated term.

If a vacancy occurs during a period when Thornton can participate in a coordinated election with Adams County, the estimated cost for the special election for Mayor is estimated to be between \$60,000 and \$75,000. Thornton's City Clerk has estimated that the cost of a special election to fill a vacancy at a time when there is no normally scheduled Adams County November election would be approximately \$300,000.

Thornton has updated its Development Code!

The Thornton Development Code regulates how land is developed and used. A major update took effect September 1, 2025.

The updated Development Code modernizes development standards, streamlines the development review process, incorporates more opportunities for public outreach, and makes innovative approaches to

development and redevelopment. Overall, the new standards are more objective and straightforward while also allowing for reasonable flexibility.

For more information, visit **goCOT.net/devcode**, or contact the planner of the day at **303-538-7295** or **pod.info@ThorntonCO.gov**.

Ballot questions 2025
Information can be found at goCOT.net/elections

The following are the questions as they will appear on the 2025 Election ballot.

"Shall Section 4.3 of the Thornton City Charter be amended to provide that a partial term of office served by a Councilmember or Mayor for less than two years does not constitute a 'term in office' for purposes of term limits provided in Article XVIII, Section 11 of the Colorado Constitution?"

YES NO

"Shall Section 4.5.A of the Thornton City Charter be amended to provide that when a vacancy in the office of Mayor occurs, if more than one year is remaining in the term of office, such vacancy shall be filled by special election to be held within 120 days of the vacancy, provided that should the vacancy occur within 90 days of a regular municipal election, the vacancy shall be filled at the regular municipal election?"

YES NO

"Shall Sections 8.13(a) and 8.16(a) of the Thornton City Charter be amended to increase the time period to collect the requisite number of signatures, which is not less than 10% of the registered electors of the City as of the date of the last regular city election, on an initiative petition from 21 days to 120 days, and on a referendum petition from 21 days to 30 days, before the date of filing the petition with the City Clerk?"

YES NO

"Shall certain provisions of the Thornton City Charter be amended to eliminate superfluous, obsolete, outdated and ambiguous language, clarify applicability of anti nepotism provisions and authority related to intergovernmental agreements and revocable permits, correct grammar and citations, conform to changes in the law, and make other non substantive revisions?"

YES NO

9/11 Memorial Steel now stands in Thornton
Information provided by Thornton Fire, goCOT.net/fire



A piece of steel from the World Trade Center towers is now housed in the lobby of Fire Station 1.

In October 2022, the department began converting its Original Station One into a fire museum to preserve its history while creating a space for community education and events. The vision is to build not just a static display, but a place that draws return visitors and serves as a reminder of service and sacrifice.

"What event could be more impactful in the American fire service than September 11, 2001, when 343 firefighters gave the ultimate sacrifice while fulfilling the oath they swore to protect others?" said Jake Hiebert of the Thornton Fire Department.

With that goal in mind, Hiebert began the process of securing a piece of the World Trade Center towers to serve as the museum's centerpiece memorial. More than 20 years after the attacks, the task was daunting.

"I tried contacting the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) directly through their email, but I didn't receive a reply," Hiebert said. "Through Facebook groups and other platforms, I was unsuccessful until I was able to meet retired Chief Frank Leeb, who connected me with Carl Sheetz." Sheetz, a retired FDNY firefighter and machinist who served on Rescue One, had been appointed by Commissioner Robert S. Tucker to oversee the remaining steel from the towers. With his help, the Thornton Fire

Department submitted building and site plans for review. The department was later approved to receive a memorial artifact, with Hiebert serving as caretaker until its installation.

Once approved, Thornton Fire collaborated with Local 2376 and the Never Forgotten Foundation to bring the piece home. A small group, consisting of Fire Chief Steve Kelley, Jon Bailey, Justin Currey, Jake Hiebert, Jason Rife and Justin Rife, flew to New York City, rented a truck and, with Sheetz's help, toured Rescue One. "We were fortunate to spend a few hours with the crew, talking about everything from apparatus and tools to meals and the camaraderie among fire departments," Hiebert said. The group also visited Station Eight and the 9/11 Memorial pools, arranging for FDNY's Special Operations drone unit to document the artifact's transfer.

The next morning, the Thornton contingent met Sheetz at the FDNY training facility. A procession ceremony was held to honor the artifact as it was placed into the transport truck and draped with a flag for its journey to Colorado. Hiebert, Bailey and Jason Rife then drove the piece 26 hours back to Thornton, stopping only in Fremont, Ohio, and Grand Island, Nebraska. Along the way, they coordinated with retired member Donnie Morrison to build a temporary display stand.

On arrival, Thornton Fire personnel held a small reception to welcome the piece, marking the beginning of its role as a lasting memorial.

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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

Adams County and the city of Thornton are providing residents with monthly food and resource drive-thru events. These events provide power sacks with shelf-stable food, hygiene bags, and resource folders. The event takes place on the third Friday of the month, 8:30-9:30 a.m., in the Thornton Community Connections parking lot, 9471 Dorothy Blvd. For more information, visit goCOT.net/Connections.

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.

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

Thornton 2025 Environmental Sustainability Master Plan taking shape thanks to community input

Information provided at goCOT.net/sustainability
Thornton is close to finalizing its Environmental Sustainability Master Plan (ESMP), a guide that will address key challenges, strengthen community resilience, and outline equitable sustainability actions. The plan supports both immediate initiatives and long-term strategies, helping Thornton meet today's needs while preparing for tomorrow. By focusing on energy efficiency, waste reduction, water conservation, and climate adaptation, the ESMP will lay the foundation for a healthier, more sustainable community for all residents. To learn more about the ESMP and some of the sustainability strategies that the city is considering, visit goCOT.net/sustainability.

Thornton expands WaterSmart Program awareness with in-person help for residents

Information provided by Thornton Water Resources, ThorntonWater.com
Thornton has ramped up outreach efforts for the WaterSmart program, an online tool that lets residents monitor daily water use, detect leaks and unusual activity, and better manage their utility accounts to save both water and money. Currently, Thornton has installed the new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system at the homes of approximately 85% of Thornton water customers. AMI gives residents access to the WaterSmart portal. "WaterSmart is already saving money and thousands of gallons of water through leak alerts alone," said Thornton Water Resources Administrator Heather Waters. "We want to make sure every resident has the opportunity to benefit, regardless of their comfort level with technology." Once you create your profile in WaterSmart, it will automatically connect to your water usage and keep you informed in a splash. You can set communication preferences, track and compare your consumption, find leaks, get personalized tips on ways to manage your water use in Thornton, and lots more. To help residents get the most out of WaterSmart, the city launched an outreach and awareness campaign focused on in-person support and easy-to-understand information; particularly for older residents who may not have internet access or don't necessarily feel comfortable using digital tools. Thornton Water Resources staff offered WaterSmart Help Days at the Active Adult Center, and the Community Center. These drop-in events featured one-on-one assistance with information and sign-up. In addition to in-person support, staff distributed printed flyers and colorful informational posters in high-traffic locations such as the Active Adult Center. "By offering a mix of support, printed materials and digital outreach, Thornton aims to ensure that all residents—regardless of age or technical ability—can take charge of their water usage and utility costs," said Waters. Set up your WaterSmart account at Thornton.WaterSmart.com. For questions about your water bill, contact Utility Billing at 303-538-7370 or utilbilling@ThorntonCO.gov.

Thornton utility rate increases effective January 1, 2026

Starting January 1, 2026, water, trash, sewer and stormwater rates will increase. The impact on the average single family residential customer's water, sewer, stormwater and trash bill will be an increase of approximately \$6.41 in the winter months and \$12.63 in the summer months. Like many cities across the country, Thornton continues to see increases in the costs to maintain and improve our water system. State-of-the-industry water treatment plants deliver eight billion gallons a year of clean drinking water to our community through 668 miles of underground water mains. Your water bill is an investment into the reliable water supply, treatment and distribution system that makes Thornton thrive. What's driving the large water rate increase? New federal regulations from the EPA require Thornton to invest over \$80 million to remove PFAS contaminants from our water system. These regulations were established in June 2022 and April 2024, prompting this necessary upgrade. This investment was unexpected and is the main reason for the water rate increase. For more information, visit goCOT.net/utilitybilling or call 303-538-7370.

Table with 2 main sections: Winter Rates and Summer Rates. Each section has a table with 4 columns: Category, Current, Proposed, and Change. The Winter Rates table shows a total increase of \$6.41, and the Summer Rates table shows a total increase of \$12.63.

Thornton active adults reach new heights on Mt. Flora hike

Information provided by the Thornton Active Adult Center, goCOT.net/aac



Before winter set in, the Thornton Active Adult Center led 10 participants on a hike up Mt. Flora in Arapaho National Forest as part of its new Great Colorado Adventure Series.

The 6.3-mile round trip began at Berthoud Pass, at 11,152 feet, and climbed above tree line to the 13,326-foot summit of Mt. Flora. Hikers ranged in age from 56 to 78, with experience levels spanning from first-time mountain hikers to seasoned members of the Colorado Mountain Club.

Gusty winds, altitude and rocky terrain made the climb a challenge, but the group reached the top together and enjoyed the experience.

The Mt. Flora hike was one of several trips offered through the Adventure Series this summer, which also featured rafting on the Poudre River, horseback riding in Rocky Mountain National Park and a ride on the Georgetown Loop Railroad. The Active Adult Center offers a variety of programs and trips like these year-round. For more information, visit goCOT.net/aac.



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Thornton WinterFest

Friday, December 12 • 6:30-9 p.m.
Saturday, December 13 • 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday, December 14 • 5-9 p.m.



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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.

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, email environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov, or call 720-977-6200.

Fall Leaf Disposal Options Saturday, November 1, 8 a.m. - noon

Leaves may be dropped off in the compost bin at the Infrastructure Maintenance Center (IMC) 12450 Washington St. Be prepared to empty plastic bags on site. Proof of residency required.

City trash customers may continue to place their bagged leaves at the curb on their regular trash pickup day through November 14. Fill black trash containers first. Bags filled with trash or other debris will not be collected. Restrictions apply.

NO Holiday Delay November 11

NO DELAY in collection service the week of November 11. Please place containers at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular pickup day.

Thanksgiving Holiday Delay

City collection service will be on a one-day delay November 27 and 28. If your normal trash/recycle pickup day is Thursday, November 27, it will be collected on Friday, November 28. If your normal trash/recycle pickup day is Friday, November 28, it will be collected on Saturday, November 29.

NO Cooking Oil drop-off

Thornton is no longer allowed to accept used cooking oil for drop-off. Please contact Veolia at 303-526-8155 for more information on how to properly dispose of cooking oil and other household hazardous waste.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Delays

Trash/Recycling collection service will be on a one-day delay starting Thursday, December 25. Collection service will also be on a one-day delay starting Thursday, January 1, 2026.

Special Christmas Wrap Collection December 26-31

You may place flattened holiday boxes and bagged wrapping paper at the curb for collection on your trash day. Please use black trash containers first.

Christmas Tree Curbside Pick Up

City trash/recycle customers may place their natural Christmas trees at the curb for collection 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

On 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.

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**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Thornton Snowbuster assistance

Thornton is looking for volunteers for their Snowbusters program. Snowbuster volunteers remove snow from the public walkways and driveways of seniors and/or residents with a disability during the snow season. This service is for Thornton residents who cannot otherwise arrange for or afford to have their snow removed. Volunteer today and be matched with a qualified resident in need. Call **303-255-7831** to get started.



THORNTON TAX REBATE APPLICATIONS

Open through December 14

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** and must be submitted by December 14. For help, call **720-977-5815**.



Thornton Active Adult Center cooks up fun in first Chopped Challenge

Information provided by the Thornton Active Adult Center, **goCOT.net/aac**



With autumn in full swing, the Thornton Active Adult Center hosted its first-ever Chopped Challenge Culinary Contest in the Teaching Kitchen. Six intergenerational teams, participants ranged in age from 7 to 86, often a grandparent paired with a grandchild, competed in two rounds.

The first challenge tasked teams with creating a unique pizza from a variety of toppings. The second tested their creativity with an ice cream sundae. A

panel of four judges scored the dishes on creativity, presentation and taste.

Participants and spectators alike agreed the contest was a fun and memorable experience. The event is one of many activities the Active Adult Center offers throughout the year, encouraging residents of all ages to learn, connect and try something new. For more information, visit **goCOT.net/aac**.

Explore Thornton's active development projects online

Information provided by Thornton City Development, **goCOT.net/development**

Thornton's City Development Department has launched a new online tool to give residents and businesses easier access to information about projects across the city.

The Active Development Projects Map is the city's first interactive platform that allows users to search for details on both current and upcoming projects. Previously, residents had to call City Development or use the My Thornton app for general inquiries.

The map places icons at project sites throughout the city. By clicking an icon, users can view project details and find contact names and phone numbers for more information.

The map is available via **goCOT.net/activedev**. For questions, call **303-538-7295** or email **pod.info@ThorntonCO.gov**.

Keep up to date on Thornton roadway improvements

Information provided by Thornton Infrastructure Department, **goCOT.net/conezone**

Thornton residents looking for the latest updates on traffic, construction and road improvements have a one-stop resource at their fingertips: the city's Cone Zone alerts on the Transportation & Mobility page, which can be found at **goCOT.net/conezone**. The Transportation & Mobility page, managed by Thornton Traffic Engineering, features:

- Traffic alerts with updates on major traffic impacts
- Permit applications for those starting their own work in the public right-of-way
- iWatch Speed Awareness resources to promote safer driving in neighborhoods
- Traffic counts map with data on the amount of traffic on city streets
- Transportation and Mobility Master Plan, outlining Thornton's long-term vision for roadways and connectivity.

With Thornton continuing to grow, road projects are a constant part of keeping the community moving. Checking the Cone Zone post on the Transportation

& Mobility page before heading out can save drivers time and frustration.

Visit **goCOT.net/conezone** to stay in the know.



Serving up fun: Chicken N Pickle opens first Colorado location in Thornton

Guest article provided by Thornton Office of Economic Development

Thornton has a new hotspot for food and recreation with the arrival of Chicken N Pickle, a first-of-its-kind destination that blends dining, entertainment, and the fastest-growing sport in the country, pickleball. This marks the company's first Colorado location, making Thornton the newest home for a concept that's gaining fans nationwide.

The idea for Chicken N Pickle was born when founder Dave Johnson stumbled onto a pickleball court in Phoenix back in 2015. What struck him wasn't just the game itself, but the energy around it. Inspired, he returned to Kansas City, teamed up with restaurateur Bill Crooks, and opened the very first Chicken N Pickle soon after.

Fast forward to today, and you'll find the Thornton venue proudly carries that same spirit. As the thirteenth location nationwide, and the very first in Colorado, its space features a stunning rooftop bar, two outdoor and six indoor courts, and a spacious outdoor gathering area. Guests can enjoy chef-driven dishes, a lively sports bar, plenty of yard games, and pickleball. With areas designed for watch parties and private events, it's truly an all-ages destination.

You'll find the new location nestled in the heart of The Grove Shopping Center at 14225 Lincoln St, Thornton. Stop by to grab a bite, play a round of pickleball, or just relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

Thornton's Economic Development team is working hard to bring unique restaurants and entertainment spaces to the city. Visit **businessinthornton.com** to learn more about Thornton's growing dining scene and how the Economic Development team is supporting vibrant local businesses.



Alliance Business Center is your destination for business growth in Thornton

Guest article provided by Thornton Office of Economic Development

Now is the perfect time to explore opportunities for your business growth in the coming year! Thornton's Alliance Business Assistance Center, 550 Thornton Pkwy., Suite 170, is your one-stop resource for tools and support to help your business thrive. The Alliance Business Assistance Center offers free workshops on essential topics such as marketing, business safety, financial planning, and more. You'll also have access to one-on-

one counseling and even legal support tailored to your unique needs. All services are free and available in both English and Spanish.

Contact us today by calling **720-674-3547**, emailing **alliance@ThorntonCO.gov**, or visit the website at **TheAllianceBusinessCenter.com** and take the next step toward your business success.

Make volunteering a part of your giving season 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.

A few years ago, long-time Thornton resident Leo Ramirez decided to explore volunteer opportunities in Thornton. He started by helping with the Breakfast with Santa event, and from there, his involvement grew. Leo became a committed Snowbuster and Yardbuster, assisting elderly and disabled residents with snow removal and yard maintenance. He also contributes to environmental efforts, including participating in Arbor Day tree planting activities.

Through his volunteer work, he's built lasting connections and met countless inspiring people. "At the end of the day, I can go to bed knowing I did the right thing," said Ramirez. He encourages others to explore volunteer opportunities, adding, "You won't regret it."



By volunteering, you will 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**.

Thornton Arts Academy
Art Classes

Check out the new season of classes for kids, teens and adults.
See the full class schedule at artsthornton.com.

To register, visit goCOT.net/Registration or call 720-977-5901.

Mayor's Food and Sock Drive November 1-30

Donations of non-perishable holiday food items and new socks benefit local food banks and individuals experiencing homelessness. Drop off donations during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Trail Winds Recreation Center, 13495 Holly St.
- Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center, 11151 Colorado Blvd.
- Community Connections, 9471 Dorothy Blvd.
- Community Center, 2211 Eppinger Blvd.
- Thornton Active Adult Center, 11181 Colorado Blvd.
- Thornton Fire Stations 1, 4 and 5, visit goCOT.net/fire for locations

For more information, visit goCOT.net/connections or contact Community Connections at 720-977-5800 or Connections@ThorntonCO.gov.

What's happening in Thornton?

Visit ThorntonCO.gov for meetings and events.

Thornton to Host 9th Annual Día de los Muertos Celebration November 1

Information provided by ArtsThornton.com

Thornton will host its 9th annual Día de los Muertos celebration Saturday, November 1, from noon-5 p.m. at McAllister Park Center, 750 W. 96th Ave. This free, family-friendly event honors loved ones who have passed with art, dance, food, music and mementos.

Highlights include live music and dance on the main stage, face painting, food trucks and an expanded artisan mercado. Inside the center, visitors will find arts and crafts, an ofrenda (ancestral altar), storytelling, a selfie booth and a monarch butterfly program by the Butterfly Pavilion. New this year is artwork by local artist Cal Duran, who will be onsite to celebrate indigenous heritage.

The event is sponsored by Thornton Arts and Culture, the Thornton Arts, Sciences and Humanities Council (TASHCO), and the city of Thornton. For details, visit ArtsThornton.com, call 720-977-5887, or email ArtsThornton@ThorntonCO.gov.



Multi-Media Art Exhibit at Thornton Community Center

Information provided by ArtsThornton.com

The work of Brazilian-American artist Rosane Volchan O'Connor is on display at the Thornton Community Center, 2211 Eppinger Blvd., through December during regular hours. The free exhibit is presented in partnership with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art and Thornton Arts and Culture, and is funded by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

O'Connor's colorful 3D installations blend music and biology, combining linear elements into rhythmic, layered forms. Inspired by protozoa, cells, nerves, land formations, planets and galaxies, her work is both micro and macro, organic and linear, harmonious and chaotic. For details, visit ArtsThornton.com, email ArtsThornton@ThorntonCO.gov or call 720-977-5887.



WINTERFEST 5K & FAMILY WALK

Saturday, December 13
Fun Run 10:10 a.m. | 5K 10:15 a.m.
Carpenter Park

Choose from the chip-timed 5K or experience the festive atmosphere in a shorter distanced, untimed Fun Run/Walk.

Festive mug and coupon for a free beer from our beer garden included with registration.

Visit winter5k.com to register and for details.

Questions? Please call 720-977-5853.



SANTA'S CALLING

Would your child enjoy a personal phone call from Santa before he comes to Thornton on Christmas Eve?

FREE! December 9-11 | 18 months-12 years old



Registration forms **MUST** be received by Friday, November 28.

For more info and times, please scan the QR Code or visit goCOT.net/santascalling.



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 Control	720-977-5250
Arts & Culture Center.....	720-977-5880
Building Inspection	303-538-7250
Building Permits	303-538-7250
Business Assistance	303-538-7605
Carpenter Recreation Center	303-255-7800
City Clerk's Office	303-538-7230
City Communications	303-538-7279
City Council & Mayor	303-538-7002
City Manager's Office	303-538-7002
Code Compliance	303-538-7517
Community Connections	720-977-5800
Economic Development	303-538-7605
Fire Department (non-emergency) ...	303-538-7602
Human Resources	303-538-7245
Legal	303-538-7210
Municipal Court.....	720-977-5400
Parks, Recreation & Community Programs	303-255-7800
Police (non-emergency)	720-977-5150
Pothole Repair	720-977-6464
Snow & Ice Control	720-977-6464
Trail Winds Recreation Center	720-977-5700
Trash & Recycling	720-977-6200
Utilities (Water, Sewer)	720-977-6500
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