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Your vote counts: Thornton's regular Municipal Election is November 4

Information provided by Thornton City Clerk's office

Upcoming Meetings AND EVENTS

City offices closed September 2 for Labor Day

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

September 9	September 23
October 14	October 28

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

September 25, 6 p.m.
Community Meeting
Trail Winds Recreation Center
13495 Holly St.

October 2, 6 p.m.
Ward 4 Meeting
Thorncreek Golf Course
13555 Washington St.



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 will be mailed to active registered voters in mid-October. If you don't receive a ballot but believe you're registered, call 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, Thornton City Clerk's Office, or at any official drop-off location listed with your ballot instructions or at adamscountycoelections.gov.

To register to vote and receive a ballot:

- Register through a voter registration drive by October 14
- Register online at GoVoteColorado.gov or by mail by October 27
- Visit a Voter Service and Polling Center starting October 27 through Election Day, closed Sundays.

Find your Ward map at goCOT.net/wardmap. For Ward or voter registration questions, call Thornton City Clerk's Office at **303-538-7230**.

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COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6-7:30 p.m.

TRAIL WINDS RECREATION CENTER | 13495 HOLLY ST.



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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.

For more information visit goCOT.net/CommunityMeetings.



Thornton launches Blue Envelope Program

Information provided by Thornton Police Department

The city of Thornton recently launched the Blue Envelope Program, a collaborative initiative between the Thornton Police Department, Thornton Fire Department, and the Adams County Sheriff's Office. The program supports individuals with autism and other neurodiverse conditions during interactions with first responders.

"The Blue Envelope Program is a community-focused initiative designed to promote calm and informed communication during traffic stops, emergency responses, and other interactions with first responders," says Thornton PD Public Information Officer Kylynn McTague. "Participants use a clearly marked blue envelope to store essential documents, such as a driver's license and registration, alongside guidance for both the individual and first responders. The envelope acts as a signal indicating that additional time, understanding, or accommodation may be needed." The program underscores Thornton's ongoing commitment to safe, supported and livable communities.

Blue Envelopes are available at these Thornton locations:

- Thornton Police Department, 9551 Civic Center Dr.
- Fire Administration, 2300 Thornton Pkwy.
- Fossil Ridge Public Safety Center, 13150 Quebec St.
- Carpenter Recreation Center, 11151 Colorado Blvd.
- Trail Winds Recreation Center, 13495 Holly St.
- Thornton Community Center, 2211 Eppinger Blvd.

For more information, visit **ThorntonPD.org**.



Thornton joins AARP network of age-friendly communities

Information provided by Thornton Active Adult Center

Thornton has officially joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, reinforcing commitment to creating a community where residents of all ages can thrive.

Thornton's enrollment marks a significant step in the city's ongoing efforts to enhance quality of life for its aging population through programs focused on recreation, lifelong learning, arts, wellness, and its meal program.

"Thornton is proud to join the Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities," said Mayor Jan Kulmann. "Our city is dedicated to fostering a community where people of all ages feel welcome, supported, and have opportunities to stay active, connected, and engaged. From our daily meal program to group fitness classes, hiking trips, and engaging day outings,

we offer programs designed to enrich the lives of our older adults. We also provide valuable educational workshops on topics like culinary arts, painting, technology, and cyber safety, along with resources on home safety, fraud prevention, and aging well in partnership with our Fire and Police departments."

This commitment to community, safety, health, and lifelong learning ensures Thornton remains a vibrant, inclusive place for residents at every stage of life. The Active Adult Center offers a robust lineup of educational workshops, arts classes, social gatherings, and nutrition services which serve thousands of meals to older adults each year. For more information about Thornton's services and programs, visit **goCOT.net/aac**.



City replaces aging pipeline, repurposes trees

Guest article by Thornton Parks Planning Capital Manager Heidi Zeltinger

We all know nothing stays the same forever. Think back to when you were a kid — maybe you had a favorite pair of shoes that fit just right. But over time, those shoes wore out. The soles thinned, holes appeared, and eventually, it was time for a new pair. Aspects of city infrastructure are a lot like those old shoes. Projects were built to fit the city’s needs at the time and served its purpose well. But as any city grows and time passes, infrastructure ages and needs replacing. One example of this is the sludge line from Thornton’s Water Treatment Plant to the Wes Brown Water Treatment Plant. This line is nearing the end of its life cycle and is being

replaced with an interesting environmental aspect. The project runs down Hoffman Way and portions of 88th Avenue, impacting some of the green infrastructure along the way. To complete the work, 24 trees along Hoffman Way need to be removed. Smaller limbs and branches are being chipped and made available to residents through Thornton’s free mulch program. Larger logs are collected through a partnership with the Colorado State Forest Service and the Colorado Urban Wood Network and processed at a local mill and repurposed into lumber for Colorado artisans and builders. Nothing lasts forever, but sometimes, it finds a new purpose.



Be prepared if flooding happens in your Thornton neighborhood

Information provided by Thornton Infrastructure Engineering

Did you know that Thornton has seven major drainageways running through the city? Areas along these drainageways have been identified by FEMA as having at least a 1% chance of flooding each year; commonly known as the 100-year floodplain.

“Thornton currently has about 50 structures in the FEMA-regulated floodplain, and around 20 more in other Special Flood Hazard Areas,” says Thornton’s Infrastructure Engineering Manager Rachelle Plas. “Virtually any property can experience flooding from street overflow or water running overland during one of Colorado’s intense, localized thunderstorms.”

It’s important to remember that most homeowners’ and renters’ insurance policies don’t cover flood damage. If your property has a federally backed loan and sits in a FEMA-defined floodplain; flood insurance is required. But here’s something many people don’t realize: over half of flood damage

claims in Colorado happen outside of FEMA’s designated 100-year floodplains. The good news is Thornton participates in FEMA’s Community Rating System for floodplain management and currently holds a Class 5 rating, so all properties in Thornton are eligible for a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums. To learn more visit **floodsmart.gov** or call Thornton Infrastructure Engineering at **720-977-6210**.



Liberty Hills Park gets a thoughtful refresh

Information provided by Thornton Parks

Liberty Hills Park, a longtime gathering place for nearby families, has received a much-needed upgrade. Built in 2002, the park saw a decline in use after the loss of two large cottonwood trees that once shaded the playground. Without cover or comfortable seating, the area became sun-exposed and underused, leading to an increase in vandalism and other unwanted activity.

Earlier this year, the city completed a series of improvements designed to revitalize the park and make it a more inviting neighborhood hub. The playground was expanded to include a three-bay shaded swing set, shaded picnic tables, new trees, and a curved row of covered benches and swing benches that encourage visitors to linger and connect.

“One of the park’s standout new features is Thornton’s first ‘wavy walk’ bike path: a looping, undulating track around the main play area that adds

motion and challenge for kids on wheels,” says Parks and Open Space Senior Project Manager Kelly Zuniga. The playground itself was refreshed with new, inclusive play equipment offering varying levels of challenge for children of all abilities.

The upgrades aim to transform Liberty Hills Park into a safe, welcoming, and activity-filled space. “Whether you’re relaxing in the shade, playing on the updated structure, or racing along the wavy path, there’s something for everyone to enjoy,” said Zuniga.



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**HEALTHY FARMERS
MARKETS**

now through October 2

Visit the markets for locally-grown produce, healthy recipes, community and health resources and more. Eligible households will receive \$25 vouchers for produce. Tuesday markets will operate monthly. Thursday markets will operate weekly and features fresh-food box pickup. For specific dates, times, and locations, visit goCOT.net/hfm, call **720-977-5800**, or email Connections@ThorntonCO.gov.

**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.

If you and your neighbors could use help with yard work this fall, your group could receive free CodeCAP yard maintenance services on Saturday, September 27. Thornton will provide one-time yard maintenance for a group of up to eight homes. Apply as a group by Friday, September 5, 5 p.m. at goCOT.net/housing, call **720-977-5818** or email Mayra.Ramirez@ThorntonCO.gov.

The 2025 Annual Water Quality Report is now available

Information provided by Water Quality

The 2025 Annual Water Quality Report provides an overview of the tens of thousands of water quality samples and analyses performed in 2024. Staff members monitor Thornton's water through miles of rivers and canals, and to Thornton's water storage reservoirs. That monitoring continues as the water is treated at the city's water treatment facilities and delivered to customers' homes via hundreds of miles of underground pipes. All this monitoring ensures that Thornton provides clean and safe water that meets

State and Federal water quality standards.

Thornton's water quality meets the standards for all 30 regulated contaminants. The results of fluoride, lead, polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other analyses are listed in the report, available at Thorntonco.gov/waterinfo.

For more information, email waterquality@ThorntonCO.gov or call **303-255-7770**.

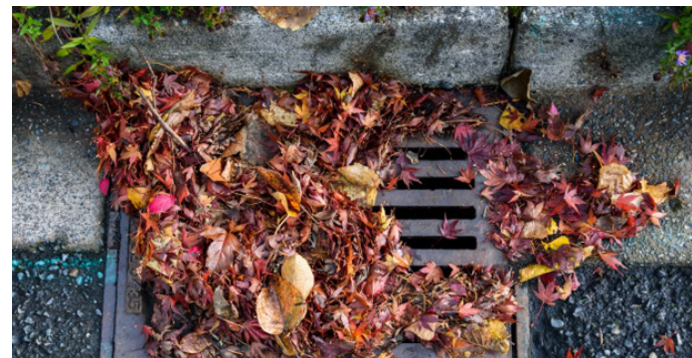
Keep leaves out of storm drains and help protect local waterways this fall

Information provided by Thornton Stormwater Quality

As the leaves start to fall, remember where they land matters. When leaves are raked or blown onto storm drains, they don't just disappear. They can clog the system, causing localized flooding, and when washed into waterways, the excess nutrients they release contribute to stormwater pollution.

You can help keep Thornton's waterways clean and flowing by keeping leaves out of storm drains. Take advantage of Thornton's Fall Leaf Curbside Collection from October 20 to November 14 for Thornton's trash/recycling customers, or drop them off during our Fall Leaf Drop-Off Days at the Thornton Infrastructure Maintenance Center on October 25 and November 1. Another easy option: mulch those fallen leaves into

your lawn or garden. It's a simple, natural way to return nutrients to your soil. For details on stormwater quality efforts, visit ThorntonCO.gov or email StormwaterQuality@ThorntonCO.gov.



Business resources available at the Alliance Business Assistance Center

Information provided by Thornton Economic Development

The Alliance Business Assistance Center in Thornton provides a range of free services and resources designed to support local business owners and entrepreneurs. The center offers expert-led workshops on essential topics including marketing, business safety, financial planning, and more.

In addition to workshops, business owners can access free, one-on-one counseling and legal assistance tailored to meet their individual needs. Bilingual services are available in both English and Spanish.

The center's business counselors bring expertise in financial management, legal strategy, marketing, and operations, including:

- Andy Figueroa, Elemento Consulting — Business strategy, market research, and financial planning

- Diego Leyes, North Metro SBDC — Marketing and business strategy
- Priscilla Orozco-Garcia, Colorado Enterprise Fund — Accounting, bookkeeping, tax preparation, and business planning
- Hector Parra, SCORE — Business planning, loan readiness, and financial projections

All services are provided at no cost to business owners.

The Alliance Business Assistance Center is located at 550 Thornton Pkwy., Suite 170. For more information, visit TheAllianceBusinessCenter.com, call **720-674-3547**, or email alliance@ThorntonCO.gov.

Thornton Economic Development recognizes local businesses

Information provided by Thornton Economic Development

Each year, Thornton Economic Development invites residents to vote for their favorite businesses to recognize those businesses that garner the top votes. "We asked residents to vote for local businesses that hold a special place in their hearts, demonstrate outstanding community involvement, showcase innovation and growth, or deliver top-notch customer service and quality," says Thornton Economic Development Director, Adam Krueger.

This year's winners are:

People's Choice Award – Ay Guey Mexican Snacks

Community Spirit Award – Allegro Coffee Company
Small Business of the Year Award – Lisa's Place
Retailer of the Year Award – Costco
Employer of the Year Award – Ace Thermal Systems
Congratulations to these outstanding Thornton businesses on their remarkable achievements and contributions to our community.

For more information about Thornton's Business Awards, visit businessinthornton.com.

Billy Birch Beer Garden creates a neighborhood gathering spot

Information provided by Thornton Economic Development



Thornton's newest local hangout, Billy Birch Beer Garden, 11915 Holly St., is more than just a place for drinks; it's a community gathering spot with a personal story behind its name.

Owners Mark and Margaret, veterans of the metro area's bar scene, opened the beer garden with the goal of creating a welcoming, neighborhood-focused space. The name honors Mark's late father, Billy Birch, adding a personal touch to the inviting atmosphere they've built.

Billy Birch Beer Garden offers cold drinks, satisfying food, and a setting designed to feel like home. Thornton's Economic Development team continues to attract new dining and entertainment options across the city. Other local favorites include Chicken N Pickle at 14225 Lincoln St., Tlahuicas Mexican Restaurant at 790 W. 84th Ave., and G-Que BBQ at 2681 E. 120th Ave. For more on Thornton's expanding dining scene and business development initiatives, visit businessinthornton.com.

Thornton's 'Planner of the Day' is your daily zoning and planning resource

Information provided by Thornton City Development

Navigating zoning rules, permits, and development processes can sometimes be overwhelming. To help residents, businesses, and developers get clear and accurate guidance, Thornton offers a 'Planner of the Day' (POD) service through its Current Planning Division. A knowledgeable planner is available daily to answer general questions about zoning regulations, permit requirements, development procedures, and more. Whether you're a homeowner curious about fence rules, a business owner exploring sign permits, or a developer preparing entitlement documents, the POD provides guidance with no appointment needed.

Common residential permits POD can help with:

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
- Artificial Turf
- Decks and/or patio covers
- Driveways
- Accessory Structures
- Additions

For more information and to reach the Planner of the Day during business hours, call **303-538-7295**, email pod.info@ThorntonCO.gov, or stop by Thornton's Building Division, 9500 Civic Center Dr.

Thornton Safety Committee honored with statewide award

Information provided by Thornton Management Services

The Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA), which provides property and liability coverage to municipalities across the state, recently named Thornton's Safety Committee a recipient of its 2024 Safety Champion Award. The annual honor is given to a select group of cities and towns that go above and beyond in promoting safety and preventing workplace accidents. Thornton's committee was recognized for creating innovative safety programs, launching initiatives to control risks and reduce losses, and leading citywide efforts to make safety a core value in municipal operations.



CITY OF THORNTON & TWISTED STEEL

2025 FUEL & FURY CAR SHOW

TWISTED STEEL
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ATOMIC
DRIFTERS
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CHICKEN FINGERS

SATIRE
SERVING COMPANY

On the Grass @ Carpenter Park Fields

Saturday, September 13

108th Avenue & Colorado Boulevard

Roll-In 12-2 p.m. | Show 2-7 p.m.

\$20 Entry Fee | goCOT.net/fuelandfury

Custom Trophies, Beer Garden, Food Vendors,
Raffles, Live Band & More!

Please call 720-977-5915 for more information.

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.

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**.

Labor Day – NO DELAY in collection service the week of September 1. Please place containers at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular pickup day.

Tree Branch/Organics Drop-Off – September 13, Infrastructure Maintenance Center (IMC), 12450 Washington St., 8 a.m.-noon, proof of residency required, restrictions apply.

Mattress Drop-off – September 6, IMC, 12450 Washington St., 8 a.m.-noon, Thornton residents only, proof of residency required, appointments are mandatory and limited. Online registration will be available six weeks prior to the event date.

Electronic Recycling Drop-off Days – Pedal Point, 3251 Lewiston St., Suite 10, Aurora. Weekdays September 15–October 3 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays, September 20 & 27, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Fees apply. Proof of residency required. Online registration is available six weeks prior to event dates at ThorntonCO.gov/TrashRecycling.

Landfill Day – October 11, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Republic Services Tower Landfill, 19260 E. 88th Ave., Commerce City. One truck or carload only. Proof of residency is required, and restrictions apply. Additional \$37 fee for mattresses and box springs.

Fall Leaf Disposal Options

Saturday, October 25, 8 a.m.–noon, weekdays, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Leaves may be dropped off in the compost bin at the IMC, 12450 Washington St. **Be prepared to empty bags on site or use paper lawn and leaf sacks.**

October 20 through November 14 – City trash/recycle customers only may place bagged leaves at the curb on their regular trash pickup day. Fill black trash containers first. Bags filled with trash or other debris will not be collected. Restrictions apply.

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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.

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.

HELP FOR HOMES REPAIR

available for qualified Thornton residents

If you're a Thornton homeowner in need of critical home repairs, Thornton's Help for Homes program uses federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to help residents make necessary repairs and improvements that protect their health, safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency. For more information or for an application, contact Housing Coordinator Ana Fontes at Ana.Fontes@ThorntonCO.gov or call **720-977-5814**. You can also pick up an application from Community Connections at 9471 Dorothy Blvd.

THORNTON ASSISTANCE FUNDS COMMITTEE

Needs you

Thornton is looking for residents interested in serving on the Thornton Assistance Funds (TAF) Committee. TAF is a grant program for nonprofit organizations that helps Thornton residents meet their basic needs and enhances their ability to be self-sufficient. The TAF application will open September 15 and the deadline to apply is October 15, 5 p.m. Committee members will meet once a week, February-April to review applications, interview applicants, develop funding recommendations, and present these recommendations to Thornton City Council. For more information or to apply, visit goCOT.net/TAF, call **720-977-5800** or email Connections@ThorntonCO.gov.

Thornton active adults team up with the Active Adult Center to show adventure has no age limit

Information provided by Thornton Active Adult Center



Thirteen spirited members of Thornton's Active Adult Center (AAC), ages 62 to 81, recently braved chilly weather, swift waters and stormy skies for a thrilling whitewater rafting trip on the Poudre River northwest of Fort Collins.

The rafting excursion marked the first of four outings in the AAC's Great Colorado Adventure Series, designed to offer active older adults a chance to experience the state's outdoor wonders. The summer lineup also included horseback riding in Rocky

Mountain National Park, a six-mile summit hike up Mt. Flora at 13,127 feet, and a nostalgic ride on the historic Georgetown Loop Railroad. "These adventures remind us that you're never too old to try something new, push your limits and have fun along the way," said Active Adult Center Recreation Coordinator Mike Coulter.

To learn more about upcoming adventures and programs through the AAC, visit goCOT.net/aac or call **303-255-7850**.

Active adults conquer Unicorn 5k, set sights on what's next

Information provided by Thornton Active Adult Center



Over the summer, a dozen active adult athletes from Thornton's Active Adult Center (AAC) began training together for the Unicorn 5K at Carpenter Park. After six weeks of training, they were ready. "I've never done anything like this, and I'll try anything once," said participant Judy. "I'm really proud of myself — I finished, and that's not something I ever thought I could do." All 12 AAC runners crossed the finish line, with five runners placing in their age group.

This was the third consecutive year Recreation Coordinator Marisa Kouba has organized an Active Adult Center team for a local race, and the momentum isn't slowing down. "The encouragement everyone gives each other is incredible," Kouba said. "We're already planning for next year's race season." For details on upcoming events, classes, and wellness challenges, visit goCOT.net/aac or stop by the AAC at 11181 Colorado Blvd.

NEW! Harvest Fest Burrito & Glazed Doughnut Breakfast

Saturday, October 4 | 7:30-9:30 a.m. | Active Adult Center, 11181 Colorado Blvd.

The Thornton Active Adult Center will be hosting a new menu this year with your choice of one breakfast burrito (vegetarian option available) and one glazed donut per person. Unlimited juice, coffee and water also included. For more information, please call 303-255-7850.

Fees: \$4 Seniors 62+/Children 12 & under and \$6 Individuals ages 13-61.

A cash only Low-Cost Produce Fair available from 7:30-9:30 a.m. or until sold out.



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Thornton debuts first-of-its-kind artistic lighting installation near City Hall

Information provided by Thornton Parks and Recreation



The city recently installed a set of striking Open Pipe Pillars at the intersection of Thornton Parkway and I-25. Made from thick-walled COR-TEN steel, the tall, sculptural pillars are the first of their kind to be installed anywhere in the United States. By day, the steel structures offer a bold, industrial look. But when night falls, built-in LED lighting brings the installation to life, illuminating the pillars and transforming them into a distinctive feature of the city’s streetscape. The Infrastructure project is part of an ongoing effort to enhance public spaces with creative, modern design. It’s an exciting addition, and the city is proud to bring something truly unique to our area for residents and visitors to enjoy.

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Harvest Fest

Prizes awarded for:
Longest Fish &
Most Authentic
Fisherman



Saturday, October 4 | 8-11 a.m.
Sign-up begins at 7:45 a.m.
Grandview Ponds
4401 E. 104th Ave.
Children ages 4-12 accompanied by an adult.

\$1
per child

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Call 720-977-5853 or email Hannah.Tuomi@ThorntonCO.gov for more information.

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.




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Harvest Fest

A Signature Event of the City of Thornton

Saturday, October 4 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Community Park

York Street and Thornton Parkway

Live Entertainment • Beer Garden • Food Vendors
Business & Craft Bazaar • Kids Amusements • Low-Cost Produce Fair
Retro Games • Kids Free Pumpkin Decorating and much more!

Facebook.com/ThorntonPRCP | goCOT.net/harvestfest | 303-255-7800

‘Wood Mountain’ Play Feature Installed at Eastlake Shore Park

Information provided by Thornton Parks



A new nature-inspired play feature has arrived at Eastlake Shore Park, offering visitors a unique space for exploration, creativity and quiet reflection.

The park’s previous playground was removed in late 2024 due to age and declining conditions. Rather than replacing it with a traditional structure, the city selected a play feature that complements the park’s natural surroundings and neighboring preserve.

The new installation, called Moku-Yama, meaning Wood Mountain in Japanese, was designed by Kengo Kuma & Associates. The sculptural piece encourages open-ended, nature-based play such as climbing, balancing and imaginative exploration. It also offers space for quiet rest and observation.

“Because Eastlake Shore Park borders a protected natural area, city planners prioritized a feature that would blend seamlessly with the environment rather than compete with it,” said Parks and Open Space Senior Project Manager Kelly Zuniga. “Moku-Yama not only supports natural play but also serves as a public art installation; one of just three of its kind in North America.” For families seeking more traditional playground options, four playgrounds are within walking distance of Eastlake Shore Park:

- Lake Village Park – 0.3 miles
- Eastlake Historic Park – recently updated, 0.4 miles
- Eastlake Village Park – near the tennis courts, 0.5 miles
- Eastlake #3 Park – 0.8 miles

The Moku-Yama project was funded through proceeds from the sale of the Denver Broncos, which were distributed statewide to enhance local parks and recreation amenities.

What's happening in Thornton?

Visit ThorntonCO.gov for meetings and events.

Now showing at Thornton's Oz Gallery: Art in Chaos and the Beauty of the Wild

Information provided by Thornton Arts & Culture

Two new exhibitions are showing this fall at the Oz Gallery, offering a chance to reflect on both the chaos of modern life and the fragile beauty of the natural world.

In the Hour of Chaos: Mixed Media Artworks by Devin Urioste and Zachary Carlisle Davidson runs through September 19. The artists present a joint collection exploring what it means to find structure and stability while navigating turbulent times. Through a blend of mixed media pieces, Urioste and Davidson examine the grounding forces, people, places, and memories, that provide comfort and clarity when the world feels unsettled. There will be a free artist talk on Saturday, September 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is required.

Following this show, Ephemeral Blooms, Fleeting Fauna: A Photographic Collection from Lauren Lang will grace the gallery walls from October 7 to December 19.

Lang's work captures the delicate connection between lifeforms in Colorado's high country, juxtaposing the short-lived brilliance of wildflowers with the resilient, yet vulnerable, lives of native wildlife. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, October 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. Nature lovers can also take part in a free photography class with wildlife guests led by Lang on Saturday, November 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is required for the class.



Both exhibits can be seen at the Oz Gallery, 9209 Dorothy Blvd. Visit ArtsThornton.com for more information. To register for either event, **visit goCOT.net/registration** or call **720-977-5901**.

Thornton's environmental services fleet rolls out new look, even better performance

Information from Thornton Environmental Services

Thornton's Environmental Services Division is making smart moves behind the scenes to keep the city's operations running smoothly — and affordably. In response to rising maintenance costs on its fleet of trash/recycle trucks, the Department switched to a new truck body manufacturer, McNeilus. The decision is already paying off with noticeable savings and improved reliability. "Environmental Services monitors many things, one of which is maintenance costs on our trucks," said Thornton Environmental Services Manager Mark Niceley. "Due to increasing costs on the bodies, we decided to make a change. We see decreased maintenance expenses and less downtime

as a result." These trucks feature the updated Thornton logo prominently displayed on their sides. "It's a great example of how making smart, proactive changes can ensure we continue the highest level of service for our residents," says Niceley.



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