

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER



### WHAT'S NEW

#### Amann USA

A leading manufacturer of premium threads and yarn has recently opened at the 25 N. Business Park Development.

#### **Creekside Premier Dental**

Creekside Premier Dental office is accepting new patients and can't wait to meet you! Come visit them on 6920 E 128th Ave Suite 160.

#### **Dutch Bros**

Dutch Bros has just opened its third location at the vibrant Larkridge Shopping Center.

#### Yonsei Sushi

Craving sushi? Swing by Yonsei Sushi on 3925 E 120th Av

#### **King Brothers Jewelry**

King Brothers' is now open on 10265 Washington St.



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### **BUSINESS WORKSHOPS**

#### **Business Systems: Reviewing Your Processes and Workflow**

Thursday, July 20 from 5:30 - 7:00pm

#### Free Small Business Legal Consultations

Coming bi-weekly in August - Contact the <u>Alliance Business</u> <u>Center</u>

#### **Friends and Family Financing Your Business**

Thursday, August 10 from 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Hiring Help: The Pros and Cons of Employees vs. Independent Contractors Tuesday, August 15 from 11:30am – 1:00pm

<u>Grow Your Team</u> Thursday, August 24 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm www.businessinthornton.com/events

# **COMING SOON**

#### Santa Monica Seafood

Santa Monica Seafood is located within the expansive North Washington Commerce Center, spanning approximately 35,000 sqft. Santa Monica Seafood specializes in the preparation and distribution of seafood across the Southwest region, catering primarily to restaurants and grocery stores.

#### 25 Commerce Park

25 Commerce Park is a 456,400 sqft Class A industrial park that will be located at the SW corner of 152nd Ave and Washington St. The park, owned by Confluent Development, will feature three buildings and will begin construction in 2023.

#### Chicken N Pickle

Chicken N Pickle is a unique, indoor/outdoor entertainment complex featuring food, drinks, pickle ball courts, event space, and more. Coming 2024 to The Grove Shopping Center at 144th Ave & I-25.



### **BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**

#### Yak & Yeti

At just 12 years old, Dol "Ramu" Bhattarai left Nepal alone looking for a way to help his parents pay a debt, never dreaming of where his quest would take him. Now a Thornton resident, Ramu owns multiple businesses throughout the Denver metro area and Hawaii, and is a celebrated restaurateur. This summer, a documentary ("Ramu: An Immigrant's Story") about his life will appear in major film festivals. This documentary is a tribute to the extraordinary journey that brought him to Colorado and led him to start Yak & Yeti which serves fine Indian food and handcrafted beers.





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# **THORNTON SHOPPING CENTER**

In January 2023, the Thornton Development Authority (TDA) assumed control of the Thornton Shopping Center located at the northeast corner of Washington St and 88th Ave. The site is arguably the most blighted commercial site in the city. The 13 remaining tenants are currently being relocated, and our goal is to demolish the buildings by the end of 2023. Approximately 30 percent of the 16-acre site has been severely impacted by the dry-cleaning chemical perchloroethylene (PCE). We are actively collaborating with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to remediate the problem and restore the site for productive use at the earliest opportunity. For more information, please visit our <u>website linked here</u>.



### 2023 BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

#### Entrepreneurial Innovation Award: A TBU Massage & Skin Spa

This award honors a remarkable small business in Thornton that embodies ingenuity, determination, and a unique business concept while promoting positive workplace values. A TBU Massage & Skin Spa, a beloved familyowned establishment, has built a strong reputation with its loyal customer base and extensive array of services. Striving for growth and improvement, TBU consistently enhances both their products and the overall customer experience. Located at 3983 E 120th Ave.

#### Community Spirit Award: El Coco Pirata

This award celebrates a remarkable Thornton business that exhibits exceptional involvement and significant community impact. El Coco Pirata is a family-owned Mexican Seafood restaurant that is relatively new to Thornton but has already made a huge impact. The team goes above and beyond to contribute in a positive way to our community. From Christmas toy drives to special community summer events, El Coco Pirata shares their love and generosity with those around them. You can find El Coco Pirata located at 8595 Pearl St.

#### Retailer of the Year Award: Grumpy Egg Café

The Retailer of the Year award honors a remarkable retail business in Thornton that exemplifies outstanding customer service, exceptional product/service offerings, and a commitment to enhancing the overall retail experience for consumers. Among the businesses that go the extra mile for their customers, Grumpy Egg Café stands out with their unwavering dedication. With a cozy ambiance and a menu filled with delectable offerings, this family-owned restaurant has rightfully earned its place as one of Thornton's favorite dining destinations. Located at 3924 E 120th Ave.

#### Company on the Move Award: Premier School of Dance

This award recognizes a Thornton business that exemplifies a consistent pattern of success and tremendous growth potential. Premier School of Dance, a beloved family-owned studio with a rich history, stands out for its innovative approach and top-tier customer experience. Central to their business model is the use of dance and competition to instill lifelong values in children, which have been instrumental in their enduring success. Located at 12351 Grant St, Unit 360.

#### Industrial Company of the Year: Sashco

The Thornton Office of Economic Development presents this award to a primary business in Thornton that showcases growth, innovation, and significant potential for the community. Sashco, a remarkable addition to Thornton's employment landscape, has established a beautiful facility that produces high-quality products while creating over 150 job opportunities. This long-standing family-owned business has chosen our city to expand its operations, and Thornton is thrilled to be a part of their continued success story. Located at 14802 Grant St.

#### People's Choice Award: Above & Beyond Sewing and Vacuum

This award is chosen by popular vote. Above & Beyond is a full service sewing and vacuum center that has been in Thornton for many years. They provide a positive, welcoming atmosphere for customers and offer an extensive range of products and services. With various classes, demonstrations, and a vibrant social environment, they create a wonderful space for learning, fun, and socializing. Located at 3987 E 120th Ave.













## **UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENT**



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### **PARTNER SPOTLIGHT**

#### **Colorado Enterprise Fund**

The Colorado Enterprise Fund, established in 1976, has been instrumental in enabling small businesses to thrive. Recognizing that not all individuals have equal access to financing and support, the organization aims to empower entrepreneurs and bring their ideas to fruition. In addition to offering flexible loan terms, the Colorado Enterprise Fund provides business consulting services and facilitates connections to valuable resources for emerging small businesses.



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# THORNTON RECOVERY GRANT

Thornton Recovery Grant is back and available to help small businesses in our community. This program is meant to provide financial support for businesses that are continuing to feel the effects of the pandemic and is available for a wide variety of eligible expenses, including capital programs, equipment, and one-time payroll expenses to help with hiring and retention. Thornton Recovery Grant is administered by the City of Thornton City Manager's office. For further details and to check eligibility, please visit our <u>website linked here</u>.

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### STAFF UPDATE

#### Kate Bentley, Real Estate & Marketing Administrator

Kate Bentley joins the City of Thornton's Economic Development Department as the Real Estate & Marketing Administrator. She brings a decade of experience in nonprofit development and marketing communications, most recently working in the affordable housing sector. After graduating from Texas State University with a business degree in Marketing, Kate relocated to Colorado and currently resides in the city of Thornton.

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