

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT'S NEW

### ACE Thermal Systems

📍 14903 Grant Street Unit 110

A trusted leader in thermal management and environmental control systems, delivering innovative solutions across industries.

### Homewood Suites by Hilton

📍 12150 Grant Street

Relax in comfort with spacious suites featuring fully equipped kitchens, plus amenities like a heated indoor pool and a 24-hour fitness center.

### Marc Jacobs

📍 Denver Premium Outlets, 13801 Grant Street

The iconic luxury designer brand is now available at Denver Premium Outlets.

### Que Rico

📍 Denver Premium Outlets, 13801 Grant Street

This newly opened Mexican restaurant in the Denver Premium Outlets dining pavilion serves up bold flavors.

### Regimes Sports Cards and Collectibles

📍 3981 E 120th Avenue

Discover rare finds and passion-fueled collections at this go-to spot for trading cards and memorabilia.

### The Picklr

📍 9923 Grant Street

Join the club and enjoy unlimited pickleball at this premier indoor facility.

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THE PICKLR RIBBON CUTTING



## CHICKEN N PICKLE

### The Pro's Closet

📍 1101 E 126th Ave Unit 190

A premier destination for certified pre-owned bikes and cycling gear trusted by enthusiasts and pros alike.

### Tlahuicas Mexican Restaurant & Bar

📍 790 W 84th Avenue

Savor authentic Mexican cuisine and handcrafted cocktails in a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere.

## COMING SOON

### Billy Birch

📍 120th Avenue and Holly

Raise a glass at Billy Birch, Thornton's new restaurant and beer garden, set to open in May 2025.

### Chicken N Pickle

📍 The Grove Shopping Center

Opening June 2025! Enjoy pickleball, signature chicken dishes, and a spacious outdoor patio at their new I-25 and 144th location.

### GQue BBQ

📍 120th Avenue and York

For top-notch BBQ, visit GQue BBQ's new Thornton location opening this May. Enjoy delicious pork, brisket, ribs, and more.

### Liang's Thai Food

📍 Hilltop Village

This family-owned, authentic Thai food restaurant is opening its third location in the metro area, right here in Thornton.

### Malibu Jack's

📍 Thornton Town Center

Malibu Jack's indoor theme park is coming to Thornton at 102nd Avenue and Grant Street. Opening in Fall 2025, it will feature go-karts, laser tag, mini golf, and arcade games for family fun.

## THORNTON SHOPPING CENTER

Thornton Shopping Center takes center stage in Real Estate Challenge! Graduate students from the University of Denver and the University of Colorado Boulder are set to compete in the 23rd Rocky Mountain Real Estate Challenge, focusing on the redevelopment of the historic 15.6-acre Thornton Shopping Center. The competition, presented by Land Title Guarantee Company and NAIOP Colorado, will culminate in final presentations on April 30, 2025.

This year's challenge is sponsored by the City of Thornton, which is seeking creative and sustainable proposals to transform the long-vacant site into a thriving mixed-use hub. Competing teams will address zoning, environmental challenges, and connectivity to the Original Thornton neighborhood. The event is a major networking opportunity, attracting over 700 brokers and developers from NAIOP's local chapter. The winning team will receive scholarships and the prestigious NAIOP Cup.

For more information, visit [naiop-colorado.org](https://naiop-colorado.org).



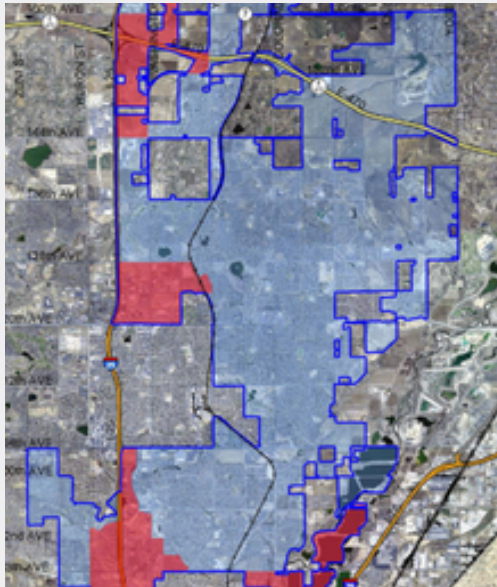
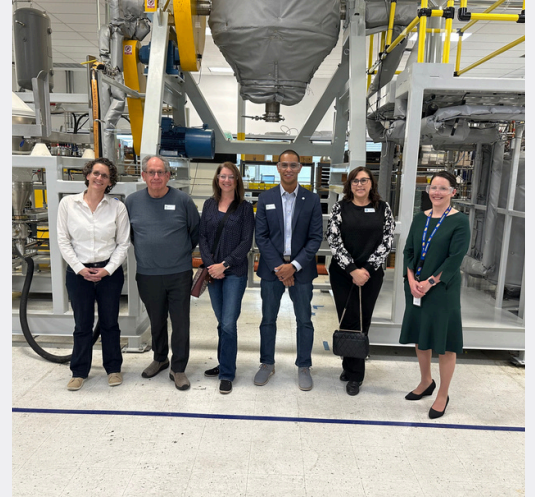
# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: FORGE NANO

Congratulations to Forge Nano on their exciting expansion right here in Thornton! As a cutting-edge materials science company, Forge Nano continues to make a big impact through their commitment to quality and local job creation.

Their latest milestone, the completion of a 2,000 sq. ft. semiconductor cleanroom, marks a major step forward. This new addition to their Thornton facility will allow Forge Nano to manufacture multiple commercial TEPHRA™ ALD cluster tools to meet growing demand in the semiconductor market. It also enhances their capacity to deliver proof-of-concept and commercial solution validation for manufacturers integrating new ALD processes.

We're proud to see this kind of groundbreaking innovation taking place in Thornton!

For more information, visit [ForgeNano.com](https://www.ForgeNano.com)



## COLORADO ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX CREDITS





If your business is located in the Adams County Enterprise Zone, you may qualify for Enterprise Zone tax credits. This means your business could earn a state income tax credit of \$1,100 per net new employee or 12% for eligible job-training costs for employees working within the enterprise zone, along with many other tax credits. Check the [Enterprise Zone Map](#) to see if you're eligible.

To learn more about this program, please contact Wendi Nafziger at [wendi.nafziger@thorntonco.gov](mailto:wendi.nafziger@thorntonco.gov) or visit our website for more information and links to the program: [Colorado Enterprise Zone Program](#).

## THORNTON BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Do you have a favorite Thornton business? Now's your chance to give them the recognition they deserve! Nominations are open for the 2025 Thornton Business Awards, and we need your help in celebrating the outstanding businesses that make our community thrive.

### CAST YOUR VOTE

-  People's Choice
-  Community Spirit
-  Small Business of the Year
-  Retailer of the Year

The deadline to submit nominations is May 1, 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to show your support for Thornton's finest businesses!



# BUSINESS GRANTS

## Thornton Business Improvement Grant (BIG)

The Business Improvement Grant (BIG), administered by the Office of Economic Development, is available to help fund business improvements that will result in the creation and retention of jobs, increased sales revenue, and increased capital investment in Thornton facilities. BIG is primarily a matching funds program. Once approved, the Planning, Development Engineering, and Building Divisions work with awardees to coordinate permits, inspections, and project requirements.

## South Thornton Attraction & Revitalization Grant (STAR)

The STAR grant is a reimbursement grant designed to enhance and revitalize commercial areas in the South Thornton Development Area (South TDA)—defined as the portion of the TDA south of 104th Avenue. The grant aims to attract and support new and expanding businesses by assisting with building improvements, permitting and licensing costs, regulatory compliance, equipment purchases, and exterior or façade enhancements.



Before STAR Grant



After STAR Grant



# BUSINESS EVENTS

## Business Networking Party

📍 Rosa Mexican Kitchen  
14322 Lincoln St, Thornton, CO  
📅 Thursday, May 1 | 🕒 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
🔗 Register: [Business Networking Party](#)

## Workshop: Business Safety & Situational Awareness

📍 Alliance Business Assistance Center  
550 Thornton Pkwy Suite 170, Thornton, CO 80229  
English Session: 📅 Wednesday, April 16 | 🕒 5:30–6:30 PM  
🔗 Register: [Business Safety Workshop](#)  
Spanish Session: 📅 Thursday, April 17 | 🕒 5:30–6:30 PM  
🔗 Register: [Business Safety Workshop](#)

# ALLIANCE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER

The Alliance Business Assistance Center is a dedicated resource hub that supports and empowers local businesses as they start, grow, and thrive! Our expert business counselors are ready to help you navigate your financial, legal, marketing, and management questions.

All counselors and Business Specialists are bilingual and available for both in-person and virtual meetings to fit your schedule.

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**All services are free!**

