

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT'S NEW

### Billy Birch Pub & Yard

📍 11915 Holly St

A great local beer garden serving craft beer, great food, and community vibes in a modern indoor/outdoor setting.

### Chicken N Pickle

📍 14225 Lincoln St

Part restaurant, part pickleball haven - this unique venue offers indoor and outdoor courts, chef-driven dining, and yard games for all ages.

### G-Que BBQ

📍 2681 E 120th Ave

Award-winning Colorado style BBQ, known for slow-smoked meats and crave worthy sides, now open in Thornton.

### Hydraquip

📍 14927 Grant St #140

A leading provider of hydraulic equipment and solutions, now proudly serving the region from their newest location in Thornton.

### Tortilleria Las Ill Americas

📍 8418 Pearl St

This family-owned store is beloved for fresh, handmade tortillas and authentic Mexican staples.

### Wax & Co.

📍 11387 Colorado Blvd

The beauty boutique offers premium waxing services and personalized care in a welcoming space.

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**BILLY BIRCH RIBBON CUTTING**







**DICK'S HOUSE OF SPORTS**

## COMING SOON

### Dick's House of Sport

📍 Larkridge, Opening Q2 2026

An immersive sports retail experience featuring climbing walls, batting cages, training zones, and outdoor fields, this next-generation Dick's Sporting Goods store is designed for athletes and adventurers alike.

### Fun City Adventure Park

📍 1440 E 104th Ave, Opening Summer 2025

The ultimate indoor playground for kids and families featuring trampolines, foam pits, climbing walls, and more high-energy fun all under one roof.

### Gordon Food Service

📍 1400 E 104th Ave, Opening November 2025

This Michigan-based food distributor is bringing its public-friendly, bulk grocery concept to Thornton, perfect for families, restaurants, and anyone who loves to stock up and save.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: BILLY BIRCH PUB & YARD

Thornton's newest neighborhood hangout, Billy Birch Pub & Yard, is more than just a bar, it's a heartfelt tribute and a long-awaited addition to the community. Owners Mark and Margaret bring years of experience opening and managing local bars, and this time, they're answering a call in Thornton.

After hearing from bar managers and neighbors alike that Thornton needed its own cozy, go-to spot, they decided to bring their expertise to our backyard. The result: a welcoming beer garden where friends, families, and locals can gather for cold drinks, great food, and good company.

The name Billy Birch honors Mark's late father, adding a personal touch to every pint poured. Whether you're stopping by for happy hour, a weekend hangout, or just a relaxed evening on the patio, Billy Birch is here to raise the bar!

For more information, visit [BillyBirchpub.com](http://BillyBirchpub.com)



## BUSINESS APPRECIATION PARTY

### Business Appreciation Party

📅 Thursday, August 21

🕒 6:00 – 8:00 PM

📍 Chicken N Pickle

14225 Lincoln St, Thornton, CO

Join us at the 2025 Business Appreciation Party for an evening of food, drinks, fun, and celebration as we honor this year's Business Award winners and recognize Thornton's thriving business community.

👤 Bring a guest - Adults only | [RSVP required – don't miss out!](#)



# THORNTON SHOPPING CENTER

On April 30, 2025, the Thornton Shopping Center took center stage at NAIOP's 23rd Annual Rocky Mountain Real Estate Challenge, held at the Seawell Grand Ballroom. The event welcomed over 550 real estate professionals, developers, investors, and local officials to explore bold redevelopment ideas for the 15.6-acre site at 88th Avenue and Washington Street.

Graduate student teams from the University of Denver and CU Boulder were challenged to reimagine the vacant shopping center with creative, market-based proposals. Their plans featured mixed-use developments with retail, commercial, housing, and public spaces, all designed to complement surrounding neighborhoods while addressing zoning and environmental concerns.

The University of Denver team earned top honors for their innovative vision, taking home a \$10,000 scholarship and the NAIOP Cup. The challenge showcased not only fresh design thinking but also the value of public-private collaboration as Thornton works to transform the site into a vibrant community hub.

For more information, visit [www.thorntonco.gov/business-development/active-development/thornton-shopping-center-redevelopment](http://www.thorntonco.gov/business-development/active-development/thornton-shopping-center-redevelopment).

## BUSINESS COUNSELORS

The Alliance Business Assistance Center offers free, one-on-one support from experienced business counselors. To schedule an appointment, call (720) 674-3547 or email [alliance@ThorntonCO.gov](mailto:alliance@ThorntonCO.gov).

### Andy Figueroa, Elemento Consulting

- Expertise: Business strategy, market research, and financial planning
- Available: 1st & 2nd Wednesdays

### Diego Leyes, North Metro SBDC

- Expertise: Marketing and business strategy
- Available: Tuesdays

### Priscilla Orozco-Garcia, Colorado Enterprise Fund

- Expertise: Accounting, bookkeeping, tax preparation, and business planning

- Available: Mondays

### Hector Parra, SCORE

- Expertise: Business planning, loan readiness, and financial projections
- Available: Thursdays

### COUNSELORS



**Andy Figueroa**  
Business Consultant and Trainer  
Elemento Consulting LLC

Andy, managing director of Elemento Consulting LLC, is a certified bilingual business consultant with a decade of experience helping Colorado businesses start, grow, and thrive. His expertise includes business planning, management, market research, financials, and strategy. Andy brings diverse business experience and is dedicated to empowering businesses for sustainable growth and success. Habla Español.



**Diego Leyes**  
Spanish Program Outreach Manager  
and Business Consultant  
North Metro Denver SBDC

Diego, a seasoned business consultant and the proprietor of Baboon, a digital marketing agency, holds over three years of experience. He specializes in delivering strategic guidance and marketing assistance to small businesses, with a particular emphasis on helping Hispanic-owned startups and propelling them toward their growth aspirations. Habla Español.



**Priscilla Orozco-Garcia**  
Business Navigator  
Colorado Enterprise Fund (CEF)

Priscilla, a dedicated Business Navigator at Colorado Enterprise Fund (CEF), brings over two decades of accounting expertise to her role. Certified as a Professional Bookkeeper, she offers guidance, financial literacy training, and consulting services in accounting, bookkeeping, tax matters, and accounting software proficiency, including QuickBooks, Wave, and Xero. Habla Español.



**Hector Parra**  
Senior Business Consultant  
Chase Bank

Hector is a Senior Business Consultant for Chase Bank's Coaching for Impact program. In addition, he volunteers at SCORE, is a U.S. Military Veteran, and holds an MBA from Rice University. Hector specializes in business plans, loan preparation, financial projections, and financial education. He is committed to helping entrepreneurs like you achieve their goals. Habla Español.

## 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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