

Economic Development Newsletter

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What's New

Design Mechanical, Inc.
• Creekside Innovation Center
A leading mechanical contractor providing design, construction, repair, and maintenance services for commercial building systems is relocating its headquarters to Thornton.

Dick's House of Sport
• 16401 Washington Street
An immersive sports retail experience featuring climbing walls, batting cages, training zones, and more all inside one store.

Grab and Crab Cajun Seafood & Bar
• 3909 E 120th Avenue
Occupying the former Old Chicago space at Mission Trace, this seafood spot is bringing bold Cajun flavors to Thornton.

Izzio Artisan Bakery
• 25 Commerce Park
The artisan bakery crafting high-quality breads has opened its new manufacturing plant and headquarters in Thornton.

The North Face
• 13801 Grant Street, Denver Premium Outlets
The leader in outdoor performance clothing, offering jackets, fleece, hiking shoes, backpacks, and accessories designed for adventure, has opened at Denver Premium Outlets.

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Wing Shack Ribbon Cutting

Real de Minas

10180 Grant Street

Occupying the former Old Chicago space on Grant Street, this family-style Mexican restaurant serves authentic dishes inspired by traditional recipes.

Wing Shack

10280 Washington Street

Locally owned, counter-service spot serving fresh chicken wings tossed in homemade sauces ranging from mild to mega-hot.

Coming Soon

Advance Auto Parts Market Hub

550 E 102nd Avenue

The go-to destination for quality automotive parts, products, and trusted advice, is opening in the former Conn's HomePlus location.

Advanced Technology Group (ATG)

25 Commerce Park

ATG, which specializes in the design, engineering, and manufacturing of advanced containment systems, is moving its headquarters to Thornton.

Birkenstock

13801 Grant Street, Denver Premium Outlets

Featuring products for women, men, and kids, including the brand's iconic sandals, clogs, sneakers, shoes, and boots.



Real de Minas



Waldo's Chicken & Beer

Going, Going, Gone!

16521 Washington St.

Taking over the former DICK'S Sporting Goods space, the new-to-market store offers clearance and discounted sportswear for the whole family.

Texas Roadhouse

Larkridge

The popular steakhouse known for hand-cut steaks, ribs, and fresh-baked bread is coming to Larkridge in 2027/2028.

ViewHouse

136th Ave. and I-25

The independently owned, chef-driven restaurant and bar known for its lively atmosphere, rooftop spaces, and expansive menu is coming to Thornton in 2028.

Waldo's Chicken & Beer

9675 Washington St.

Taking over the former Taco John's space, Waldo's will serve rotisserie and fried chicken, Southern sides, and beer with plans to open in Q4 2026.

WinCo Foods

Larkridge

The low-cost, employee-owned warehouse-style supermarket is coming to Larkridge in 2028.

Business Spotlight: KIOSK Information Systems

KIOSK Information Systems is moving its headquarters to Thornton's Innovate 25 business park. The company's new location at 251 E. 126th Avenue will occupy 107,460 square feet and bring 149 employees to the city.

Since 1993, KIOSK has designed and manufactured self-service solutions that help organizations improve operational efficiency and customer experience. Kiosk systems combine hardware and software so people can access information, complete transactions, and use services on their own. KIOSK supports its customers through development, manufacturing, and ongoing support.

Welcome to the Thornton community, [KIOSK Information Systems](#)!

Business Award Winners



People's Choice: Adventure Fitness Athletic Club

📍 12301 Grant Street #210

Adventure Fitness Athletic Club earned the People's Choice Award, reflecting the strong support and loyalty of the Thornton community. More than just a fitness center, Adventure Fitness offers a welcoming environment where members of all ages can pursue healthier lifestyles through state-of-the-art equipment, group fitness classes, personal training, and community-focused programming. Their commitment to helping residents achieve their wellness goals has made them a favorite destination for fitness in Thornton.



Community Spirit: Churreria Dulce Luna

📍 9166 Huron Street

Churreria Dulce Luna received the Community Spirit Award for its dedication to bringing people together through authentic food, culture, and community involvement. This family-owned business has become a local favorite by serving fresh, handcrafted churros and traditional Mexican dishes while actively participating in community events and supporting local initiatives. Their commitment to giving back includes providing Thanksgiving meals to community members in need, volunteering throughout the community, and supporting immigration rights organizations.



Small Business of the Year: DAR Chocolate

📍 12189 Pennsylvania Street Suite D

DAR Chocolate was named Small Business of the Year for its exceptional craftsmanship, entrepreneurial spirit, and commitment to quality. The company's journey began in Costa Rica, where its founders discovered the cacao plant and fell in love with the art of bean-to-bar chocolate making. Since then, DAR Chocolate has earned a loyal following by combining innovative flavors with meticulous attention to detail. Their dedication to sustainability, local partnerships, artist collaborations, and creating a truly unique customer experience exemplifies their excellence.



Retailer of the Year: Chicken N Pickle

📍 14225 Lincoln Street

Chicken N Pickle received the Retailer of the Year Award for creating a one-of-a-kind destination that blends dining, entertainment, and community connection. Since opening in Thornton, the venue has become a popular gathering place where friends, families, and coworkers come together to enjoy chef-inspired food, pickleball, yard games, and live events. Through charitable partnerships, local programming, and an emphasis on bringing people together, Chicken N Pickle has made a lasting impact on the Thornton community.



Employer of the Year: Brown Note Productions

📍 12301 Grant Street #210

Brown Note Productions, Inc. was named Employer of the Year for its outstanding commitment to excellence and continued investment in Thornton. As a nationally recognized leader in live event production, Brown Note provides staging, lighting, audio, video, and production support for concerts, festivals, and major events across the country while fostering a workplace culture built on collaboration, innovation, and professional growth. Since establishing its headquarters in Thornton, the company has created high-quality jobs, invested in its employees, and strengthened the city's business landscape.



THORNTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business

NETWORKING PARTY

Thursday, November 5
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Enjoy complimentary food, drinks, and prizes!

www.businessinthornton.com

LOCATION:

K1 SPEED
16059 Grant St,
Thornton, CO 80023

Scan here to RSVP

Business Events

Business Resource Meeting

Thursday, October 29

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Living Spaces – 16395 Washington St, Thornton, CO 80023

[Register for the Business Resource Meeting](#)

Free Workshop: Emergency Planning II: Building Your Emergency Binder

Wednesday, November 4

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Topgolf – 16011 Grant St, Thornton, CO 80023

Lunch included

[Sign up for the Emergency Planning Workshop](#)

Business Networking Party

Thursday, November 5

4:30 – 6:30 PM

K1 Speed Thornton – 16059 Grant St, Thornton, CO 80023

[Register for the Business Networking Party](#)

The Market at 88th

A major phase of environmental cleanup is complete at The Market at 88th redevelopment site (formerly Thornton Shopping Center). On September 29, 2026, active remediation by excavation was certified substantially complete.

During this phase of cleanup, crews:

- Removed more than 24,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil.
- Excavated two source areas and a sanitary sewer, reaching depths of up to 24 feet.
- Collected and analyzed more than 300 soil and groundwater samples.
- Treated and discharged nearly 70,000 gallons of groundwater removed during excavation.
- Installed a groundwater treatment system in the southeastern corner of the property.
- Added treatment materials within the main excavation area to continue treating groundwater.
- Installed an injection treatment system that can be used in the future if needed.
- Backfilled excavated areas with clean on-site soil and imported fill.
- Capped excavation areas with asphalt millings and restored them to the original grade.

This work is part of Thornton's ongoing effort to address a decades-old environmental issue and restore the property for future commercial redevelopment.

Visit the [Thornton Shopping Center](#) website to learn more.



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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