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Dear Residents, Businesses, and Visitors of Lone Tree,

Summer is a wonderful time in Lone Tree. It's a season when our parks and trails are full of activity, neighbors gather for community events, and we have the opportunity to enjoy the many things that make our City such a great place to call home. As we head into August, it's also a chance to celebrate some exciting milestones and recognize the people and partnerships that continue to strengthen our community.

Happy 30th Anniversary Park Meadows Retail Resort

In August, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Park Meadows Retail Resort. Since opening its doors in 1996, Park Meadows has been an important part of Lone Tree's story. For many of us, it has been a place to shop, gather with family and friends, celebrate special occasions, and create lasting memories.

It's amazing how one place can be part of so many chapters of life. I still remember my first visit to Park Meadows as an elementary school student and thinking Sbarro pizza in the food court couldn't be beat. Years later, I was shopping for maternity clothes, picking out back-to-school outfits with my daughters, searching for the perfect outfit for my swearing-in as Mayor, and meeting friends for dinner. I know I'm not the only one with memories like these.

Beyond the memories, Park Meadows has also been a tremendous economic partner for our City. As one of Lone Tree's largest economic drivers, it attracts visitors from across the region and state, supports local businesses, creates jobs, and generates sales tax revenue that helps fund services and amenities our residents value every day, including public safety, parks, trails, free trash and recycling, transportation, the Lone Tree Arts Center, and more.

Thirty years of success at Park Meadows Retail Resort is a remarkable milestone and a testament to the employees, retailers, restaurants, and community partners who have helped make it the destination it is today. Congratulations to everyone at Park Meadows on this anniversary and thank you for being such an important part of the Lone Tree community. Join us in August as we celebrate this special occasion. You can read more about the celebration on page 7.

Lone Tree City Manager Seth Hoffman

I'd also like to recognize City Manager Seth Hoffman, who just completed his term as President of the Colorado Municipal League (CML). Seth's election reflected the trust and respect he has earned from his peers across Colorado. His leadership with CML helps ensure that Lone Tree has a voice in statewide conversations while also bringing valuable perspectives and partnerships back to our community.

Lone Tree is fortunate to have Seth as our City Manager. His thoughtful leadership, collaborative approach, and commitment to public service help guide our dedicated City staff and support City Council as we make decisions that serve our residents today and plan for the future.

Attend Our Town Hall and Open House

Please join us for our Town Hall and Open House on August 25. These events are a great opportunity to connect with City Council, City staff, and your neighbors. Whether you have questions about current projects, want to learn more about what's happening in Lone Tree, or simply want to share your thoughts and ideas, we welcome the conversation.

One of the greatest strengths of our community is the involvement of our residents. Your feedback, questions, and engagement help shape the decisions we make and the future we build together.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in our community. I hope to see you in August.

With gratitude,

Marissa Harmon

Mayor
City of Lone Tree

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LONE TREE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Lone Tree City Council meetings are open to the public and are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Lone Tree Civic Center, 8527 Lone Tree Parkway. All study sessions begin at 4:30 p.m., and regular meetings at 7 p.m. Agendas for upcoming City Council meetings are published the Friday before the Tuesday meeting.

For agendas, meeting packets, and meeting minutes, visit the City's meeting portal at cityoflonetree.community.diligentoneplatform.com/portal/

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2026

~~August 4~~ canceled
August 18
September 1
September 15
October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17
December 1
December 15

CITY OF LONE TREE

Town Hall & Open House

Join City Council and City staff for a Town Hall and Open House designed to foster community dialogue and engagement. Residents will have the opportunity to learn about current City initiatives, upcoming projects, and community priorities while speaking directly with the Mayor, City Council, and staff.

The open-house format allows attendees to explore information stations, ask questions, share feedback, and connect with the people who help shape Lone Tree's future. Whether you have a specific concern, want to learn more about City services, or simply want to stay informed, this event offers a welcoming space for meaningful conversation and community involvement. Light refreshments will be served.

We encourage residents of all ages to attend, meet their neighbors, and help shape the future of our community.

Tuesday, August 25
5:30 — 7:30 p.m.
Lone Tree Hub,
8827 Lone Tree Parkway

RSVP:

go.cityoflonetree.com/townhall2026

SAVE THE DATE THIS FALL!



CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 27
7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Groove Cafe in the Lyric Amenity Center
10930 Lyric Street

LONE TREE WELCOMES NEW CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

The Lone Tree City Council recently welcomed two new members during a swearing-in ceremony at the City Council meeting in June. Councilmembers Michelle Béchamps (District 1) and Tara Meekma (District 2) officially took the oath of office and began their service to the community, marking the start of a new chapter in City Council leadership.

During the meeting, City Council also elected Councilmember Alecia Brown to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Brown has served on Council since 2021 and continues to provide strong leadership through her commitment to the community and regional partnerships.

The ceremony also included a heartfelt thank you to former Mayor Pro Tem Jay Carpenter and former Councilmember Mike Anderson, who recently concluded their terms after years of dedicated service to the Lone Tree community. City Council recognized their contributions and lasting impact on the City's growth and success.

The City congratulates Councilmembers Béchamps and Meekma, along with Mayor Pro Tem Brown, and looks forward to their leadership and service in the years ahead. ◆















30 PARK MEADOWS

Celebrating 30 Years as

COLORADO'S ONLY RETAIL RESORT

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH
4 PM - 8:30 PM IN THE VISTAS

Enjoy music, food, pop-up bars, activities and fun for the whole family in the Vistas at Park Meadows.

We are celebrating for the entire month, please go to the News & Events page at **ParkMeadows.com** for more details.

CELEBRATE THE FALL IN LONE TREE

A weekend of harvest traditions, family fun, music, and community at historic Schweiger Ranch.

As the days grow shorter and Colorado's aspen groves turn brilliant shades of gold, there's something almost instinctive about gathering together to celebrate the changing season.

Long before modern calendars, communities around the world marked the harvest with festivals of gratitude. Families gathered to share food, music filled village squares, children played games, and neighbors celebrated another successful growing season before winter arrived. While those traditions have evolved over the centuries, their purpose remains the same: bringing people together.

That spirit comes alive each October at Schweiger Ranch, where the City of Lone Tree hosts a full weekend of autumn celebrations. From pumpkin patches and wagon rides to live music, local food, and Colorado beer, there's something for every age and every interest.

Whether you're making memories with the family on Sunday afternoon or raising a stein with friends on Saturday, you'll find that fall feels a little more festive in Lone Tree.

LONE TREE OKTOBERFEST

October 3

Lone Tree Oktoberfest - Prost to Fall!

Saturday, October 3

With a new name and same spirit for celebration, Lone Tree Oktoberfest expands on the community's popular fall beer festival with an even broader celebration inspired by the world's most famous harvest festival. Dating back more than 200 years, Oktoberfest has become synonymous with gathering around great food, live music, and good company—and Lone Tree is putting its own Colorado spin on the tradition.

Held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at historic Schweiger Ranch, Oktoberfest features beer sampling from Colorado breweries for guests ages 21 and older, along with live music, delicious food trucks, lawn games, and plenty of opportunities to embrace the festive atmosphere. Test your endurance in the stein-hoisting competition, challenge friends to a game of bags, enjoy a little polka, or simply relax beneath Colorado's autumn sky.

Tasting Tickets

Admission is free, making it easy to stop by and enjoy the festivities. Beer tasting packages are available for purchase for guests 21 and older.











photos by Jane Richards





photos by Dave Purcell



Schweiger Ranch Fall Festival - A Family Tradition Returns

Sunday, October 4

October 4

The celebration continues on Sunday as Schweiger Ranch transforms into one of the South Metro area's favorite family fall destinations.

Presented by the City of Lone Tree and the Schweiger Ranch Foundation, the Fall Festival celebrates everything we love about the season. Families can wander through the pumpkin patch, roast marshmallows while listening to stories, climb aboard a horse-drawn wagon ride, meet animals from the Cheyenne Mountain ZooMobile, enjoy live bluegrass music, browse local vendors, and explore one of Lone Tree's most treasured historic sites.

Unlike many fall festivals, Schweiger Ranch offers something uniquely Colorado—a chance to step back in time. Guided tours of the preserved ranch buildings tell the story of the families who shaped this land long before Lone Tree became the vibrant community it is today, creating an experience that blends history, education, and outdoor fun.

Admission is free, with pumpkins, food, and vendor items available for purchase. Advance registration required for wagon rides. Watch for sign-ups coming in early September! Visit go.cityoflonetree.com/cityevents for complete schedules and event information. ◆

Make a Weekend of It!

Saturday, October 3
Lone Tree Oktoberfest
2:30 — 6:30 p.m.

- Colorado craft beer tasting (21+)
- Live music
- Food trucks
- Stein-hoisting competition
- Lawn games
- Historic Schweiger Ranch

Sunday, October 4
Schweiger Ranch Fall Festival
11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

- Pumpkin patch
- Horse-drawn wagon rides*
- Cheyenne Mountain ZooMobile
- Marshmallow roasting & storytelling
- Live bluegrass music
- Historic ranch tours

EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY... AT THE POOL!

As summer comes to a close and Cook Creek Pool prepares for another season, the City of Lone Tree has one more splash planned—just for our four-legged residents.







Wag N Romp returns on Saturday, September 12, transforming Cook Creek Pool into a canine paradise for one unforgettable day. Before the pool is drained for the season, dogs are invited to dive in, paddle, chase tennis balls, and enjoy the water in a way that's reserved just for them.

To ensure every pup has plenty of room to play, the event is divided into two timed sessions. Beyond the pool, dogs and their humans can explore pet-friendly vendor booths, tackle an agility course, and visit the popular doggie spa for complimentary nail trims and grooming products.

Tickets are required for dogs only—their humans get in free! Space is limited, so advance registration is encouraged. Dogs must be at least four months old, current on their rabies vaccination (or have proof of a recent titer test), and accompanied by an adult handler. For everyone's safety, only dogs are allowed in the water.

So grab a towel, pack a few treats, and let your best friend make one last splash before summer says goodbye.

Register your pup at go.cityoflonetree.com/WagNRomp. ◆

September 12

GROOVE CAFE

A new Community Gathering Spot Opens





Lone Tree's Lyric neighborhood on the east side of I-25 continues to grow with the opening of The Groove Café and the new Lyric Amenity Center, creating a welcoming destination for residents and visitors.

Located at 10930 Lyric Street, The Groove Café is now open to the public, serving coffee, breakfast, lunch and dinner before transitioning into a full-service restaurant and bar in the evening. Inspired by music and designed as the social heart of the Lyric neighborhood, the café features indoor seating, a spacious outdoor patio and community gathering spaces that will host events throughout the year, including live music.



The café is part of the new 7,500-square-foot Lyric Amenity Center, which officially opened in June. While The Groove Café welcomes the public, the center's fitness building, swimming pool and resident gathering spaces are reserved for homeowners in the Lyric community. Together, the amenities are designed to encourage connection and create a vibrant neighborhood experience year-round.

The opening marks another milestone in the continued development of Lyric at RidgeGate, a 700-acre residential village by Shea Homes that will eventually include approximately 1,900 homes. More than 100 homes have already been completed, with hundreds of additional families expected to move into the community in the coming years.



As Lone Tree continues to evolve, new amenities like The Groove Café provide spaces where neighbors can meet, families can gather and the community can enjoy another local destination.

The Groove is open Sunday through Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m; Thursday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m; and Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Join them every Friday from 5:00-8:00pm for live music featuring some of Colorado's talented local musicians!

For more information, visit the thegroovelyric.com. ◆



SAVE THE DATE!

LONE TREE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Sunday, August 16 – 8 a.m. Shotgun Start
Grab your clubs and rally your crew – it's time for the annual Lone Tree Golf Tournament. Whether you're chasing birdies or just want to attend for the good vibes, this is your chance to hit the course, meet new friends and neighbors, and maybe even take home some bragging rights. Visit go.cityoflonetree.com/LTgolftournament ◆





CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
PLANNING COMMISSION



Micah Starr



Joshua Manweiler

The City of Lone Tree offers a variety of volunteer opportunities where residents can serve on City commissions, boards or committees (CBC). Every member of a CBC, appointed by the City Council, can engage in thoughtful discussions and make recommendations to the City Council and staff on specific issues or projects, contributing to the future direction of the Lone Tree community.

Lone Tree's CBCs include the Arts Commission, Audit Committee, Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Living and Aging Well Commission, Planning Commission, Recreation Advisory Committee and the Youth Commission.

Applications are collected annually and are kept on file for one year to fill any vacancies that may arise during that period. When a vacancy occurs, City Council will review the applications and invite selected individuals for interviews. Applications submitted when there are no openings will be considered when an opening occurs.

For more information, visit cityoflonetree.com/commissions-boards-committees/



IN MEMORIAM LARRY LOVELACE

1943-2026

The Lone Tree community was saddened by the passing of Larry Lovelace, whose passion for the arts and dedication to public service made a lasting impact on our City.

Larry moved to Lone Tree in 2013 and served on the Lone Tree Arts Commission from 2017 through 2022, including serving as chair. During those six years, he was a thoughtful advocate for the arts and generously shared his time and talents to support the community.

Larry also represented the Arts Commission on the South Suburban Public Art Committee and served on the selection committee for the mural at the RidgeGate RTD parking garage. His involvement helped shape public art projects that continue to be enjoyed by the community.





One of Larry's most memorable contributions came during the COVID-19 pandemic. When the public couldn't visit the Lone Tree Arts Center Photo Show in person, he volunteered to film a video highlighting the exhibition. Larry introduced viewers to the featured artwork before handing things over to the show's juror, giving residents and artists a chance to stay connected with the gallery during a difficult time. The video helped showcase the artists' work when it otherwise might not have been seen.

Larry will be remembered for his kindness, his enthusiasm for the arts, and his willingness to step up whenever he was needed. We extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and everyone whose lives he touched. ◆

HONORING LEADERSHIP: CELEBRATING TEEN COURT VOLUNTEERS AND OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADERS

The Lone Tree Teen Court Student Leadership Board (SLB) recently celebrated the conclusion of its 2025–2026 session, closing out the year with an inspiring showcase of leadership, service, and dedication.

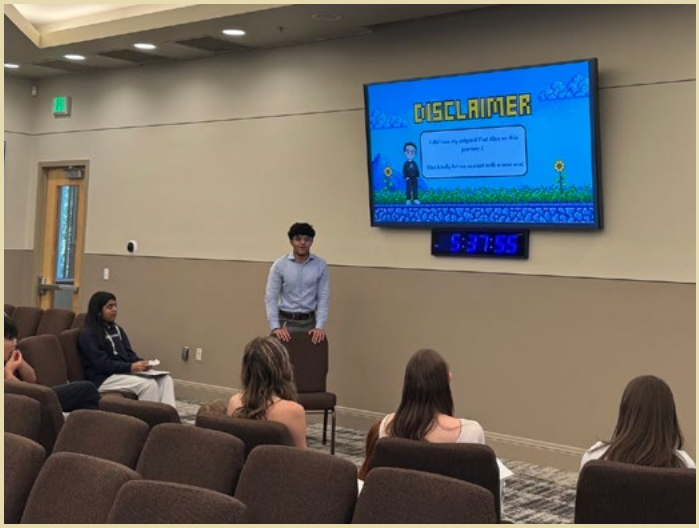
The final SLB meeting featured the students' "Flat-Alex" leadership competition presentations, where each student highlighted their experiences, accomplishments, and the impact they made throughout the year. Every presentation reflected the commitment, creativity, and leadership skills these students bring to Teen Court and the Lone Tree community.

This year also marked the introduction of the first-ever SLB Volunteer of the Year award. After the presentations, SLB members voted to recognize a fellow student who demonstrated exceptional commitment and leadership throughout the year. Congratulations to Charlotte Ratcliff of Legend High School, who was selected as the 2025–2026 SLB Volunteer of the Year. Charlotte received the Gold Volunteer of the Year plaque and an SLB leadership award gift bag in recognition of her outstanding contributions.

Congratulations also to Navid Makooi of Rock Canyon High School, who earned second place, and Tatum Theobald of Chaparral High School, who received honorable mention for an outstanding presentation and continued leadership.

Thank you to all of our Student Leadership Board members for your hard work, leadership, and commitment to making a difference in our community. Your service is a wonderful example of how young leaders can help strengthen Lone Tree. ◆





HONORING GRADUATING YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

At the June 16 meeting, the Lone Tree City Council recognized the graduating seniors of the Lone Tree Youth Commission for their service to the community.

Aiden Chamberlain, AJ Parasuram, Luke Hoffman, Robert Kenney and Maddy Gieser (not pictured) dedicated their time, ideas, and leadership to the Commission throughout their terms. They helped plan and participate in service projects, community events and opportunities to connect with other youth leaders while sharing the perspectives of young people in Lone Tree.

Through their service, these students strengthened their leadership skills, built meaningful connections and made a positive impact on the community. Although their time on the Youth Commission has come to an end, their contributions will continue to be felt. The City thanks them for their dedication and wishes them all the best in their next chapter. ◆





TEEN COURT MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEDICATION



In June, the City of Lone Tree celebrated another successful year of Teen Court and recognized the dedicated students who volunteered their time to serve their peers and make a positive impact in the community.

Throughout the year, Teen Court members demonstrated leadership, responsibility, and compassion while helping support local youth through the program. The end-of-year celebration also honored graduating seniors as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives.

Several members of the Lone Tree Police Department joined Mayor Pro Tem Alecia Brown and Councilmember Michelle Béchamps in recognizing the students for their commitment and service.

The City extends its gratitude to all Teen Court members for their hard work and dedication. Their willingness to serve others helps strengthen our community and sets an inspiring example for their peers. ◆

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS ON THE GREENS

City Council enjoyed a wonderful evening connecting with Lone Tree residents at the Lone Tree Golf Club in June. With beautiful weather and scenic views of the greens, the event provided a great opportunity for community members to meet the Mayor and Councilmembers, ask questions, and engage in meaningful conversations about the community. Thank you to everyone who stopped by and helped make the event a success. ◆















LONE TREE CITY MANAGER SETH HOFFMAN COMPLETES TERM AS COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT



Over the past year, Lone Tree City Manager Seth Hoffman has represented not only the City of Lone Tree, but municipalities across Colorado, serving as president of the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Executive Board.

Hoffman completed his one-year term as president in June after leading the statewide organization that represents Colorado's cities and towns. Throughout his tenure, he worked with local elected officials and city/town managers from across the state to advocate for strong local government, local control, and the ability of communities to make decisions that best serve their residents.

For Lone Tree residents, Hoffman's statewide leadership is another example of the City's influence beyond its borders. His service with CML helps ensure that the voices of communities like Lone Tree are part of the conversations shaping the future of local government in Colorado.



"It has been an honor to serve as CML president and represent municipalities across Colorado," said Hoffman. "I'm especially proud to represent the City of Lone Tree and bring our community's perspective to important discussions about local control and the future of local government in our state."

Hoffman has served as Lone Tree's city manager since 2013. He oversees the City's operations, including public safety, finance, public works, community development, economic development, administrative services and the Lone Tree Arts Center, while working closely with the City Council to implement its vision and priorities.

Before becoming city manager, Hoffman served as Lone Tree's deputy city manager and economic development director, helping attract new businesses and support the City's continued growth. He began his municipal career in the City of Grand Junction.

During the CML Executive Board dinner on June 24, Hoffman was recognized for his year of service as CML president and received the organization's Honorary Life Membership Award, recognizing his contributions to municipal government in Colorado. He was also presented with a bound edition of Colorado Municipalities magazine from 2025, commemorating the year he was elected president.

Although his term as president has concluded, Hoffman's service to CML is not over. He will continue serving on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President through June 2027, providing continuity and support for the organization's leadership. ◆

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON THE MOVE

Our Mayor and City Council are always out and about in Lone Tree and in the region, connecting with residents and local businesses, visiting schools, celebrating new openings, and taking part in community events. They make it a priority to be approachable, engaged, and visible in the daily life of our community. This gives them the opportunity to meet citizens, hear ideas, and celebrate what makes Lone Tree such a special place all while sharing in the moments that matter most.

Here's a look at some recent events that highlight the many ways Council stays connected with our community:



TransitTech Executive Summit
Lone Tree was proud to participate in the 2026 TransitTech Executive Summit, where transit leaders from across North America explored the future of mobility and transportation.

Mayor Marissa Harmon presented "Lone Tree's Bold Approach to Transit Innovation," highlighting the City's leadership through Link on Demand and regional partnerships. The City and Via also recognized Lone Tree Mobility Manager Dan Raine for his leadership in expanding transit options and helping turn that vision into reality.



Hispanic Contractors of Colorado
Community and business leaders gathered at Kiewit's Lone Tree headquarters where attendees received updates on major projects and future construction opportunities across the region. Mayor Marissa Harmon shared an update on the many exciting initiatives underway in Lone Tree, highlighting the City's continued growth, investment in infrastructure, and commitment to innovation. She also discussed future opportunities that will help strengthen Lone Tree's position as a premier destination for businesses, residents, and visitors. The event provided a valuable opportunity to showcase the progress being made throughout the community and the partnerships helping shape Lone Tree's bright future.



Ascent Gym Ribbon Cutting
Ascent Classical Academy recently celebrated the completion of its new gym expansion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking an exciting milestone for the school and its growing community. The 18,076-square-foot addition includes a full-size gymnasium designed for basketball, volleyball, and other school activities, as well as new science classrooms, a music room, boys and girls locker rooms, a warming kitchen, outdoor classroom space, and enhanced accessibility and security features. Constructed between August 2025 and June 2026, the new facility expands opportunities for academics, athletics, and student life while supporting the school's continued growth.



Colorado Municipal League
In June, the City Council, City Manager, and staff seized an invaluable opportunity to engage with peers from other cities and towns across the region and delve into emerging trends in local government at the Colorado Municipal League (CML) annual conference in Westminster, Colorado. Through a series of insightful sessions and workshops, councilmembers gained an understanding of innovative strategies, best practices, and actionable solutions for municipal policy and management.

LTPD HONORS COURAGE, SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On May 27, the Lone Tree Police Department celebrated the extraordinary dedication of its officers, professional staff, volunteers, and community partners during its annual Awards Ceremony, recognizing acts of bravery, lifesaving service, leadership, and commitment to the department's core values and overall mission to protect and serve the Lone Tree community.

The evening opened with welcoming remarks from Denver7 morning news anchor and Emmy Award-winning journalist Anusha Roy who served as master of ceremonies, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation by Chaplain Kent Higgins, and remarks from Lone Tree Mayor Marissa Harmon and Chief Kirk Wilson, both of whom highlighted the department's commitment to public safety and its strong partnership with the community.

The ceremony also featured a presentation from Dr. Rex Corr, Director of the Douglas County School District's Legacy Campus, recognizing the importance of education and community collaboration in preparing future generations for public service careers. Event Manager of Special Olympics, Katie Margolis also highlighted the department's continued support of the Special Olympics Polar Plunge.

Before presenting the evening's major awards, the department recognized the many employees who earned chief and commander commendations during 2024 and 2025. Over the two-year period, employees received more than 230 commendations for demonstrating professionalism, courage, and exceptional service during challenging situations. Field training officers were also recognized for mentoring and preparing 26 new employees including police officers, records technicians, community safety officers, and civilian staff who joined the department over the past two years.

LTPD Service by the Numbers

2025 Stats

- 56,736 Calls for Service
- 4 minutes or less response time on any serious or priority one calls.
- 4,097 reports
- 2,040 arrests

Lone Tree congratulates the following and extends our appreciation for your service to the community:

New Police Officers

Laura McCue
Shannon Paulding
Jay Anderson

Civilian Citation for Distinguished Service

This award is presented to any citizen for an act which involves uncommon risk to the citizen when assisting the police department.

Matthew Montague, Security Officer, Park Meadows Retail Resort
Recognized for his courageous actions during a violent confrontation on February 10, 2026. While assisting during a shoplifting incident, he tackled a suspect who was assaulting a Lone Tree police officer with a skateboard, helping prevent further injury and enabling officers to safely take the suspect into custody. His actions reflected the strong partnership between the Lone Tree Police Department and Park Meadows Retail Resort Security.

Police Service Awards

This award is for an act of high professional conduct, performance or significant achievement. Members who distinguish themselves through personal initiative, tenacity, and great effort or acts to solve a major crime or series of crimes or, through personal initiative and ingenuity, or develop a program or plan that contributes significantly to the Department's objectives and goals.

Sergeant Grant Collins
Honored for his leadership during the investigation of a shooting at the In-N-Out restaurant on Westview Road in July 2025. Collins coordinated the investigation, helped identify and locate the suspect within 24 hours, and oversaw the recovery of critical evidence, resulting in a safe arrest and successful resolution of the case.

Sergeant Kenny Medina
Recognized for his lasting impact on community policing, Medina helped establish key outreach programs, including 911 Safety Splash, Popsicles with Police, the department's first Youth Academy, and the First Responder Fun Fest. He also strengthened partnerships with the Douglas County School District to enhance campus safety and traffic operations.

Lifesaving Awards

Awarded to any employee for demonstrating exceptional knowledge or actions that help save the life of another person.

Sergeant Jeff Roepke
Received a Lifesaving Award after responding when fellow Officer Abby Hosier began choking while at the Park Meadows Retail Resort substation. Roepke immediately performed lifesaving measures, ultimately dislodging the obstruction and restoring her ability to breathe.

Officer Andrew North-Skelton
Honored for his response to a stabbing at the Waterford Apartments in June 2024. After locating a critically injured victim suffering from a severe neck wound, he secured the scene and applied lifesaving medical care until paramedics arrived. His actions were credited with helping save the victim's life.

Officer Kris Larson
Received a Lifesaving Award for responding to an unresponsive man on Chaparral Road in July 2022. Larson immediately began CPR and continued lifesaving efforts alongside another officer until South Metro Fire Rescue arrived. The patient survived the medical emergency.

Chief's Vision and Values Awards

Presented to an employee selected by department leadership for consistently exemplifying the department's T.E.A.C.H. values—Truthful, Encouraging, Accountable, Collaborative, and Humble throughout the year and over the course of their service.

Community Safety Officer Joy Gunderson
Recognized for her exceptional professionalism, initiative, and collaborative spirit. Since joining the department in 2017, Gunderson has consistently exceeded expectations through her productivity, willingness to assist officers and fellow employees, and dedication to supporting department operations. Her positive attitude, teamwork, and humble approach have made her an invaluable member of the organization.

Discovery Specialist Jenni Davies
Honored for her outstanding leadership and commitment to excellence. Davies played a critical role in training an entirely new Records Division during 2024 and 2025 while maintaining her own workload and supporting department operations through staffing shortages. Her integrity, mentorship, accountability, and dedication to her colleagues exemplify the department's core values. ◆



















SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

LONE TREE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS KEEP SCHOOLS SAFE

To create and maintain a safe, secure and orderly learning environment for students, teachers, and staff, the Lone Tree Police Department (LTPD) provides school resource officers (SROs) across schools serving the Lone Tree community. This initiative is part of an intergovernmental agreement with Douglas County School District (DCSD), which specifies the cost- sharing agreement for the SRO program between the City and the school district.



Three officers of the LTPD's Community Partnership Unit (CPU) - Kyle Goudy, Scott Howard, and Dustin Williams are assigned full- time duties to cover multiple schools including Legacy High School, Lone Tree and Eagle Ridge Elementaries, and three schools on the Teddy Lane Campus, including Eagle Academy, Early Childhood Center North, the Bridge Center, Ambleside School of Colorado, and Ascent Classical Academy.

Since 2022, in partnership with the school district, the police department has committed SROs to local schools as part of its goals for early intervention and crime prevention shaping safety on school campuses.







School Resource Officers have several key responsibilities, including:

- Responding to incidents and addressing safety concerns
- Conducting educational programs to promote awareness
- Mediating and resolving conflicts among students
- Preparing for and managing emergencies
- Working closely with school administrators, teachers and parents to address issues and enhance the safety of the school environment
- Serving as positive role models for students

All Lone Tree Police SROs are trained and certified by the National Association of School Resource Officers and the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers.

SROs can be contacted at their assigned school(s), by email below, or call the Lone Tree Police Non-Emergency Number, at 303-799-0533.

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kyle.goudy@cityoflonetree.com

Scott Howard
scott.howard@cityoflonetree.com

Dustin Williams
dustin.williams@cityoflonetree.com



COFFEE WITH A COP AT THE LONE TREE RECREATION CENTER

Neighbors of all ages gathered at the Lone Tree Recreation Center for another successful Coffee with a Cop event, enjoying a morning of conversation, community, and coffee with the Lone Tree Police Department.

Residents had the opportunity to meet officers and volunteers, explore patrol vehicles, enjoy coffee from Tall Tales Ranch, and connect with local community organizations. Children especially enjoyed getting an up-close look at police vehicles while learning more about the people who serve and protect the community.

Events like Coffee with a Cop help strengthen relationships between residents and first responders, creating opportunities for meaningful conversations in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

The Lone Tree Police Department extends its thanks to South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Tall Tales Ranch, South Metro Safety Foundation, MyFitFoods, Marriott Denver South, Hampton Inn Denver South, and Wells Fargo Bank for helping make the event a success. ◆





























9-1-1 SAFETY FUN DAY





This year's 9-1-1 Safety Fun Day was filled with sunshine, smiles, and plenty of excitement for all ages!



Families had the opportunity to explore police vehicles and fire engines, meet first responders, and take part in field activities testing their ability to compete and have fun. One of the day's biggest highlights was racing across the field in real police and firefighter gear, giving participants a fun glimpse into the challenges first responders face.



The friendly competition continued as officers from the Lone Tree Police Department and firefighters from South Metro Fire Rescue squared off in a relay race to determine the day's bragging rights. The race ended in a tie which meant ice cream for everyone!

Events like 9-1-1 Safety Fun Day provide a fun and engaging way for residents to connect with their local first responders while learning about public safe safety. Thank you to everyone who joined us, and to our partners at South Metro Fire Rescue, Castle Rock Police Department, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation for helping make the day such a success. ◆

























LONE TREE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2026 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

September 3 - November 12
9220 Kimmer Drive, Lone Tree, CO

The Academy takes place Thursday evenings with a few Saturdays

GOALS

- To foster a better understanding between the police and citizens.
- To provide a medium for citizens to gain insight into police work.
- To create, preserve and improve partnerships between the police and the community.

YOU WILL....

- Get to Know Your Police Officers
- Drive a Patrol Car
- Search a Building for Bad Guys
- Investigate a Mock Crime Scene
- Try on SWAT Gear
- Watch a K-9 Demonstration
- Practice Roadside Maneuvers
- De-escalate a Crisis Situation
- Conduct a Mock Traffic Stop
- And much more...



All participants must be 18 years of age; complete an application, pass a criminal background check, and complete a release of liability prior to the start of the Academy.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Officer Kris Larson at CPU@cityoflonetree.com

CITY OF LONE TREE

APPLY NOW AT:
GO.CITYOFLONETREE.COM/CITIZEN-POLICE-ACADEMY

SAFETY REMINDER FOR DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONES



It's that time of year when students are headed back to school and parents are jumping into routine for the new school year. With increased traffic in the parent pick up and drop off lanes, it's important for drivers to pay extra attention, be patient and aware in school zones and obey all traffic laws for the safety of everyone – pedestrians and drivers.

Here are a few tips:

The Flashing Yellow Light, School Zone Areas
Traffic must slow down from the beginning of the lights until the next speed limit sign or signage that indicates the school zone has ended. School Zone times vary, and it is the driver's responsibility to be aware and drive according to the posted signs and lights.

Fines are doubled in school zones.

Stop for school buses.
Colorado law dictates a driver of a vehicle, upon meeting from either direction any school bus which has stopped and has activated its red flashing lights, is required to stop the vehicle. Drivers do not need to stop for a school bus upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway. School bus drivers are authorized to report violators to the appropriate law enforcement agency who may issue a citation based on the information provided.

Pedestrians, once in a crosswalk, have the right of way.
If you maintain a safe speed for conditions and foot traffic you should have plenty of time to slow down and stop safely.

Right on Red.
Where allowed and not all intersections are clear for right on red, the car at the red light does not have the right of way. Cars turning on arrows or going with the flow of traffic always have the right of way.

For more information on traffic laws for drivers in school zones, please call the Police Department's non-emergency number at 303-799-0533. ◆

LITTLE LEARNERS, BIG SAFETY LESSONS



Students at Merryhill School in Lone Tree recently welcomed Officer Andrew North-Skelton for a special visit that combined important safety lessons with plenty of hands-on fun.

During the visit, Officer North-Skelton talked with students about what police officers do to help keep the community safe. The class learned basic safety tips, including what to do if they ever become lost, when it's appropriate to call 9-1-1, and how officers help protect the community every day.

The highlight of the visit was exploring the patrol car. Students had the opportunity to sit in both the backseat and the driver's seat while learning about the vehicle's safety features, emergency lights, sirens, and horn. They also discovered why the rear doors can only be opened from the outside - a design that helps keep everyone safe.

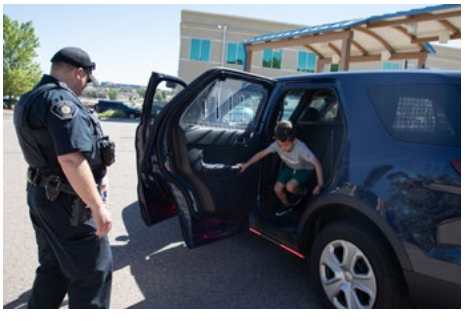
Programs like these help build positive relationships between young residents and their local police officers while teaching valuable safety lessons in an engaging and memorable way. Thank you to Merryhill School for welcoming the Lone Tree Police Department for such a fun and educational visit!

Interested in having the Lone Tree Police attend your event, please email cpu@cityoflonetree.com. ◆











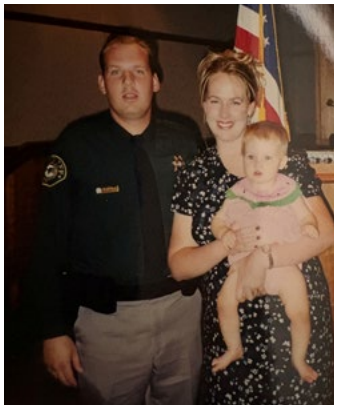


HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF COMMANDER TIM BEALS



After more than 26 years in law enforcement, including over 20 years with the Lone Tree Police Department, Commander Tim Beals is retiring after a career defined by exceptional leadership, dedicated service, and a deep commitment to public safety.





Commander Beals began his law enforcement career with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in 2000 before joining the Lone Tree Police Department in 2005. He started in patrol and quickly established himself as a skilled investigator, ultimately leading the department's investigations unit. Throughout his career, he made 412 arrests and served as the lead investigator on numerous high-profile criminal cases, earning a reputation for professionalism, integrity, and determination.





Among his most notable accomplishments were leading the investigation into the former Lone Tree Library sexual assault, which resulted in the successful identification and prosecution of the offender, and providing leadership during the investigation of the department's first homicide in 2023 which led to the apprehension and conviction of the suspect. In 2019, Commander Beals was also recognized for his calm, decisive leadership during the officer-involved shooting at Park Meadows Retail Resort, helping guide the department through a complex and rapidly evolving critical incident.





Throughout his career, Commander Beals continually invested in professional development by completing the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy and graduating from the Northwestern Command College for Public Safety. His dedication to excellence was recognized with four chief's commendations, four commander's commendations, ten official letters of recognition, and the department's merit award.



Commander Beals leaves behind a legacy built not only on successful investigations and distinguished service, but also on the officers he mentored, the leaders he helped develop, and the example he set every day. He will be greatly missed. We thank Commander Beals for his outstanding service to the City of Lone Tree and wish him and his family continued health, happiness, and success in his retirement journey. ◆

BIKE SAFETY TIPS





Whether you're riding to a neighborhood park, commuting, or enjoying Lone Tree's trails, a few simple precautions can help keep every ride safe.

Before You Ride

Take a few minutes to inspect your bike before heading out.

- Adjust the seat to the proper height and make sure it is securely locked.
- Check that all parts are secure and working properly.
- Inflate tires to the recommended pressure.
- Make sure your bike has reflectors on the front, rear, pedals, and spokes.
- Consider adding a bell or horn, rear-view mirror, and bright front headlight for added visibility.

Be Seen

Visibility is one of the best ways to stay safe.

- Wear bright, fluorescent, or reflective clothing.
- Ride during daylight hours whenever possible.
- If riding after dark, use front and rear lights and wear reflective gear.

Wear a Helmet

A properly fitted bicycle helmet is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of serious head injury. Riders of all ages should wear a helmet every time they ride, no matter how short the trip.

For the best fit:

- Make sure the helmet sits level on your head, about one to two finger widths above your eyebrows.
- Adjust the sizing pads or fit ring so the helmet fits snugly.
- Position the side straps in a "V" shape just below your ears.
- Buckle the chin strap so it's snug, allowing no more than one or two fingers between the strap and your chin.
- The helmet should stay in place and not move more than one inch in any direction.

Ride Smart

Help keep yourself and others safe by following the rules of the road.

- Follow the same traffic laws as motorists.
- Ride single file and travel in the same direction as traffic, staying as far to the right as practical.
- Stay alert and watch for vehicles, opening car doors, pedestrians, and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning and use extra caution at intersections.
- Never hold onto or hitch a ride from a moving vehicle.
- Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again, and over your shoulder. ◆

FIND A LONE TREE POLICE OFFICER!

KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT



WEEK OF AUGUST 3

A Lone Tree Police Officer will be at a different location somewhere in the city each weekday.

FIND THE CLUES HERE!

Every weekday at 10:00a.m.

We'll post a clue on the City of Lone Tree's social media revealing where the day's officer is waiting somewhere in the city!

X	Facebook	Nextdoor	Instagram
@CityofLoneTree	@CityofLoneTree	City of Lone Tree	@CityofLoneTree

BE THE FIRST TO FIND THE OFFICER EACH DAY AND WIN!

POLICE GOODIE BAG	GIFT CERTIFICATE	PHOTO WITH THE OFFICER

THE HUNT IS ON!

CITY OF LONE TREE

COLORADO'S WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE IS NOW IN EFFECT
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



As part of the City's overall goal to reduce wildfire risk in the community, the Lone Tree City Council adopted the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC) in April; this adoption implements priorities identified in the City's comprehensive plan, Lone Tree Elevated, as well as the City's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The CWRC, which became effective on July 1, establishes minimum regulations to:

(1) Mitigate the risk to life and structures from intrusion of fire from wildland fire exposures and fire exposures from adjacent structures and,

(2) Mitigate the risk of structure fires spreading to wildland fuels and causing a wildfire.

The CWRC is paired with the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Map, which is a wildfire hazard risk map that identifies properties that are in low, moderate and high fire intensity areas. Under the CWRC, properties that fall within a low, moderate or high fire intensity classification are required to mitigate their property if they complete qualifying work on their property, such as a building addition 500 square feet or greater, or replacing/repairing 25% or more of an existing roof. Examples of mitigation requirements include removing flammable materials (e.g. plants) from within five feet of a structure's exterior wall, installing noncombustible gutters, and utilizing Class A roof materials. Additionally, all properties mapped within a fire intensity classification are required to maintain landscaping on their property consistent with the fire mitigation requirements outlined in the CWRC.

Following are some things to know about Lone Tree's application of the CWRC:

1. Lone Tree's Community Development Department is available to help property owners understand this new code and we are here to help! Please call 720-509-1180 with any questions.

2. You can locate your property's fire intensity classification by entering your address into Lone Tree's Interactive Zoning Map. For purposes of applying the CWRC, if any portion of your property is mapped within a designated fire intensity classification the CWRC applies to your property.

3. If no portion of your property is mapped within a low, moderate, or high fire intensity classification, the CWRC does not apply to your property, although the City does recommend that all homeowners maintain their properties in alignment with wildfire mitigation best practices.

4. If your property is mapped within a fire intensity classification, you are required to maintain your existing landscaping and trees in adherence with the CWRC (e.g. removing dead plant materials adjacent to your home); you are not required to remove existing trees or plants unless you seek to complete one of the improvement actions identified in #7 below.

5. If your property is mapped within a low fire intensity classification, the CWRC's *Class I* regulations apply to your property.

6. If your property is mapped within a moderate or high fire intensity classification, the CWRC's *Class II* regulations apply to your property.

7. If your property is mapped within a fire intensity classification, you are not required to complete corrective mitigation actions on your property unless you seek to complete one of more of the following improvements to your property. Completing one of these activities will apply the CWRC to the listed improvement and may require that you complete additional mitigation activities on your property (e.g. removing plants that are immediately adjacent to your home):

    a. Construction of new structures.
    b. Installing new landscaping and/or planting new trees or altering existing landscaping.
    c. Constructing new fences and/or retaining walls.
    d. Completing an addition or alteration to an existing structure (e.g. a home) that will add/alter 500 square feet or more of the existing structure.
    e. Replacing or repairing/reconstructing 25% or more of an existing roof.
    f. Replacing or repairing/reconstructing 25% or more of existing exterior walls.

8. IMPORTANT: The improvement activities listed above (#7) require a permit from the City of Lone Tree. Please contact the Community Development Department at 720-509-1180 for assistance with the permit process.

9. The following improvement activities are exempt from the CWRC:

    a. Interior renovations.
    b. Painting or staining exterior walls, or similar wall maintenance work that does not involve removal/replacement of wall materials.
    c. Alterations/repairs to detached accessory structures that are (1) one story, (2) at least 10 feet from the nearest occupiable structure, (3) that do not exceed 120 square feet in size.
    d. Constructing or altering fences located more than 8 feet from an occupiable structure.

Wildfire mitigation is an important element of keeping the Lone Tree community safe and resilient. We appreciate all of the property owner engagement we received throughout the code adoption process, and we are committed to making implementation of this new code as efficient as possible. Thank you for doing your part to reduce Lone Tree's wildfire risk!

To learn more, visit go.cityoflonetree.com/wildfirecode or call Community Development at 720-509-1180 with any questions. ◆

OPEN HOUSE FOR UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

Citizens Invited to Provide Input on Land Development in Lone Tree

Wednesday, August 26, 2026
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Lone Tree Arts Center

The City of Lone Tree invites residents, business owners, developers, and community leaders to participate in an open house to learn about an important City planning initiative known as the Unified Development Code, or UDC.

The UDC builds upon the City's approved Comprehensive Plan, known as Lone Tree Elevated, and will provide regulations and standards that guide how land is developed throughout Lone Tree. Updating the code will help ensure it reflects the community's goals, supports thoughtful growth, and provides clear, modern regulations for future development.

Community input is a vital part of this process. The ideas and feedback shared during the open house will help identify opportunities, address challenges, and inform the drafting of the updated code.

Explore Interactive Discussion Stations

The open house will be an engaging, self-guided experience. Participants can visit a series of interactive stations focused on topics that influence everyday life in Lone Tree, including but not limited to:

- Basics of development code
- Housing diversity and attainability
- Parking and Mobility
- Planned Developments and Mixed-Use Development
- Environmental Protection
- Parks and Open Space
- Development Design

At each station, attendees will be able to learn about the topic, ask questions, and provide feedback that will help shape the unified development code.

Learn About Other Community Initiatives

In addition to the UDC stations, the open house will feature displays highlighting other City projects and initiatives, as well as information from City partners. It's a great opportunity to learn more about what's happening throughout Lone Tree and connect with the people working on projects that impact the community. We hope you'll drop by on Wednesday, August 26, to learn more about the project, share your perspective, and help shape the future of Lone Tree.

Learn more and RSVP at go.cityoflonetree.com/unified-development-code. ◆

BADGER GULCH PARK COMING TO LONE TREE

A new park is set to transform the heart of Lone Tree's RidgeGate Central Village Couplet District, bringing a unique blend of serenity and vibrancy to the community. Designed to offer a peaceful escape or a lively gathering place, the park will offer an array of amenities for everyone.

Adjacent to the RidgeGate Senior Housing development, the 3.36-acre park is intended to serve residents of the senior attainable housing development, as well as the broader Lone Tree community. Developed by Coventry Development and the Rampart Range Metropolitan District, the park will feature a pavilion, picnic tables, a restroom, demonstration garden, fitness equipment, children's play areas, and an inspiring public art installation.

The park's focal point will be an iconic pedestrian bridge that will provide access to the Badger Gulch Regional Trail and connect the Couplet District to the Lyric at RidgeGate neighborhood. The bridge was thoughtfully designed to wrap around the existing mature cottonwood trees along the creek, preserving the natural character of the riparian corridor. However, before the bridge could be installed one of the large cottonwoods fell due to its age and hollowed trunk that could no longer support its weight. Despite the loss of this tree the overall design of the park and pedestrian bridge remains focused on preserving the native riparian habitat along the creek.

Construction is well underway and the beautiful pedestrian bridge is nearly complete. Anticipated opening is in late 2026 or early 2027.

For more information, contact Bobby Weidmann, Lone Tree Senior Planner, at 720-509-1180, email bobby.weidmann@cityoflonetree.com.

Learn more about the project and follow its progress at ridgegate.com/directory/badger-gulch-park/ ◆







COMING SOON: A COUNTRY MUSIC LEGEND COMES TO LIFE IN LONE TREE

This fall, the beloved musical* Always...Patsy Cline *brings audiences a story of down-home humor, heartfelt friendship, and unforgettable music inspired by one of country music's greatest legends.



Certain voices have the power to define an entire genre.

Ella Fitzgerald exemplifies artistry in jazz. Freddie Mercury became the unmistakable voice of arena rock. Luciano Pavarotti introduced generations of listeners to the beauty of opera. For country music, that voice belongs to Patsy Cline.

More than sixty years after her passing, Cline's recordings continue to inspire artists across every generation. Songs like *Crazy, Walkin' After Midnight, I Fall to Pieces, Sweet Dreams,* and *She's Got You* have become timeless standards—performed by everyone from country superstars to pop artists who admire the emotional honesty and unmistakable richness of her voice.

Yet *Always...Patsy Cline* isn't simply a concert or biography.

Based on a true story, the musical tells the remarkable friendship between Patsy Cline and Louise Seger, a devoted fan who met the singer after a performance in Houston, Texas. What began as a chance encounter blossomed into an unlikely friendship filled with handwritten letters, laughter, shared stories, and genuine affection. Through Louise's memories, audiences discover the woman behind the legend—funny, generous, resilient, and deeply connected to the people who loved her music.

The result is a theatrical experience unlike most jukebox musicals. Rather than following the traditional rise-and-fall arc of a celebrity biography, *Always...Patsy Cline* celebrates the personal side of an American icon while weaving together more than two dozen of her best-loved songs into a warm and intimate evening of storytelling.

Patsy Cline's own story is every bit as compelling as the music she left behind. Born Virginia Patterson Hensley in Winchester, Virginia, she possessed a powerful voice from an early age and spent years performing on local radio before breaking into the national spotlight. Her 1957 hit *Walkin' After Midnight* introduced audiences to a singer who effortlessly blended traditional country with the emerging Nashville Sound, helping country music reach new mainstream audiences.

Her career continued to soar with recordings like *I Fall to Pieces* and the now-classic *Crazy*, written by a young Willie Nelson. At a time when female country artists often struggled for recognition, Cline became one of the genre's first crossover superstars, earning admiration from fellow musicians for both her extraordinary talent and her willingness to mentor younger performers.

Tragically, her life was cut short in 1963 when she was killed in a plane crash at just thirty years old. Though her career lasted only a few short years, her influence has endured for decades. She became one of the first female

performers inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame, and her recordings continue to resonate with audiences around the world.

Bringing this beloved musical to life at the Lone Tree Arts Center are two of Colorado's most celebrated performers.

Returning to the LTAC stage is Adriane Leigh Robinson as Patsy Cline. Audiences may remember Robinson from last season's production of *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, where her delightful portrayal of Billie Bendix stole scene





after scene with impeccable comic timing and effortless charm. This production showcases another side of her remarkable talent as she steps into one of the most iconic vocal roles in musical theatre, capturing both the warmth and extraordinary vocal power that made Patsy Cline a legend.

Joining her is Denver theatre favorite Emma Messenger as Louise Seger. An award-winning actress known throughout Colorado for her remarkable versatility, Messenger has built a reputation for creating deeply authentic and memorable characters. Her warmth, humor, and emotional depth make her the perfect partner in this touching story of unexpected friendship.

Together, Robinson and Messenger bring heart, humor, and extraordinary musicianship to a production that celebrates not only an unforgettable catalog of music, but also the enduring power of human connection.

Whether you're a lifelong fan of Patsy Cline or discovering her music for the first time, *Always...Patsy Cline* offers an evening filled with laughter, nostalgia, and songs that continue to stand the test of time. Join us this fall as the Lone Tree Arts Center celebrates one of America's most treasured voices and the friendship that inspired one of musical theatre's most beloved productions. ◆



The Details

Always...Patsy Cline

Directed by Kelly Van Oosbree
Created and originally directed by Ted Swindley - based on a true story

Dates
October 8 – October 25, 2026

Tickets
Available now at lonetreeartscenter.org

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AT THE INTERSECTION OF ARTS AND HEALTH

Creative Movement for People with Parkinson's Disease

When most people think of an arts center, they picture concerts, plays, and gallery exhibitions. But the arts can do much more than entertain — they can help people connect, express themselves, and improve their overall well-being.

Since last spring the Lone Tree Arts Center has expanded that vision through a new partnership with the Parkinson Association of the Rockies. Together, the organizations have launched Performative Movement, a series of workshops designed specifically for adults living with Parkinson's disease.





The program combines gentle movement, creative exploration, and social connection in a welcoming environment where participants of all mobility levels can feel comfortable. Rather than focusing on dance technique or theatrical performance, the workshops encourage participants to explore movement through simple guided activities inspired by theatre and expressive arts.

There are no routines to memorize and no experience required—just opportunities to move, imagine, laugh, and connect with others.

Each 60-minute workshop includes gentle movement that can be adapted to individual comfort levels, breathing and body awareness exercises, beginner-friendly theatre activities, and playful group interaction. Every session offers new content, allowing participants to attend a single workshop or enjoy the entire six-part series.

Research continues to highlight the important role that movement, creativity, and social engagement can play in supporting people living with Parkinson's disease. While medical care remains essential, programs like Performative Movement provide additional opportunities to build confidence, encourage self-expression, and reduce feelings of isolation through shared creative experiences.

For the Lone Tree Arts Center, the workshops also represent an exciting evolution of its mission.

The workshops have intentionally limited enrollment to create a supportive and personalized experience. Adults living with Parkinson's disease at any stage are welcome, and every activity can be adapted to meet individual comfort and mobility levels.





As the Arts Center continues to explore new ways to serve the community, Performative Movement demonstrates that creativity isn't just something to watch—it's something everyone can experience.

To learn more about the workshop series or register, visit LoneTreeArtsCenter.org or call the Box Office at 720-509-1000. ◆

LEAVE A LEGACY THAT INSPIRES FUTURE GENERATIONS

Every community is shaped by the people who choose to invest in its future.

Some plant trees whose shade they may never sit beneath. Others volunteer their time, mentor the next generation, or support the places that make their hometown special. These acts of generosity become part of a lasting legacy—one that continues long after we're gone.

At the Lone Tree Arts Center, that legacy can take the form of ensuring that future generations experience the joy, inspiration, and connection that only the arts can provide.

The Lone Tree Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have chosen to include the Lone Tree Arts Center in their estate plans through a planned gift or charitable bequest. While these gifts may not be realized for many years, they provide something invaluable today: confidence that the Arts Center will continue enriching our community for decades to come.

A planned gift doesn't have to be complicated or reserved for the wealthy. In fact, one of the simplest ways to make a lasting impact is by including the Lone Tree Arts Center in your will or naming the Arts Center as a beneficiary of a retirement account, life insurance policy, or other estate asset. Many supporters find they can make a far more significant future gift than they might be able to make during their lifetime, all while maintaining complete control of their assets.

> For the Arts Center, these commitments help strengthen the foundation for tomorrow. Planned gifts support professional performances, community partnerships, accessibility initiatives, and opportunities for people of all ages to experience the life-changing power of the arts. They represent an investment not only in a building or an organization, but in the cultural life of Lone Tree itself.

Perhaps the most meaningful part of joining the Lone Tree Legacy Society is knowing that your generosity will continue to create memorable experiences for generations of residents—children attending their first play, families discovering a favorite concert together, or neighbors gathering to celebrate the creativity that makes our community unique.

If you have already included the Lone Tree Arts Center in your estate plans, we encourage you to let us know. By notifying us of your intention, you'll become a member of the Lone Tree Legacy Society, allowing us to recognize your generosity and ensure that your gift is honored according to your wishes.

Legacy giving isn't about the end of a life—it's about the beginning of countless future experiences. It's a promise that the arts will continue to inspire, educate, and bring people together in Lone Tree for years to come.

To learn more about the Lone Tree Legacy Society or explore planned giving options, visit LoneTreeArtsCenter.org/Give or contact Marcus Turner, Associate Executive Director for External Relations at marcus.turner@cityoflonetree.com or 720.509.1145. We'd be honored to have a confidential conversation about how you can leave a lasting impact on the community you love. ◆



Simple Ways to Leave a Legacy

Include the Lone Tree Arts Center in your will or trust

Name the Arts Center as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy

Notify us if you've already made a planned gift and become a member of the Lone Tree Legacy Society

Learn more at LoneTreeArtsCenter.org/Give



LINK ON DEMAND EXPANDS TO CASTLE ROCK, STARTING JULY 31!



Link On Demand continues to grow from its origins in Lone Tree because residents value its flexibility, affordability and ease of use. Soon, you'll be able to take Link on Demand even further, into Castle Rock beginning July 31.

Today, riders can book a trip right from their phone or call to schedule a pickup, making the service accessible for all ages and abilities. Operating Monday through Saturday and provided at no cost, Link on Demand is designed to help people get where they need to go – now throughout Lone Tree, Highlands Ranch, areas of Parker, and now Castle Rock. ◆

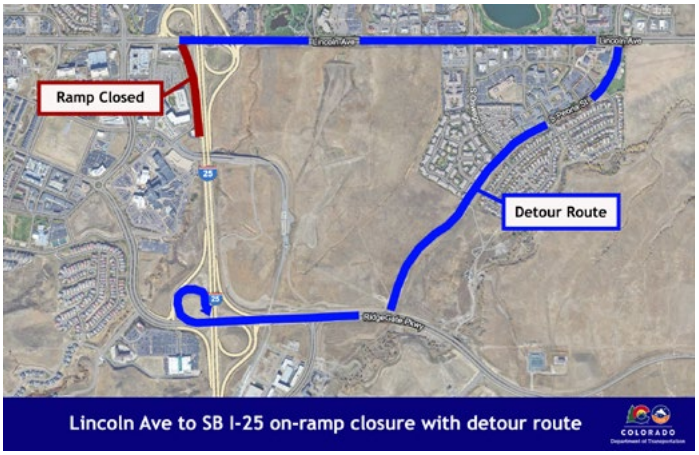
Visit our website to explore the service area, view operating hours and learn how to book your next ride:

https://go.cityoflonetree.com/Link

UPCOMING RAMP CLOSURE

Beginning August 1-5, the Lone Tree Mobility Hub project team will close the eastbound Lincoln Avenue to southbound I-25 on-ramp. The closure is required to replace roadway concrete panels on eastbound Lincoln Avenue, as well as for the delivery and partial assembly of sections of the steel pedestrian bridge. The pedestrian bridge is expected to be erected over I-25 later this fall.

While the ramp is closed, motorists will be detoured east on Lincoln Avenue, south on S Peoria Street and west on Ridgegate Parkway to access the southbound I-25 on-ramp. An additional right-lane closure on eastbound Lincoln Avenue near the southbound I-25 on-ramp will be in place.



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BACKYARD BEATS















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4TH OF JULY


















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RUNDELL LOVES HIS LONE TREE ADDRESS AND A COMMUNITY WORTH SERVING





For Tom Rundell, it all started for him in Lone Tree with a holiday tree lighting.

In 2018, Tom and his wife, Jenn, were exploring communities throughout the Denver metro area when they attended Lone Tree's Merry Days celebration.

"It checked all the boxes," Rundell said. "The people, the atmosphere - it just felt right."

A few months later, they moved from Dallas to Lone Tree after Jenn accepted a position at Sky Ridge Medical Center. Before making the move permanent, Lone Tree even became their weekend home base while house hunting.

Now, more than six years later, Rundell and Jenn can't imagine living anywhere else.

"What makes Lone Tree special is the people," he said. "Everyone is welcoming. It's a business-friendly community that's easy to get around, and it's been planned really well."

He also appreciates the City's parks, trails and recreation opportunities.

"It's like belonging to a country club without paying the dues," he said.

Rundell has always been someone who gets involved. Growing up, he was editor of his school newspaper and captain of sports teams, and community service has remained a constant throughout his life.

After moving to Lone Tree, he looked for ways to contribute. Rundell first joined the Citizen Recreation Advisory Committee, where he has served twice as the vice-chair, and helped redefine the committee's role. Currently, Rundell serves on the Douglas County Open Space Advisory Committee, helping preserve open space throughout the county. Today, he also serves on the Lone Tree Planning Commission and as an alternate on the Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

"I enjoy being part of the conversations about development and being challenged in positive ways







working alongside an outstanding city council and staff," he added. "Sometimes the most important thing we do is ask good questions. Whether our recommendations are accepted or not, asking those questions becomes part of the public process."

As Lone Tree continues to grow, Rundell hopes the City stays true to the qualities that attracted him in the first place.

"I like the direction the City is headed," he said. "We've got a good master plan. As long as we keep planning thoughtfully and stay focused on the community, I think the future is really bright. My hope is that Lone Tree continues to grow while maintaining its strong sense of community, cooperation, and shared purpose."

For Rundell, volunteering isn't about recognition. It's simply part of being a good neighbor.

"You have to have citizens who are willing to get involved," he said. "That's how you keep a community moving forward."

His advice for anyone wondering whether to volunteer is simple.

"Just do it. There are so many opportunities in Lone Tree and Douglas County. You'll meet great people, learn a lot and have a chance to help shape the future of your community. Once you become involved, you'll build relationships, contribute to the City's growth, and discover just how special this community is. I truly believe that once you experience it, you won't want to leave."

Tom and Jenn have become enthusiastic ambassadors for Lone Tree, often encouraging friends and family to visit and even relocate.

"We brag about Lone Tree all the time," Rundell laughed. "We tell people to come see us instead of us going to visit them. We love it here." ◆

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

THE RED LLAMA

A Family Dream Bringing Peru to Lone Tree

From the heart of Lima to the Lone Tree community, one family's passion for authentic Peruvian cuisine has created more than a restaurant—it has created a place where culture, hospitality, and connection come together.

A Dream Rooted in Family

The Red Llama is more than a restaurant—it is the story of family, perseverance, culture, and the belief that food has the power to bring people together.

Founded by husband-and-wife team Chef Jhordano Vasquez-Roggero and Marisol Armas, The Red Llama was born from a shared dream of introducing the rich, vibrant flavors of Peru to Colorado while creating a place where every guest feels like family.

Honoring Peru Through Food

For Chef Jhordano, who was raised in Lima, Peru, cooking has always been a way to honor his heritage. Every dish reflects the traditions, techniques, and flavors he grew up with, while celebrating the incredible diversity that makes Peruvian cuisine one of the world's most celebrated culinary destinations.

A Legacy of Hospitality

For Marisol, hospitality has been part of her life for as long as she can remember. Growing up in a family deeply rooted in Denver's restaurant community, she witnessed firsthand what it means to build something that becomes part of a City's story. Watching generations of guests return year after year taught her that a great restaurant is never just about the food—it's about creating memories, building relationships, and making people feel at home.

Building a Business Together

Together, Jhordano and Marisol have poured their hearts into every detail of The Red Llama. Like many family-owned businesses, their journey has been filled with long days, sacrifices, and countless challenges. While raising their family and building a business from the ground up, they have remained committed to the same simple philosophy: work hard, stay humble, and always welcome every guest with genuine warmth.







Every Plate Tells a Story

Behind every plate served is a story of dedication, resilience, and love. Whether they're greeting guests at the front door, preparing meals in the kitchen, or working late into the evening after the last table leaves, their goal has never changed—to create an experience that leaves people feeling cared for.

A Gathering Place for the Community

Since opening in Lone Tree, The Red Llama has become more than a place to enjoy authentic Peruvian cuisine. It has become a gathering place where cultures connect, friendships are formed, and guests discover the beauty and diversity of Peru through food and hospitality.

The support from the Lone Tree community has been nothing short of extraordinary. Every guest who walks through the doors becomes part of The Red Llama's story, and for that, Jhordano and Marisol are deeply grateful.

A Dream Realized

For them, The Red Llama is not simply a restaurant—it is the realization of a lifelong dream, built through faith, family, perseverance, and a passion for sharing a piece of Peru with the community they are proud to call home.

Visit Us in Lone Tree:
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Redllamaco.com ◆

RIBBON CUTTINGS AND GRAND OPENINGS

Lone Tree just keeps growing and we love to celebrate it! From new restaurants and shops to local businesses expanding their reach, each grand opening and ribbon cutting marks another exciting chapter in our community. Look at some of the latest additions to our vibrant business scene. It's easy to see why businesses continue to choose Lone Tree, a City that's growing, connected, and full of opportunity.

Heritage Hills

Chase Bank
Chase Bank is officially open at 9550 Heritage Hills Circle. A ribbon-cutting ceremony recently celebrated the opening of the new 3,300-square-foot, one-story branch, which is located within the Heritage Hills development.



The new location features convenient vehicle access from Heritage Hills Circle, on-site parking, and pedestrian connectivity via a new sidewalk linking to the existing pathway and bridge over Lincoln Avenue. The site also includes professionally landscaped grounds, with space on the north side of the property reserved for future development.

Park Meadows Retail Resort

There's plenty happening at Park Meadows! Here's a look at what's new and what's coming soon:



Lululemon has relocated to a larger store, offering more space to shop its popular athletic apparel and accessories.

Zales has also moved into a larger location, featuring an expanded showroom and selection.

The LEGO® Store has opened in a bigger space, providing even more room for hands-on fun.

Coming Soon: Rivian, **Faherty**, **Columbia**, and **Angry Pizza** will soon be opening their doors, adding even more shopping and dining options for visitors.

NEW PROJECTS MOVING AHEAD IN LONE TREE

Dutch Bros Coffee



Coffee lovers, get ready! A new Dutch Bros Coffee is officially on its way to Lone Tree.

At the June 2 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the planning documents needed for the project, including a rezoning, plat amendment, and site improvement plan.

The new coffee shop will be located near Park Meadows Drive and Quebec Street at the north end of the existing Kohl's parking lot. Plans include a 1,025-square-foot building with a drive-thru, a convenient walk-up window for pedestrians, bicycle parking, and 11 vehicle parking spaces.

Construction is expected to begin in 2027, bringing another convenient coffee stop to the community. Stay tuned for updates as the project moves forward! ◆

GREEN SCARVES, TIES AND A SMILE: VOLUNTEER USHERS AT THE LONE TREE ARTS CENTER







Volunteer ushers are a fixture at the Lone Tree Arts Center. This group of passionate individuals, with their white shirts capped with a bright green accent, welcome every person to our facility with a warm smile and help visitors with anything they may need. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Arts Center could not function without this dedicated group.

Our ushers volunteer for nearly every event at the Lone Tree Arts Center, as well as many of our City Events like Independence Day, Schweiger Ranch Fall Festival, Wag N Romp, and Merry Days. They are there to support our rental clients – from cutting cakes at Police Department Awards to blowing up balloon arches for retirement parties, our ushers are truly there for everything. Currently, there are 122 active ushers on our roster, and last season they volunteered over 6,200 hours of time!

When you first enter the Arts Center to attend an event, one of our ushers is usually the first face you see. They are the ones who set the tone for your entire experience at the Arts Center, and they take that responsibility seriously. We interviewed some of our ushers, and many of them said that their favorite part of ushering was getting to help patrons and getting to see the smiles on their faces after events. One usher, Elaine, said that her favorite thing is just getting to tell patrons more information about the Arts Center, whether it's where the restrooms are or information about upcoming shows.

Many of our ushers found the Arts Center as they were looking for a place to volunteer their time that felt meaningful and was also fun. Quite a few that we interviewed said that they had attended performances at the Arts Center and were so blown away by the experience that they wanted to be a part of it and decided to join usher program. Another usher, Karen, said that she "[did] not have the financial means to be a patron, but by volunteering I can support an...art center that provides knowledge, entertainment, and music to children, school-age students, people with disabilities, active patrons who embrace the arts of every kind, and visitors to our area."

We also asked some of our ushers what their favorite part of ushering at the Arts Center is and two answers stood out: they love being able to help (patrons and staff) and they love seeing how being at the Arts Center improves patrons' lives. Some of our ushers engage with specialized training so they can usher at some of our community impact programs, like our sensory inclusive programs for patrons who benefit from a low-sensory performance environment, or our SPARK! programming










for patrons experiencing mild memory loss, early-stage Alzheimer's, or a related dementia, and their family, friends, and guests. One usher loves watching patrons interact in and with our space, whether it's watching patrons peruse the art before and after a performance, taking the time to view each piece thoughtfully or chatting with patrons at a rental dance recital who remark on how beautiful the building is. She said that "the facility is a jewel that citizens should all be proud of."

Interested in joining our usher group? We are always recruiting for new people to join us and make a positive impact. Typically, the Arts Center holds three or four trainings throughout the season to welcome new ushers into our community. New ushers also attend an orientation that gives them an excellent idea of what to expect from volunteering at the Lone Tree Arts Center. They can shadow more experienced ushers to really get a hands-on learning experience and to help them get to know their fellow ushers.

Next time you visit the Lone Tree Arts Center you'll undoubtedly see one of our amazing ushers at work. Please join us in thanking them for the valuable contributions they bring to our entire community. For more information on becoming an usher at the Lone Tree Arts Center, please visit lonetreeartscenter.org. ◆

We asked our ushers what was their favorite event at LTAC, here are their answers! How many of these events have you attended?

Karen Heskin: Hands down *Nice Work If You Can Get It!*

Wendy Schafer: The Dreamboats

Elaine Thorne: Too many wonderful events over the past 13 years to choose one.

Shirley Cavanaugh: There are many, but if I could pick two those would be YAMATO: Drummers of Japan and Jake Shimabukuro, ukulele master.

Susan Hunter: So far, my favorite show was *Million Dollar Quartet*. I loved the music, the set, and the acting.

Sandy Gibbons: My favorite event is the Pancake Breakfast. (And everything else.)

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