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DEEP ROOTS. NEW HEIGHTS.



A NEW ERA OF SERVICE

CELEBRATING LONE TREE'S NEW JUSTICE CENTER
AND PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY





Minutes with Mayor Harmon

Dear Residents, Businesses, and Visitors of Lone Tree,

Great things are happening in Lone Tree.

In August and September, we celebrated the opening of two of our new public facilities: our Justice Center and Public Works facility. Both buildings represent years of planning, partnership, and investment in building for the future of our community. These facilities were not the vision of one mayor or one Council. Projects like this take time. They require elected officials, City staff, business and development partners, and residents to look beyond their own time in a role and make decisions not just for the Lone Tree of today, but for the Lone Tree we are building for generations to come.

Public safety is not just about response times or statistics. It is about the moments when one person shows up for another person. It is an officer connecting with a child over a sticker and a popsicle. It is a teenager walking into the Teen Citizens Police Academy unsure of what to expect and leaving with a better understanding of the people who serve our community. It is a young person learning through Teen Court that one mistake does not have to define their future. And sometimes, it is being there for a family during an unimaginable loss, helping a victim understand what happens next, or responding when a resident or business owner needs help.

Every one of those moments matters. That is what public safety looks like in Lone Tree!

The Justice Center also gives us the opportunity to better support the men and women who serve Lone Tree. The work our officers do is demanding, and the stress they carry is real. Investing in their physical and mental wellness helps them remain ready, resilient and, most importantly, helps them return safely to the families who are waiting for them.

Just as important, our new Public Works facility represents a strong investment in the people and services that keep Lone Tree moving. The Public Works team is responsible for the maintenance of our roads and infrastructure, traffic signals, snow removal, trash and recycling service, and care for the public spaces our residents, businesses, and visitors use throughout the year.

Much of the work done by the staff serving from these two facilities happens behind the scenes, but its impact is felt throughout our community and in the quality of life we enjoy in Lone Tree! Thank you to everyone who helped make these facilities possible and to our Police Department, Municipal Court staff, Public Works professionals, volunteers, and all City staff who serve Lone Tree every day.

As we welcome fall, I hope you take time to enjoy the season and all that makes Lone Tree special. Take a walk on one of our trails, visit a local business, enjoy the changing colors, and spend time with the people who make this community feel like home.

It is truly an honor to serve as your Mayor and I am incredibly grateful to call Lone Tree home alongside all of you. Wishing you and your families a beautiful fall season filled with things that make this community so special.

Gratefully yours,

Marissa Harmon

Mayor
City of Lone Tree

HIGHLIGHTS

A quick look at what's happening in Lone Tree this season



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Connect with Council

Tuesday, October 27, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Groove Café in the Lyric Amenity Center, 10930 Lyric Street, Lone Tree

Meet the Mayor and City Council in a casual setting, enjoy refreshments, ask questions and share your thoughts about Lone Tree.



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Lone Tree Arts Center Wins Record-Breaking Awards

Lone Tree Arts Center's production of *Nice Work If You Can Get It* took home 12 Henry Awards, celebrating the talent and hard work of its cast, crew and creative team.



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Lone Tree Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 3, 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Schweiger Ranch, 10822 S. Havana Street, Lone Tree

Celebrate fall with live music, craft beer, food trucks, games, a stein-hoisting competition and polka dancing at historic Schweiger Ranch. This free, family-friendly event has something for everyone.



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Fall Festival

Sunday, October 4, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Schweiger Ranch, 10822 S. Havana Street, Lone Tree

Enjoy a fall day at historic Schweiger Ranch with pumpkins, wagon rides, a petting zoo, live music, food trucks, games and self-guided tours. This free community event also includes storytelling, marshmallow roasting and plenty of family-friendly activities.



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Fall Clean-Up of Yard Waste

October or November 2026

For residents who receive free trash service from the City, place leaves and tree branches at the curb on your regular trash day during the designated collection period.



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Merry Days

Friday, December 4, 6 – 8 p.m.

Lone Tree Arts Center, 10075 Commons Street, Lone Tree

Celebrate the holiday season in Lone Tree with a tree-lighting celebration, holiday music, Santa visits, crafts, a holiday market and festive activities.



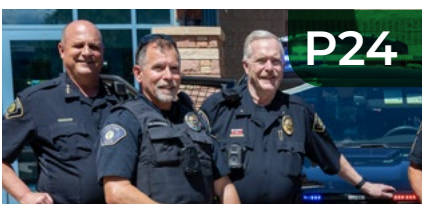
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Free Paint Recycling

Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Eagle Academy, 9350 Teddy Lane, Lone Tree

Have leftover paint at home? Lone Tree residents and businesses can bring unwanted paint to this free drop-off event for responsible recycling and disposal.



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Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, October 7, 10 a.m. – noon

Monk & Mongoose Coffee Co.

10620 High Note Avenue, Lone Tree

Grab a cup of coffee and stop by for a conversation with Lone Tree police officers. This casual community event is a chance to ask questions, share what's on your mind and get to know the officers who serve Lone Tree.

Wednesday, December 9, 10 - 11 a.m.

Park Meadows Retail Resort

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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. Generally, 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

October 6	November 3	December 1
October 20	November 17	December 15

MEET YOUR LONE TREE CITY COUNCIL



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CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

Meet your Mayor and City Council in a casual, family-friendly setting at Groove Cafe in the Lyric Amenity Center.

Stop by before or after dropping the kids off at school, heading to a yoga class or going to the office. Enjoy some morning refreshments, ask questions and share your thoughts with members of the Lone Tree City Council.

To learn more about City Council events, visit cityoflonetree.com/city-council-events/.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Groove Cafe in the Lyric Amenity Center,
10930 Lyric Street

RSVP:



go.cityoflonetree.com/connect-council-RSVP



LONE TREE CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW JUSTICE CENTER

The City of Lone Tree, along with its former mayors and several councilmembers, celebrated the opening of its new Justice Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 8. . The 37,324-square-foot facility brings the Lone Tree Police Department and Municipal Court together in one modern, purpose-built building.

Located at 12707 High Note Avenue, near RidgeGate Parkway and High Note Avenue, the Justice Center was designed to meet the community's current needs while preparing for Lone Tree's future.

"This Justice Center gives our Police Department and Municipal Court a modern facility they need to serve our community and protect the quality of life that makes Lone Tree such a special place to live, work and visit," said Mayor Marissa Harmon.

The new facility provides expanded space for police operations, training, administration, community programs and court proceedings. It also includes modern technology and security systems, improved public access, and expanded parking and pedestrian connections.



Municipal Court, which was previously located in the Lone Tree Civic Center in a residential neighborhood, now has a dedicated space designed specifically for court operations. The move provides a more appropriate setting for court users, staff and legal proceedings.

The Justice Center also features public plaza areas, landscaped outdoor spaces, a native plant demonstration garden and ample natural light throughout public and staff areas. A 2,900-square-foot solar canopy is part of the City's effort to incorporate sustainable features into the facility.

The land for the Justice Center was dedicated to the City by RidgeGate Investments as part of the RidgeGate development. The facility is located near the City's new Public Works facility and High Note Park, which is currently under construction. Together, these projects are creating a new vibrant area for the City.

The Justice Center opened to the public on September 14. ♦

Lone Tree Justice Center

12707 High Note Avenue,
Lone Tree, CO 80134

EMERGENCIES

Please call 9-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY

303-799-0533

FRONT DESK

303-339-8150

LOBBY HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(closed on holidays)

AFTER HOURS

Call box is located inside the front door of the building for in-person, non-emergency assistance.

Police

- File a Police Report
- Victim Services
- Police Careers
- Other Police assistance

Municipal Court

- Court sessions and hearings
- Ticket payments
- Court records



CITY CELEBRATES NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

The City of Lone Tree celebrated the opening of its new Public Works facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 18. City Council, staff, project partners and community members gathered to recognize the work that went into bringing the project to completion.

The new facility, of which the land was dedicated by RidgeGate Investments, gives Lone Tree's Public Works Department the space, equipment and resources needed to keep up with daily operations that keep the City running. That includes snow removal, traffic operations, stormwater, streets, signals, fleet, facilities and other essential services.

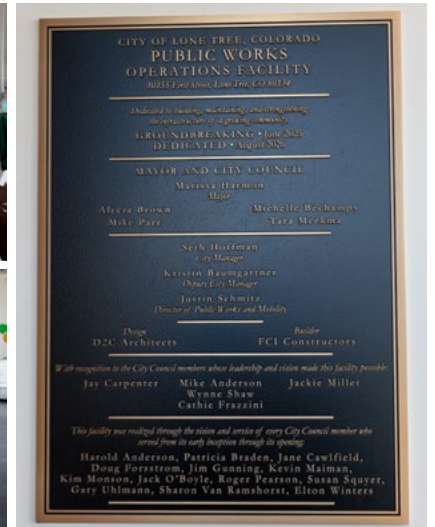
"This facility is an important investment in the service delivery our residents, businesses and visitors rely on every day," said Seth Hoffman, City Manager. "As Lone Tree continues to grow, so has the work required to maintain our community. This gives our Public Works team the space and resources they need to continue providing the high level of service our community expects now and in the future."

The building brings together three distinct structural systems in one facility, using innovative engineering and cost-saving design solutions. It provides a practical, modern workspace for the Public Works team and supports the City's long-term operational needs as Lone Tree continues to grow.

The additional storage and fleet capacity will also help the team prepare for snowstorms, severe weather and other situations that require a quick response. Having equipment and materials readily available makes it easier to coordinate work and get resources where they are needed.

While most residents may never visit the building, they will continue to benefit from the work that starts there - from safer streets and working signals to dependable snow removal and well-maintained public spaces.

Please note: Certain Public Works staff are at the new facility at 10155 First Street, Lone Tree. Members of the public conducting Public Works business should continue to visit the Lone Tree municipal building at 9220 Kimmer Drive. ♦



Lone Tree Public Works Facility
10155 First Street,
Lone Tree, CO 80134

CLOSED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- Public Works operations only
- No public services offered; please visit the municipal building

A NEW CHAPTER FOR TALL TALES RANCH

The City of Lone Tree recently joined Tall Tales Ranch, its supporters and project partners to celebrate the groundbreaking of a future life-sharing community near Schweiger Ranch.

Tall Tales Ranch is a Colorado 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded to support people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more than 10 years, the organization has been working toward its vision of creating an inclusive, mixed-use residential community in Lone Tree. The community will provide a supportive and cooperative environment honoring each person's individuality and helping residents reach their full potential.

The vision began with founders Pat and Susan Mooney and their son, Ross. At age 14, Ross was diagnosed with X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy, an aggressive genetic disease that affects the brain. A bone marrow transplant in 2008 successfully halted the disease, but Ross now lives with an acquired brain injury and requires additional resources and support.

Tall Tales Ranch was founded in response to the limited housing options available for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many continue to live with aging parents because appropriate housing and support are not readily available. Without viable options, individuals may face homelessness, institutionalization or relocation far from their families and communities.

Located on the east side of Interstate 25 across from the RidgeGate light rail station, the land for the four-acre campus was made available to Tall Tales Ranch through a land lease from the Schweiger Ranch Foundation.



The Tall Tales Ranch community will include paired residential cottages leased to approximately 30 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. A central community building will provide space for residents, families and visitors to gather and participate in activities.

The campus will also include a coffee shop and community event barn near, but separate from, the residential village. These spaces will provide vocational training and employment opportunities for people with and without disabilities. Weekly programming will include life-skills classes, yoga, music, fellowship and outdoor activities in raised-bed gardens and an orchard.

The event barn will be available for weddings, meetings, conferences and other gatherings of approximately 120 guests. Its upper level will include Tall Tales Ranch offices and a community learning space.

Tall Tales Ranch has already become part of the Lone Tree community through Tall Tales Coffee Company, its ambassadors and its community partnerships. The City is proud to celebrate this milestone and looks forward to watching their vision come to life.

For more information, visit talltalesranch.org. ♦



LONE TREE ARTS CENTER LANDS HISTORIC 12 HENRY AWARDS

LTAC's musical Nice Work If You Can Get It tied the all-time record for most awards won by a single production in the 20-year history of the Henry Awards.



It turns out nice work really can pay off.

Last fall, audiences at the Lone Tree Arts Center fell in love with a charming female bootlegger, a wealthy playboy, and the irresistible music of George and Ira Gershwin. This summer, Colorado's theatre community fell in love with them, too.

At the 20th annual Colorado Theatre Guild Henry Awards in July, the Lone Tree Arts Center's production of *Nice Work If You Can Get It* took home an extraordinary 12 Henry Awards, including Outstanding Musical. The achievement tied the record for the most awards won by a single production in Henry Awards history.

The historic evening was the culmination of an impressive awards season for *Nice Work*. The production entered the ceremony with 17 nominations, the most of any production in Colorado this year, and ultimately received honors recognizing nearly every element that brought the show to life, from its direction, choreography, and musical direction to its costumes, sound, ensemble, and performances.

A Celebration of Classic Musical Theatre

Set in the Roaring Twenties, *Nice Work If You Can Get It* is a screwball musical comedy built around some of

George and Ira Gershwin's most beloved songs.

The story follows wealthy playboy Jimmy Winter, whose wedding weekend takes an unexpected turn when he crosses paths with Billie Bendix, a quick-witted bootlegger who has hidden hundreds of cases of illegal gin in the basement of his Long Island mansion. Romantic complications, mistaken identities, prohibition agents, and plenty of comic chaos follow - all accompanied by a score featuring Gershwin classics including "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off," "Fascinating Rhythm," and the title song, "Nice Work If You Can Get It."

Under the direction of Kate Gleason, LTAC's production brought together some of Colorado's finest professional theatre artists for a celebration of old-fashioned musical comedy.

And at the Henry



Awards, nearly every corner of that collaboration was recognized.

Gleason received the Henry Award for Direction of a Musical, while Christopher Page-Sanders was honored for choreography and Alec Steinhorn for musical direction. Madison Booth received the award for costume design, Max Silverman for sound design, and the entire company was recognized with the award for Outstanding Ensemble.

The production's performers had an especially remarkable evening. Real-life married couple Adriane Leigh Robinson and Marco Alberto Robinson, who played Billie Bendix and Jimmy Winter, shared the award for Outstanding Lead Performance in a Musical.

And in an unusual three-way tie, Elise Daniels, Jennifer DeDominici, and Shabazz Green were each honored for their featured performances in the production—meaning five members of the *Nice Work* cast received individual acting awards in a single evening.

The night concluded with the biggest honor of all: Outstanding Musical.

A Milestone for Lone Tree

Named in honor of legendary Colorado theatre producer Henry Lowenstein, the Henry Awards recognize outstanding work by theatre companies across the state that are members of the Colorado Theatre Guild.

LTAC is proud to be part of a vibrant Colorado theatre community that includes companies such as the Denver Center Theatre Company, the Arvada Center, Miners Alley Playhouse, and many more. While LTAC welcomes nationally and internationally recognized touring artists throughout the year, producing professional theatre remains an important part of what makes the Arts Center unique. Each locally produced musical brings together actors, musicians, designers, technicians, craftspeople, and creative professionals, many of them based right here in Colorado, to build a production from the ground up specifically for the Lone Tree stage.

The record-tying success of *Nice Work If You Can Get It* is a celebration of all of them.

Most importantly, it's a milestone that belongs to the community that made the Lone Tree Arts Center possible—and to the residents who continue to support exceptional arts experiences for people of all ages and abilities. ♦



And The Henry Award Goes To...

***Nice Work If You Can Get It* received 12 Henry Awards:**

Outstanding Musical
Lone Tree Arts Center

Direction of a Musical
Kate Gleason

Musical Direction
Alec Steinhorn

Choreography
Christopher Page-Sanders

Costume Design
Madison Booth

Sound Design
Max Silverman

Performance in a Musical
Adriane Leigh Robinson

Performance in a Musical
Marco Alberto Robinson

Featured Performance in a Musical
Elise Daniels

Featured Performance in a Musical
Jennifer DeDominici

Featured Performance in a Musical
Shabazz Green

Outstanding Ensemble

FALL STARTS HERE

Make a new autumn tradition with a full weekend of festivities at historic Schweiger Ranch.

Pumpkins. Crisp Colorado air. Live music. A cold beer with friends. A wagon ride across a historic ranch.

There are some experiences that simply feel like fall—and this October, you'll find them all in Lone Tree.

On October 3 and 4, historic Schweiger Ranch becomes the center of the City's autumn celebrations with two signature events: Lone Tree Oktoberfest on Saturday and the Fall Festival at Schweiger Ranch on Sunday.

The two events offer distinctly different ways to celebrate the season, but they're connected by a tradition that stretches back generations. For centuries, communities have marked the harvest season by gathering together for food, music, games and celebration.



October 3



Tasting Tickets

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Raise a Stein at Lone Tree Oktoberfest

2:30–6:30 p.m. | Schweiger Ranch

Formerly known as CraftoberFest, Lone Tree Oktoberfest has a new name and an expanded focus on everything that makes an Oktoberfest celebration fun.

Colorado craft beer remains an important part of the festivities. Guests 21 and older can purchase tasting packages and sample selections from participating breweries. But you don't have to be a beer drinker—or even 21—to join the celebration.



Come for live music featuring traditional German oompah tunes and Colorado sounds. Grab something delicious from the food trucks. Challenge your friends to cornhole or giant pong, try your hand at mobile axe throwing, or see how long you can hold your stein in the popular stein-hoisting competition. Younger festivalgoers can get in on the fun, too, with inflatables, interactive games, polka dancing and even a kids' stein-hoisting competition.

Admission is free, with beer packages available for purchase for guests 21 and older.

So round up your friends, break out the lederhosen if you're feeling festive, and come raise a stein to fall in Lone Tree.



October 4



Wagon Rides

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
Make Some Fall Memories
 11 a.m.–3 p.m. | Schweiger Ranch

On Sunday, the celebration shifts gears as the Fall Festival at Schweiger Ranch welcomes families for an afternoon filled with the traditions that make this season special.

Pick out the perfect pumpkin. Roast marshmallows while listening to a story. Meet some four-legged friends at the petting zoo, make a seasonal craft, play a lawn game, or climb aboard a horse-drawn carriage for a ride around the ranch.

Live bluegrass music provides the soundtrack while food trucks and vendors add even more options to explore throughout the afternoon.

Schweiger Ranch was first homesteaded in 1874 and today remains Lone Tree's only protected historic landmark. During the Fall Festival, visitors can learn more about the

families who once called the ranch home and explore a piece of local history preserved right in the middle of our growing community.

Presented by the City of Lone Tree and the Schweiger Ranch Foundation, the Fall Festival is free to attend and designed as an easygoing day for families to slow down, spend time together and enjoy Colorado in one of its most beautiful seasons.

SAVE THE WEEKEND
LONE TREE OKTOBERFEST
 Saturday, October 3 | 2:30–6:30 p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL
 Sunday, October 4 | 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Both events are free to attend.

Find event details at CityofLoneTree.com.



at Schweiger Ranch

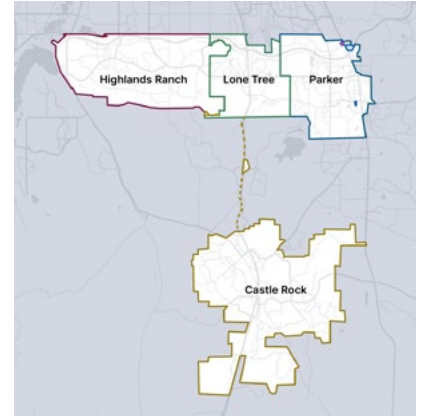


LINK ON DEMAND EXPANDS SERVICE AREA

Link On Demand, originally launched in Lone Tree in 2019, continues to grow thanks to strong community support for its flexibility, affordability, and ease of use. Building on that success, the service has now expanded into the Town of Castle Rock, further strengthening regional mobility options for Lone Tree residents. Councilmembers Mike Parr and Michelle Béchamps joined regional partners at a ribbon cutting on July 30 to celebrate the first day of expanded service.

For Lone Tree residents, this means even more convenient access when traveling beyond City limits. Whether commuting, heading to appointments,

meeting friends, or enjoying shopping and recreation, Link on Demand now provides seamless trips across Lone Tree, Highlands Ranch, Parker and Castle Rock.



Riders can book a ride through a mobile app or by phone, making the service accessible for all ages and abilities. The service operates Monday through Saturday and is provided at no cost. This expansion reflects ongoing collaboration between Douglas County, the Town of Castle Rock, and the City of Lone Tree to enhance transportation options for the region.

To view the updated service area, hours, and booking information, visit go.cityoflonetree.com/Link ♦



RESIDENTIAL TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

LONE TREE FALL CLEAN-UP OF YARD WASTE UPDATE

The City, through its contract with Waste Connections, is offering a clean-up of yard waste for residents this fall. Residents who receive free trash service from the City can place their yard waste, including leaves and tree branches, out in separate bags next to the containers on their regularly scheduled trash day for pickup during four designated weeks this fall.

Materials Accepted for Disposal During Fall Yard Clean-Up:

- Five (5) bundles of tree branches per week. The length of branches can be no longer than four (4) feet and must be bundled together or placed into a container.
- Ten (10) bags of yard waste per week. Each bag or container should not weigh more than 40 pounds.

Fall clean-up of yard waste will take place in October or November, beginning 1-2 weeks after leaves start to fall. This approach will allow the City, through Waste Connections, to provide more efficient service and better coordinate with seasonal conditions. Exact dates

will be shared closer to the event via a mailer delivered to every eligible household in the City, as well as shared through all City communication channels. ♦



Questions about trash and recycling service:

TRASH LINE
720-509-1212

EMAIL
trash@cityoflonetree.com

WEBSITE
go.cityoflonetree.com/yard-clean-up

LEGACY CAMPUS EXPANDS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL STUDENTS



Legacy Campus in Lone Tree is expanding its career and technical education programs, giving students more opportunities to learn practical skills and explore future careers.

The City of Lone Tree recently joined Douglas County School District, teachers, students and community members to celebrate the ribbon cutting for Phase II of the campus expansion.

The expansion includes new labs and learning spaces for advanced manufacturing and aerospace, electric vehicle and hybrid automotive technology, electrical technology, construction trades and other career programs.

Students will be able to work with industry-related equipment, build hands-on experience and pursue certifications that can help prepare them for college, technical training or a career after high school.



Legacy Campus is an important resource for Lone Tree families and students across Douglas County. Its location in Lone Tree makes it easier for local students to explore career options and gain real-world skills close to home.

The City congratulates Douglas County School District, Legacy Campus, and everyone who helped bring the expansion to life. As the campus continues to grow, it will give more students a head start on the careers of tomorrow. ♦

MARK YOUR CALENDAR LIGHT THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN LONE TREE!



Kick off the most wonderful time of the year with Lone Tree's annual Merry Days Holiday Tree Lighting.

There's a moment every year when it finally starts to feel like the holidays.

Maybe it's the first familiar holiday song you hear on the radio. The first string of lights you spot on a neighbor's house. Or that first chilly December evening when you bundle up, grab a cup of hot cocoa, and spend a little time celebrating with family and friends.

On Friday, December 4, the community will gather at the Lone Tree Arts Center for the City's annual Merry Days Holiday Tree Lighting, a festive evening that officially welcomes the holiday season to Lone Tree.

At the center of it all is the City Holiday Tree. As evening falls, neighbors will gather for the countdown before thousands of twinkling lights illuminate the tree and signal that the holiday season has officially arrived. This year's celebration will also include a special fireworks display, lighting up the night sky to mark the arrival of the festive season.

While there are plenty of activities to explore, some of the best parts of Merry Days are the simplest ones: running into a neighbor, watching children marvel at the lights, warming up with a cup of cocoa, singing along to a favorite holiday song, and sharing an evening together before the December calendar gets a little too busy.

The Official S'Mores Sponsor for the 2026 Merry Days Celebration is E-470 Public Highway Authority.

Bundle up the family. Invite your neighbors. Grab your mittens and scarves. And join us as we count down together and light up Lone Tree for another holiday season.



SAVE THE DATE
MERRY DAYS HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
Friday, December 4, 2026, 6-8 p.m.
Lone Tree Arts Center

Free and open to the community

Visit CityofLoneTree.com for the complete schedule of Merry Days activities and festivities. ♦



Free Paint Recycling Event!

Open to All CO Residents and Businesses

Saturday, Oct. 10 | 9am-1pm
Eagle Academy - 9350 Teddy Ln., Lone Tree

ACCEPTING: Oil-based, acrylic, and latex paints, stains, shellacs, lacquers, sealers, varnishes, and urethanes.

NOT ACCEPTING: Spray paint, thinners, solvents, driveway sealers, drywall mud, roof patch/repair, adhesives, epoxies, or joint compound.

SIGN UP HERE



circular.eco/event/lonetree26



GreenSheen
Eco-Friendly Paint



YOUNG LEADERS TAKE THE MAYOR'S SEAT

Lone Tree's Mayor for a Day program, through a fundraising effort conducted by Lone Tree Elementary, gave local students a behind-the-scenes look at how the City operates. Harlow Ballard attended the July 21 City Council meeting, followed by brothers Newell and Soren Claypool, who attended the August 18 meeting.

The students shadowed Mayor Harmon and learned more about what it takes to help lead a City. Their experiences included touring City departments and helping open the

City Council study session by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and asking thoughtful and entertaining questions.

Mayor Harmon shared how meaningful it is to see young people take an interest in their community and encouraged them to stay curious and engaged. Today's youth will play an important role in shaping Lone Tree's future. ♦



TEEN COURT STUDENTS GIVE BACK

On July 31, members of the Lone Tree Teen Court Student Leadership Board helped Douglas County's Lend-A-Hand initiative prepare backpacks for its annual school supply drive.

Now in its 16th year, Lend-A-Hand collects, purchases and assembles school supplies for students in need throughout Douglas County. Each year, the program distributes more than 1,500 backpacks to help students begin the school year ready to learn.

This was the second consecutive year the student leadership board has volunteered with Lend-A-Hand. The experience gave students the chance to see how the community's year-round efforts come together to support local families.

Thank you to the members of the Lone Tree Teen Court Student Leadership Board who helped with the Pack-It-Forward effort to support students across Douglas County. ♦



CITY COUNCIL CONNECTS WITH THE COMMUNITY

More than 75 residents joined City Council and City staff for the Lone Tree Town Hall and Open House in August. The open-house format provided residents with an opportunity to visit department stations, learn more about what is happening in Lone Tree, ask questions and connect with the people who help serve the community every day. Attendees who visited each station were entered into a drawing for a gift card to a local Lone Tree restaurant. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Jim W., Burt M., Ben S. and Patrick!

Couldn't attend? You can contact City Council anytime at cityoflonetree.com/mayor-and-city-council. To learn about other City Council events, visit cityoflonetree.com/city-council-events/. ♦



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

APPLY TO SERVE ON CITY COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE

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, Recreation Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Living and Aging Well Commission, and the Youth Commission.

ARTS COMMISSION

The Arts Commission develops, supports, and assists various cultural activities and interest groups in the City. It acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council through recommendations on acquisition of public art and suggestions on other cultural avenues that may be of interest to the community.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee effectively addresses issues identified by the independent audit of the City's financial statements.

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Recreation Advisory Committee works closely with City staff and the South Suburban Park and Recreation District to enhance the City's recreation opportunities and services.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council on land use applications and proposed planning documents and regulations.

LIVING AND AGING WELL COMMISSION

The Living and Aging Well Commission is committed to creating opportunities for residents to remain independent and active by identifying and advocating for issues and concerns; linking with existing social, health, financial and support agencies; providing avenues for social interaction; and supporting educational opportunities. The Living and Aging Well Commission hosts a number of programs for seniors in the community, including monthly luncheons at the Lone Tree Golf Club and Hotel, with different entertainment each month; Cocktails & Conversations; and a variety of special tours and outings. To learn more or register for events, visit cityoflonetree.com/living.

YOUTH COMMISSION

The Youth Commission advises the City Council on matters pertaining to the youth and teen population in the area. Commissioners work together on an annual project as well as get a chance to learn about how local government functions. The Commission is comprised of residents currently enrolled in 8th–12th grade.

APPLY BY OCTOBER 30, 2026 FOR 2027 OPENINGS

The City is currently accepting applications for 2027 appointments to its CBCs. 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.

To learn more about serving on a CBC, please visit go.cityoflonetree.com/CBCs or email Deputy City Clerk Ariana Neverdahl at ariana.neverdahl@cityoflonetree.com ♦



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES

(VIPS) RECOGNIZED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LTPD

This past September during an annual appreciation luncheon, Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) were recognized for their support to the Lone Tree Police Department (LTPD) and their contributions to the community. In 2025, VIPS contributed 7,485 hours of service, equivalent to more than four full-time employees. Since the beginning of the program, volunteers have contributed 110,946 hours of their time. That value to the Police Department in dollars equates to about \$3.86 million!

"We could not provide the excellent level of service to Lone Tree without the time and expertise of our VIPS," said Chief Kirk Wilson. "Their commitment to volunteering has made a significant impact on the safety of our community through their invaluable volunteer service."

The LTPD VIPS program was established in 2007 to encourage the effective use of volunteers who wish to donate their time and talents to further the goals of the Police Department. The mission of the VIPS is to serve the Police Department and enhance the effectiveness of community policing through the provision of administrative and support services.

Volunteers serve in a variety of volunteer roles at the Police Department, including customer service and records specialists, Community Partnership Unit assistants, patrol support, special projects assistants, and victim services advocates. VIPS are requested to serve at least four volunteer hours per week to the Police Department throughout the year. The following is the current list of VIPS of the LTPD we would like to recognize:

Marjorie Benson	Joyce Lew
Lois Books	Holly Oksendahl
Ron Books	Kathryn Paniello
Lili Brown	Elizabeth Patton
Lucero Cuevas	Peter Roozing
Ryan DeLeon	Wynne Shaw
Stephanie Dickens	Collin Sheppelman
Darrell Gallo	Tim Swiader
James Gromer	James Wedeman
Kent Higgins	Denise Werner
Kyleen Hinojos	



For more information about the LTPD VIPS program, email LTPDCommunityPartner@cityoflonetree.com or to apply, visit our website at go.cityoflonetree.com/LTPDVIPS

YOUNG DETECTIVES TAKE ON LONE TREE POLICE SCAVENGER HUNT

This summer, Lone Tree children and families joined the Lone Tree Police Department for a weeklong scavenger hunt to find police officers at locations throughout the City.

Each day, participants followed a clue and raced to be the first to find the officers. The stops included the Lone Tree branch of Douglas County Libraries, Mr. Donuts, Cook Creek Pool, the Prairie Sky Park basketball courts and Monk & Mongoose Coffee Co. at High Note Avenue.

Congratulations to the scavenger hunt winners:

Hudson - Lone Tree Library

Finn and Vivian - Mr. Donuts

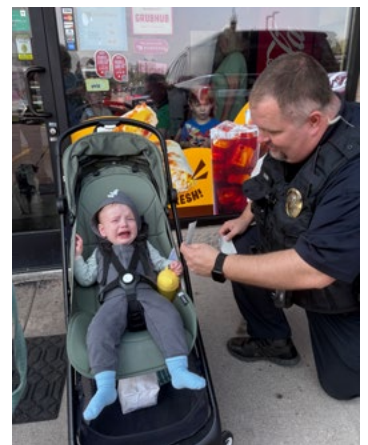
Arjun - Cook Creek Pool

Siblings Rebekah, Davey and Rachel - Prairie Sky Park basketball courts

Max - Monk & Mongoose Coffee Co.

Each winner received a Lone Tree Police goodie bag, gift card and photo with the officers.

The scavenger hunt gave children an opportunity to explore Lone Tree, visit local businesses and community spaces, and get to know the officers who serve the City. Thank you to all the children and families who participated. Watch for the next scavenger hunt during the holidays in December. ♦



POP WITH A COP WAS A SWEET SUCCESS!

On Wednesday, August 5, the Lone Tree Police Department welcomed the community to Target for an afternoon of pop, popcorn, popsicles, activities and fun.

Families stopped by to say hello, enjoy a snack, pick up some swag and connect with Lone Tree police officers in a relaxed setting. Thank you to everyone who joined us! ♦



COFFEE WITH A COP MEET THE LONE TREE POLICE

TWO EVENTS:

Wednesday, **October 7**

10 a.m. To noon

Monk & Mongoose Coffee Co

10920 High Note Avenue

Wednesday, **December 9**

10-11 a.m.

Park Meadows Retail Resort



Grab some refreshments, say hello, and chat with your Lone Tree Police Officers! Get the opportunity to ask questions, share your thoughts, or get to know the officers who serve the Lone Tree community.

An event for the entire family, including kids!

- Photos with Police Officers
- Police Car Tours
- Giveaways

COURAGE, COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT

Lone Tree Police officers do much more than respond to calls. They help people through difficult moments, solve problems and make a lasting difference in the lives of those they serve. Officers like these are the kind of people we are proud to have serving Lone Tree and strive to bring to our department: professionals who understand that behind every call and every case, there is a person, a family and sometimes a story that means more than anyone could put a price on.

A Family Heirloom Finds Its Way Home

A firefighting helmet stolen from a family's vehicle in Lone Tree nearly three years ago seemed unlikely to ever be recovered. But the helmet was more than a missing possession. It had belonged to the late Chief Richard "Rich" Wesley, who spent much of his life serving as a firefighter and 9-1-1 dispatcher.

When the family told Officer Jesus Olivas about the helmet this past July, he took the time to listen and understand why it meant so much to them. He stayed in contact while the family gathered photographs and other information, then drove to the City of Broomfield to look for it.

The helmet had unknowingly been purchased at an estate sale by Angie for her son, Adrian, who has a strong interest in firefighting. When they learned the helmet's history, Angie and Adrian were extremely cooperative and helped ensure it could be returned to Rich's family.

Officer Olivas recovered the helmet and returned it to Rich's sister, Debbie, a Lone Tree resident the same day. The family plans to eventually give it to a new generation as a reminder of Chief Wesley and his life of service.

The family said Officer Olivas' compassion, communication and determination meant more than they could express. His efforts brought home an irreplaceable piece of their family's history.

Every Second Counted

In August, Lone Tree officers responded to Park Meadows Retail Resort after a 16-year-old boy was found unconscious and not breathing.

Officer Casey Swatowski and Officer Carrie Whitus immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Corporal Ricky Stegmaier drove the boy's mother to the hospital, while Officer Abigail Hosier stayed with her and provided support.

The boy survived and made a full recovery. His family later shared that he has a rare heart condition and requires a pacemaker, but he has been doing well since the incident.

Officer Swatowski and Officer Whitus recently met with the family and gave the boy a challenge coin and police patches. The visit was a chance to celebrate his recovery and reconnect with the officers who helped him when every second mattered. ♦



LONE TREE POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER



The Lone Tree Police Department has welcomed Travis Sneith as its new Commander of Professional Standards following the retirement of Commander Tim Beals.

Sneith brings more than 22 years of law enforcement experience to the position.

He began his career as a patrol officer and gained experience in patrol, tactical operations, narcotics investigations and criminal investigations before joining the Lone Tree Police Department as a lateral officer in 2010.

During his time with Lone Tree, Sneith has served in a variety of operational, investigative and supervisory roles. He was promoted to corporal and received the department's Trainer of the Year Award in 2015. He later served as both a patrol sergeant and detective sergeant,

overseeing investigations involving financial crimes, regional high-impact-crimes task forces, homicide and other complex cases.

As a lieutenant, Sneith supervised patrol operations, personnel and strategic enforcement initiatives. In his new role as commander, he will continue focusing on employee development, organizational improvement, effective leadership and strong partnerships with the community and regional law enforcement agencies.

Throughout his career, Sneith has received multiple Letters of Commendation and two Life Saving Awards. He remains committed to providing professional, responsive and high-quality police services to the Lone Tree community.

The City of Lone Tree congratulates Commander Sneith on his new leadership role with the department. To learn more about Commander Sneith or the Lone Tree Police Department, visit cityoflonetree.com/police ♦

NEW COLORADO LAW KEEP BIKE LANES CLEAR

A new Colorado law is giving bicyclists more room to travel safely. House Bill 26-1237, which took effect August 12, makes it illegal to stop, stand or park a vehicle in a designated bike lane.

That means bike lanes should not be used for parking, loading, drop-offs or waiting. Drivers may enter a bike lane only when necessary to avoid a traffic conflict or when directed by a police officer or an official traffic-control device.

Keeping bike lanes clear helps bicyclists travel predictably and reduces the chance of conflicts between bicycles and vehicles. It also reminds drivers to look for people riding bicycles before turning or changing lanes.

The law is part of a broader effort to improve transportation safety for drivers, bicyclists and other road users. When driving near a bike lane, slow down, check your surroundings and give bicyclists the space they need.



For more information on this and other traffic laws, please email the Police Department at ltpd@cityoflonetree.com or call the non-emergency number at 303-799-0533. ♦

SPOT IT. STOP IT. REPORT IT.

LEARN ABOUT CRIME ALERTS AND SCAM AWARENESS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE

Burglary Prevention

Lone Tree has experienced a few burglaries over the past few months similar to incidents that have been reported in Douglas County. These incidents typically involve homes that back up to open space, with entry occurring from areas of the property that are accessible from those open spaces.

The Lone Tree Police Department encourages residents to stay alert and be aware of their surroundings. If you notice suspicious activity or hear unusual noises in your neighborhood, please call 9-1-1 right away. Reporting concerns promptly can help officers respond quickly and keep our community safe.



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Home break-ins can happen anytime, but with a few precautions, you can significantly reduce the risk of becoming a victim. Follow these tips to keep your home safe and secure:

- 1. Please exercise caution when posting on social media before or during your vacation:** Individuals may monitor such posts and use the information to determine when a residence is unoccupied.
- 2. Lock It Up:** Always lock doors and windows - even when you are home. Don't forget to close garage doors and side gates.
- 3. Light It Up:** Keep your property well-lit with motion-sensor lights around entry points. Bright homes are less appealing to burglars.
- 4. Be Neighborly:** Watch out for each other. A tight-knit community is a safer community. Report suspicious activity to local authorities.
- 5. Secure Valuables:** Avoid leaving expensive items visible from windows and store them in a safe or secure location.

6. Use Technology: Install security cameras or smart doorbells to monitor and deter intruders. Install and use home security systems for your home.

7. Hire reputable contractors: You should always exercise caution and do thorough due diligence before letting anyone work inside or outside your home.

Viral Video Promotes Fake Federal Property Tax Form

The Douglas County Assessor's Office is warning older homeowners about a viral online video spreading false claims about a nonexistent federal property tax relief program.



The video claims that Congress passed a law providing significant property tax savings for older homeowners. It directs viewers to contact their county assessor and request a "Senior Homeowner Tax Review Request," which the video claims is "mandated by federal law."

There is no federal form, federal law or federal stimulus program called the "Senior Homeowner Tax Review Request."

The Douglas County Assessor's Office has received calls and emails from residents asking for the purported form and requesting a comprehensive review of every senior property tax reduction or benefit for which they might qualify.

Colorado has legitimate property tax relief programs, but each program is established under Colorado law, has specific eligibility requirements and requires an official application.

The assessor's office encourages residents to rely on trusted government sources and contact their office with questions at douglasco.gov/assessor ♦

LONE TREE POLICE TAKE ACTION ON STREET RACING



Street racing and informal vehicle meetups can create dangerous conditions for participants, drivers and nearby residents. These gatherings often involve young adults who may not fully understand the risks or the impact on the surrounding community.

The Lone Tree Police Department works with a regional task force of law enforcement partners to share information about street racing and meetups and coordinate responses. Officers also patrol areas where these gatherings may occur, including Park Meadows Retail Resort, Cabela's and other large parking lots, with the goal of preventing or dispersing unsafe activity.

When officers observe racing or other unsafe driving, they enforce applicable traffic laws. The Police Department also works with private property owners to address trespassing and may issue trespassing citations when appropriate.

Residents who see street racing or vehicle meetups in progress are encouraged to report them by calling the Police Department's non-emergency line at 303-799-0533 or if it's an emergency, please call 9-1-1. Contacting the Police Department helps officers identify patterns, respond to activity and work with regional partners and property owners to address street racing and vehicle meetups. ♦

BEAR AWARE IN LONE TREE

Bear sightings have been more common in Lone Tree this summer and are anticipated to continue in the fall. Drought conditions have reduced the bears' natural food sources, bringing them into the City to search for food.

Most bears are simply passing through and will move on if they do not find anything to eat. Residents can help prevent unwanted visits by removing things that attract bears:

- Secure trash and wait until collection day to place containers outside.
- Clean grills thoroughly after use.
- Keep pet food, human food and other scented items indoors.
- Remove bird feeders.
- Pick ripe fruit from trees.
- Keep children and pets inside when a bear is nearby.

If you see a bear, do not approach it, follow it or stop to take pictures. Keep your distance and give it a clear way to leave. From a safe location, you may try to encourage it to move along by yelling, banging pots and pans or activating a car alarm.

If you encounter a bear at close range, do not run. Face the bear, back away slowly, make yourself appear larger and make loud noises.



Who to Contact

- Immediate threat or aggressive bear: Call 9-1-1.
- Bear sighting or non-emergency concerns:
Contact the Lone Tree Police Department at 303-799-0533.
- Wildlife-related questions or follow-up:
Contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)
at 303-297-1192 or DNR_wildlife.cpwinfo@state.co.us.

CPW determines the appropriate response based on the bear's behavior, location and level of risk to public safety. A sighting alone may not require a CPW response. Lone Tree Police will support CPW when needed, help keep the community safe and provide information to residents.

For more information,
visit cityoflonetree.com/police/wildlife-bears.

Photos by Lone Tree resident Michelle Benewitz ♦

OPEN HOUSE SETS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

In August, the City and Design Workshop, the City's consulting team on the project, hosted a community open house at the Lone Tree Arts Center as part of the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) update. Approximately 30 community members attended to learn about the project and share ideas about future development in Lone Tree.

The UDC will help implement Lone Tree Elevated, the City's Comprehensive Plan, by bringing land use, development review, subdivision, and design standards together in a clear, modern code.



An Interactive, Self-Guided Conversation

The open house was a self-guided, interactive experience with stations covering various topics such as site design, parking, transportation and connectivity, mixed-use zoning, accessory dwelling units, signs, landscaping and natural resources, public spaces, and park dedication standards. Each station connected the topic to goals in Lone Tree Elevated and invited participants to consider preferences and tradeoffs.

Participants provided input through dot voting, preference exercises, written comments, and conversations with City staff and the consultant team.

What We Heard

Walkability and Connectivity:

Continuous sidewalks, safe crossings, shade, lighting, and direct connections to trails, parks, transit, and other destinations.

Active Mixed-Use Places:

Public-facing ground-floor uses, outdoor seating, gathering spaces, and small storefronts that create walkable destinations.

Parking:

Functional parking that does not dominate site design, supported by landscaping, screening, shared parking, and thoughtful placement.

High-quality, Maintainable Design:

Attractive and compatible signs, climate-appropriate landscaping, safe site design, and attention to long-term maintenance.

Connected Parks and Public Spaces:

Trails, nature, gathering opportunities, flexible recreation, and flexibility in how development contributes to broader park priorities.



What Comes Next

The open house is one part of a broader engagement and technical process. The City and Design Workshop will use feedback to identify issues and opportunities, evaluate approaches, and develop draft recommendations.

The City will share additional opportunities to participate as the UDC update advances. A detailed Open House Engagement Summary will also be posted on the City's UDC website for readers who would like to review the full results. Continued community participation will help translate the vision of Lone Tree Elevated into clear development regulations that support Lone Tree's character and quality of life.

During the next phase, the City's engagement efforts will focus on the Parks, Open Space and Trails (POST) Master Plan. The objectives of the POST plan are to foster a connected and holistic system of public spaces; strengthen partnerships among the City's park providers; and provide consistent guidance for the planning, design, and maintenance of parks, open space, and trails.

The POST plan will evaluate the City's existing plans and agreements regarding our current parks, open space,

and trail system. It will identify community needs and priorities and establish a long-term framework for future improvements. The POST will build on the community vision established in Lone Tree Elevated as well as feedback received through the UDC open house.

At the same time, City staff will begin preliminary drafting of the UDC. The two efforts are closely connected: recommendations from the POST plan will help inform UDC standards for parks, trails, landscaping, maintenance, and park dedication. The City will provide additional information and engagement opportunities as both projects advance. Please see the POST or UDC project webpages for more information. Both pages include a link to join the email list for project updates.



To learn more, visit

<https://go.cityoflonetree.com/POSTmasterplan> ♦



COME CURIOUS PRE-SHOW TALKS DEEPEN YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THE ARTS CENTER

In a brief, engaging conversation before the show, audiences discover the stories, history, and ideas behind the performances on stage.



There's something special about experiencing a great performance. But sometimes, knowing just a little more about what you're about to see can make the experience even richer.

What inspired the artist? Where did an art form come from? How did a particular style of music evolve? And what should you listen or look for once the performance begins?

Throughout the Lone Tree Arts Center's 2026–2027 season, audiences will have opportunities to explore questions like these through a series of pre-show talks offered before select performances.

Designed to be approachable, engaging, and informative, these brief conversations provide context that helps audiences see or hear, a performance through a new lens. There's no homework and no expertise required. Just arrive a little early and bring your curiosity.

Last season, audiences explored topics as varied as the history of the circus and its evolution into contemporary performance, the development and enduring appeal of Robert Harling's *Steel Magnolias*, and the art of "crooning" that helped define generations of popular singers. Each offered a different way into the performance that followed.

The Lone Tree Arts Center's 15th anniversary season offers plenty of opportunities for discovery. The 2026–2027 lineup spans jazz, theatre, dance, contemporary circus, classical music, folk traditions, popular music,

2026 Pre-Show Talks

Always... Patsy Cline

Sunday, October 11 - 12:45 p.m. —1:05 p.m.

Thursday, October 15 - 6:45 p.m. —7:05 p.m.

Thursday, October 22 - 6:45 p.m. —7:05 p.m.

1931 Film "Frankenstein"

with Music by Michael Shapiro

Saturday, October 31 - 6:45 p.m. —7:05 p.m.

Broadway's Ali Stroker

Saturday, November 14 - 6:45 p.m. —7:05 p.m.

Suzy Bogguss: A Swingin' Little Christmas

Sunday, November 29 - 6:15 p.m. —6:35 p.m.

Kalani Pe'a's Hawaiian Christmas

Wednesday, December 2 - 6:45 p.m. —7:05 p.m.

Motones vs. Jerseys: Holiday Hi-Fi

Wednesday, December 16 - 6:45 p.m. —7:05 p.m.

and artists from around the world. Behind every one of those performances is a story.

Some are rooted in centuries-old artistic traditions. Others reflect a particular moment in American history or represent an artist who changed the trajectory of an entire genre. Even something familiar can become new again when you discover the people, places, and ideas that helped create it.

Pre-show talks are an opportunity to explore some of those stories together—and then experience the performance with a little more context and perhaps an entirely new perspective. ♦

MEET THE CAST

ADRIANE LEIGH ROBINSON STEPS INTO THE SHOES OF PATSY CLINE

Fresh off a Henry Award-winning performance at the Lone Tree Arts Center, Adriane Leigh Robinson returns to take on one of the most recognizable voices in American music.

Last fall, Lone Tree audiences met Adriane Leigh Robinson as Billie Bendix, the quick-witted bootlegger at the center of the Gershwin musical comedy *Nice Work If You Can Get It*. Her charming performance helped make the production an audience favorite—and earned Robinson a Henry Award when *Nice Work* made history with 12 wins at this summer's Colorado Theatre Guild Henry Awards.

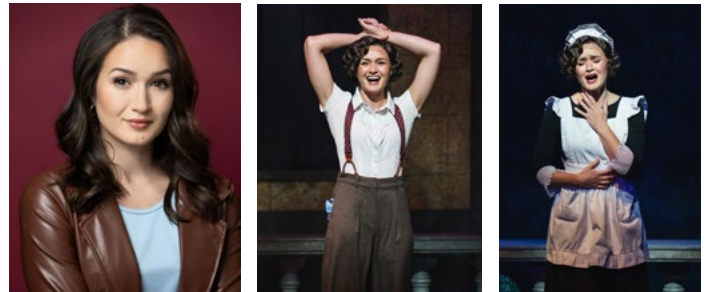
Now, she's returning to the Lone Tree Arts Center stage. But this time, she's trading the Jazz Age melodies of George and Ira Gershwin for the unmistakable sound of a country music legend.

Robinson stars as Patsy Cline in LTAC's production of *Always... Patsy Cline*, opposite acclaimed Colorado actress Emma Messenger as Louise Seger. Based on the true story of a friendship that developed between Cline and Seger after a chance meeting in 1961, the musical offers an intimate glimpse at the woman behind such enduring hits as "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," and "Walkin' After Midnight."

We caught up with Robinson as she prepared to make the leap from Billie Bendix to Patsy Cline.

Q: Patsy Cline is such an iconic figure, with a voice that people recognize almost instantly. How do you approach portraying a real person without simply trying to imitate her?

A: I think portraying an icon, such as Patsy Cline, requires an actor to find the human being behind the phenomenon, and really tap into who she was as a person first and foremost. Patsy's fans are drawn to her not only because she had a voice of gold, but because she could emote so clearly through her music, and sing empathetically. Patsy was a mother of two, a wife, and a traveling musician who had to collaborate with others on a daily basis - and that is where her immense relatability comes from - who she was as a person, not just a performer. Patsy Cline has very little dialogue in this show, and communicates mostly through song, so it's up to me as the actor to bring her back to life not only through vocal imitation, but by embodying who I believe she was...a grounded, caring, constant professional. I have played real icons in the past, such as Cynthia Weil in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, and I found it profoundly helpful to sprinkle in bits of myself



that I associated with the character - making her feel so much more real.

Q: *Always... Patsy Cline* is as much a story about friendship as it is about music. What can audiences expect from the relationship between Patsy and Louise Seger?

A: I hope the audience feels an immediate spark between Emma (Louise) and myself! Emma is an actress I have admired for years, and I cannot wait for not only our characters, but for the two of us, to form a beautiful friendship. Louise and Patsy are both mothers, lovers of music, and victims of heartbreak, I hope the fast friendship that develops between them inspires the audience to call their dearest friends to catch up.

Q: You're going from the Jazz Age comedy and Gershwin score of *Nice Work If You Can Get It* to the very different musical world of *Patsy Cline*. As an actor and singer, what's fun about making that kind of leap from one role to another?

A: A music director in town once called me a chameleon, and that is precisely how I wish to be seen throughout my body of work! Although both Billie and Patsy have a warm, rich tone... that is where their similarities end. Singing through *Always... Patsy Cline* has challenged me to sing with wide, forward-placed vowels, straight tones, and yodel flips... which you rarely find in classical musical theatre. The fact that these two scores are so different is such a welcome and fun challenge for me!

Lone Tree audiences who saw her as Billie Bendix already know one version of Adriane Leigh Robinson. This fall, they'll have the chance to meet another—and, through her, discover a more personal side of the woman behind one of country music's most unforgettable voices. ♦

Always... Patsy Cline
October 8 — October 25, 2026
 Lone Tree Arts Center
LoneTreeArtsCenter.org



COLORADO GIVES DAY A LITTLE GENEROSITY GOES A LONG WAY

This December, join thousands of Coloradans in supporting the organizations that make our communities stronger.

What if thousands of people across Colorado came together with one simple goal: support the organizations and causes that make our state a better place to live?

That's the idea behind Colorado Gives Day, an annual statewide celebration of generosity—and this year, the Lone Tree Arts Center is proud to participate for the second time.



You can be a part of the Colorado statewide giving movement.

Colorado Gives Day began in 2010, when Colorado Gives Foundation (then known as Community First Foundation) and FirstBank created a statewide day dedicated to supporting Colorado nonprofits. What started with \$8 million in donations during its inaugural year has grown into one of the largest giving events of its kind in the country. Since 2010, Coloradans have contributed more than half a billion dollars through the annual event.

In 2025 alone, more than 103,000 donors gave \$56.6 million to 4,623 Colorado nonprofits—supporting everything from food banks and animal shelters to education, healthcare, environmental causes and, of course, the arts.

Give Where You Live

Part of what makes Colorado Gives Day special is its simplicity.

ColoradoGives.org brings thousands of verified Colorado nonprofits together in one place, allowing donors to discover organizations, learn about their work, and support one or several causes through a single online platform.

For the Lone Tree Arts Center, Colorado Gives Day offers another easy way for our community to help ensure that remarkable arts experiences remain accessible to everyone.

When you make a gift to the Lone Tree Arts Center Fund (the nonprofit arm of the Lone Tree Arts Center), you're supporting much more than what happens on stage. Philanthropic support helps introduce thousands of children to live performance, creates thoughtful arts experiences for older adults and people with disabilities, brings extraordinary artists to Lone Tree, and helps ensure that the Arts Center remains a place where everyone can experience the connection, discovery and joy of the arts.

Find a Cause You Love

Of course, the Lone Tree Arts Center is just one of thousands of worthy organizations participating.

Colorado Gives Day is also an opportunity to think about the causes that matter most to you. Maybe it's an organization that helped your family. Maybe you care deeply about animals, the environment, education, healthcare or the arts. Maybe there are several organizations you'd like to support.

Early giving begins November 1, and donations made during the early giving period count toward Colorado Gives Day on December 8, 2026.

So this giving season, consider supporting the Lone Tree Arts Center—and then discover another Colorado nonprofit doing work you believe in. Visit ColoradoGives.org and search for Lone Tree Arts Center Fund to make a gift or simply scan the QR code on this page. ♦



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE MOVES FORWARD

The City of Lone Tree's Safe Routes to School initiative is moving into its next phase, building on the City's Active Transportation Plan and City Council's commitment to making it safer and easier for students to walk and bike throughout the community. The initiative considers safety and mobility from several perspectives, including education, engineering, encouragement, evaluation, engagement and equity. Together, this work will help students travel to and from school more safely and comfortably.

Listening to the Community

Before conducting walk audits, the project team completed a high-level review of each school to prepare for the audits, understand existing conditions and identify barriers and opportunities.

The findings helped shape targeted recommendations focused on improving safety, accessibility and connections for students, families and the broader community. The City hosted walk audits at Eagle Ridge Elementary in November 2025, Lone Tree Elementary in February 2026 and Ascent Academy in May 2026.

Principals, teachers, students, parents, Douglas County School District representatives, Public Works staff and Lone Tree Police School Resource Officers participated in the assessments. Together, they looked at sidewalks, crossings, bicycle and trail connections, school-zone treatments, traffic flow and vehicle access. The goal was to identify barriers and opportunities that can make it safer and easier for students and families to walk, bike or roll to school.

Identifying School-Specific Improvements

Walk audits and field assessments resulted in recommendations for each school:

- **Heritage Hills Circle at Commons Street**
Consider future median refuge island or three-way stop
- **Troon Village Drive at Yosemite Street**
A potential bike-lane extension
- **Heritage Hills Circle between Yosemite Street and Brook Hill Avenue**
Designate as a shared sidewalk facility
- **Bicycle and scooter parking at Lone Tree Elementary**
Coordination with Douglas County School District

Improvements Already Underway

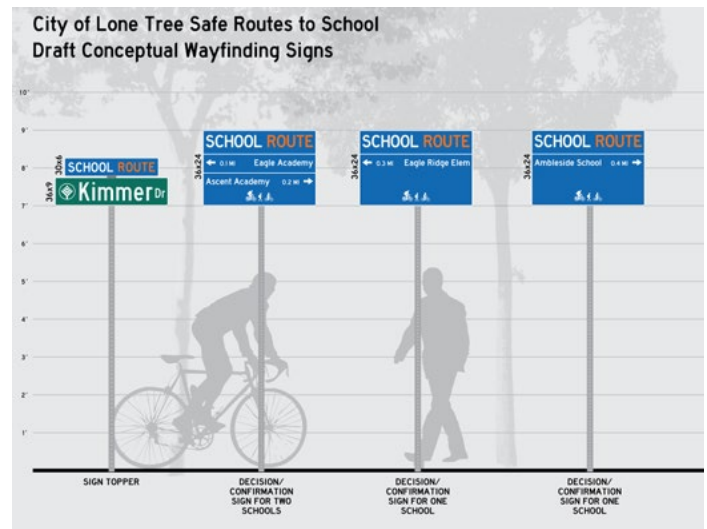
The City has begun work on several immediate improvements:

- Crosswalks and signage at Lone Tree Elementary have been upgraded,

- Near the Wildcat Trail crossing by Eagle Ridge, new rapid rectangular flashing beacons were installed on Timberline Road
- The bike lane and signage along Lone Tree Parkway near Ambleside have been improved.

Updating School-Zone Signs

The City is also updating school-zone signs to comply with Colorado House Bill 26-1318. The legislation took effect in August 2026, requiring existing school zones to be established with signage at least 200 feet in advance of school property and calls for "School Zone/Fines Doubled" signs on roadways approaching school zones. Future schools may be required as local governments can reduce that 1,000-foot school zone through a process highlighted in the legislation.



Looking Ahead

September: Finalize sign design and location(s)

September/October: Install signs

August/September: Update Safe Routes to School signs to match HB 26-1318

September/October: Work with schools on communications and support "bike bus" implementation.

October: Identify additional short-term projects for implementation in 2027.



For more information, visit <https://go.cityoflonetree.com/saferoutes> or email Dan Raine, Mobility Manager, at dan.raine@cityoflonetree.com. ♦

CONNECTING THE DOTS

A New Bikeway Helps Complete a Larger Network

A Safer, More Connected Havana Street

Construction on the South Havana Street Bikeway is approaching its final stages of construction, with completion anticipated this winter. Havana Street is already a popular recreational bicycling route in northern Douglas County, and this project is intended to make the corridor safer, more comfortable and better connected for people walking and biking.

The project extends along South Havana Street from Rail Way to Surrey Drive, adding dedicated bicycle facilities, pedestrian improvements and a new fully signalized intersection to improve safety and access to regional transit and nearby destinations. Improvements also include ADA-compliant ramps and other pedestrian enhancements. The project fills an essential missing link in the regional bikeway network, connecting RidgeGate Parkway with the Happy Canyon Creek Regional Trail and improving access to RTD facilities, Schweiger Ranch and Tall Tales Ranch.

The Havana Street project is easier to understand when viewed as more than a single bikeway. In a remarkably compact area around Havana Street, RidgeGate Parkway, historic Schweiger Ranch and Happy Canyon Creek, several public, private and nonprofit projects are taking shape concurrently. Together, they are creating connections among transit, trails, parks, historic property, new neighborhoods and a new residential community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

A Partnership Behind the Bikeway

The Havana Street Bikeway is itself the product of several agencies working together. The City of Lone Tree

is the project owner and administers the construction contract. Funding is being provided through the Colorado Department of Transportation and Rampart Range Metropolitan District. The District also provides project oversight through its resident project representative, including inspection and materials testing.

This partnership reflects a broader regional effort to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity while delivering publicly funded infrastructure responsibly and efficiently.

Schweiger Ranch and Tall Tales Ranch

That coordination becomes especially visible near historic Schweiger Ranch. The Havana bikeway is designed to improve walking and bicycling connections to both Schweiger Ranch and neighboring Tall Tales Ranch.

Tall Tales is being developed on four acres of Schweiger Ranch property provided through a land lease from the Schweiger Ranch Foundation. The planned community will provide housing and supportive community space for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities directly across from the RidgeGate Parkway light rail station.

Its location makes the surrounding transportation network especially important. The bikeway, nearby trails and new pedestrian connections are helping create safer and more direct access among housing, transit, recreation and community destinations.

Douglas County Bridges Another Gap

Immediately adjacent, Douglas County is building another important piece of the network.

In January 2026, County Commissioners approved a contract for a pedestrian bridge across Happy Canyon Creek. The bridge is part of a larger trail connection extending from the South Havana Street sidewalk near Tall Tales Ranch, across the creek, to the Happy Canyon Creek Regional Trail. Douglas County is leading the project in partnership with Lone Tree, Tall Tales Ranch, Parker Water and Sanitation District and South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

The connection will improve access to trails, open space, parks and recreation, while also strengthening the connection to the nearby Havana Street RTD station. Douglas County has specifically described mobility and access to open space as important quality-of-life benefits of the project.





Happy Canyon Creek: Several Projects, One Work Zone

At the same time, Mile High Flood District is managing the larger Happy Canyon Creek stream-improvement project in coordination with Lone Tree and Rampart Range Metropolitan District. The work includes stabilizing the creek channel and banks while also adding portions of the Happy Canyon Creek regional trail network.

The projects are so close together that their construction limits actually overlap, requiring extensive coordination among project sponsors and contractors. Rather than having multiple contractors restore the same area at different times, the agencies and contractors have collaborated to bring these projects together in a logical and fiscally responsible manner. That kind of coordination may not be obvious once the pavement, sidewalks and landscaping are finished, but it is an important example of how several independent projects can be delivered efficiently in the same area while minimizing duplicated work and unnecessary cost.

Connecting to High Note Park

The connections continue toward High Note Park.

The 80-acre regional park along Happy Canyon Creek was included in the long-range vision associated with Lone Tree residents' approval of the RidgeGate annexation in 2000. Phase One broke ground in April 2026 and will connect the park to the Happy Canyon Creek Trail, and therefore to Schweiger Ranch and the East West Regional Trail. The park itself is another regional partnership involving Lone Tree, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Douglas County and other funding partners.

A Vision Taking Shape

There is a longer historical continuity to all of this.

Soon after Lone Tree incorporated, the City's first Comprehensive Plan envisioned "a network of tree-lined streets and trails connecting attractive community facilities." It also called for "cooperative and coordinated planning and public service delivery between the City, the County and service providers to the City." Nearly three decades later, both ideas are visible on the ground just east of I-25.

The individual projects have different owners, funding sources, contractors, schedules and purposes. One improves a street. Another crosses a creek. Another stabilizes that creek. Another creates a home and community. Another builds a regional park.

Yet because they are being planned and constructed within the same small area—and because the agencies and contractors are coordinating the details—each makes the others more useful.

That may ultimately be the most important part of the Havana Street Bikeway story. Completing a transportation and trail network rarely happens through one project. It happens connection by connection, and through the less-visible daily work of coordinating designs, funding, schedules, construction access, inspections and responsibilities among many partners. ♦

PARK MEADOWS RETAIL RESORT 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The City of Lone Tree was proud to join Park Meadows Retail Resort in celebrating its 30th anniversary! The event brought the community together for an evening of music, family-friendly activities and plenty of fun. We enjoyed connecting with residents, visitors, local businesses and community partners while celebrating three decades of Park Meadows Retail Resort as an important economic contributor of Lone Tree.



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THE CHARTER NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER FESTIVAL



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Sharing the stories of the people who call Lone Tree home

LONE TREE: THE SIPPELS' LAST STOP

Martha and Roger Sippel first lived in southeast Denver, where they enjoyed being close to Washington Park and their downtown jobs. In 1989, they moved to Cherry Creek Vista in unincorporated Arapahoe County. They enjoyed being near Cherry Creek State Park and neighborhood trails, but Roger's commute downtown eventually became too time-consuming. They also wanted a smaller-town atmosphere and a neighborhood with a homeowners' association (HOA) that helped ensure properties were well maintained.

While driving south of County Line Road one day, Martha noticed the newer Lone Tree area. Their realtor understood what they were looking for and helped them find their dream home in Carriage Club near the Bluffs Regional Park. The home backs to open space and trails, and the couple created a xeriscaped, native-looking backyard. They quickly began meeting neighbors on their cul-de-sac, where they still live today.

"Our joke has been that we move eight miles south each time," said Martha. "But Lone Tree is our last stop."

Putting Down Roots

When the Sippels arrived in 2003, Lone Tree looked very different. There was no Lone Tree Arts Center, and much of the area was still developing. They remember seeing a herd of antelope where Target is now.

Today, they enjoy walking the Bluffs and other trails with Kali, their rescued black Labrador mix, and enjoying Lone Tree's restaurants, shopping, recreation opportunities and easy access to I-25 and C-470. They also appreciate the light rail and Link on Demand, which make it easier to get around. Safety is another reason they are grateful to call Lone Tree home.

"We feel very safe here," added Martha. "The police patrol regularly, and the response time is important to us."

Martha and Roger are retired - or, as Martha prefers to say, "rewired." Roger worked as a geologist, while Martha worked as a geologist, technical communicator, and user experience designer.

Her approach was to treat people the way she wanted to be treated, a philosophy that helped her build strong working relationships that continues to guide her community service.



Serving the Community

Martha had volunteered with two professional organizations during her career, where she enjoyed the camaraderie and mentoring others. After moving to Lone Tree, she believes it was friend and former Mayor Jackie Millet who encouraged her to apply to serve on the City's Planning Commission.

Martha was appointed in 2007, initially filling the remainder of another commissioner's term. She was then appointed to two additional terms and served until 2016.

During an important period of Lone Tree's early growth, she was involved in discussions surrounding projects such as Cabela's, the Charles Schwab campus, the Lone Tree Arts Center and Montecito. She also advocated for stronger commissioner onboarding and training and helped develop a robust comprehensive plan and more thoughtful design guidelines.



One lesson she learned was that residents do not always realize what a city can and cannot control when it comes to development.

"The City doesn't decide which businesses come to Lone Tree," Martha explained. "But design guidelines help determine how buildings look and how they fit into the community."

After reaching her term limit on the Planning Commission, Martha was encouraged by two Councilmembers to apply for the Park Meadows Metropolitan District Board. She was appointed in 2016 to complete a previous director's term, elected in 2018 and again in 2022, and served until she reached her term limit in 2025.



The district includes Park Meadows, 13 HOAs west of Yosemite Street, and The Enclave and the Safeway shopping center east of Yosemite Street. Its work includes landscaping, raised medians, brick walls, lighting, traffic and safety, and other improvements that contribute to the district's appearance.

Martha describes the work as a collaboration among the City, businesses, residential communities and other partners. The district also financially supported City projects (parkmeadowsmetrodistrict.org/projects) involving repaving, the pedestrian bridge and the bike bridge.

Today, she continues to serve her neighborhood through the Carriage Club HOA, which includes approximately 430 homes. She helps residents understand neighborhood issues, including water restrictions and design guidelines, in the context of the larger community.

"I think it's important to participate where you live and give back," she said. "I may not be able to make a difference in the whole world, but I hope I can be a part of making a difference in my community."

A Community of Neighbors

The Sippels live on a cul-de-sac with 19 homes. Over the

years, neighbors have shared dinners, delivered fresh peaches and gathered for National Night Out. Many of the children who once played on the street have grown up, but the neighborhood connections remain. The couple also enjoys the wildlife that makes Lone Tree feel like home.

"We call it wild kingdom here," said Martha.

Deer, coyotes, foxes, bobcats and many different birds are regular visitors. The occasional bear also makes an appearance, and Martha once saw a mountain lion during a major winter storm.

The Lone Tree Arts Center is one of their favorite places to visit. Both enjoy attending performances there, and their favorite natural place in the City is the Bluffs. They also enjoy Fourth of July celebrations, Merry Days, concerts, ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings and grand openings.

"There is always something fun to do," added Martha.

Looking Ahead

The Sippels are excited about Lone Tree's future. They look forward to the continued development of the east side of the City and appreciate the thoughtful planning shaping the community.

Martha is especially hopeful to see open space preserved. "Open space is a precious commodity," she said.

They also believe a strong community needs more than homes. Gathering places, entertainment, arts and events help create connections and give people reasons to stay close to home.

For Martha and Roger, Lone Tree is more than a convenient place to live. It is a community they have helped shape, a neighborhood filled with people they know and the place they are proud to call home.

"Lone Tree is our forever home," said Roger.

Martha and Roger met at work on August 2, 1977. Nearly five decades later, they still enjoy skiing, hiking, golfing, traveling, lunches and dinners with friends and attending local events. Their advice for a lasting relationship is - "laugh, avoid taking everything too seriously and find activities you both enjoy. Having both common and separate interests and hobbies helps, too." ♦



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

MR. DONUTS

A Sweet Addition to Lone Tree

Mr. Donuts has been part of the Lone Tree community since 2015. In 2020, the shop welcomed its new owner, John Lee. Since then, it has become a familiar stop for residents looking for a fresh donut, a cup of coffee or something to bring home for the family.

Mr. Donuts offers a variety of options, including glazed and chocolate-covered donuts, filled donuts, apple fritters and croissant donuts. There are also specialty flavors for customers who want to try something different. Coffee and other drinks are available to round out the morning.

Customers stop by for all kinds of reasons. Some grab breakfast on the way to work, while others pick up a weekend treat or a box of donuts for the office. For families, a visit can be a simple way to make an ordinary

morning a little more special.

The owner has focused on keeping the shop welcoming and the food fresh. They take pride in the personal service that comes with running a local business and appreciate getting to know the people who walk through the door.

For Lee, being part of Lone Tree means more than operating a business. It means serving the neighbors who have made the shop part of their daily routines and contributing to the community.

Whether you are stopping in for a single donut, ordering a dozen to share or looking for a favorite morning coffee, Mr. Donuts offers a convenient neighborhood spot for a fresh treat right here in Lone Tree. ♦



Visit Us in Lone Tree:
8854 Maximus Drive
720-573-9944

RIBBON CUTTINGS AND GRAND OPENINGS

The City likes to celebrate new businesses! 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.

Entertainment District

SereniTea Spa & Tea Lounge

9447 Park Meadows Drive
mutaoserenitea.com
720-708-3180

SereniTea Spa & Tea Lounge is a unique wellness destination in Lone Tree, bringing together Asian-inspired wellness traditions and a modern tea lounge experience. They offer professional massage therapy, head spa treatments, foot and hand care, and other relaxing wellness services in a beautiful and welcoming environment. Their tea lounge features specialty teas, handcrafted beverages, and Asian-inspired treats for guests to enjoy before or after their treatments. Their goal is to create a space where wellness, relaxation, and culture come together.



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RidgeGate East

The Onyx Apartments

10750 Wildtale Road
livetheonyx.com
719-679-5027

The Onyx, a new luxury apartment community in Lone Tree, recently celebrated its grand opening. The community, offered by Century Communities, includes 327 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments designed around wellness and resort-style living. Amenities include a full spa with a sauna, steam room, cold plunge and outdoor hot tubs; a 5,000-square-foot, two-story fitness center; a four-season pool; co-working spaces; a dog park; and an on-site market. The Onyx is located east of I-25 along RidgeGate Parkway near the future King Soopers Marketplace and High Note Park.



LONE TREE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

SMALL PAWS, BIG IMPACT LOCAL PUPPY RAISERS GIVE THE BLIND GREATER INDEPENDENCE AND CONFIDENCE



Did you know we have a local puppy raising club for Guide Dogs for the Blind right here in Lone Tree? Are you looking for a meaningful way to volunteer and give back to your community? Consider becoming a volunteer puppy raiser or sitter for Guide Dogs for the Blind. It's worth mentioning that two of the unique benefits of volunteering are endless cuddles and built-in adventure.

Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) is one of the largest guide dog schools in the world. Nearly 18,000 clients from across the U.S. and Canada have graduated from GDB since its founding in 1942. All of GDB's services are provided free of charge to its clients who are blind or visually impaired. GDB receives no government funding; all of its services are made possible by the generous support of donors and volunteers.

Volunteer puppy raisers and puppy sitters are a critical part of a dog's journey to becoming a guide dog. Puppy raisers receive a guide dog puppy at approximately 10 weeks old. For about a year, puppy raisers are responsible for teaching puppies good manners and obedience, while providing comprehensive socialization experiences for them. Then, the pups return to one of GDB's campuses for formal guide dog training, affectionately called "guide dog college," where they spend time honing their skills with professional guide dog trainers.



GDB has about 100 local puppy raising clubs like the Lone Tree/Highlands Ranch Puppy Raisers, which has been active for more than 25 years. The club has raisers in Lone Tree, Parker, Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch, Centennial, Littleton, Roxborough, Ken Caryl, Lakewood, and other communities throughout the Denver area.

The club is always looking for new volunteer raisers, which will help reduce GDB client wait times to get a guide dog. Darlene and Maddie White, a mother/daughter raising team who have raised 13 puppies for GDB, are two of the leaders of the puppy raising club,





and they can attest that this type of volunteering may turn out to be one of the most fulfilling experiences a person can have.

"I absolutely love seeing the freedom and independence that one of our puppies ends up providing to a client at Guide Dogs for the Blind after they go through formal training and are paired together," said Maddie White. "Being part of that mission is so rewarding, not to mention that puppy raising is one of the most fun jobs anyone could ever do."

The puppy raising club meets twice a month in Lone Tree to make sure all its raisers have everything they need to successfully raise a puppy. Club members, many of whom are longtime raisers, provide excellent support for each other throughout the puppy-raising process. The club also plans multiple group outings to socialize the puppies for future situations they might face when later serving as a guide dog for a client who is blind or visually impaired. These group outings have included visiting a local fire station (with a firefighter in full gear), touring local farms, and riding the light rail to provide puppies with the experience of taking public transportation.

In addition, GDB supports puppy clubs by being with volunteer puppy raisers every paw-stride of the way in the pup's journey. First and foremost, GDB covers veterinary expenses for puppies throughout their time with GDB. It also provides useful learning materials, workshops from a professional puppy-raising field manager, and other hands-on support and resources.

No prior dog training experience is necessary to become a GDB puppy raiser, and raisers are allowed to have other pets in their homes. Darlene White strongly encourages families to get involved in puppy raising.

"Raising a puppy together is such a great family project," said Darlene White. "We've seen young people flourish before our eyes when raising a puppy, as their confidence grows in real time at the same time the puppy grows."

If you're interested in becoming a puppy raiser for GDB and getting paid in unconditional love while giving back, visit guidedogs.com/puppy. ♦

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