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DEEP ROOTS. NEW HEIGHTS.



GATHER 'ROUND FOR MERRY DAYS

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING, FIREWORKS & FESTIVE FUN



Minutes with Mayor Harmon

Dear Residents, Businesses, and Visitors of Lone Tree,

As we close out 2026, I hope you have a chance to slow down, spend time with the people you love and enjoy the holiday season here in Lone Tree. This is also a wonderful time to reflect on how far we've come as a community and this year, we have a great deal to celebrate!

Some of our most meaningful accomplishments in 2026 began years ago, around meeting tables, through conversations with residents and with decisions to plan for the future. This year, we saw that work become places that will serve our community for generations.

Our new Justice Center and Public Works facility are two milestones I am especially proud of. Their value will be felt in everyday moments: when someone walks through the doors looking for help, when crews head out before sunrise to clear snow from our streets, and when our employees have the space and equipment to do their jobs well. These facilities help us meet today's needs while preparing us to deliver the high-quality services our growing community will need tomorrow.

We're also seeing years of work take shape at High Note Park. I look forward to the day when families gather there, neighbors meet for a walk, and children make their first memories in a place that so many people helped bring to life.

None of this happens in a single year, or through the efforts of one City Council. It takes sustained commitment, careful financial decisions and partners willing to work toward a shared goal. Lone Tree's recognition as Small Community of the Year by the Economic Development Council of Colorado is a wonderful acknowledgment of that approach and something our entire community can take pride in.

Of course, the people behind these accomplishments deserve our thanks. Our employees bring dedication and care to their work every day. Volunteers give their time and talents. Local businesses invest in our community, create jobs and support our events and organizations. Residents share ideas, ask thoughtful questions and help us make better decisions. Our regional partners help turn ambitious plans into projects we can accomplish together. I am grateful for all of you.

As we look toward 2027, development and redevelopment are at the top of our list. We'll focus on our future City Center and the Entertainment District, while working to see current proposed projects through, including Lone Tree Village and its King Soopers Marketplace, Truck Yard, and Trammell Crow Company's mixed-use development at the former movie theater site. These projects will bring new places to live, shop, dine and gather, and I'm excited to see them take shape.

As we guide this growth, we'll stay focused on what you value: a high quality of life with safe neighborhoods, well-maintained streets, places to connect and a City that listens and responds.

During this holiday season, I encourage you to enjoy our local businesses and community celebrations, and to check in on a neighbor who might appreciate some company. Those small gestures matter, too.

I also hope you'll join us at Merry Days on December 4 at the Lone Tree Arts Center for our holiday tree lighting and a spectacular fireworks show! Bring your family, invite a neighbor and celebrate the season with us. These opportunities to come together and share in a little holiday magic are part of what makes Lone Tree such a special community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I'm proud of what we accomplished together this year, and I'm excited to see what the new year brings.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy 2027!

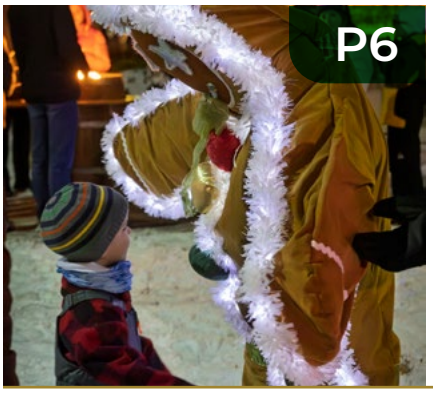
Gratefully yours,

Marissa Harmon

Mayor
City of Lone Tree

HIGHLIGHTS

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



Merry Days Holiday Tree Lighting and Fireworks

Friday, December 4, 5:30—7:30 p.m.
Lone Tree Arts Center, 10075 Commons Street
Lone Tree Library, 10055 Library Way
MorningStar Senior Living, 10100 Commons Street

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



Schweiger Ranch Austrian Christmas

Saturday, December 5, 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
Schweiger Ranch, 10822 S. Havana Street

Add a little Austrian charm to your holiday season at Schweiger Ranch's Austrian Christmas! Gather family and friends for a festive celebration in the heart of Lone Tree's historic ranch.



Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, December 9, 10—11 a.m.
Park Meadows Retail Resort Dining Hall

Grab a cup of coffee and stop by for conversation with Lone Tree Police Officers. This casual community event is a chance to ask questions and get to know the officers who serve Lone Tree.



Lone Tree Arts Center Performances

Lone Tree Arts Center, 10075 Commons Street

Suzy Bogguss: A Swingin' Little Christmas
Sunday, November 29, 7 p.m.

Kalani Pe'a's Hawaiian Christmas
Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.

Sensory Inclusive: The Holidays are for Phamaly and the Colorado Symphony
Tuesday, December 8, 7 p.m.

Motones vs. Jerseys: Holiday Hi-Fi
December 16—20

Holiday Family Movie: A Muppet Christmas Carol
Wednesday, December 23, 3 p.m.

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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

December 1	December 15

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2027

January 5	February 2	March 2
January 19	February 16	March 16

MEET YOUR LONE TREE CITY COUNCIL



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CITY OF LONE TREE NAMED COLORADO'S SMALL COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

State award recognizes planning, investment and careful management of public dollars

Lone Tree is pleased to announce it was named Colorado's Small Community of the Year by the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) at its EDIE Awards on September 24 in Cripple Creek. The annual EDIE Awards recognize people, businesses, communities and partnerships supporting economic development across Colorado.

The award recognizes how Lone Tree connects long-term planning with investments in jobs, housing, infrastructure and quality of life. For residents, that means new places to shop, more housing choices, parks to enjoy and reliable City services.

Lone Tree Elevated, the City's 20-year comprehensive plan, helps guide those decisions by bringing land use, transportation and economic growth together. A central part of that vision is the 3,500-acre RidgeGate development, planned to accommodate up to 50,000 jobs and 30,000 residents in a walkable setting with homes, businesses and community amenities.

That planning is taking shape across the community. The City committed $9 million toward High Note Park, an 80-acre project developed with regional partners. It has also attracted investment in a King Soopers-anchored retail hub at Lone Tree Village. Recent efforts to broaden the local economy include rezoning the Westbrook Entertainment & Sports District and opening Forte, a 101-unit affordable rental community for seniors.

Behind these projects is careful management of public dollars. Lone Tree operates without a municipal property tax and maintains an AA+ bond rating. Continued investment in infrastructure and public safety, along with arts, culture and recreation, helps make Lone Tree a place where people want to live, businesses want to locate and visitors want to spend time.

"Lone Tree has connected its long-term vision to the practical investments that make a community work," said Tyler Purvis, EDCC's 2026 Board Chair. "Their approach to infrastructure, housing, and economic diversity makes them a well-deserved recipient of this award."

The recognition reflects years of work by City Council, staff, businesses and regional partners, including Denver South. It also speaks to what a small city can accomplish through thoughtful planning, strong partnerships and a willingness to pursue big ideas.◆







LIGHT UP THE SEASON AT MERRY DAYS

An evening of holiday cheer, neighborhood traditions, and fireworks awaits in Lone Tree.



There's something special about the first holiday gathering of the season—the glow of twinkling lights, a warm drink in your hands, and the excitement of sharing it all with friends and neighbors.

On Friday, December 4, from 5:30–7:30 p.m., Lone Tree's Merry Days celebration brings that spirit to life. With activities at the Lone Tree Arts Center, the Lone Tree branch of the Douglas County Libraries, and MorningStar Senior Living at RidgeGate, you can create an evening filled with your favorite holiday traditions and discover a few new ones along the way.

S'mores at the 2026 Merry Days Celebration are sponsored by E470 Public Highway Authority.

Find Your Holiday Cheer

Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC)
Follow the festive spirit to the Lone Tree Arts Center, where hot chocolate and s'mores roasting set the scene for a cozy December evening. Browse the holiday market, visit Santa and his reindeer, and enjoy live music as the community gathers for the evening's signature celebration.

Local vocal favorite 5280 A Cappella performs at 5:45 p.m., bringing a musical welcome to the festivities. At 6:25 p.m., join Mayor Marissa Harmon for welcome remarks before the holiday tree lighting and fireworks, taking place between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. Stay for another performance by 5280 A Cappella at 6:45 p.m. and keep the celebration going.

Lone Tree Branch of Douglas County Libraries
Make time for a little holiday imagination at the Lone Tree Library. Enjoy cider, candy canes, and crafts, then settle in for a seasonal story.

With holiday story times at 6, 6:30, and 7 p.m., families have several opportunities to fit a story into their evening. Stop by before the tree lighting or wind down with a tale after the fireworks.

MorningStar Senior Living at RidgeGate
Put your holiday wishes into words at MorningStar, where letters to Santa, crafts, and cookie decorating offer plenty of ways to get creative.

Explore the holiday bazaar and stop at the photo booth to capture a memory of the evening. From carefully decorated cookies to wish lists headed for the North Pole, this stop is all about adding your own personal touch to the celebration.



Discover *Pollination*

Let curiosity bloom with *Pollination*, a temporary, interactive public art installation at the Lone Tree Arts Center inspired by flowers and the pollinators they attract. Vibrant colors and moving elements echo the ways flowers open and close, inviting visitors of all ages to touch, move, and explore. This playful, multisensory experience brings art and nature together for a discovery the whole family can share.

Check out this colorful, interactive piece in front of the Lone Tree Arts Center at 10075 Commons Street, located directly across the street from MorningStar Senior Living at RidgeGate.







A Sparkling Start to the Season

The holiday tree won't be the only thing lighting up the night. Fireworks will mark the occasion with a sparkling celebration, giving neighbors across the community another way to take part in Merry Days.

The tree lighting and fireworks take place between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m., with the festivities centered at the Lone Tree Arts Center. You can also enjoy the fireworks from these viewing locations:

- Prairie Sky Park
- Belvedere Park
- Along RidgeGate Parkway

Make the fireworks the centerpiece of your evening or a festive stop between activities. Gather with friends at a park, look up from the celebration at LTAC, or choose a viewing location that works for your family. Please use designated public areas and keep roads and sidewalks clear.

However you choose to celebrate, take a moment to enjoy the sight of Lone Tree lighting up for the holidays.

Bundle up, bring your holiday spirit, and join your neighbors for an evening of music, creativity, and celebration. ◆

Plan Your Merry Days Evening

Friday, December 4, 2026 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

5:45 p.m.	5280 A Cappella performance at LTAC
6 p.m.	Holiday Story Time at Lone Tree Library
6:25 p.m.	Mayor Harmon's welcome at LTAC
6:30 p.m.	Holiday Story Time at Lone Tree Library
6:30 p.m.	Holiday tree lighting at LTAC
6:30–6:45 p.m.	Fireworks are viewable from various locations around the city
6:45 p.m.	5280 A Cappella performance at LTAC
7 p.m.	Holiday Story Time at Lone Tree Library

A NEW VIEW ON PUBLIC SAFETY

LONE TREE POLICE LAUNCH DRONE PROGRAM



Whether searching for a missing child, locating a suspect, checking a building for potential threats, or preparing for a major City event, officers can't always get a complete picture from the ground. The Lone Tree Police Department's new Drone Program will give officers an aerial view of what is happening, support the department's response to events and help protect officers and the community.

A Better View, a Safer Approach

Launching this year, the program includes four drones: two designed for indoor use and two for outdoor operations. Known as small, unmanned aircraft systems (SUAS), the drones capture photos and video that help officers assess a scene and determine how to respond.

The Lone Tree Police Drone Program will help officers investigate crimes, locate and apprehend suspects, respond to emergencies, search for missing people, and detect and prevent criminal activity. The drones will also support emergency management efforts.

The program is different from a "Drone as First Responder (DFR)" program, which uses drones launched remotely from a permanent location to respond to calls before officers arrive. Lone Tree's program will not operate as a DFR program at this time.

Indoors, a drone can check rooms and other spaces for potential dangers before officers enter. The live video helps officers locate people, identify threats and better understand a building's layout while maintaining a safer distance.

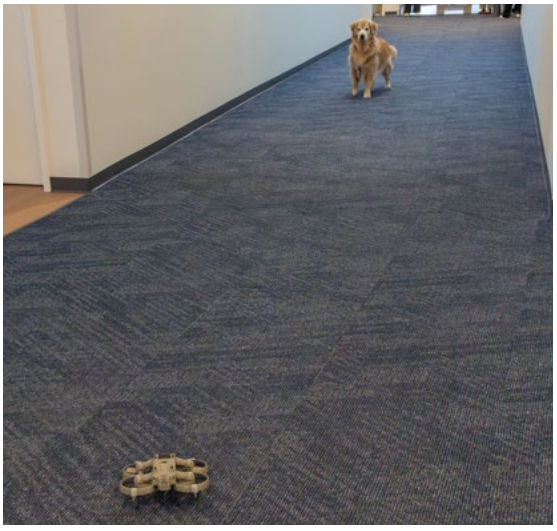
Outdoors, drones can search larger areas, locate missing children and adults, and document scenes for investigations and crash reconstruction. Night-vision capabilities will also help officers see in the dark.

The aerial view of drones helps officers better understand what they are responding to. As a situation unfolds, drone operators can share real-time information with responding officers, helping them determine the tools, tactics and resources needed to respond safely. This information can also support de-escalation, giving officers more time and distance to coordinate their approach and consider ways to resolve an incident peacefully.

Two Officers, One Safe Flight

The department's drones can fly for up to approximately 40 minutes, depending on the equipment and conditions. They are kept in police vehicles and operated by trained officers on the ground at the scene.









Department policy requires two police officers for drone operations: a pilot who controls the drone and an observer who watches for nearby aircraft, obstacles and other hazards. Working together allows the pilot to focus on flying while the observer helps keep the operation safe.

Lone Tree Police have previously called on other law enforcement agencies for drone assistance. Having their own equipment will make this resource more readily available while continuing to support regional partnerships.

Training and Responsible Use

The program will have 12 licensed operators who are all police officers, each with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107 remote pilot certification. Certification covers airspace rules, weather, emergency procedures, preflight inspections and nighttime operations. Pilots must complete recurrent FAA training every 24 calendar months.

Outdoor flights must follow applicable FAA requirements, including flight restrictions, authorization for controlled airspace and rules for maintaining visual contact with the drone. Flights generally remain at or below 400 feet above the ground unless an exception or authorization applies.

Privacy Protections

Protecting the public's privacy is a priority for the Lone Tree Police Department's Drone Program. Cameras will focus on the incident or authorized public safety mission, and drones will not be used to monitor private activities unrelated to a legitimate law enforcement purpose. Drones cannot carry weapons or be used to apply force. Photos and video will be managed under department evidence and records policies, with access limited to authorized purposes.

For more information, please email Lieutenant Kyle Maddox at kyle.maddox@cityoflonetree.com or call the Police Department at 303-799-0533. ◆

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who stopped by Groove Cafe on October 27 for Connect with Council! The morning offered a chance to get to know your Lone Tree City Council, ask questions and share ideas.

If you are unable to make these citizen engagement events with City Council, you can reach out to the City Council anytime with a question, suggestion or to have a conversation.

For City Council contact information, refer to page 4 or visit cityoflonetree.com/mayor-and-city-council/





















CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

YOUTH COMMISSION



Genevieve Bourdelais
Junior
Highlands Ranch
High School



Anirudh Rao
Freshman
STEM School
Highlands Ranch



Luke Schmeltekopf
Senior
Valor Christian
High School



Bryce Simon
Junior
Arapahoe High
School



Hannah TerEick
Sophomore
Highlands Ranch
High School

CBC MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL APPRECIATION

In October, the City honored nearly 50 dedicated volunteers who have served on City commissions, boards, and committees (CBCs), making significant contributions to the Lone Tree community. Their commitment, time and expertise have played a vital role in enhancing the quality of life in Lone Tree. Through their hard work and passion, they have helped shape policies, programs, services, and initiatives that have made the City of Lone Tree what it is today and have provided the framework to shape our future.
The City extends its appreciation to the following CBCs and their members:







Arts Commission
- Tamara Madden, *Chair*
- Diana Guetig, *Vice Chair*
- Heidi Green
- Kathleen Foster
- Susan Stiff
- Brenda Truelove
- Lesli Unger

Audit Committee
- Scott Bennewitz
- Paula Lopez
- Bruce McDaniel

Board of Adjustments & Appeals
- Gary Godden, *Chair*
- Ronald McDaniel
- Kurt Miller
- James (Jim) Steimel

Living and Aging Well Commission
- Sharon Van Ramshorst, *Chair*
- Cheryl Cobler, *Vice Chair*
- Ada Anderson
- Lili Brown
- Wynne Shaw
- Diana Wening
- Jim Wightman

Planning Commission
- Glenn Hertzler, *Chair*
- Jack Rohr, *Vice Chair*
- Joshua Manweiler
- Micah Star
- Travis Davis
- Tom Rundell
- Michael Unger

Recreation Advisory Committee
- Karisa McCulloch, *Chair*
- Damian Grayson, *Vice Chair*
- Katharine Aarnio
- Sara Goodwin
- Steven Hillman
- Michael Edward Johnson
- Dan Murphy
- Carol Sorensen
- Nate Mariner

Youth Commission
- Anoushka Chandy
- Harshi Kapadia
- Melika Sier
- Nora Snody
- Genevieve Bourdelais
- Anirudh Rao
- Bryce Simon
- Luke Schmeltekopf
- Hannah TerEick







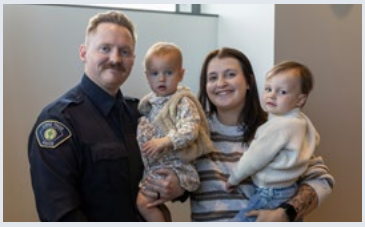
Interested in volunteering on a CBC? Applications are collected annually and kept on file for one year to help fill vacancies that may arise during that period. When a vacancy occurs, City Council reviews applications and invites selected applicants to interview. Learn more and apply at go.cityoflonetree.com/CBCs or contact Deputy City Clerk Ariana Neverdahl at ariana.neverdahl@cityoflonetree.com. ◆

NEW BADGES AND CAREER MILESTONES

Lone Tree Police Welcome Two Officers and Recognize Four Promotions

City Council, staff, and family members helped mark an important moment for six members of the Lone Tree Police Department during a swearing-in and badge-pinning ceremony. The ceremony welcomed two new officers and recognized four promotions.

Mayor Marissa Harmon, City Manager Seth Hoffman and Chief Wilson offered remarks as the department celebrated the officers' commitment to serving the Lone Tree community. Each officer took an oath of office and had a badge pinned by family members.



Officer Travis Laws
Officer Laws joined the department in June, bringing more than six years of law enforcement experience from the St. Louis Metropolitan and Chesterfield police departments in Missouri. Before becoming an officer, he served six years as an infantryman in the Illinois Army National Guard.



Officer Carter Reid
Officer Reid grew up in Highlands Ranch and studied communication at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He previously worked in detentions as a deputy with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office before returning to the area and joining Lone Tree in September. He is currently completing field training.



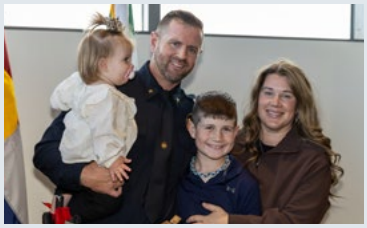
Corporal Caleb Clarkson
Corporal Clarkson joined Lone Tree Police in 2023 and was promoted to corporal in July 2026. He also received a commander's commendation this year.



Sergeant Jon Dilbeck
Sergeant Dilbeck has served Lone Tree since 2011. He became a corporal in 2021 and was promoted to sergeant in July 2026. His service has earned six commander's commendations, a community service award and a life-saving award.



Lieutenant Michael Travis
Lieutenant Travis joined the department in 2021, advancing to corporal in 2022, sergeant in 2023 and lieutenant in 2024. He has received ten commander commendations and a chief's commendation.



Commander Travis Sneith
Commander Sneith joined Lone Tree Police in 2010. His experience includes supervising operations at Park Meadows Retail Resort and serving in investigations, with promotions to corporal, sergeant and lieutenant before becoming commander in July 2026. He has received seven commander commendations and four chief commendations.



Congratulations to all six officers and thank you to the families who support them as they serve our community. ◆

COFFEE, CONVERSATION AND COMMUNITY









Thank you to everyone who joined Lone Tree Police officers for Coffee with a Cop on October 7, and to Monk and Mongoose Coffee Co. for hosting! Neighbors and officers chatted over coffee, asked questions and got to know one another. ◆













CUB SCOUTS EXPLORE THE LONE TREE JUSTICE CENTER

Lone Tree Officer Scott Howard recently welcomed Cub Scout Pack 881 and their troop leaders and parents for a tour of the Lone Tree Justice Center. The scouts asked thoughtful questions as they explored the facility and learned about police work in Lone Tree. Each scout headed home with a bag of Lone Tree Police goodies to remember the visit.

To schedule a group tour of the Lone Tree Justice Center, email: cpu@cityoflonetree.com ◆





COFFEE WITH A COP
MEET THE LONE TREE POLICE



Wednesday, December 9

10-11 a.m.

Park Meadows Retail Resort Dining Hall

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
- Giveaways

E–BIKES, E–MOTORCYCLES, E–SCOOTERS KNOW THE LAW BEFORE YOU BUY OR RIDE

PARENTS COULD FACE PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL OPERATION BY MINORS

With more e-bikes, e-scooters, and e-motorcycles showing up around our community, the Lone Tree Police Department is reminding residents and families to make safety a priority. Before you buy or ride, take time to understand your machine, its capabilities, where it's allowed, and what the law requires.

In September, City Council adopted penalties that hold both minors and parents (or guardians) responsible when minors illegally operate e-bikes or e-motorcycles. Consistent with those in other Douglas County communities, the penalties in Lone Tree encourage safe, responsible riding and a consistent enforcement approach across the region.



E-MOTORCYCLES

Electric motorcycles come in many sizes and speed capabilities. They do not have pedals, and most are not road legal. They are not permitted on sidewalks or pedestrian paths, trails and open space, and many models are designed for off-road use only. Before riding an e-motorcycle, make sure you're legal to ride:

- Driver's license with motorcycle endorsement
- Registered vehicle
- Current insurance
- NOT allowed on sidewalks or pedestrian paths, trails and open space. Many designed for off-road use only.

ELECTRIC LOW-POWER SCOOTERS

If you ride an electric low-power scooter, you'll need a driver's license and a Colorado registration. Remember, these scooters can't be used on sidewalks, pedestrian paths, or trails. Before riding an e-scooter, make sure you're legal to ride:

- Driver's license
- Registered vehicle
- NOT allowed on sidewalks, pedestrian paths and trails

E-BIKES

According to Colorado law, Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes may be used on any bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use paths, including trails and open space. When purchasing, it's important to understand the different types of e-bikes and the rules associated with each. All electric bicycles in Colorado are required to fall under one of three classifications and have a label depicting the e-bike's classification, top assisted speeds and motor wattage.

Before riding an e-bike, make sure you're legal to ride:

Class 1

- An electric bicycle with pedals
- Aids when the rider is pedaling
- The motor ceases to assist at 20 mph
- 20 mph maximum speed
- Allowed on sidewalks, paths and trails

Class 2

- An electric bicycle with pedals
- Helps, regardless of whether the rider is pedaling
- Motor ceases to assist at 20 mph
- Class 2 electric bikes have a form of throttle that will propel them without pedaling
- 20 mph maximum speed
- Allowed on sidewalks, paths and trails

Class 3

- An electric bicycle with pedals
- 28 mph maximum speed
- Speedometer is required
- Age 16+ to operate
- Riders under 18 years of age must wear a helmet
- NOT allowed on sidewalks, paths or trails

PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL OPERATION BY MINORS

- Parents may face fines of $250 to $2,650.
- Reckless driving: Fines range from $1,000 to $2,650.
- Careless driving: Fines range from $150 to $300, increasing to $300 to $1,000 if bodily injury or property damage occurs.
- Helmet violations for riders under 18: Fines range from $75 to $250.
- Vehicles operated in violation of City ordinance may be impounded.

For more information, visit cityoflonetree.com/police/e-bikes-dirtbikes-motorcycles-scooters, call the Police Department at 303-799-0533 or email cpu@cityoflonetree.com. ◆

GROOVE CAFE TREATS LONE TREE POLICE OFFICERS

A big thank-you to Groove Cafe for treating our Lone Tree Police officers to a meal. The cafe's chef and General Manager Alex Pavlenko stopped by in October to deliver food and share more about their new restaurant. We appreciate their generosity and support for the police department.

Located at 10930 Lyric Street in the Lyric at RidgeGate neighborhood, Groove Cafe welcomes the public for coffee, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Stop by for a bite or explore the menu at thegroovelyric.com. ◆



BUILDING BONDS AT THE JUSTICE CENTER



Families from the Lone Tree chapter of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) recently visited the Lone Tree Justice Center to celebrate Raksha Bandhan, a festival honoring the bond of protection and the spirit of universal oneness.

Families shared rakhis - bracelets symbolizing protection - with police officers, along with chai, traditional sweets and snacks, and a presentation of the Darshana book. Officer Kris Larson and the team also led families on a tour of the new Justice Center, giving children and parents a closer look at the officers' work.

Thank you to the HSS families for sharing their traditions and getting to know the officers who serve our community. ◆









STAYING SAFE IN LONE TREE
DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Lone Tree is a safe community to live and work, but it's important to stay vigilant, especially during the holiday season. This time of year can attract criminals seeking opportunities to disrupt the festivities. Always be aware of your surroundings and take precautions to keep you, your family and friends safe.

- **Stay Aware** - Be mindful of your environment, especially in crowded areas.
- **Secure Your Home** - Lock doors and windows and consider using timers for lights to give the appearance that someone is home.
- **Avoid Oversharing Online** – Be cautious about posting travel plans or valuable gifts on social media.
- **Keep Valuables Hidden** – Don't leave gifts or valuables visible in your vehicle. Store them in your trunk if possible.
- **Be Cautious of Strangers** – Be wary of unexpected visitors or solicitors approaching you for any reason. Many criminals will use different methods to distract you with the intention of taking your money or merchandise.
- **Use a Shopping Buddy** – Shop with a friend or family member for added security.
- **Keep Wallet or Purse Secure** – Use a crossbody bag or keep your wallet in a front pocket.
- **Be Cautious with Purchases** – Don't flaunt shopping bags or expensive items while walking through the mall. Don't flash a lot of cash and use only one credit card to avoid having multiple cards compromised.
- **Park in Well-Lit Areas** – Always park in populated areas and never walk out of the mall by yourself when the mall closes.
- **Be Suspicious of Callers** – Scammers claim to be from your credit card company and request to verify your information. Do not give out any personally identifiable information over the phone unless you have confirmed the legitimacy of the caller.

Report Suspicious Activity

Keep an eye out for suspicious activity. If something doesn't feel or look right and makes you pause, pause. Report your observations or concerns to the Lone Tree Police Department by calling 9-1-1.

Porch Pirates Getting Ready to Hit the Neighborhoods

It's that time of year when thieves are gearing up to steal your packages from your doorstep. Porch Pirates are opportunistic and work quickly to steal your packages and move on to the next home. Outsmart these criminals by taking proactive steps to safeguard your packages.



- Install a visible security or doorbell camera on your porch
- Use Package Lockers
- Schedule deliveries when you are home.
- Leave instructions to conceal the package.
- Have packages delivered to your neighbor
- Require signatures on all packages
- Use a porch lock box
- Follow package tracking
- Get packages delivered to your workplace
- Request deliveries to a pick-up location

MIKEY MAKES NEW FRIENDS WITH BRIDGE STUDENTS

Mikey, the Lone Tree Police Department's victim services therapy dog, visited with students in the Douglas County School District's Bridge Program, sharing the comfort and companionship he brings to people throughout our community.

Mikey joined the department in November 2021 as the first dog from Paw Pals Assistance Dogs to be placed with a law enforcement agency. His calming presence supports victims of crime, along with Police Department and City staff during times of stress or crisis.

When he's not offering comfort, Mikey enjoys patrol briefings, carrying his favorite toy, "Baby," and heading outdoors for walks and hikes. Keep an eye out for him at City events as he often makes a special guest appearance. ◆





READY, SET, COLOR!

LONE TREE POLICE DEPARTMENT COLORING CONTEST

DECEMBER 4TH – 18TH

Grab your crayons, markers, stickers and craft supplies - it's time to get creative! Add your own colorful touch to the Lone Tree Police Department's coloring page.

A panel of Lone Tree police officers will judge each entry. The most creative entry in each age group will win a gift card, police swag and a photo opportunity with members of the Lone Tree Police Department!

AGE GROUPS:

0–2	7–8
3–4	9–10
5–6	11–12



PICK UP A COLORING SHEET AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Lone Tree Arts Center
10075 Commons Street

Lone Tree Justice Center
12707 High Note Avenue

Lone Tree Municipal Building
9220 Kimmer Drive

Youth Commission table
at the City's annual Merry Days celebration (held at the Lone Tree Arts Center on December 4 from 5:30–7:30 p.m.)

RETURN YOUR MASTERPIECE BY DECEMBER 18 TO:

ARTS CENTER M–F, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.
JUSTICE CENTER M–F, 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING M–F, 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

BRING YOUR CREATIVITY, LONE TREE KIDS! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU MAKE!

LONE TREE, ARE WE KEEPING YOU INFORMED ABOUT THE CITY?

You're reading this Timberlines magazine, and you may also follow us on social media or receive our digital E-Timberlines newsletter. Tell us what's working and what could be better to keep you informed on what is happening in Lone Tree.

Take our 5–7 minute communications survey and help shape how the City keeps you informed on City business, activities, events, programs and services.
Responses are anonymous unless you choose to share your contact information and request a follow-up.

Share your thoughts:
go.cityoflonetree.com/communications-survey ◆

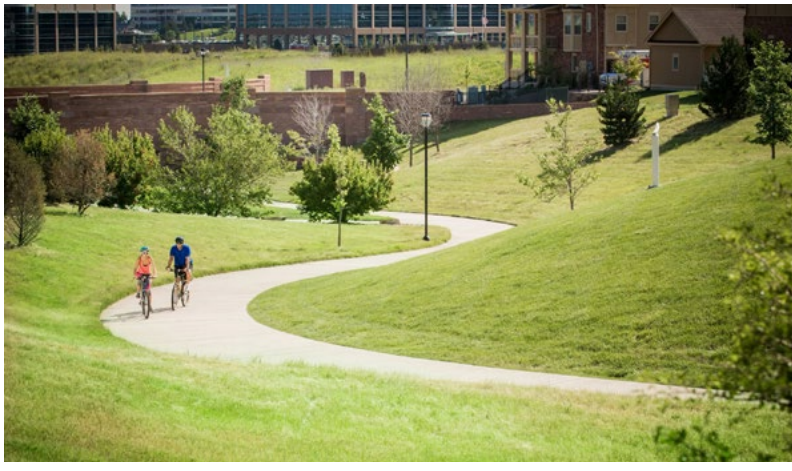


HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF LONE TREE'S PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS!

What do you think makes a great park experience? What do you value about open space? How can we improve our trail system? We'd love to hear your thoughts.

The City is creating its first Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Take the community survey to help the City and its partners set priorities for future improvements.

Please share your ideas!
Learn more and take the survey:



BRICK WALL REPLACEMENT

PROJECT TO BEGIN IN SPRING 2027

The City, in partnership with the Park Meadows Metropolitan District (PMMD), is preparing to replace deteriorating brick walls in several Lone Tree neighborhoods, with the project anticipated to begin in spring 2027. The work is expected to take place over three years, through 2029, and will replace existing walls, with no additional sections being added.

Lone Tree owns and maintains 1,422 brick wall panels throughout the community. Like streets and sidewalks, these walls are City infrastructure that needs regular attention to remain safe and in good condition. Over time, the walls have deteriorated due to a combination of material, construction and environmental factors. While the City has continued to address maintenance needs, engineering assessments have identified widespread deterioration that warrants a comprehensive replacement program. Replacing deteriorating walls helps address long-term maintenance and safety concerns, preserve neighborhood character and protect public investments benefiting the entire community.

The project is currently estimated at approximately $21 million, with the City and PMMD each contributing half of the cost. Since 2013, the City has been setting aside funding each year to help fund its portion of the wall replacement project. In addition, the City received settlement funding from the initial contractor of the brick walls due to construction issues, which helped start the City's financial reserves for the brick wall replacement project.

How We Got Here

The City's brick wall program began in 2001, when deteriorating wood fences were replaced with brick walls. Adjacent property owners signed easements allowing the City to construct and maintain the walls.

Since then, the City has handled maintenance needs as they arise, giving priority to structural repairs. In 2021, the City partnered with PMMD to evaluate every City-owned brick wall panel. The study examined structural condition and visible damage, finding significant cracking, chipping and other deterioration. It recommended exploring options to replace the panels rather than continuing with individual repairs over the long term.

In 2024, City Council and PMMD approved funding for a more detailed analysis to help plan the replacement project. Building on the 2021 findings, that effort included reviewing wall types, maintenance costs, construction phases and initial designs, along with gathering community feedback.



Resident Input

In May 2025, the City surveyed residents in affected neighborhoods about brick colors, wall cap materials and construction timing. Their responses helped inform project planning. The selected design features a blend of three complementary red brick shades and precast concrete caps, reflecting community preferences and subsequent design evaluations. Cost, durability and long-term maintenance also factored into design decisions.

Neighborhoods Included

The project includes City-owned walls in Lone Tree Terrace, The Charter, Vista, Ridgeview, Terra Ridge, Prominence Point, Country Club Estates, Cypress Green, Fairways 39, Muirfield, Centennial Ridge and Carriage Club.

Construction will be coordinated over a three-year period to help manage impacts to surrounding neighborhoods, with construction generally pausing during the winter months.

Residents in the affected neighborhoods will receive direct communication from the City beginning in winter 2026–2027, with more information about the project including brick design, construction timeline and anticipated impacts to affected and neighboring properties. Additional notifications will be provided as construction approaches individual neighborhoods.

For more information, visit cityoflonetree.com/public-works/brick-walls or email brickwalls@cityoflonetree.com. ◆

A LITTLE CARE NOW, A HEALTHIER LANDSCAPE COME SPRING



Fall is a good time to prepare your landscape for Colorado's cold, dry winter. Thoughtful watering, properly placed mulch and selective garden cleanup can help protect plants while preserving food and shelter for birds and beneficial insects.

Currently there are 3.7 million Colorado residents affected by drought, and according to the drought monitor, the City of Lone Tree is experiencing severe drought. For homeowners, these conditions make checking soil moisture and caring for recently planted trees especially important.

Trees planted this summer or fall need particular attention. Roots can continue growing while soil temperatures remain favorable, even as growth above ground slows. Inadequate moisture can damage roots and weaken trees. Drought stress may cause premature leaf drop and increase vulnerability to insects and disease, with some damage becoming apparent the following growing season.

Check the Soil Before You Water

Check with Your Provider on Current Watering Restrictions

Water on mild days when air temperatures are above 40°F, the ground is not frozen and snow is absent. Water early enough for moisture to soak in before temperatures fall overnight. Continue checking plants during dry winter weather, including after automatic irrigation systems have been shut down.

Use a small hand trowel to check soil moisture a few inches below the surface, taking care to avoid roots. Around established trees, check several locations beneath the canopy. For newly planted trees, check both the root ball and surrounding soil; one can be dry while the other remains wet.

A shallow, two-inch check is a starting point, but it does not reveal moisture throughout the root zone. Soil should feel moist rather than soggy. If it is wet or saturated, wait before watering.

Water Slowly and Thoroughly

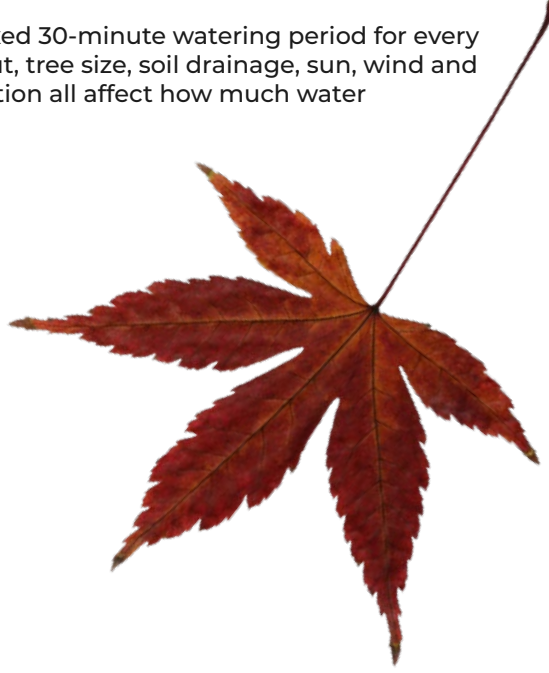
Apply water slowly enough to soak in without running downhill or carrying soil away. A soaker hose or a hose with a gentle flow can help distribute water across the root zone. If water begins to puddle or run off, pause and let it soak in before continuing.

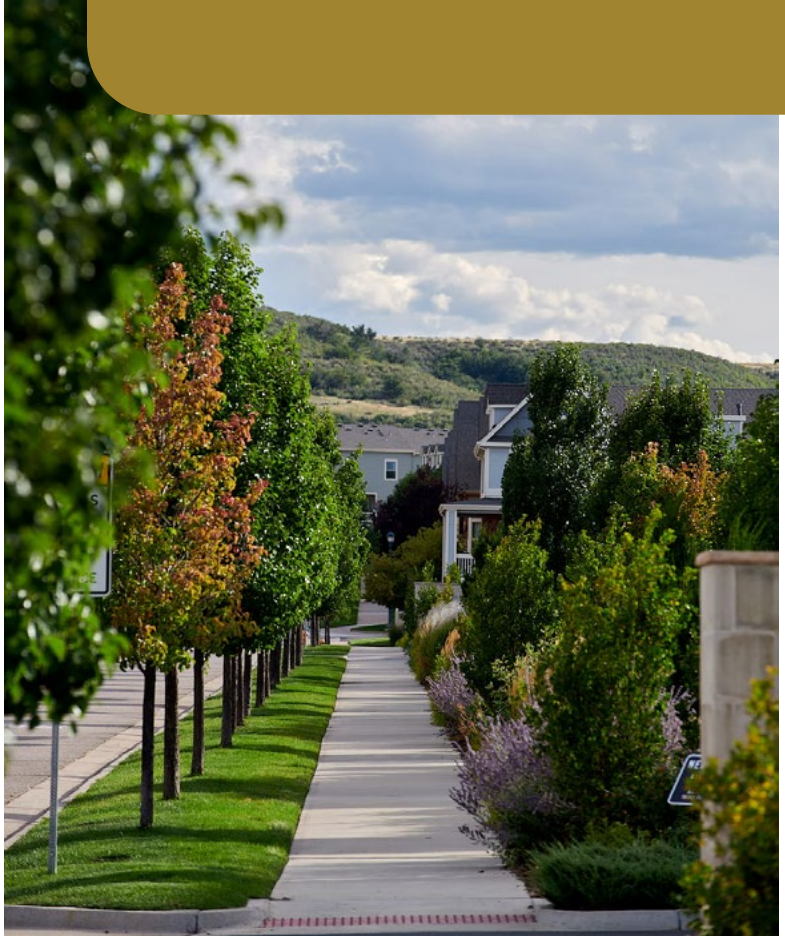
For established trees, thorough watering that moistens soil deeper in the root zone is generally more useful than frequent surface sprinkling. Newly planted trees need closer monitoring and may require more frequent watering because their root systems are still limited.

Avoid using a fixed 30-minute watering period for every tree. Hose output, tree size, soil drainage, sun, wind and recent precipitation all affect how much water is needed.











Put Fallen Leaves to Work

Healthy fallen leaves can protect garden soil. Leave a light layer in planting beds and beneath shrubs to retain moisture, insulate roots and shelter overwintering insects.

Keep leaves from forming thick mats over the lawn. Mow light accumulations into small pieces, or collect excess leaves for composting and use in appropriate garden areas.

Leave a Little for Wildlife

Many healthy perennials and ornamental grasses can remain standing through winter. Their seed heads feed birds, while stems provide shelter for beneficial insects and add interest to dormant gardens.

Delay cutting back these plants until spring, when old growth can be removed to make room for new shoots.

Clean Up Where It Counts

Pull persistent weeds and remove diseased plant material and dead material that may harbor pests. Put infected debris in the trash rather than composting it. These targeted tasks prepare garden beds without removing all the healthy material that supports wildlife through winter.

As you finish fall chores, make soil moisture checks part of your routine. A little attention now can help protect the trees and garden plants that bring shade, beauty and lasting value to Lone Tree neighborhoods. ◆

Make the Most of Mulch

Mulch helps conserve moisture, reduce weeds and moderate soil temperatures. As organic mulch breaks down, it can also improve soil structure and support beneficial soil organisms.

Check existing mulch before adding more. A two- to three-inch layer can help conserve moisture, although the appropriate depth depends on the material and site. Spread mulch in a broad ring, keeping it at least six inches away from the trunk.

For newly planted trees, leave the top of the root ball uncovered and mulch the surrounding backfill area. Never pile mulch against the bark, where it can encourage decay and other problems. Keep mulch clear of small plants and their crowns, too.







LONE TREE IS READY FOR THE SNOW SEASON



The winter season is upon us, and the Lone Tree Public Works snow team, contractors, and partner agencies are ready to keep over 150 lane miles of roadways in Lone Tree clear of snow and ice for safe passage for residents, businesses, visitors and first responders.

Before the first snowflake drops, the City's snow team prepares for the upcoming storm by staying current on changing weather forecasts, preparing snow equipment, organizing snow shifts for drivers, and performing prep work on arterial roadways with de-icing products to reduce the effects of snow and ice accumulation on City streets.

Prioritization of Snow Removal throughout the City

Not all roads can be plowed at once, which is why the City has a process for prioritizing the streets in the City's entire road network to ensure safe travel conditions as quickly as possible. Heavy snow accumulations may require repeated passes over primary roadways before secondary and tertiary roadways are plowed. Operations are repeated until the storm stops and all roadway surfaces are cleared to ensure accessibility and safety. If possible, remove vehicles from the road during storms to assist the snow removal team in their efforts.

The different categories of road priorities are:

Primary Roads
Major roadways that provide for high traffic volumes over medium to long distances. Examples include Park Meadows Drive, Yosemite Street, and Lone Tree Parkway. These are also the most important roads for first responders, who need to get to homes quickly.

Secondary Roads
Collectors that distribute traffic between major and local roads, serve as main connectors within subdivisions, and link one subdivision with another. Collectors generally do not provide direct access to private property. Examples include Carriage Club Drive, RidgeGate Circle, and Fairview Drive.

Tertiary Roads
Local roads and cul-de-sacs that provide for low to medium traffic volumes within subdivisions and provide direct access to residences or private property. Examples include Sweetwater Road, Troon Village Drive, Longview Drive, and Bluffmont Drive.

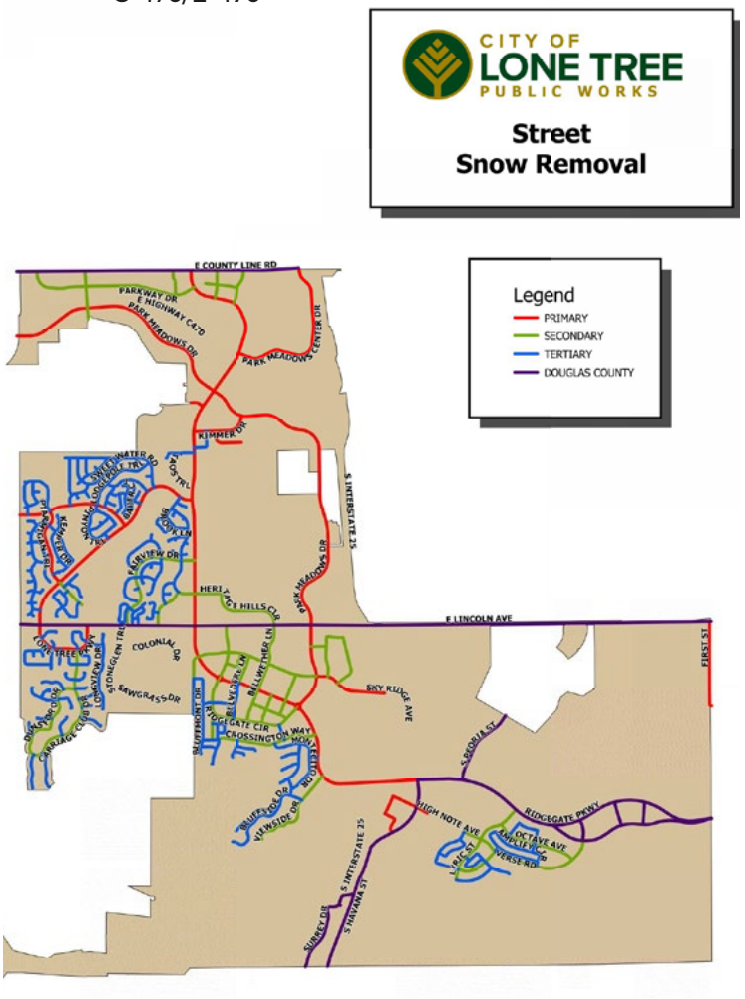
Roads Plowed by Douglas County and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT):

Douglas County and CDOT partner with the City during a snow event to keep our streets plowed. The following roads are cleared by Douglas County:

- County Line Road
- Lincoln Avenue
- RidgeGate Parkway east of Havana Street
- Havana Street
- Peoria Street
- Surrey Drive

The following roads are plowed by CDOT:

- I-25 north and south
- C-470/E-470



Sidewalks

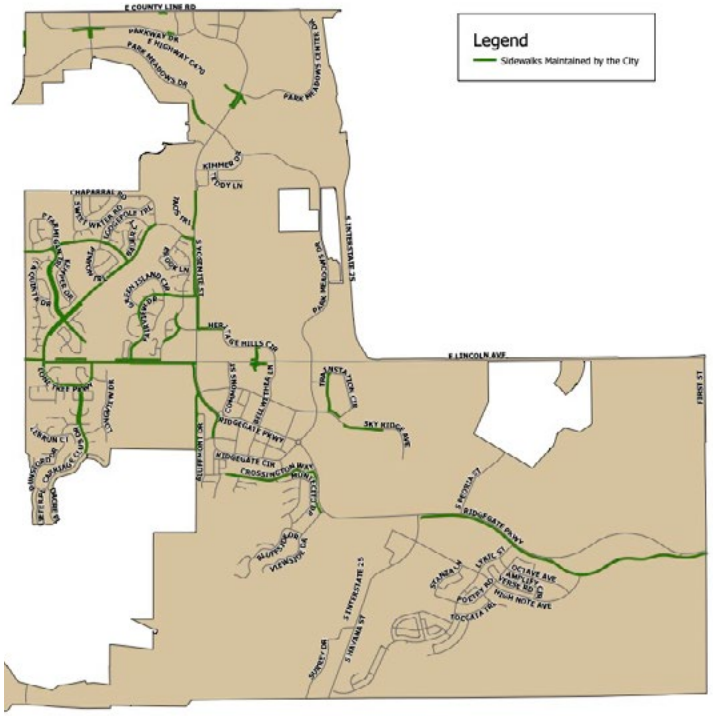
To ensure a safe passageway for pedestrians, property owners and/or managing entities are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks in the public right-of-way adjacent to commercial, multi-family, or single-family attached homes within 24 hours of a storm. Owners of single-family detached homes are responsible for removing snow and ice adjacent to the property within 24 hours. Most Homeowners Associations (HOAs) require residents to have sidewalks cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of a storm. If you would like to file a complaint for untreated sidewalks in front of a private single-family residence, please contact the HOA for that property.

Trails

South Suburban Parks and Recreation District (SSPRD) is responsible for snow removal on most trails in Lone Tree. There may be instances where certain trails are managed by an HOA, SSPRD, or metro district. SSPRD performs most of the snow removal on trails, but it could also be the responsibility of HOA's or Metro Districts. SSPRD removes snow as needed, regardless of the day of the week or the time of day, including holidays. Their goal is to have snow plowed and ice removed or treated within 24 hours. The first priorities are surface lots and sidewalks at SSPRD facilities and routes along or feeding to school properties, followed by routes with commuter trails, bus stops and park trails. For questions or concerns, residents can contact the South Suburban Service Center at 303-953-7626. ◆

CITY OF LONE TREE
PUBLIC WORKS

Sidewalk Snow Removal



Resident Resources

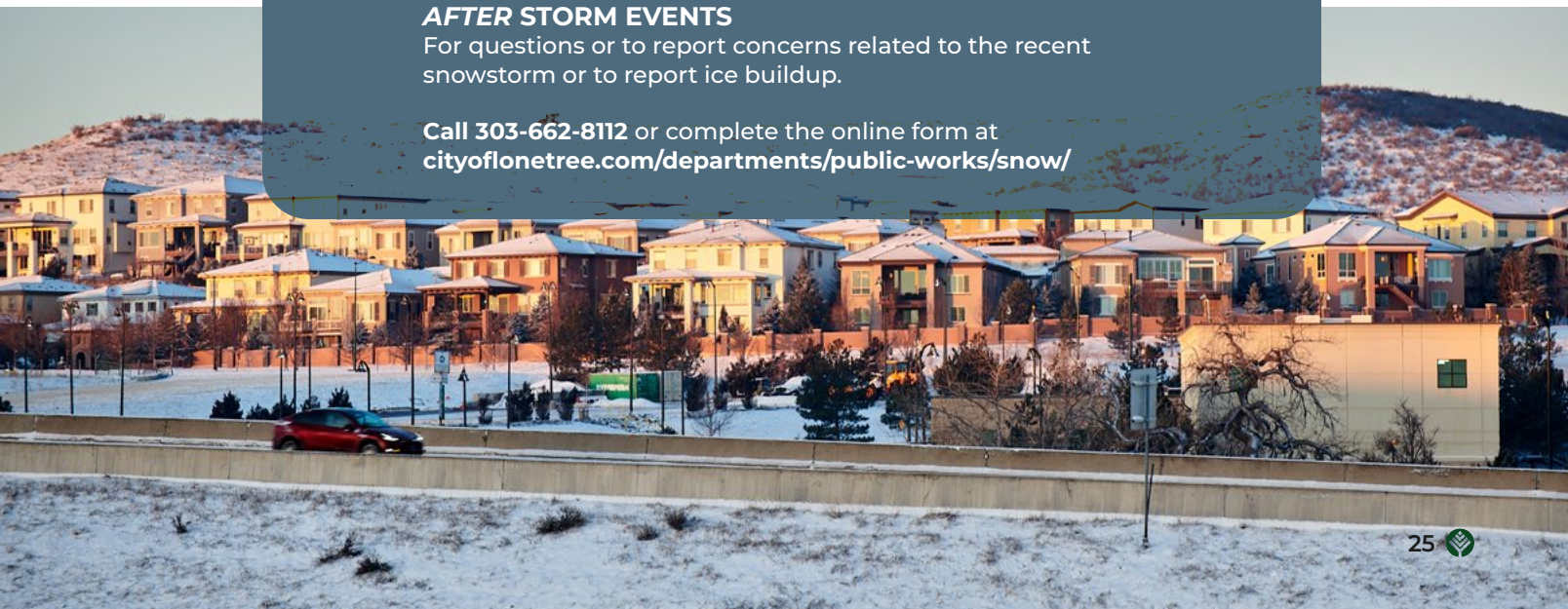
***DURING* STORM EVENTS**
(when crews are plowing and clearing streets and sidewalks):

PHONE 720-990-SNOW (720-990-7669)

EMAIL snow@cityoflonetree.com

***AFTER* STORM EVENTS**
For questions or to report concerns related to the recent snowstorm or to report ice buildup.

Call 303-662-8112 or complete the online form at **cityoflonetree.com/departments/public-works/snow/**



FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Once the holiday season comes to an end, real Christmas trees can be recycled at no cost through free local recycling programs in our community. This service offers an easy, environmentally friendly way to dispose of trees responsibly.



South Suburban

December 26, 2026 through January 15, 2027
Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Willow Spring Service Center
7100 S. Holly Street, Centennial

All decorations must be removed from your tree, including lights, ornaments, garland, tinsel, and stands. If the tree is wrapped in a plastic bag, it must be removed at drop-off. Flocked or artificial trees and yard refuse will not be accepted.

Douglas County

December 26, 2026 through January 31, 2027
Hours: **Douglas County Parks:** Parks and Trails are open from one (1) hour before sunrise until one (1) hour after sunset, unless otherwise permitted. It is prohibited to occupy property when it is closed.
Douglas County GreenWorks: Monday—Saturday, 8 a.m. —5 p.m. Closed on County holidays. Reservations are not required.

Contact:
Douglas County Parks
720-733-6990, parksandrec@douglasco.gov

Douglas County GreenWorks
greenworks@douglasco.gov

Bayou Gulch
4815 Fox Sparrow Road

Parker Challenger Regional Park
17299 E. Lincoln Avenue

Parker Fairgrounds Regional Park
500 Fairgrounds Drive, Castle Rock

Highland Heritage Regional Park
9651 S. Quebec Street, Highlands Ranch

GreenWorks
5675 Delva Way, Sedalia

Please remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, garland, plastic wrap, tree stands, wire, rope, nails, etc. before bringing trees to be recycled. Live trees with artificial snow sprayed on the branches cannot be mulched. Mulch is available on-site while supplies last and on a self-serve basis.

Highlands Ranch

December 26, 2026 through January 17, 2027
Hours: Anytime
Contact:
Highlands Ranch Metro District, 303-791-0430

Dad Clark Park
3385 Asterbrook Circle, Highlands Ranch

Redstone Park
3280 Redstone Park Circle, Highlands Ranch

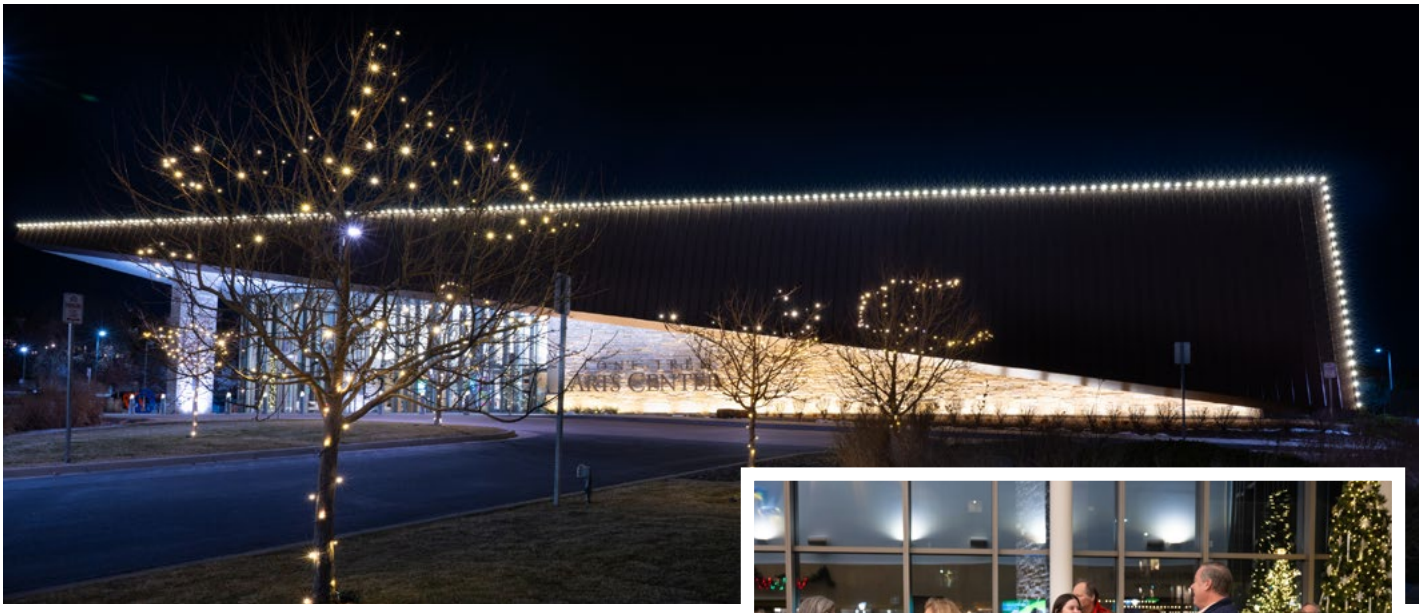
Toepfer Park
9480 Venneford Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch

WASTE CONNECTIONS WILL NOT PICK UP CHRISTMAS TREES

Residents who receive curbside collection from the City of Lone Tree through Waste Connections should note that Christmas trees are no longer collected as part of your regular trash and recycling service. Please do not place Christmas trees at the curb, as they will not be picked up.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT THE LONE TREE ARTS CENTER

EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTRY. SHARED DISCOVERIES. MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS.





A night of extraordinary music. The thrill of live theatre. The discovery of an artist who becomes a new favorite. At the Lone Tree Arts Center, every visit holds a different possibility. You might share an evening with friends, introduce your child to live performance, or hear a familiar song that brings back a cherished memory.

Whatever brings you through the doors, there's a place for you here.

A PLACE TO DISCOVER

From award-winning theatrical productions created right here in Lone Tree to performances by acclaimed touring artists, exceptional artistry is at the heart of the Arts Center's work. Student matinees and programs for children extend that invitation to our youngest audiences, sparking curiosity and opening new worlds.





A PLACE TO CONNECT

The arts bring our community together. They create opportunities for people to participate in ways that feel welcoming and comfortable. Sensory inclusive performances offer a more relaxed setting, while programs for older adults provide opportunities to enjoy music, revisit familiar favorites, and connect with others.

A PLACE YOU HELP MAKE POSSIBLE

Generous individuals, businesses, and foundations help bring exceptional performances to our stage and meaningful arts experiences to people of all ages and abilities.

This year-end season, consider a gift to the Lone Tree Arts Center. Your support sustains the artistry, discovery, and connection that make the Arts Center a special part of our community.

Whether you join us for your first performance or return to see an artist you know and love, we look forward to welcoming you.

Explore upcoming performances at lonetreeartscenter.org.

To make a contribution, visit lonetreeartscenter.org/give. ◆

SPEND YOUR HOLIDAYS AT THE LONE TREE ARTS CENTER

TAKE A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SOUNDS, STORIES, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE SEASON.

This holiday season, the Lone Tree Arts Center invites you on a journey. From country Christmas celebrations to the Hawaiian Islands, and from UK a cappella sensations to the street corners of Motown. Along the way, you'll find opportunities to gather with friends, share an experience with family, and make a little room for joy during a busy time of year.



A Little Country Christmas

Suzy Bogguss: A Swingin' Little Christmas

Sunday, November 29 at 7 p.m.

Start your holiday journey with a little country charm. Suzy Bogguss brings her distinctive voice and warm musical spirit to LTAC for an evening of Christmas cheer. With a touch of swing and plenty of heart, this seasonal celebration offers a welcome opportunity to settle into your seat and let the holiday spirit find you. Make it part of your Thanksgiving weekend and keep the gathering going a little longer.

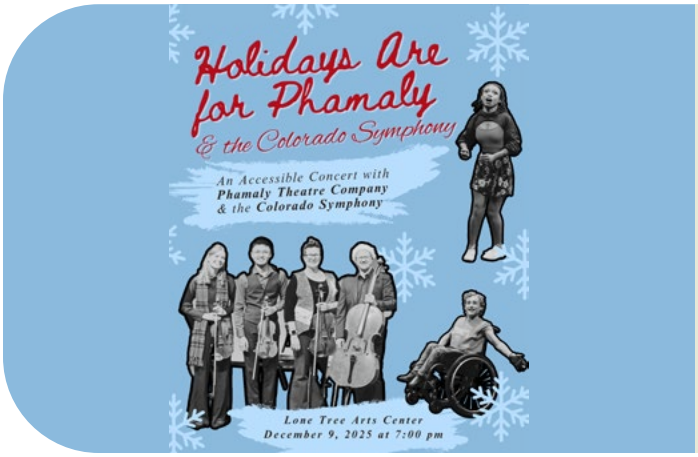


An Island Holiday

Kalani Pe'a's Hawaiian Christmas

Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Next stop: the Hawaiian Islands. Leave the winter chill outside and experience a holiday celebration infused with the warmth and spirit of aloha. Kalani Pe'a invites audiences to discover another musical perspective on the season, offering a reminder that the joy of gathering and celebrating reaches far beyond any one place or tradition.



A Celebration of Belonging

Sensory Inclusive: The Holidays are for Phamaly and the Colorado Symphony

Tuesday, December 8 at 7 p.m.

The holidays are a time to come together, and that includes creating space for people to experience the arts in ways that meet their needs. Join Phamaly Theater Company and musicians from the Colorado Symphony for an inclusive holiday performance welcoming individuals with sensory sensitivities and their families. Share an evening of music and connection where belonging is part of the celebration.



Across the Atlantic

The Swingles: Together at Christmas
Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

Sail across the Atlantic with UK a cappella sensations The Swingles. With voices at the center of the experience, *Together at Christmas* offers a chance to hear the season through a different musical lens. Gather your favorite concert companions for an evening celebrating the extraordinary possibilities of the human voice.



A Holiday with Rhythm

Motones vs. Jerseys: Holiday Hi-Fi
December 16–20
From the street corners of Motown to the sounds of the Jersey Shore, this stop brings a little extra energy to your December calendar. *Holiday Hi-Fi* invites you to make music part of your seasonal festivities. Plan a friends' night out, bring someone who loves these iconic sounds, or give yourself an evening away from the holiday to-do list.



A Familiar Story, Shared Together

Holiday Family Movie:
A Muppet Christmas Carol
Wednesday, December 23 at 3 p.m.
Leading into the end of the year, join Kermit, Miss Piggy, and the rest of the Muppets for their singular take on a timeless holiday story. Gather the family for an afternoon at the movies and enjoy a reminder of the generosity, friendship, and connection at the heart of the season.

Wherever your holiday journey takes you, there's a place for you at LTAC.

Explore performances and purchase tickets at LoneTreeArtsCenter.org. ◆

MOVING TOGETHER
CREATIVITY AND CONNECTION AT LTAC



Over the past six months, the Lone Tree Arts Center has explored the connection between mind and body through a workshop developed for people living with Parkinson's disease. Drawing on familiar actions - pulling, ripping, tearing, and pushing - participants transformed everyday movements into theatrical expression.

By giving each action a purpose and an imaginative context, the workshop invited participants to engage their minds and bodies together. The arts provided a creative framework for exploring movement, with opportunities for self-expression and connection woven into the experience.



Now, LTAC is preparing to introduce the next chapter: **Flamenco Movement for People with Parkinson's.**

Inspired by the rhythmic nature of Spanish flamenco dance, the new workshop will bring together music, rhythm, and movements that engage both small and large muscle groups. Participants will explore how deliberate gestures and broader movements can connect with musical patterns, offering a fresh way to engage the body and mind.

Regular physical activity can help people with Parkinson's maintain balance, mobility, and flexibility. This workshop builds on the value of staying active while bringing the creativity and shared experience of the performing arts into the mix.

At its heart is an invitation to explore what movement can express—and to experience the joy of creating something together.

Dates and registration details for Flamenco Movement for People with Parkinson's will be announced soon. Watch LoneTreeArtsCenter.org for updates. ◆

TRY SOMETHING NEW IN 2027

MAKE YOUR RESOLUTION NOW AND EXPLORE SOMETHING NEW AT LTAC

January brings opportunities to explore different sounds, experience unexpected stories, and discover your next favorite performer. Here's a sneak peek at what's coming.













Gerald Albright's Lone Tree Sessions: Fred Wesley and the New JBs

Friday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Start the year with an evening of funk and soul.

Alfredo Rodriguez and Pedrito Martinez

Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Discover the musical conversation between Cuban piano and percussion.

Matthew Morrison

Friday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Spend an evening with the Broadway and television star.

Treasure Island Reimagined: Jane Hawkins and the Pirate's Gold

Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Set sail for a fresh take on a classic adventure.

Stray Cats' Lee Rocker

Saturday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Put a little rockabilly rhythm into your new year.

Pilobolus

Friday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Explore the imaginative possibilities of movement with this celebrated dance company.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Sunday, January 31 at 7 p.m.

Experience the rich vocal harmonies of South Africa's renowned ensemble.

Bring a friend, choose something unfamiliar, and see where the evening takes you. Explore the full lineup and purchase tickets at LoneTreeArtsCenter.org.

2026 CONCRETE REPLACEMENT AND ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM COMPLETED



The City's roads are well maintained, attractive, safe, and easily traveled due to effective road maintenance. Thousands of vehicles use roads in Lone Tree every day, and exposure to water, air, and sunlight can cause deterioration. This can lead to potholes, cracks, and a decline in road quality.

Every three years, the City of Lone Tree conducts a comprehensive assessment of pavement conditions across its roadway network. In the years between assessments, the City uses pavement deterioration models to estimate changes in roadway conditions and update its Pavement Condition Index (PCI). This information guides the City's annual pavement maintenance and rehabilitation program, helping Public Works identify and prioritize streets for improvements and select appropriate treatments to extend pavement life, maximize infrastructure investments, and maintain a high-quality roadway network for the community.

The following roadways were completed this summer as part of the 2026 Concrete Replacement and Asphalt Overlay program:

Armadillo Drive - from Lone Tree Parkway

Bronti Circle – from Lone Tree Parkway

Cypress Point Circle – from Sunningdale Boulevard

Edgewater Court – from Sunningdale Boulevard

Edgewater Lane – from Sunningdale Boulevard

Edgewater Place - from Edgewater Court

Longview Drive – north to south

Lone Tree Parkway – Lincoln to Lincoln

Marin Court – from Lone Tree Parkway

Park Meadows Boulevard – Chatham to RidgeGate Parkway

Pebble Beach Lane – from Cypress Point Circle

Powderhorn Court – Rattlesnake Drive to Armadillo Drive

Rattlesnake Drive - Powderhorn Court to Lone Tree Parkway

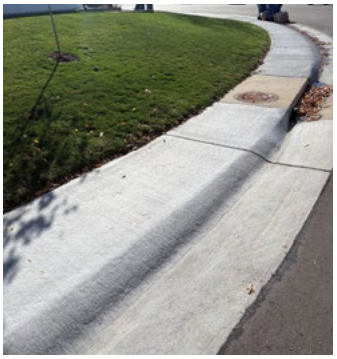
RidgeGate Parkway - Lincoln Avenue to the roundabout - RidgeGate Circle/Commons Street

Sunningdale Boulevard – Lone Tree Parkway to Cypress Point Circle

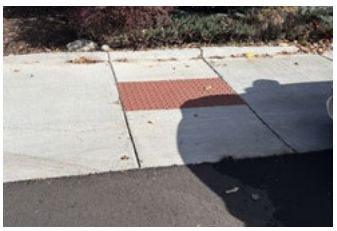
Tiburon Court – from Lone Tree Parkway

Trotter Lane – Lone Tree Parkway to Longview Drive









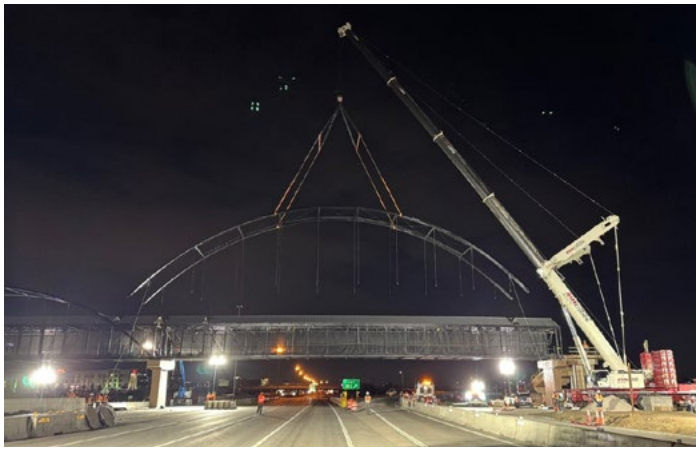




We appreciate the community's patience during construction and thank residents for their continued support of the City's infrastructure improvement efforts. For more information about the City's annual Concrete Replacement and Asphalt Overlay Program, please contact Eric Barnes, Operations Project Supervisor, at eric.barnes@cityoflonetree.com. ◆

LONE TREE MOBILITY HUB TAKES SHAPE AS BRIDGE SPANS I-25





The Lone Tree Mobility Hub project reached a major milestone at the end of October with the installation of its pedestrian bridge over I-25.

Located just south of Lincoln Avenue, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) project will make it easier to connect between regional and local transportation services. The hub includes northbound and southbound Bustang stops linked by a bridge for pedestrians and bicyclists, along with new sidewalks, bus shelters and passenger pick-up and drop-off areas. It will also provide Bustang riders with connections to light rail, Lone Tree's Link on Demand service and the future Lone Tree City Center. Bustang is CDOT's regional bus service, connecting communities along major travel corridors, including I-25.

For the installation of the pedestrian bridge over I-25, crews lifted the bridge into place in two sections, one spanning the southbound lanes and the other spanning the northbound lanes. Setting each section required several nights of interstate closures so large cranes and equipment could operate safely.

With the bridge structure now in place and the surrounding concrete work nearly complete, crews will turn their attention to the final phase of construction. On the bridge, teams will pour the concrete walkway, install windows, add lighting and apply glazing treatments.

Around the site, crews will finish concrete work for passenger pick-up and drop-off areas and connecting sidewalks, install bus shelters, complete electrical work, put up overhead signage and finish landscaping. Landscaping maintenance will continue after construction is complete to help plants become established.

The pedestrian bridge and new Bustang access ramps are expected to open in early 2027.

For project updates, visit codot.gov/projects/i25lonetreemobilityhub, call 303-392-1850, or email lonetreemobilityhub@gmail.com. ◆





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A LITTLE HARMONY, A LOT OF HEART

The Elderly Brothers Bring People Together through Music and Stories

Phil Clarke doesn't let a little snow keep him from music practice. Once a week, he walks to his friend Joe Fluken's house, where the two rehearse in Joe's band room. Known as The Elderly Brothers, Lone Tree residents Phil and Joe have spent about five years making music together in Lone Tree and getting audiences to join in. With one guitar, two voices and plenty of stories, they perform at retirement communities, neighborhood gatherings and private events.

Getting the Band Together

When Phil first heard Joe perform through Rotary Club, his reaction was simple: "That guy is good." They began practicing together, and an invitation to sing at a club gathering gave them their first audience. The response was enough to make them think they might be onto something.

They called themselves The Elderly Brothers, a playful nod to the Everly Brothers and the harmonies that helped inspire them. Neither knew quite where the partnership would lead, but they soon found a following among people who had grown up with the same songs they loved.

Both brought plenty of experience. A seasoned musician, Joe has played guitar since before he could drive. Seeing the Beatles on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in February 1964 sparked his interest, and he went on to perform in local bands and at churches.

Phil grew up singing with his pianist father. As the oldest of 11 children, he had plenty of opportunities to practice harmonies. Phil jokes that he always had a good voice but is the worst dancer in the world.

Their shared goal has always been to keep the music going. In talking about the 1959 loss of Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens, they put it simply: they wouldn't let the music die.

Songs Worth Sharing

With favorites such as "Sweet Caroline," "Country Roads" and "Brown Eyed Girl," The Elderly Brothers give audiences plenty of reasons to sing along.

But there's more to their performances than the music. Between songs, they share stories, ask trivia questions and keep people laughing. Having both grown up in the



Denver area, they weave in familiar places and stories that spark memories and conversations.

Their local performances have included MorningStar Senior Living in Lone Tree, events for the City's Living & Aging Well Commission and neighborhood and private gatherings in Lone Tree neighborhoods. They especially enjoy smaller settings where they can get to know the people who are listening.

Performing at retirement communities has meant more to Joe than he expected. Familiar songs bring back memories, get people singing and give neighbors something to enjoy together. Friends at church have even described it as his own ministry. The duo has a fond joke about their following: their fan club uses walkers.

"I didn't know this was going to be so rewarding. We play the songs, and you can see people light up and get excited about life again," Joe said.

Phil looks forward to the conversations before the show. They arrive early to set up, leaving time to sit with residents and hear about their lives.





"Taking the time is an important part of the visit as it gives us an opportunity to recognize people's experiences, interests and the stories they have to tell," said Phil.

The duo typically performs a couple of times a month. They enjoy the schedule, the invitations to return and, most of all, the response from the room.

"It's been really fun for both the audience and us," added Joe.

Neighbors First

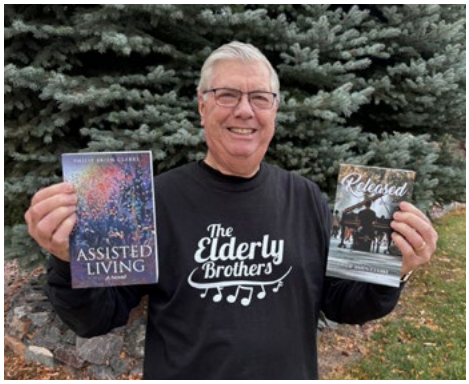


Joe and his wife Pam have called The Enclave home since 2002. Now retired after 45 years in financial planning, he appreciates having a home and neighborhood that suit their stage in life. Shopping, medical care and major roads are close by, while his surroundings still feel peaceful and safe. He notices the care given to the Lone Tree community, from the well-maintained streets to the flowers near Safeway.

Phil and his wife, Beth, moved to the Taos neighborhood in 2013, drawn to its Mediterranean architecture and convenient location. He retired in 2019 after a career that included onboarding and software training at AT&T and driving buses for the Regional Transportation District (RTD). These days, he prefers walking and rarely needs his car. Since The Elderly Brothers performed at a neighborhood gathering, he's become a familiar face along his walking routes, with neighbors stopping to say how much they enjoyed the show. He jokes that he feels like a rock star.

Away from the music, both have full lives. Joe and his wife have five children, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with big Sunday dinners keeping everyone connected. He also mountain bikes weekly, heads to the gym daily and follows the financial markets.

Phil, a father of two sons and grandfather of two, enjoys spending time with family and writing fiction. His books explore the choices people make and how they respond when life takes an unexpected turn. *Assisted Living* examines giving and accepting help, while *Released* imagines how a childhood incident could change a life.



A third book (still in production), *Wish You Were Here*, follows a husband navigating a changed world.

No matter how busy life gets, their weekly rehearsals give Phil and Joe a reason to get together, catch up and make music. Neither expected The Elderly Brothers to become such a rewarding part of their lives, but a shared love of old favorites has brought them new friends and plenty of reasons to keep singing.

To inquire or book an event with Elderly Brothers, please text 303-884-8351. ◆

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

BUSINESS FOUNDRY

Lone Tree's Hub for Entrepreneurship, Business Growth, and Innovation

Building a successful business takes more than a great idea. It requires access to the right people, resources, expertise, and opportunities.

Located in Lone Tree, Colorado, Business Foundry is a business accelerator and entrepreneurial hub that helps business owners start, run, and grow their companies.

Serving entrepreneurs, startups, small businesses, and established companies throughout the Denver Metro Area and Colorado Front Range, Business Foundry brings together professional services, business education, strategic relationships, and a collaborative community under one roof.



A Centralized Hub for Business Growth

Entrepreneurship is challenging, especially when business owners manage every part of their operations.

Marketing, accounting, technology, hiring, financial management, and strategic planning all require specialized knowledge. For many businesses, finding that expertise one provider at a time is expensive, overwhelming, and time-consuming.

Business Foundry combines a business campus, a professional services team, and two established business networks, so entrepreneurs can get expert help, build relationships, and develop the skills they need for sustainable growth.



Professional Services That Support Every Stage of Business

Business Strategy and Advisory
Its advisors work with business owners to evaluate opportunities, solve operational challenges, develop growth strategies, and make informed decisions. That includes business planning, business consulting, and one-to-one leadership coaching, starting with a free Growth Assessment.

Marketing, Branding, and Digital Growth
The marketing team provides website design and development, search engine optimization (SEO), Google Business Profile management, branding, photo and video, social media, and email marketing.

Accounting, Bookkeeping, and Financial Resources
Business Foundry offers bookkeeping, monthly financial reports, and small business tax preparation, plus introductions to the banks and lenders in its network.

Technology, AI, and Automation
Their team sets up CRMs, automates repeated tasks, and connects the tools a business already uses, with a person reviewing the work that shouldn't be automated. These services work together, so business owners get coordinated support instead of managing several separate providers.

Entrepreneurship Thrives Through Community

Business Foundry is a gathering place for entrepreneurs, investors, contractors, real estate professionals, and business leaders across Colorado.

Its ecosystem includes two established professional communities based on its campus. Contractors of Colorado has more than 25,000 contractors in its network, and Real Estate Dealmakers has more than 60,000 online members, by their own counts. Both bring their members together through networking, education, and business development events.

Education, Mentorship, and Leadership Development
Its educational programming focuses on business fundamentals, leadership, marketing, financial literacy, and day-to-day operations.

Through workshops, coaching, assessments, and community-driven learning, entrepreneurs can gain practical insights from professionals who understand the challenges of building and running a business.



A Physical Campus Built for Collaboration

Business Foundry's Lone Tree campus provides a professional environment where business owners can work, connect, learn, and host events.

Their campus includes coworking booths and desks, conference rooms, a business lounge that seats 30 to 40, a podcast room with four microphones, cameras, and lighting, and a full ground level that holds events for 75 to 100+ guests.



Beyond hosting our its programming, Business Foundry is available for outside companies and organizations to rent for their own events and activities.

With a 12-foot-by-8-foot LED wall, AV support, approved outside catering, and free parking for about 40 cars, Business Foundry gives companies a convenient, professional setting to bring their teams, clients, and communities together.

Where Business Gets Built

To grow your business or host your next professional event, learn about their services, ask about event space, schedule a tour, or start a conversation with its team – they would like to hear from you. Tours run Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ◆



Visit Us in Lone Tree:
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303-955-7217
Businessfoundry.com

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.

Park Meadows Retail Resort



Thirsty Lion
8335 Park Meadows Center Drive
Thirstylionrestaurant.com/colorado
Opening in December!

Bring your appetite! Thirsty Lion is expected to open in December in the former Earls Restaurant space at Park Meadows Retail Resort. Known for its scratch-made food, the restaurant's menu features hearty French dip sandwiches, jalapeño pepper jack burgers and a signature Gastropub Burger with Gorgonzola, maple pepper bacon and white cheddar. Add craft cocktails, beer and wine, and you have a new spot to meet friends or unwind after holiday shopping.

Heritage Hills



Pyro Pot
9804 S. Yosemite Street
pyropotco.com

Gather around the table at Pyro Pot, Lone Tree's new family-owned hot pot restaurant! Featuring slow-simmered broths, Wagyu beef and seasonal vegetables, Pyro Pot brings an interactive dining experience to the community. Choose from flavors such as spicy Sichuan or comforting bone broth, then cook your ingredients in the bubbling pot at your table. It's a meal made for sharing with family and friends.

RidgeGate



Dough Counter
10012 Commons Street
doughcounter.com

The Marco's Coal-Fired family is bringing its passion for pizza to Lone Tree with the opening of Dough Counter! Created by Mark and Kristy Dym and their family, Dough Counter brings decades of pizza-making experience to its New York-style pies and Sicilian pan pizzas, alongside tender chicken strips. The secret starts with the dough: five simple ingredients, five days to rise and a final 24-hour warm proof. That patient process creates the pillowy centers and crispy edges of its Sicilian pizzas and the foundation for its New York-style pies. Now open for lunch and dinner, the casual, counter-service restaurant invites you to find your favorite slice today.





RESTŌR Medical Spa

10012 Commons Street
Restormedicalspa.com

Named 5280 Readers' Choice Best Medical Spa in Colorado for 2026, RESTŌR Medical Spa is now open in Lone Tree, and the City celebrated with a ribbon cutting to welcome the team! Founded in 2011 with the philosophy of "making aging optional," RESTŌR was created for women who live life on their own terms. Through its RESTŌR Method, registered nurse aesthetic providers design and administer personalized care plans based on each client's goals and aesthetic needs.

Park Meadows Retail Resort

Visit parkmeadows.com

Now Open:

- Mavi
- Johnston & Murphy
- Beyond Yoga

King Soopers Marketplace Takes Shape

Construction is progressing on the new King Soopers Marketplace shopping center, known as Lone Tree Village. Located east of I-25 between the eastbound and westbound lanes of RidgeGate Parkway, the 17-acre development includes a 123,000-square-foot grocery store, a fuel station and six stand-alone commercial buildings, with openings projected for 2027. Businesses with signed leases include Bad Ass Coffee, Jersey Mike's Subs, Blue Sky Nails & Lash, Handel's Homemade Ice Cream, Pacific Dental Services, Great Clips and Bank of America. The center will bring grocery shopping, dining and everyday services to residents in Lone Tree.







LOCAL WOMEN, LASTING IMPACT

100+ WOMEN WHO CARE BRINGS COMMUNITY GIVING TO LONE TREE



Four times a year, women from across Douglas County come together in Lone Tree with a shared purpose: to help local nonprofits continue their work.

Meeting at Canvas Credit Union, 100+ Women Who Care Douglas County gives women an opportunity to connect, learn about community needs and combine their donations to make a larger contribution than any one member might make alone.

“It’s supporting all of the deserving nonprofits in our local community,” said Suzanne Wexler, founder of the Douglas County chapter.

A Passion for Giving Back

Wexler brought the idea to Douglas County after participating in a 100 Women Who Care group while living in Chicago. Her volunteer experience, including working with a homeless shelter, serving as a court-appointed special advocate for children and helping older adults, showed her what financial support can mean to an organization.

After moving to Colorado, she considered starting a chapter serving the broader south Denver metro area. Discovering how many nonprofits were operating in Douglas County inspired her to focus closer to home.

What started with 70 members in 2023 has grown to approximately 220 members, helping the group regularly exceed its original goal of raising $10,000 per meeting, and bringing quarterly donations closer to $21,000. In addition, every quarter they present each of the runners-up with a $1,000 donation from the group.

Learning, Connecting and Giving

At each meeting, members hear short presentations about three eligible nonprofits before voting by secret ballot. Each member then contributes $100 directly to the selected organization.

The gatherings also introduce members to organizations they might otherwise never discover.

“We laugh, we cry, you know, everything in between, just learning about amazing organizations that may never have crossed our path before,” added Wexler.

The chapter operates through volunteers with no administrative fees, and donations go directly to the selected nonprofit.



Making Connections in Lone Tree

The group's connection to Lone Tree extends beyond its meeting location. In February 2026, members selected The Happy Crew, a Lone Tree organization supporting youth mental health, to receive their collective donation.

Local business owners are involved, too. Carrie Lohr, owner of Clothes Mentor Lone Tree, values the opportunity to discover local nonprofits and connect with fellow members. She is inspired to hear their stories and stand alongside others who genuinely care about strengthening our community.

The group also receives sponsor support from Lone Tree businesses including Cranelli's, Newk's Eatery, Clothes Mentor, Canvas Credit Union, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Sazón.

For Lone Tree residents looking for a way to get involved, the group offers an opportunity close to home to meet other women and support causes serving the surrounding community.

Become a Member

Any woman may join, whether she lives in Lone Tree, Douglas County or another community. Members commit to one year of participation, including four quarterly meetings and a $100 donation at each meeting to the chosen nonprofit - a total annual commitment of $400. Any member may submit a nonprofit for consideration.

The group meets at Canvas Credit Union's corporate location in Lone Tree at 9990 Park Meadows Drive on the first Monday of February, May, August and November.

To learn more, visit 100womenwhocaredouglascounty.com or email Suzanne.100WWCdougco@gmail.com. ◆



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