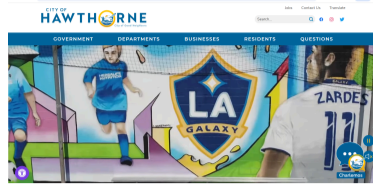




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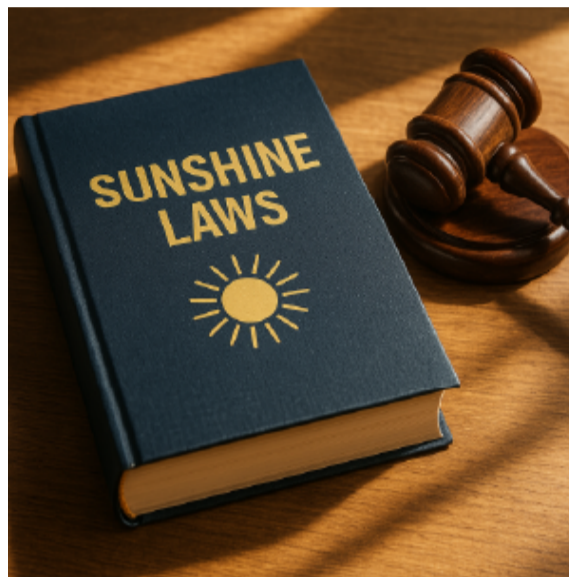


Hawthorne is a city in southwestern Los Angeles County, California. It is part of a seventeen-city subregion of the Los Angeles metropolitan area commonly known as the South Bay. As of the 2020 US census, Hawthorne had a population of 88,083.

Hawthorne was once part of the Rancho Sausal Redondo of the 22,458-acre Mexican land grant in present-day Los Angeles County. It was given in 1837 by the Mexican Government and then founded as Hawthorne in 1905.

[Watch Hawthorne City Council Meeting Live and On Demand](#)

Why Transparent Government Matters: The Public's Right to Know



Across the United States, transparent government is a cornerstone of democracy, ensuring that the public can hold elected officials accountable and participate meaningfully in civic life. With the rise of digital technology, streaming public meetings has become an essential tool for fulfilling both the letter and spirit of open government laws. By making meetings accessible online in real time or on demand, municipalities not only comply with Sunshine Laws but also expand public access to those who cannot attend in person—be it due to work schedules, disabilities, or geography.

Transparency fosters trust, combats misinformation, and ensures that decisions affecting communities are made in the open. As more states modernize their laws to reflect the digital age, streaming is proving to be one of the most effective ways to protect the public's right to know.

In Colorado, the commitment to open government is embedded in the Colorado Open Meetings Law—often referred to as the state's Sunshine Law—which requires that meetings of public bodies be conducted openly and with proper notice. The state has seen a growing number of municipalities adopt streaming as a practical solution to meet these obligations, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated digital engagement. Small towns and large counties alike have demonstrated that with the right tools, even limited staff can make meetings accessible online. This shift not only satisfies legal requirements but also meets a growing public expectation for transparency and digital access. With tools tailored to local government workflows, Colorado continues to be a model for how technology can bridge the gap between civic institutions and the people they serve.

[Colorado's Open Meetings Requirements](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Juneteenth is June 19

Recognizing **Juneteenth** is essential to acknowledging the full scope of American history and the enduring legacy of slavery. Celebrated on June 19th, it marks the day in 1865 when the last enslaved people in Galveston, Texas were informed of their freedom—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Honoring Juneteenth not only commemorates the resilience and contributions of Americans with African ancestry and heritage, but also creates space for reflection, education, and dialogue about systemic injustice. It is a vital step toward national healing and a more honest, inclusive understanding of the country's past and present.



June is Pride Month

Visibility is a powerful tool for fostering acceptance, especially for historically marginalized groups. Pride festivities provide a vibrant, public platform where LGBTQ+ individuals can express themselves freely and authentically, challenging stigma and stereotypes through their presence. These events not only affirm the dignity and humanity of participants but also invite broader society to witness, engage with, and ultimately embrace diverse identities. By making marginalized voices visible in streets, media, and public discourse, pride celebrations play a critical role in shifting cultural norms and building communities rooted in respect, inclusion, and equality.

[Visit Denver Pride for Schedule of Festivities](#)



Summer Solstice is June 20

The summer solstice marks the longest day of the year and the official beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. In Colorado, this extended daylight offers the perfect opportunity to embrace the outdoors and soak up the state's natural beauty. Residents and visitors alike take advantage of the warm weather with activities like hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park, river rafting, attending outdoor concerts, or simply enjoying a sunset picnic in one of Colorado's many scenic parks. The solstice is a celebration of light, energy, and the vibrant spirit of summer in the Centennial State.

[Visit Denver Civic Center Park for Calendar of Festivities](#)