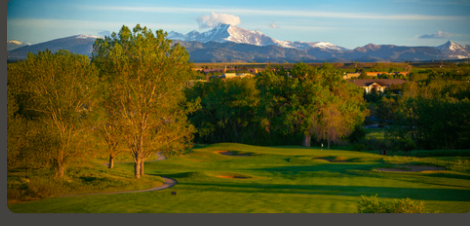
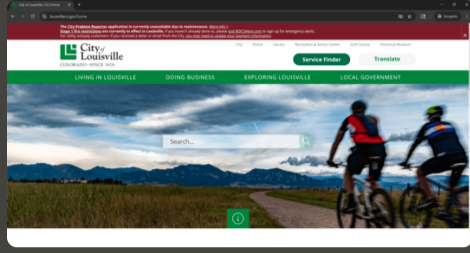


GOVERNMENT

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Louisville Downtown

Louisville, Colorado is a home-rule municipality located in southeastern Boulder County along Colorado's Front Range, positioned between the cities of Denver and Boulder along the U.S. 36 corridor. The town began in 1877 with the opening of the Welch Mine, the first coal mine in what became known as the Northern Colorado Coalfield. The community was named for local landowner Louis Nawatny, who platted the townsite, and Louisville was formally incorporated in 1882. During the early twentieth century the area supported dozens of coal mines, making it one of Colorado's significant mining centers. When the mines closed in the 1950s, Louisville gradually transitioned into a suburban residential community while preserving much of its historic downtown. [\[Wikipedia\]](#)

Today Louisville is a thriving small city with a population of about 21,226 residents according to the 2020 U.S. Census. The city covers roughly eight square miles and sits at an elevation of about 5,401 feet above sea level. Louisville's population density and proximity to major employment centers in Boulder and the Denver metropolitan area have helped it grow into a highly desirable residential community. Residents benefit from strong local services, a stable housing market, and a family-friendly environment that blends suburban neighborhoods with historic character and outdoor amenities.

Louisville is widely known for its vibrant Old Town district, where historic buildings along Main Street now house shops, restaurants, and local businesses. Community events such as outdoor concerts, farmers markets, and the annual Labor Day parade bring residents and visitors together throughout the year. Outdoor recreation is also a major attraction: Louisville maintains more than 1,700 acres of open space, numerous cycling routes, parks, and the scenic Coal Creek Golf Course with views toward Boulder's Flatirons. Cultural venues such as the Coal Creek Community Theater and local breweries further contribute to the city's active lifestyle and arts scene. [\[colorado.com\]](#)

Louisville emphasizes civic participation and transparency in local governance. The City Council generally meets every Tuesday evening at City Hall, with regular meetings held on the first and third Tuesdays and additional study sessions or special meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays. These meetings are open to the public, include designated time for public comment, and can be attended in person or viewed remotely online. Agendas, meeting packets, minutes, and archived videos are published on the city's website, allowing residents to follow discussions and decisions about local policies, development projects, and community programs. This accessible approach reflects Colorado's broader commitment to open government and public engagement. [\[louisvilleco.gov\]](#)

[Watch Louisville Public Meetings Live and On Demand](#)

Advocacy and Engagement

Expanding Access: Technology and the Evolving Standards of Digital Accessibility

Digital accessibility is rapidly evolving as governments, technology companies, and standards organizations work to ensure that online information and public services are available to everyone. Guidelines such as the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\)](#) continue to be refined as new technologies emerge, helping organizations create websites, videos, and documents that can be understood by people with a wide range of abilities. At the same time, federal and state regulations are increasingly emphasizing accessibility as a core requirement rather than an optional feature. As streaming, digital archives, and online public records become central to civic engagement, municipalities are adapting their systems to include features like captioning, searchable transcripts, screen-reader compatibility, and clear navigation structures. These evolving standards reflect a broader understanding that accessibility is not only about compliance—it is about ensuring that every resident can meaningfully access and understand public information.



Advancements in apps, browser extensions, and assistive technologies are also transforming how people interact with digital content. Screen readers, automatic captioning tools, real-time translation services, and browser plugins that adjust contrast, text size, and page layout are making government information more usable than ever before. Tools like live captioning, speech-to-text transcription, and AI-powered translation help residents who are deaf or hard of hearing, those with limited vision, and people who speak different languages follow public meetings and review official records. As these technologies become more widely available and easier to use, they expand civic participation by lowering barriers that once prevented many people from engaging with their local government. When public meetings and records are streamed, archived, and presented in accessible formats, transparency grows stronger—ensuring that more people can see, understand, and participate in the decisions that shape their communities.

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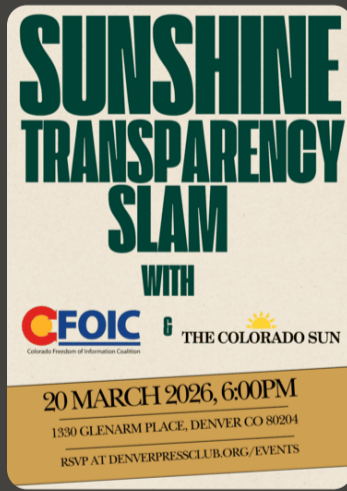


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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunshine Week Transparency Slam on March 20

Join the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition and The Colorado Sun for the second Sunshine Week Transparency Slam!

Bring your open government gripes, cheers or solutions and share them in three-minute talks that will be judged by a panel of experts. Recently retired Denver7 investigative reporter Tony Kovaleski will emcee.

6 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Denver Press Club, 1330 Glenarm Place, Denver.

The event is free but registration in advance is required.

Want to slam? Describe the story you'll tell in a few words. Don't have a story? Not a problem. Join the party to listen and laugh along.

[Register](#)



Saint Patrick's Day is March 17, Denver Parade on March 14

The Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade has been a hallmark of The Mile High City since 1962, celebrating a deep love for Irish culture. The parade will start on Wynkoop Street at 19th Avenue, then turn southeast down 17th Avenue, then northeast on Blake Street (renamed Tooley Street for the parade), and continue on Blake Street until 27th Avenue.



Spring Equinox on March 20

In the Northern Hemisphere, the astronomical start of spring, also known as the spring equinox, will occur on Friday, March 20, at 10:46 A.M. EDT. Spring will last from March 20 until June 21, when Summer officially starts in 2026.



Spring has always had great significance when it comes to dates and celebrations. In ancient times, it was during Spring that many pagan rituals and ceremonies took place, mainly weddings and other fertility-related rites. These traditions have, in one way or another, been passed on through to modern times, and today some of the most important dates we celebrate take place during Spring:

Mardi Gras and Carnival is the festival of the new year in some cultures. Easter is the most important feast day in Christianity, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Passover is when Jewish people celebrate their escape from slavery.

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