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Adams County Aging Network

Lighting the Way to Positive Aging in Adams County



ACAN Newsletter



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ACAN Membership Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

Thornton Community Connections Center

9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO

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ACAN Championing Nonprofits That Make a Difference for Older Adults

As a result of our fundraising, ACAN now supports charitable giving to organizations such as Volunteers of America, Senior Resource Center, Age Wise Colorado, Benefits in Action, and the Adams County Emergency Food Bank because they provide essential services that strengthen our community and improve quality of life for vulnerable individuals and families. These organizations help older adults maintain independence, connect people with critical benefits and resources, provide emergency food assistance, and offer support programs that address basic needs, health, and well-being. By contributing to these nonprofits, we help ensure that community members have access to the resources, care, and support they need to thrive.

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Monthly Meeting Door Prize Winner

At every monthly meet ACAN holds a drawing for joining us. So, in addition to meeting lots of great people and learning about an aging issue or service you may go home with something unexpected and special!

Congratuations to Tri Ma who was our door prize winner this month.



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Thornton Community Connections Center
November 4, 2026

Attendance: 23

Barbara Boyer, ACAN Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements around the room.

Greg K. and Barbara B. gave updates on DRCOG meeting. DRCOG is looking for

- New community sites,
- A new meal preparation/delivery provider like Mom's Meals.
- Political advocacy for the Older Americans Act to be passed by the US Legislature
- Funding

Presentation by Sabrina Iacovetta
Thornton Fire Department and Smart 911®



Smart911 is a free public safety service that allows individuals and families to create a secure online "Safety Profile" linked to their phone numbers. When a registered user dials 9-1-1 from an associated mobile or landline number, their profile automatically displays on the dispatcher's screen in participating emergency dispatch centers.

Locally, Thornton and Westminster residents have direct access to Smart911, but all Adams County residents are strongly encouraged to sign up just in case. Because emergency communications center boundaries and mutual-aid responses overlap—and because users frequently travel through neighboring jurisdictions—having a profile ensures dispatchers can access critical details whenever a participating center answers the call.

Key Features and Information Provided

- Medical and Health Details: First responders can immediately view chronic conditions, severe allergies, medications, disabilities, or mental health considerations.
- Location and Access: Profiles can include precise addresses, gate or building access codes, bedroom locations, and floor plans to speed up entry.
- Family and Pets: Users can list household members, emergency contacts, photos of vulnerable dependents, and details about pets on the property.
- Vehicle Descriptions: Make, model, color, and license plate information aid dispatchers during highway incidents or roadside emergencies.

Smart911 bridges a vital information gap when callers are panicked, injured, or unable to speak. The service is secure, private, and opt-in, with users prompted to confirm their profile every six months so first responders always have current details.

Public Service Announcement: Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

- Use the right charger: Always charge devices with the manufacturer-supplied charger and cable. Incompatible or counterfeit chargers can overcharge the battery and ignite a fire.
- Dispose of batteries properly: Never throw lithium-ion batteries in household trash or standard recycling bins. Take them to designated drop-off sites such as Lowe's, Batteries Plus, or The Home Depot.
- Evacuate and call 911 for battery fires: Lithium-ion battery fires produce intense thermal runaways and toxic fumes that water cannot easily extinguish. Never attempt to fight the fire yourself—clear the area immediately and let emergency responders handle it.

Contact your local fire department for more information

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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ACAN UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

All Meeting are held at 9:00 a.m. at the Thornton Community Connections Center, 9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO.

December 2 - Holiday Celebration

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 6, 2027 - Rachel Wise, Benefits in Action

ACAN MEMBERSHIP

ACAN Membership is an annual membership. For further information or to join today click the email below.

Individual membership:
Monthly educational presentations, exposure to resources for seniors, monthly newsletter, and advanced notice of the ACAN Senior Conference.

Business membership:
Includes all of the above plus opportunity for **advertising in the monthly newsletter**, discount on ACAN Senior Conference exhibitor fee of 10%, list of members on the website, and contact information for all business members. Please contact the ACAN coordinator for more information on the advertising opportunity.

Annual dues are:

Individual over 60	FREE
Individual membership, under 60	$20
Nonprofit agency	$35
For profit business	$65

We request that members pay dues, but do not restrict our meetings or mailings to dues-paying members. Advertising is restricted to dues-paying members. Make checks payable to ACAN and mail to the newsletter return address or email acancoordinator@gmail.com.

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ACAN Board of Directors

All Meeting are held at 9:00 a.m. at the Thornton Community Connections Center, 9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO.

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