

Chicken N Pickle opens 1st Colorado location in Thornton

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THORNTON – A pickleball-focused entertainment concept is opening its first Colorado location in June.

Chicken N Pickle will bring its indoor-outdoor concept to The Grove shopping center, situated near interstate 25 and 144th Avenue. The facility at 14225 Lincoln St. represents the first pickleball-dedicated venue in the Thornton area. The complex combines professional-grade pickleball courts with a chef-driven restaurant, a sports bar, and a variety of games and gathering spaces.

“We’re thrilled to bring Chicken N Pickle to Thornton, a community that reflects our desire to offer a space where families, friends and colleagues can create memories and connect through playful experiences,” said Chicken N Pickle CEO **Brad Clarke**. “Colorado’s active, outdoorsy spirit and Thornton’s strong sense of community make it the ideal place for our next venue. We believe in the power of shared celebrations, whether it’s over a delicious meal, a refreshing beverage or a spirited game, to foster human connection and support our neighbors.”

Chicken N Pickle broke ground on the facility in 2023, according to a press release. The venue was represented in its lease by **Karl**



Chicken N Pickle’s 45,000-square-foot facility includes six indoor and two covered outdoor courts, a fast-casual restaurant, rooftop seating, event spaces, two beer gardens and a game yard.

Phares of Stinson LLP. The Staenberg Group Inc., developer of The Grove, was represented internally by **Scott Heitland**.

The new location spans more than 3 acres and 45,000 square feet, with eight pickleball courts (including six indoor and two covered outdoor courts), a fast-casual restaurant specializing in rotisserie chicken, and rooftop seating with three event spaces (two indoor and one open-air). The venue will also offer additional reservable spaces, two beer gardens and a game yard. The indoor court building features an open-air design with garage doors throughout that open to connect the indoor and outdoor spaces. The Thornton location will be the first Chicken N Pickle

to include windows overlooking the indoor courts.

The restaurant will offer fan favorites like its chicken and two rib combo, Chicken N Waffles, fried pickles and its triple-chocolate chip cookie. The Thornton venue will also offer a breakfast menu and Sunday brunch, an offering that isn’t available at all Chicken N Pickle locations, as well as happy hour Monday through Friday.

Chicken N Pickle will offer adaptive pickleball programming and inclusive spaces to include players of all skill levels. The venue will have on-site wheelchairs available to ensure accessibility for every guest.

Founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in 2016, Chicken N Pickle

has grown to include additional locations in Arizona, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.