

**SUBJECT: LIFE IN LOUISVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AWARDS  
PRESENTATION**

**DATE: MARCH 4, 2025**

**PRESENTED BY: IRIS BELENSKY, CULTURAL SERVICES**

**SUMMARY:**

62 Front Range residents submitted photographs depicting “Life in Louisville” for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Photography Contest. This is more than double the participants we had last year! These photos chronicle events and daily life in Louisville, Colorado from January 1 to December 31, 2024. They will be added to the City’s archives to serve as a cultural reference for future generations. All images are available for public viewing on the City’s website and all photographers have given the City permission to utilize the photos for City publications and marketing including the City website, social media, and outside publications.

This year, 151 photos were entered into the contest. We’d like to thank all of the respondents and encourage continued participation in future years. We would like to also thank local photographer Kirk Fry for his time spent jurying this annual contest alongside City staff. During the jury process, entries were separated into seven major categories: Animals & Pets, Community Events & People, Nature & Landscapes, Old Town & Historic Louisville, Sunrises & Sunsets, and Student Photography. Judges selected the winning entries in each category as well as an overall Grand Prize Award.

32 Finalist photos were selected and put on display at the Louisville Public Library. From February 3 to February 24, the public was invited to view the photos and to vote on the People’s Choice Award winner.

Each of the winning photographs documents a subject unique to Louisville and represents the history, community, and sense of place that makes Louisville a great place to live. Certificates will be presented to the winners of each category as we display the awarded images.

The jury requested that the winners of each category remain unknown until this presentation. Therefore, winners will not be revealed in this packet.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

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**PROGRAM/SUB-PROGRAM IMPACT:**

This contest is an important annual activity that helps meet the Cultural Arts and Special Events Sub-Program goal to provide services, facilities and activities that inform, involve, engage and inspire the community and preserve the community heritage

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Council thank all photographers who have participated in this year's contest and recognize this year's winning entries.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Presentation

**STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            |  <b>Supportive Technology</b>                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |  <b>Collaborative Regional Partner</b>  |