

LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton June 1999

Major street reconstruction projects underway

Disruptions expected on South Broadway

On Tuesday, June 1, South Broadway from Littleton Boulevard to Caley Avenue was restricted to one thru lane of traffic in each direction. The contractor, Brannan Sand and Gravel, is milling and repaving the street. The lane closures will be in effect until late July and will occur 24 hours per day, seven days a week. In spite of the short-term inconvenience this project will cause, a major repaving of this section of South Broadway won't need to be done again for approximately 20 years.

The \$1.3 million project is funded by a combination of funds from the City of Littleton and the federal government. The city's share is 40 percent, the federal government share, through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), is 60 percent.

Electronic message boards were installed to inform motorists of the significant traffic delays that are anticipated. A special hotline telephone number has been established which will contain updated project information. Call 303-534-7676.

Another important road reconstruction project is taking place on Littleton Boulevard

between Windermere and Court Place. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in both directions between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the curb and gutter work and for 24 hour periods during the paving work. This project began in late May and is scheduled to be completed before the end of July.

The Littleton Boulevard reconstruction is funded entirely by the City of Littleton. The cost of approximately \$1 million includes replacement of the deteriorated asphalt pavement and the construction of raised concrete medians with landscaping between Crocker and Court Place. Damaged sidewalk is being removed and replaced and 44 new trees, including American Linden, English and Northern Red Oak, Hackberry and Western River Birch trees will be planted.

The Littleton Boulevard project is phase I of a multi-year program approved by the Littleton City Council. Additional phases will include reconstruction, additional landscaping and sidewalk widening between Windermere and Broadway.

For further information, call project manager Bob Deeds at 303-795-3865.

Watch for local street overlay projects

Other major street reconstruction projects which will begin later this summer include: Broadway south from Mineral Avenue to County Line Road, Windermere Street from Ridge Road to Geddes Avenue and Lowell Boulevard from Bowles Avenue to Berry Avenue.

Local street overlay projects approved by the city council are:

- Monmouth, Lowell to Meade
- Grand, Lowell to Meade
- King, Berry to Alamo
- Julian, Berry to Aqueduct
- Bowles, Lowell Way to Julian
- Cimarron, Perry to dead end
- Sumner, Church to Santa Fe
- Fair, Prince to Spotswood
- Arbor, Spotswood to Hill
- Arbor Place, Spotswood to Hill
- Prescott, Caley to Peakview
- Iris Circle, Peakview south to dead end
- Davies, Prince to Curtice
- Davies, Prince to Windermere
- Curtice, Costilla to Rowland
- Briarwood, Prince to Windermere
- Caley, Elati to Broadway
- Westview, Fair to Crestview

- Bemis, Prescott to Dry Creek Road
- Elmwood, Peakview to Arapahoe
- Kettle, Prescott to Crocker

The city's streets division is responsible for paving these streets. For further information on these projects, call Streets Superintendent Steve Alexander at 303-795-3969.

The Slurry Seal Program is divided into several sub-areas bordered by Littleton Boulevard on the north, Ridge Road on the south, Prince Street on the west and Broadway on the east. Also, the main loop street in the Coventry subdivision and the Amity Plaza parking lot will be slurry sealed this year.

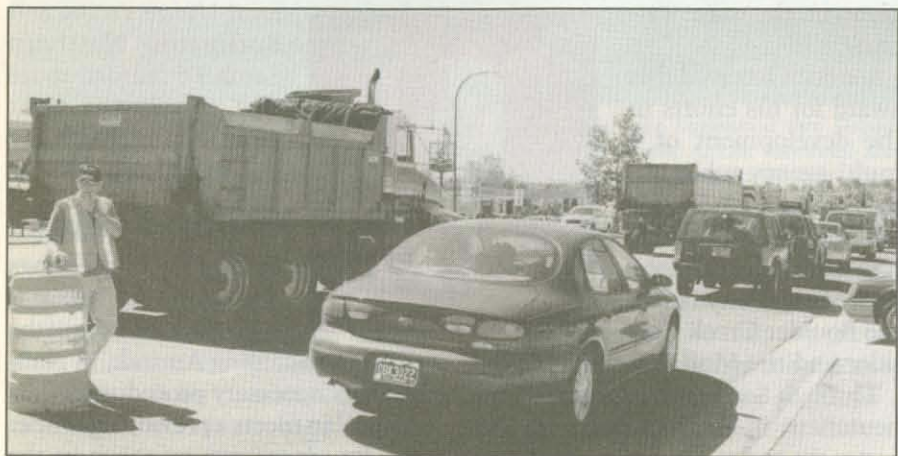
A letter will be sent to each resident about 72 hours before the slurry seal is applied to a specific street. The street will then remain closed until 5 p.m. daily. "No Parking" signs will be placed in the street 24 hours in advance of the slurry seal. For further information on the slurry seal program, contact Project Engineer Bert Whitaker at 303-795-3865.

City's budget process begins

The process for the city's 2000 annual budget gets underway in June. At a study session June 8, the city council discussed the general assumptions and parameters that it wants the staff to use in preparing the 2000 budget. On June 15, the council will conduct a pre-budget hearing at 7 p.m. in the council chamber to receive citizen comments and suggestions regarding needs in the community. The months of July and August are when the city manager and the city staff prepare a preliminary budget which gets reviewed by the city council at

two workshops scheduled for August 24 and August 31. Following the council workshops, a final budget is then prepared for distribution to the public, and two readings of the budget ordinance are held in October, with the tentative date to adopt the 2000 budget being October 19.

Some of these dates are tentative depending on the number of budget issues that may need to be resolved. Questions regarding the current status of the budget process can be directed to the city manager's office at 303-795-3720.



Traffic on southbound Broadway north of Orchard Road is restricted to one lane as the reconstruction project begins.

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Courthouse restoration moving forward

At the May 4 meeting of the Littleton City Council, a package of ordinances were approved paving the way for the restoration of the former Arapahoe County Courthouse.

The building, constructed in 1907 and first occupied in 1908, is now called the Littleton Municipal Courthouse, reflecting the pending move of the overcrowded Littleton Municipal Courts to the historic structure. The building was deeded to the city by Arapahoe County in 1997, and the county also paid \$341,000 for demolition of the adjacent annex and asbestos abatement costs.

The city council approved measures which will permit financing of the \$3.5 million project. One of the ordinances transferred ownership of the property



from the city to the Littleton, Colorado Municipal Building Authority. The transfer allows for the leasing of the courthouse back to the city. The lease payments will be used to retire the Certificates of Participation (COPs) to be issued by the building authority to fund the costs of the interior and exterior renovation. The COPs will be retired by lease payments the city will make over the next 25 years. At the end of the lease, the building authority will transfer the title back to the city.

Construction bids for renovation work were opened April 11. A low base bid of \$2,487,776 was submitted by Rhoades Construction of Fort Collins. Adding in furnishings, landscaping and other necessary costs bring the

total project budget to approximately \$3.5 million, which is well within the preliminary budget figure of \$3.9 million. The project was awarded a \$324,000 grant from the Colorado Historical Fund. Although the final interest rate on the COPs won't be known until they are marketed, the city's annual lease payments will not exceed \$240,000. Staff estimates annual operating costs of between \$100,000 - \$125,000.

Construction is expected to be underway by mid-summer with an anticipated construction schedule of 10 months. The firm of Andrews and Anderson from Golden, Colorado is the principal architect.

The building was designed by English-trained architect John J. Huddart, called one of Denver's most talented 19th-century architects. The building is a significant example of the Mission Revival style with its hipped roof and curvilinear parapets. It served as the county courthouse until 1988, when the courts moved to their current location near Centennial Airport. The building has been used only for storage since that time.

The restored courthouse will provide an important architectural element at the eastern end of downtown Littleton, where in 1998, several blocks were added to the *National Register of Historic Places*. The Littleton City Council approved historic landmark status for the building on September 1, 1998.

Council Outreach Program upcoming events

Upcoming events for the Littleton City Council outreach program include the Boards and Commissions dinner Tuesday, June 29, an ice cream social with the Coventry, Hamlet and Bow Mar South neighborhoods July 27, and breakfast with the Littleton service clubs July 29. For more information these events and the council outreach program, please call Kevin Burke at 303-795-3857.

Community development director hired

Littleton City Manager Andrew McMinimee has announced the hiring of Denise Naegle as the city's new director of community development. Naegle will begin work June 15. Her salary is \$70,000 annually.

Naegle has been town manager of Bayfield, Colorado since October 1995. She earned a bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning from California State Polytechnic University and a master's degree in public administration from California State University, Fullerton.

The community development director is a new position created by the Littleton City Council in the 1999

budget.

Naegle will be responsible for the divisions of planning, codes and inspections, housing rehabilitation and administration.

McMinimee said, "Denise is an extremely talented addition to the City of Littleton staff. She has great experience in the area of community development and in working with growth related issues in commercial, residential, and

mixed use developments, plus she has outstanding people skills. We are looking forward to her joining us. She will be a valuable addition to our staff."



Administrative services director on board

Kevin Burke began work April 5 as the new Director of Administrative Services for the City of Littleton. Burke's annual salary is \$70,000.

Burke was town manager for Wellington, Colorado since 1996 where he managed a \$4.2 million budget. He supervised eight full-time and five part-time employees plus contract labor for law enforcement, code inspection and town attorney. Burke served as City Administrator of West Tawakoni, Texas from 1994 to 1996.

Burke earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas and a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from the University of Colorado.

Burke replaces Janice Owen who passed away in April, 1998. McMinimee said, "Kevin is highly educated with a wealth of practical experience and will bring a new vitality to our organization. I'm excited to have him on our team."



Firefighter receives prestigious honor

Littleton Fire Department employee, Eric Sondeen, was a co-recipient of the Denver Federal Executive Board's 1999 Excellence in Government Award Program in the state category.

Sondeen received this award for his efforts in the development of a multi-agency public improvement team and his efforts to create the RailSafe Railroad Incident Mitigation Plan for the Boulder Creek Corridor and the Moffat Tunnel.

Through Sondeen's experience as a lieutenant in the Littleton Fire Department and as a volunteer for Colorado Operation Lifesaver and RailSafe, he was able to assist in the development of a response plan.

The plan is a detailed response procedure, which is required for a successful multi-jurisdictional response to accidents and incidents on the joint Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad route that travels the front range and includes the 6.2-mile-long Moffat Tunnel.

Sondeen provided the leadership in meetings and planning sessions with the members of the railroads, including Amtrak, in planning this necessary procedure.

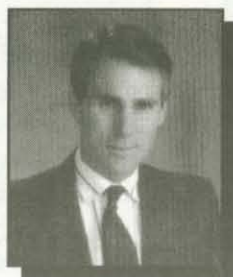
This plan meets a previously unmet need for emergency response in the railroad industry and will serve as a blueprint for other areas in the state.



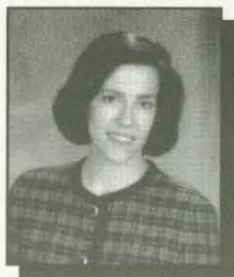
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New Economy Project honored

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (USEDA) has judged Littleton's New Economy Project, which provides sophisticated information and assistance to local businesses, as one of the best in the nation.

The agency notified the Business/Industry Affairs department last month that the project would be included in a publication of innovative economic development programs from around the country.

The New Economy Program has received over 5,000 requests for assistance from Littleton businesses since its inception in 1989. Over that 10 year period, the B/IA staff has assembled an impressive array of tools and training to assist Littleton businesses in solving their business problems. With access to over 1,000 com-

puter databases containing over 100,000 publications, the New Economy Program has provided everything from marketing lists to competitor intelligence to monitoring of project bidding to legislative research.

The B/IA department also offers focus groups, video conferencing, mapping of customers (with demographic and lifestyle information), and real estate information. Start up businesses receive assistance with business plans, market analysis and licensing. The city council provides most of these services free or at a minimal cost to businesses located inside the Littleton city limits.

The USED A publication will be available mid-summer. Any Littleton business can call 303-795-3749 for assistance from the B/IA department.

Youth Resources Directory available

The City of Littleton *Youth Resources Directory* is now available, just in time for summer!

The directory was funded by the Littleton City Council, in cooperation with the Littleton Area Youth Council. It was produced as a result of the city council's interest in assessing the availability of services for youth in the greater Littleton area. It provides a variety of information about community resources, from recre-

ational activities to counseling and educational programs.

Copies of the directory are available at each of the Littleton Public Schools elementary and middle schools, at South Suburban Park and Recreation District facilities, Bemis Public Library, the Littleton Historical Museum and at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue.

For more information, call 303-795-3733.



Littleton Fire Department personnel take on their peers from the Englewood Fire Department in one of the many events taking place at the second annual AirLife Memorial May 16. Proceeds will fund maintenance of the memorial and the Columbine Healing Fund.

Lee Gulch trail closing continues

The Lee Gulch Trail crossing of the railroad tracks continues to be closed to allow construction of a new bridge that will carry the Southwest Corridor light rail line across the stream and trail. Construction began last winter, and has been delayed somewhat due to all the rain and snow that fell

in April. It is now anticipated bridge construction will progress sufficiently to allow opening the trail to pedestrians, bicycles and horseback riders by July 1. Edward Kraemer and Sons is the contractor working for the Regional Transportation District.

Utility bills arrive June 1

The 1999 utility bill for sewer and storm drainage began arriving June 1. The bill is due in full to the City of Littleton by August 16. If the payment is not received by then, a 25 percent penalty will be added to the remaining balance. A past due bill will be generated and sent out in September.

Any remaining utility balances due after November will be collected through property taxes next year, with an additional 10 percent charge by the counties.

For any questions or inquiries, please call 303-795-3772 or 303-795-3903.

Duplicate sewer bills mailed

An error was made when the 1999 sewer and storm drainage bill was sent out the last week in May. Approximately 800 addresses were sent duplicate bills. Please disregard the second notice and pay only the first. The city is sorry about any inconvenience this might have caused. If you have any questions, please call 303-795-3903 or 303-795-3772.



Littleton Mayor Pat Cronenberger (center) accepts a compact disc of the song "Listen for the Wings" from Alabama musicians Eddie Martin (right) and Susan Welborn (left). The mayor was also presented with a resolution from the Alabama Legislature dedicating the song as the official gift of hope from the people of Alabama to the people of Littleton. Littleton Historical Museum and Bemis Public Library staff are beginning the process of cataloging and responding to the thousands of messages of support in the wake of the tragedy at Columbine High School.

Santa Fe improvement update

What's Done

Section of Frontage Road is Finished

A section of the new Santa Fe Drive frontage road is now complete between Bellevue Avenue and Chenango Avenue. Work completed includes a new water line, and new storm sewer drains that will provide better drainage along the frontage road.

The new road will provide permanent access to businesses that are located along this section of Santa Fe Drive. This part of the frontage road will be used, temporarily, as a detour for southbound Santa Fe Drive traffic wishing to exit at Bellevue Avenue, while the permanent exit ramp is being completed. Work is still underway on the frontage road section that runs from Prince Street to Bellevue Avenue.

West of Santa Fe on Bellevue features new wider sidewalks, barriers and decorative slope pavement. The final asphalt overlay and striping of Bellevue Avenue is scheduled for later

this summer.

What's Underway

Landscaping is Taking Shape Along Santa Fe

Decorative trees and shrubs are being planted in the median areas along Santa Fe as part of

this phase of the Santa Fe Improvement Project.

New decorative retaining walls are also under construction for Bellevue's off and on ramps. The new ramp walls will lead to and from Santa Fe Drive.

New sanitary sewer pipe is being bored underground at Bellevue Avenue and Zuni Street. This new line will reroute the sanitary sewer service through the new frontage road that runs

from Bellevue Avenue to Prince Street.

The Colorado Department of Transportation and Concrete Works of Colorado will make every effort to minimize construction impacts. Business and residential access will be maintained during construction. Call the 24-hour construction hotline at 303-794-9535.



Bid awarded in Little's Creek Phase II

In May, bids were opened for the second phase of construction of storm drainage improvements on Little's Creek. A contract in the amount of \$894,000 was awarded to Randall and Blake. This project will construct new culverts on West Sterne Parkway at South Elati Street, South Cherokee Street and South Buffalo Street. Also included in the work is new storm sewer, water and sanitary sewer line relocation, channel improvements, and curb, gutter and sidewalk and pavement replacement. To maintain access in the neighborhood, work

will be broken down into several segments. Each segment will allow closure of one or two street intersections of Sterne Parkway at a time. The first segment will be South Elati Street, and this intersection will be closed to all through traffic starting in late June, and continue until late August. This closure is planned to coincide with the summer vacation period for the nearby schools. Construction on the rest of the project will probably continue until late November. Questions can be directed to Utilities Engineer Fred Bromberger at 303-795-3863.

Citizen Academy educates public

The goal of the Littleton Police Citizen Academy is to promote a positive relationship between the police department and the community it serves and to foster a clearer understanding of a police officer's duties, how the officer carries out those duties, and the end results of the officer's actions. The citizen academy is not held to train citizens as police officers or to exercise police authority of any kind.

The citizen academy meets once a week for eleven weeks. These meetings are held on Thursday evenings between 6 and 9:30 p.m. and consist of 10 weeks of classroom and hands-on exercises. The eleventh week meeting is a graduation ceremony. There is no fee for attending the citizen academy.

The instructors are Littleton police officers and civilian staff members. Instructors describe the functions of their position and are available to field questions that arise from their instruction. The classes survey the basics of police training and give an overview of how the police department interfaces with

the rest of the criminal justice system.

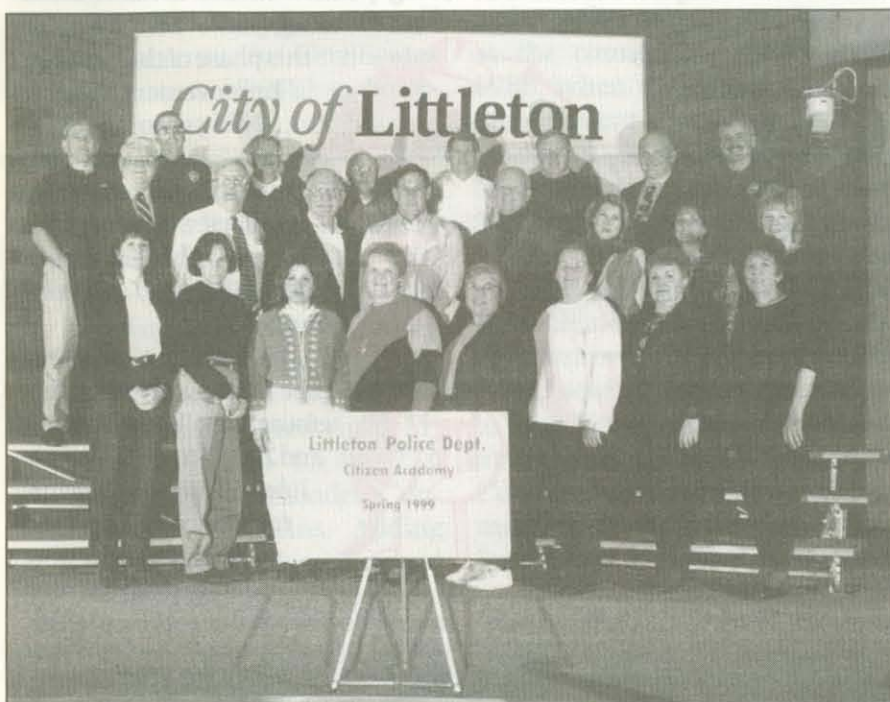
The forum for the citizen academy is not designed to stage debate on police department policies, but to inform and answer questions citizens may have.

In addition to the Thursday night classes, participants experience a ride-a-long with an officer on patrol. Also, each participant spends two hours of observation in the city's police communications center.

A criminal history background check is conducted on all applicants. Individuals found to possess a criminal history will be individually evaluated as to the appropriateness of their attendance in the academy.

If you have questions concerning the citizen academy, or if you wish to enroll, call Crime Prevention Officer Dan Stocking at 303-795-3887 or Sgt. Edmond Tardy at 303-795-3884.

The next academy is scheduled for September 16 through December 2, 1999.



Graduates of the Spring 1999 Littleton Police Citizen Academy smile for the camera in celebration of their graduation May 27.

DUI enforcement heats up

The "Hot Friday Nights" DUI enforcement campaign began Memorial Day weekend and continues through Friday, September 17, reports the Littleton Police Department. The campaign targets Friday nights throughout the summer for increased DUI enforcement.

Police and sheriffs departments receiving Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF) grants and the Colorado State Patrol participate in the campaign. The Littleton Police Department received a LEAF grant for \$33,000 to increase DUI enforcement during 1999. During the Memorial Day Weekend, the Littleton Police Department conducted

increased DUI enforcement activity.

"Drunken driving increases during the summer months. We want our community to know that taking intoxicated drivers off the road will be a top priority for the Littleton Police Department," said Sergeant Larry J. Peterson.

Last year, during July and August in Colorado, 5,237 DUI arrests were made and one-third of them occurred on Friday nights. Overall, the "Hot Friday Nights" campaign increased DUI arrests during the two-month period by 24 percent, compared to July and August in 1997.

Littleton Police join Operation ABC

On May 21, 1999, the Littleton Police Department joined thousands of agencies nationwide in the next wave of the Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children - declaring a zero tolerance for drivers with unbuckled kids. From May 21-31, drivers who didn't buckle up children were stopped and ticketed.

"It's time for zero tolerance because despite laws requiring children to ride buckled up in Colorado and in every state, six out of 10 children killed in crashes are unbuckled," said Sergeant Larry Peterson. "Tragically, 63 children died in traffic crashes in the last two years in Colorado and 60 percent were riding without car seats or seat belts."

More than 2,000 children die in traffic crashes nationwide each year making it the leading cause of death for children. Another 3,000 children are injured in crashes. Despite grim statistics, progress is being made as a result of efforts like Operation ABC Mobilization. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that the mobilizations in 1998 played a key role in prompting more than 19 million more Americans to buckle up - the largest, single year increase in seat belt use in eight years. The government estimates that if these Americans continue to wear seat belts,

1,500 lives will be saved this year.

"When we see the positive impact of these periodic waves of enforcement, we know we need zero tolerance," said Sergeant Peterson. "Nothing is more devastating to an officer than breaking the news to parents that their child has been killed or critically injured. Enforcement not only works but will also spare families a lifetime of pain and regret."

Colorado's law requires all children under the age of 16 to be properly buckled up in both the front and back seats. Children

under four years old and 40 pounds are required to ride in child car seats appropriate for the child's age and weight. Colorado's law for children is a primary law and drivers can be stopped and ticketed for violation of the law. The minimum fine for each unbuckled child is \$50 with a \$6 penalty assessment.

Colorado officers will also step up enforcement of adult seat belt laws, because it's a proven fact that most adults who don't buckle up themselves, don't buckle up kids. In Colorado, if the driver is buckled, 74 percent of children ages four through 15 are buckled up. If the driver is unbuckled, seat belt use for these children is only 11 percent, meaning nine out of 10 children ride unbuckled.

Firm hired to exterminate Y2K bug

The Littleton City Council approved a contract May 4 with LOGIX Solutions to conduct an audit of embedded chips in critical systems including computers, facilities and equipment. The cost of the contract will not exceed \$37,000.

The City of Littleton Y2K Committee has been meeting for approximately one year to prepare the city for potential computer problems that may occur as the world enters the new millennium. In the 60s, 70s and 80s it was common practice for computer programmers to store years as two digits in an effort to be efficient. That practice, however, will cause computer errors beginning in the year 2000. As a result of such failed calculations, each computer and each computer program must be checked for correct handling of date calculations.

The Y2K committee recommended that the city council retain LOGIX Solutions to determine the city's exposure to embedded chips. These exist in equipment as far ranging as elevators, heating and air conditioning systems and even automobiles.

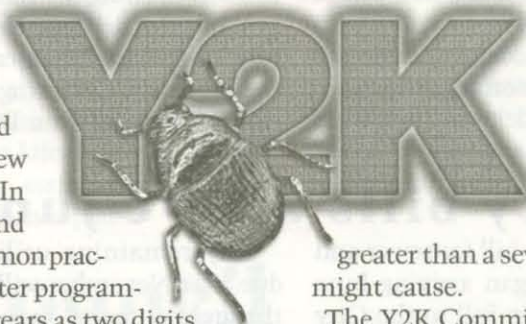
Early analysis by LOGIX Solutions indicates that the city's exposure is limited.

As a result of recent budget investments on upgrading technology, most computer systems are fairly new. An inventory of over 400 computers shows that only a handful have problems. Both the police and fire communications systems are being replaced this year to ensure Y2K readiness. At this point, the city does not expect any disruptions in service to be

greater than a severe winter storm might cause.

The Y2K Committee will conduct a "tabletop" exercise on Monday, July 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. "Tabletop" exercises are frequently used by emergency planning officials to assist in simulating an emergency and analyzing departmental response.

The City of Littleton has prepared a Y2K Family Emergency Brochure in cooperation with the Colorado Office of Emergency Preparedness. Copies were distributed in the April issue of the *Littleton Report*. Additional copies may be obtained by calling 303-795-3720.



Calendar and Annual Report honored

The City of Littleton's Calendar and Annual Report was honored May 25 at the 1999 IABC (International Association of Business Communicators) Bronze Quill Awards ceremony. Since 1962, IABC has been honoring

the outstanding work of communications professionals.

The Calendar and Annual Report received an award of merit in the "Special Publications" category of the awards.

Summer cleanup taking calls

Have you started your spring cleaning and don't know what to do with all the stuff you've discovered? The City of Littleton's popular "Keep Littleton Beautiful" summer cleanup program began June 1, and you may now schedule an appointment for a crew to come to your home and haul it all away!

We will pick up items such as old appliances, used tires (four per household), discarded furniture, refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, and other hard to dispose of objects that your regular trash hauler will not accept. Tree branches will be taken provided

they are cut into four-foot lengths and bundled.

We cannot take hazardous materials such as batteries, paint, motor oil, car parts, household garbage, construction materials and large pieces of cement. Residents who live in single and two-family homes may participate in this free service. However, those in commercial units or apartments are not eligible.

To schedule an appointment or for further information, call 303-795-3744 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the end of July.



Boy scouts from troop #361 take a break from their duties during the city's annual Neighborhood Cleanup Day May 15. Ascension Lutheran Church hosted this year's event.

Help reduce summer air pollution

The Denver region needs your help to curb summer ozone air pollution.

Ozone that is found at ground level is harmful to breathe when at high concentrations. It produces health concerns for the elderly, young children and those with asthma or other respiratory ailments. Symptoms include stinging eyes and throats, chest pains, coughing and breathing difficulty. Even those that spend significant time outside can experience health impacts when ground ozone is at high levels.



Ground ozone is a secondary pollutant that is formed when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) react with nitrogen oxides (Nox). Sources of these come from motor vehicles, gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment, household solvents, and paints.

The Colorado Department of Pub-

lic Health and the Environment (CDPHE) will announce potential summer high pollution days. During these days, business and citizens will be encouraged to take special efforts during pollution advisory periods.

A few voluntary strategies can be made from June 1 until Labor Day to help reduce summer air pollution:

- Alert employees and customers about the air pollution problem and promote ways to reduce the problem.
- Encourage other ways

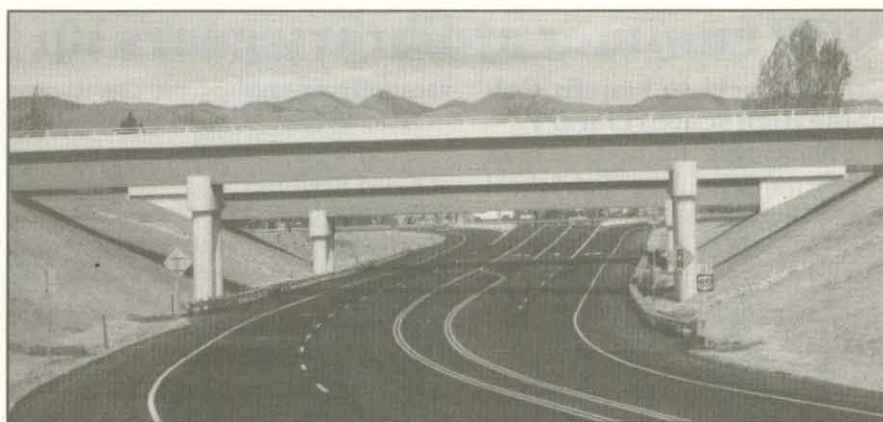
of commuting with bicycles, trip linking and telecommuting.

- During high pollution days, reduce vehicle emissions by turning off vehicles while loading, unloading and waiting in line. Another way to help is to reschedule activities such as using gasoline powered lawn mowers and equipment, paving parking lots or driveways, and painting.

Finance department honored again

The city recently received its seventeenth consecutive annual award for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA). This award, along

with the unqualified audit opinion which the city has been receiving from its independent auditors, is an assurance to citizens that the city's financial house is in order.



The County Line Road railroad grade separation project was completed May 18. The \$5 million construction has resulted in the elimination of the last at-grade railroad crossing within the city limits. It was funded primarily by the railroads and the Colorado Department of Transportation. The city's contribution is approximately \$600,000.

Hudson Gardens concert series kicks off



Jazz, country, R&B, blues and more will fill the air at Hudson Gardens this summer, beginning Sunday, June 6, with jazz artist Nelson Rangell. The second annual Sunday Garden Concert Series is greatly expanded due to the popularity of last year's series. All concerts go on rain or shine and begin at 6:30 p.m. with gates opening at 5 p.m. Beer, wine, brats and hot dogs will be available or you can bring a picnic (no glass bottles or alcohol please) along with your lawn chair or blanket. In addition to the music, kids will enjoy carriage and canoe rides. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$4 members and \$2 kids (ages 7-12).

Perennial Club members receive free admission to all concerts.

Hudson Gardens, Colorado's newest public gardens, is a beautiful 30-acre regional display garden situated along the South Platte River in Littleton, just south of Bowles Avenue. The gardens feature 16 distinctive areas that reflect the unique trees, plants and flowers that grow in the dry Colorado climate. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for a schedule of classes and special events. Summer admission: \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 children (7-12). Children 6 and under admitted free. Picnics welcome.

Hudson Gardens is located at 6115 S. Santa Fe Drive in Littleton, just south of Bowles Avenue. For information call 303-797-8565.

Concert Schedule:

June 6: Nelson Rangell (jazz)

June 13: Pan Jumbies (island calypso/steel drum music)

June 20: Father's Day concert featuring 17th Avenue All-Stars (acappella)

June 27: Colorado Isle of Mull & Friends (Celtic music & dance)

July 4: 3rd annual Rotary 4th Of July Celebration with patriotic music. Old fashioned 4th of July activities all day with concert in the evening.

July 11: Lannie Garrett (big band)

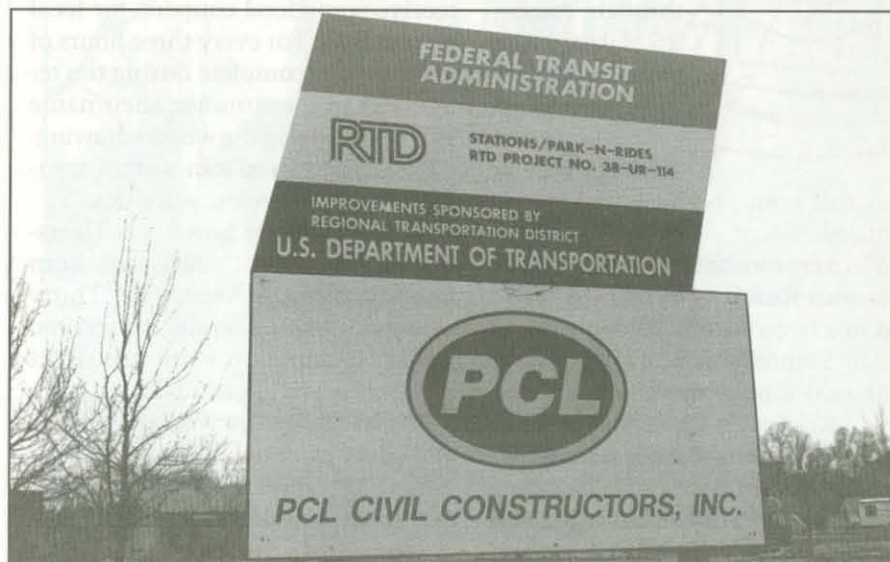
July 18: The Nacho Men (party, dance music)

July 25: Chris Daniels & the Kings (R & B, rock, big band)

Aug. 1: Hot Tomatoes (swing & traditional jazz)

Aug. 8: Walker Williams (contemporary country)

Aug. 15: Hazel Miller (blues)



The countdown is on. Construction is progressing on schedule for the Southwest Corridor light rail station in downtown Littleton. Opening day is expected in July, 2000.

Busy summer at library gears up

Carnival held to benefit Columbine High School Library

The library held a carnival May 22 to benefit the Columbine High School library. Several hundred people attended the event and over \$2,200 was raised for the school library. Families enjoyed many different types of games, a bake sale, and entertainment provided by DJ Rockin' Roger, Magician Dave Elstun, and the Wick School of Irish Dance. Students from local high schools and other volunteers staffed the game booths and helped with the day's events.

All About Pets Day

Come to the library Saturday, June 19 for All About Pets Day. Families can learn about a variety of pets and will have the opportunity to adopt a pet. Activities for the day include:

9-11 a.m.—Staff from the Denver Dumb Friends League will bring their Pet Caravan with many types of animals for participants to adopt. League staff will also answer any questions about pets and distribute handouts.

9:30-10:30 a.m.—Ann Nash from Colorado Reptile Rescue will bring reptiles and talk about reptiles as pets. You will also have a chance to adopt a reptile.

11 a.m.-12 Noon—"Jaguar" Jeff Sherin from the Rainforest Café will bring a trained parrot and talk about birds as pets as well as other pets that come from the rainforest.

12 Noon-1 p.m.—Hot dogs and snacks for sale as well as free pet balloon creations.

1-3 p.m.—Nationally known author of *Train Your Dog in One Hour*, Sandy Butler, will demonstrate how to train even the most unruly dog. She will work with an untrained dog.

Internet training classes

Hands-on Internet training will be conducted at the library from 8:30-11 a.m. every Wednesday morning from June 16 through August 25. Library staff will begin free demonstrations on how to use the Internet on

each half hour. No reservations are required.

Win a free vacation in the Adult Summer Reading Program

Win a free vacation getaway in the Adult Summer Reading Program. This year's program, "Take a Vacation... Read a Book" begins in June, and everyone wins a magnetic address index by reading books and answering travel trivia questions. Drawings will also be held each week for *Oprah* and best-selling books. A grand prize drawing will be held August 15 for the

vacation getaways!

Title Wave!

"Title Wave, A Whale of Good Reading" is the 1999 summer reading program for young adults. Young people going into sixth grade and up are invited to join, and for each book read, participants are eligible to win weekly prizes. The program runs through August 14. For more information, call or stop by the library.

Colorado: A Bar Stool History of the Highest State

Tom Noel, popular author and professor of history at CU Denver, will be at the library Monday, July 19 at 7 p.m. Dr. Noel's program, "A Bar Stool History of the Highest State," promises to be a lively tour of Colorado's pubs and taverns. Dr. Noel wrote on this topic for his Ph.D. dissertation which was published in 1982 as *The City and the Saloon: Denver, 1858-1916*. Since then, he has published numerous books, articles and a column for the *Denver Post* on Colorado history, and chaired Denver's Landmark Preservation Commission. With his latest book, he returns to the saloon theme in *Colorado: A Liquid History and Tavern Guide to the Highest State*. Mayor Wellington Webb recommends Professor Noel as a guide who will "steer you to Colorado's special places with knowledge, zest, and humor."

Summer Reading Program for Kids

The library's summer reading program for children preschool through fifth grade began June 1 and will run through August 15. After reading or listening to books for five hours, the child will receive a book donated by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, a book-mark, a reading certificate, and a pass to Skate City. They will also receive a "Blueprint for Reading." Upon completion of the blueprint, they will receive some food coupons for local restaurants. For every three hours of reading they complete during the remainder of the summer, their name will be entered in the weekly drawing.

We invite you to join us this summer for the following activities:

Story Time for ages 3-5 is Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. from June 10 through August 5. Thirty minutes of stories, crafts, songs, and games. Admission is by free ticket available one week in advance.

Night Tales for young children and their parents is Thursdays at 7 p.m. Thirty minutes of stories, crafts, and songs. No ticket required.

Story and a Snack for ages 6-10 is Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Forty-five minutes of stories and a snack. Admis-

sion is by free ticket available one week in advance.

Groundbreaking for Summer Reading for the whole family is June 8 at 7 p.m. Enjoy a story, craft, game, and music with your family. Admission by free ticket available starting June 1.

Tales and Treasures with Eric West for all ages June 15 at 7 p.m. Eric combines the guitar, banjo, and a trunk full of musical surprises for an entertaining evening outside on the south lawn. Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

Mr. Origami will be here June 21 at 2 p.m.; for ages 6-10. He delights audiences with Japanese folk tales and paper folding. The children will do origami with him. Admission by free ticket available starting June 14.

Tales and Treasures with Susan Marie Frontczak for all ages June 22 at 7 p.m., outside on the south lawn. Susan can create stories from thin air. Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

Tales and Treasures with Jim Jackson

for all ages
June 29 at 7 p.m., outside on the south lawn.

For a hilarious evening of family fun, come and see Jim Jackson in "The Firehouse Circus." Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

Build a Story with Bobbi Shupe for ages 6-10 July 9 at 1:30 p.m. Bobbi is an author-illustrator who will introduce children to the magic of book writing and illustrating. Admission by free ticket available starting July 1.

Sailing, Sailing for ages 6-10 July 12 at 10:30 a.m. Come and hear Rhoda read stories about sailing and build a small sailboat. Admission is by free ticket available starting July 3.

Tales and Treasures with Cloud Dust Theater for all ages is July 13 at 7 p.m., outside on the south lawn.

Bob Aiken, puppeteer, will make puppets come alive.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

Tales and Treasures with Cowboy Hersch

for all ages is July 20 at 7 p.m., outside on the south lawn. Cowboy Hersch is the silliest singing cowboy in the West. Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

Two Stories High for ages 6-10 is July 21 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Caroline will read stories about living in an apartment, and then everyone will build an apartment house from a shoebox. Admission by free ticket available starting July 14.

Tales and Treasures with Nancy Avalon for all ages July 27 at 7 p.m., outside on the south lawn. Nancy tells tales from around the world. Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

Up on the Roof for ages 6-10 is July 28 at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Join in the fun as animals on the roof mean certain mishap. Jane will read stories and then you'll build a roof of your own on a shoebox house. Admission by free ticket available starting July 21.

Lunch Bags Buildings for ages 6-10 will be August 3 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Joan will read her favorite stories and then you'll make a building from a lunch bag. Admission by free ticket available starting July 27.

Starting School Story Time for children starting kindergarten is August 12 at 10:30 a.m. Children going into kindergarten this fall will watch a puppet show about starting school, while their parents meet with a teacher from Littleton Public Schools. Then we'll all have a snack together. Admission by free ticket available starting August 5.



This young visitor tries her hand at one of the many games offered to youngsters at the May 22 carnival at Bemis Library to benefit the Columbine High School Library. Approximately \$2,200 was raised.



**South Suburban
Park and Recreation District**

News...

District promotes water conservation

To improve water coverage of irrigated turf grasses and promote water conservation, South Suburban Park and Recreation District will renovate four park irrigation systems during the summer of 1999. In keeping with South Suburban's mission of stewardship of the environment, and commitment to maintenance of the district's infrastructure, these nearly 30-year-old irrigation sys-

tems will be upgraded with state-of-the-art materials including a computerized program that allows the regular watering schedule to be suspended during summer rain showers.

Irrigation enhancements are scheduled for Littleton Community Center, Harlow Park and Pool, Gallup Park and Alice Terry Park. A \$240,000 contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Grandview Landscape Corporation, who last summer successfully completed upgrades to the district's irrigation systems at Dry Creek Elementary School, Ketring, Hunter's Hill, Harlow West and Ridgeview Parks.

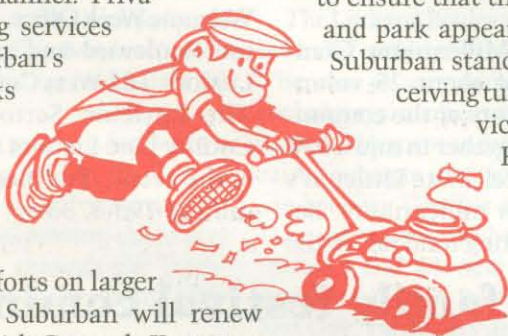
Private mowing contract saves money

South Suburban Park and Recreation District strives to furnish beautiful community parkland in the most economical manner. Privatizing mowing services in South Suburban's smaller parks will reduce travel time and expenses allowing district employees to focus efforts on larger parks. South Suburban will renew the contract with Grounds Keepers, a private company, to provide turf maintenance in 15 district parks during 1999. This contract renewal comes after an excellent year of service in 1998.

The scope of work to be completed

by Grounds Keepers will consist of mowing, trimming and edging. Operations will be regularly monitored to ensure that the quality of service and park appearance meets South Suburban standards. All parks receiving turf maintenance services from Grounds Keepers are 2.5 acres or smaller. Park acreage maintained by South Suburban continues to increase, it now stands

at over 2,800 acres. Equipment must be acquired to meet maintenance obligations. Privatization of services to smaller parks will alleviate the need to purchase new equipment for several years.



40th anniversary celebration planned

Since its creation in 1959, South Suburban has been providing family fun to residents in the Littleton community. To celebrate with and thank citizens for their enduring support, South Suburban will sponsor a variety of free activities in the Littleton area.

On Saturday, June 12, South Suburban will host a Skate Park Grand Opening for the new state-of-the-art skating facility at Cornerstone Park, at the southeast corner of Bellevue Avenue and Windermere Street, featuring two shows by the Airwalk national stunt team, skating clinics, door prizes and free refreshments. Show times are 1 and 3 p.m.

A patriotic event Sunday, June 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Littleton Community Center, 1950 West Littleton Boulevard, will commemorate Flag Day

with an authentic flag ceremony, free ice cream and entertainment.

In recognition of Colorado Lottery Trails Month, trail users will receive free refreshments and giveaways at the confluence of the High Line Canal Trail and the Big Dry Creek Trail, in deKoevend Park, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 19. At the same time on the following Saturday, June 26, visit South Platte Park along the Mary Carter Greenway for similar free activities.

Enjoy cake, punch, balloons and tee-shirt painting at two public park 40th Birthday Parties from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on consecutive Sundays. Venture to deKoevend Park June 20, to the octagon shelter just west of the Goodson Center parking lot, and on Sunday, June 27 the party continues at Sterne Park, located at 5800 South Spotswood, one block south of Littleton Boulevard.

During the month of June, free events will be held throughout the district. For more information call 303-798-5131.

Lawn mowers needed for elderly

The City of Littleton is looking for lawnmowers in working condition. We would appreciate donations but would be willing to pay a reasonable fee. The city will give these mowers

to residents who are elderly, handicapped or destitute. If you have a mower to donate please call Rebecca Thompson, code enforcement officer at 303-795-3831.

News and notes from WWW



A Century of Reflections

A Century of Reflections is the theme of this year's Western Welcome Week Grand Parade, announced

Grand Parade Chairperson David Drake. The parade is the highlight of Festival Day in historic downtown Littleton—this year on Saturday, August 21.

Drake said he expects the 71st parade to be one of the most colorful in Western Welcome Week's history with imaginative entries depicting important periods, music, movies, inventions, and events of the past century. "And we are excited about having the Wells Fargo Stagecoach and the Express Clydesdale hitch from Oklahoma coming for the parade," Drake said. "They will be a spectacular addition to our equestrian entries."

Grand Marshals this year are City Manager Andy McMinimee, Arapahoe Community College President Jim Weber and Littleton Public Schools Superintendent Jim Weatherill. "The board felt this was an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to them for their many years of dedication and leadership in keeping the Littleton community and educational systems on a progressive course and to wish them well in their retirement years," Drake said.

Categories for the juried parade sponsored by Bradford Auto Body and Kuni-Lexus, Inc., include floats, bands, marching groups, equestrians, clowns, vehicles, and political. Participants compete for cash prizes or trophies.

The deadline to enter Western Welcome Week's Grand Parade is June 30. Applications and information are available from the WWW office, 303-794-4870, for the parade, the Arts and Crafts Festival (deadline June 15), and Golf Tournament (deadline August 9).

WWW Old Timers Luncheon Moves to Sunday

The Western Welcome Week Old Timers luncheon is taking on a new date and a new venue. The luncheon is sponsored by the Littleton His-

torical Museum and is being held Sunday, August 22, rather than on the day of the Grand Parade.

"Many people have expressed an interest in attending but have been too involved in the festivities on Main Street, so we decided to move the event to Sunday and hope that more can attend," Chairperson Lorena Donohue said. "We are having the luncheon at the museum from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m."

Old-timers are those who have resided in Littleton 20 or more years, either past or present. The luncheon cost is \$10. For reservations, call the museum at 303-795-3950.

Volunteers Needed

More than 1,000 volunteers make Western Welcome Week happen each year. If you are interested in volunteering to help in the WWW office (June-August), at the Lions BBQ (Aug. 13), Flapjacks, Flyballs and Frisbees Breakfast (Aug. 15), Arts & Crafts Festival (Aug. 21), or other events between Aug. 13-22, call the WWW office, 303-794-4870.

Friends of the Library and Museum Want Your Used Books

The Friends of the Library and Museum gigantic Used Book Sale that benefits the library and museum will be held at the Arapahoe Community College Alamo Center, Alamo and Prince Streets in downtown Littleton from August 14-22. Used books are now being accepted for the sale. Please take them to Bemis Library, 6014 S. Datura Street during the hours the library is open: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help during the sale. Call Julie Gomez, chairperson, 303-797-6642.

The Incomparable Judy Collins in Concert for WWW

Inter-Faith Task Force is sponsoring *A Garden Party Featuring the Incomparable Judy Collins* at Hudson Gardens on Friday, August 20. The cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate, and includes the concert, rain or shine, and admission to the gardens. Strolling food, beer and wine begin at 3 p.m., the concert is at 7 p.m. For information, call 303-789-0501.



Littleton Tree Committee Member Bob Simmonds helps a citizen select an oak tree at the city's fourth annual Arbor Day tree giveaway. Each year 300 trees are provided to Littleton citizens at a discounted price for planting throughout the community.

Hey Kids!

The Littleton Police Department are distributing the Colorado Rockies players cards starting the first week of June. The cards will be distributed over a twelve week period. Each player's card has a safety tip on it. This year's set will consist of twelve cards.

Remember kids: For your own safety never approach an officer who is in the process of making a traffic stop or an arrest!



Recipes sought for millennium cookbook

Recipes and a name are being sought for a Littleton Millennium Cookbook being published by the Littleton Millennium Committee. Elle Pope, chairperson of the cookbook committee, urges anyone who likes to cook or eat to send in their favorite recipes.

"We want this to be a community cookbook," Pope said, "with family recipes handed down through the century and recipes from service club members, our Littleton restaurant owners, and our dignitaries. We plan to have the cookbook ready by October, so urge everyone to send their recipes now to give the committee time to go through the selection process and to prepare them for the printer," Pope said.

The deadline for recipes is June 23. Pope is pouring through recipes collected for Littleton's centennial and other cookbooks in the Littleton Historical Museum's collection. Some of these may be used as historical Littleton recipes.

The "Name the Cookbook Contest" is open to everyone. Pope said the committee is looking for an appealing name to pay tribute to

Littleton's fine cooks through the last century. Suggested titles are limited to five per person. In the event of a tie, the suggestion received first will be named as winner. The winner will receive five cookbooks for their personal use and will be credited in the cookbook.

Recipes and names for the cookbook should be sent to: Littleton Millennium Cookbook, c/o Western Welcome Week, P.O. Box 208, Littleton, CO 80160, or dropped off at the office at 709 W. Littleton Blvd., suite #203.

Include name, phone number, association if applicable, approximate year the recipe was first used, and any other information that will help the committee select recipes that represent the decades through the century. "It would help to have the recipes typed on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet, with ingredients listed first and directions below in common cookbook style," Pope said. "We will, however, accept hand-printed recipes and want to encourage people that don't type to send them in," she added.

For information, call the Western Welcome Week office at 303-794-4870.



June Littleton! show announced



On the June edition of the *Littleton! Show*, Mayor Pat Cronenberger visits with Deputy City Manager Jim Woods, and Nan Anderson of Andrews and Anderson Architects to discuss the progress of the courthouse restoration. Viewers will also get an update on the status of Broadway reconstruction, and finally the mayor will be joined by the award-winning producers of *Little Women*, recently honored with the Denver Drama Critics Circle Award for their Town Hall Arts Center production.

The *Littleton! Show* can be seen each Monday through Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. on cable channel 8. For further information, call 303-795-3733.

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An Evening in the Gardens Returns

An *Evening in the Gardens* is the fourth annual event benefiting Hudson Gardens. August 14 is the date to enjoy a breathtaking evening among the 16 distinctive gardens that surround you at Hudson Gardens.

An *Evening in the Gardens* is a unique garden party gala held in the summer splendor of blossoms and starlight. The evening begins at 6 p.m., featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, guided tours of the Gardens, and a silent

auction. Partygoers will enjoy a splendid meal catered by Le Petit Gourmet, followed by a live auction with auctioneer Gary Corbett. Entertainment will enhance the evening.

Tickets are \$75 per person or \$1,000 at the patron/corporate level for a table of eight. Dress for the evening is cocktail attire. Hudson Gardens is located at 6115 S. Santa Fe Drive, in Littleton.

For tickets or information, please call 303-797-8565.



Millennium wine tasting planned

Enjoy delectable wines, food, and classical guitar music in the beautiful setting of the Littleton Center courtyard as the Littleton Millennium Committee begins the six-month countdown to January 1, 2000. The event will be held Thursday, July 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Littleton Millennium Committee consists of about 25 volunteers from all sectors of the community who joined together in mid-1998 to plan events to celebrate Littleton's entry into the new millennium. Besides the wine tasting fund raiser, the

committee has planned concerts on New Year's Eve, and is developing a time capsule, a historical calendar and lecture series, a cookbook and more.

Tickets for the wine tasting are \$20 each and are available at the Western Welcome Week Office, 709 West Littleton Boulevard and at County Line Liquors, 181 West County Line Road. The Littleton Sertoma Club and County Line Liquors are co-sponsors of the event. For more information, call 303-795-3733.

July 4th family festival coming soon

The fourth annual Fourth of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show is set to light up the sky Sunday, July 4. The show is sponsored by the cities of Englewood, Littleton, and Cherry Hills Village, along with South Suburban Park and Recreation District and Englewood Neighborhood Watch. Dozens of other organizations are also involved.

The train and pony rides at Bellevue Park will open at 4 p.m. Other festivities can be found at Bellevue, Cornerstone and Progress Parks. These include a fishing derby and casting contest, a talent show, duck races, a pie eating contest, face painting, pony rides, three legged races, an obstacle course and more. Food and beverage booths can also be found at all three parks.

Bring a portable radio for the 'live' pyromusical that will be broadcast during the fireworks show on MIX 100.3 FM.

Fireworks will begin at dark at Cornerstone Park, located at the southeast corner of West Bellevue Avenue and Windermere Street. For everyone's safety, no alcohol, glass containers or fireworks are allowed.

Free parking is provided at Cornerstone Park, Bellevue Park and at the City of Littleton Service Center near the southwest corner of West Bellevue Avenue and Windermere Street. A free shuttle will also be provided from the K-MART lot at Broadway and Bellevue Avenue.

No parking will be allowed on the south side of West Prentice Avenue from Windermere Street to Hickory Street. South Hickory Street from Bellevue Avenue to Prentice Avenue will be closed except to local traffic.

For more information on the Fourth of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show, call 303-762-2490 or 303-798-5131.

City Council Accommodations

The public is invited to attend all regular meetings or study sessions of the Littleton City Council or any city board, commission or public program.

Please call 795-3857 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or program if you will need special assistance or any reasonable accommodation in order to be in attendance at or participate in any such meeting or program.

For any additional information concerning the city's compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, please call 795-3857.

Additional city government information can now be accessed via the internet at <http://www.littleton.org>.