

LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton February 2001

City council looks at next twenty years

The Littleton City Council looked at issues important to maintaining a high quality of life for Littleton citizens over the next 20 years at its 2001 workshop January 12-13. During a day and a half of presentations from members of the city staff, the council discussed trends that might impact the city and ways in which the city can play a role in affecting those trends.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Due to the fact that Littleton is significantly impacted by growth outside its boundaries, the council discussed a number of future regional transportation projects that require working with the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and other local governments such as Arapahoe and Douglas Counties to get approval and funding.

1. Santa Fe Drive Safety Project. This project involves construction by CDOT of a 16 foot wide flush median from Church Street to C-470. It is already approved by DRCOG and is scheduled to begin in 2002 with completion in 2004 if funding is approved.

2. Future Widening of Santa Fe Drive. The 2020 Regional Transportation Plan calls for the widening of Santa Fe Drive to six lanes from Church Street to C-470 by the year 2020. However, even though the project is on the Regional Plan, there is no approved funding at this time.

3. Future Widening of C-470. The city is participating in a task force formed by the South Metro Chamber of Commerce to look at options for widening C-470 to six lanes from I-25 to Wadsworth Avenue.

4. Rebuild of C-470/Santa Fe Drive Interchange. The capacity of this interchange is already over stressed. It is not on the 2020 Regional Plan.

5. Future Extension of Light Rail to Highlands Ranch. This is another long range project that is currently

not on the approved 2020 Regional Plan and would need to go through DRCOG to get added to the updated 2025 Plan.

In addition to cooperating with other local government agencies to move these projects forward, the council also discussed the need for

firm cost estimates. These potential projects include:

- New or upgraded police administration and crime lab facility.
- Improvements to the Littleton Historical Museum.
- Improvements to the city shops facility.



Littleton City Council members listen to Business/Industry Affairs Director Chris Gibbons (standing, left) and City Manager Jim Woods (standing, far right) give a presentation on annexation at the annual goal setting workshop.

the Colorado Legislature to provide a reliable level of funding. There was concern voiced by council members that proposals for deeper statewide tax cuts could result in a serious shortfall for transportation and other infrastructure needs.

CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The council discussed several capital improvement projects that the city will need to consider funding over the next 5-10 years.

1. Street Improvements-\$10 million.
2. Storm Drainage-\$10 million.
3. Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant-\$30 million.
4. Replacement of Fire Station #12-\$2 million.

OTHER POTENTIAL PROJECTS

In addition to the projects listed above, the council also discussed some potential projects that are still in the preliminary planning stages and for which there are not yet

- Sidewalks/pedestrian crossings.
- Open space, landscaping, and mini-parks.
- Participation in funding the Littleton Community Center with South Suburban Park and Recreation District.

NEIGHBORHOODS, ANNEXATION, REDEVELOPMENT

1. Neighborhood Programs. Strong and healthy neighborhoods have always been a top priority in Littleton. Since 1995, the city has implemented a number of new programs to keep neighborhoods attractive and vital. In addition to continuing these existing efforts, council members asked the staff to track trends that might have an impact on school enrollment, and authorized a new program called Neighbor 2 Neighbor, which will support the creation of neighborhood associations where they do not exist.

2. Annexation Policy. Several years ago, the Littleton City Council

adopted a "revenue neutral" annexation policy, meaning that the city would not consider annexing any property that would result in a revenue loss to provide city services. While affirming the "revenue neutral" policy, the council did ask staff to perform an analysis of the available inventory of industrial-zoned property within the city, and whether there would be a need in the future to consider annexing additional industrial land.

3. Redevelopment. With the likelihood that Littleton will be primarily an infill community over the next 20 years, two of the main challenges are how to accommodate new infill development while maintaining the historic character of the downtown area and the city's older neighborhoods, and whether redevelopment will require the financial involvement of the city.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH SUBURBAN PARK AND REC DISTRICT

The city's intergovernmental agreement with the South Suburban Park and Recreation District has been in effect since 1967. The feeling of the council is that this agreement, which spells out how the city and the district cooperate on planning and managing parks within the city, has worked very well, but that it needs to be updated and there should be an improved process to share information. The council also asked staff to develop a user survey to get citizen input on the parks, programs, facilities and services within Littleton.

SUMMARY

During the last session of the workshop, called Open Forum, each council member had an opportunity to bring up particular items of interest, and to request more information for future discussion. A more detailed report on the workshop will be available in a few weeks in print form or via the city's web site at www.littletongov.org. Interested citizens can contact the city manager's office at 303-795-3720.

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Street work approved in 2001 budget Historical Museum completes survey

Within the 2001 budget, the city council approved an appropriation of \$4.8 million for the reconstruction of the following streets:

1. Littleton Boulevard, Phase 3 (Windermere to Huron Street)—The boulevard will be modified as was done last year west of Broadway to Huron Street. The right turn and bike lanes will be removed and both sides of the street narrowed. The median islands will be widened to allow additional trees and shrubs. However, because of commercial access, the street will remain the current width from Windermere to Gallup Street.

2. Windermere Street (Littleton Boulevard to Powers Street)—The pavement will be removed and replaced with a full depth asphalt pavement. The storm drainage project was completed last year in anticipation of this project.

3. Alamo Avenue (Santa Fe Drive to the railroad depression bridge)—The pavement on the street is worn out and needs to be removed and repaved. The street width will not be modified and a local drainage problem at Rapp Street will be piped to an existing storm sewer. Decorative street lights will be installed.

4. Rangeview Drive (Windermere to Prince Street)—This street pavement is to be removed and a new pavement surface applied. The existing bike/pedestrian asphalt path along the north side will be replaced. City staff have been working with the residents to develop a "traffic calming" plan to be implemented with this street's reconstruction. Prior to the street work this summer, the city

will install the first phase of the sanitary sewer to serve Shadycroft Acres. Nearly all of the horse properties in this area are currently served by aging septic sewer systems.

5. Fremont Street (Broadway to Easter Avenue)—The pavement on this street is to be replaced and traffic calming measures will be installed to include wider sidewalks and vertical curbs. City staff are working with the homeowners to propose additional traffic calming improvements to be constructed during the street repaving work.

6. Gallup Street (south of Ridge Road and from Geddes to Hinsdale Avenue)—The pavement will be removed and replaced in both sections of this street.

In addition, a right turn lane on Bowles Avenue at Federal Avenue has been approved for construction this summer. The South Suburban Park District owns the property at the northeast corner of the intersection and will be asked to dedicate the necessary right-of-way.

The local streets to be milled and asphalt overlaid by city crews are located west of Lowell Boulevard and north of Berry Avenue and also in the Centennial neighborhood. Council approved a budget of \$300,000 for this work to be completed this summer.

The annual Slurry Seal Program is budgeted for \$300,000 to be applied in the SouthPark (residential), SouthBridge and Oakbrook areas. In past years, this work was completed in late summer and greatly improves the appearance of the streets.

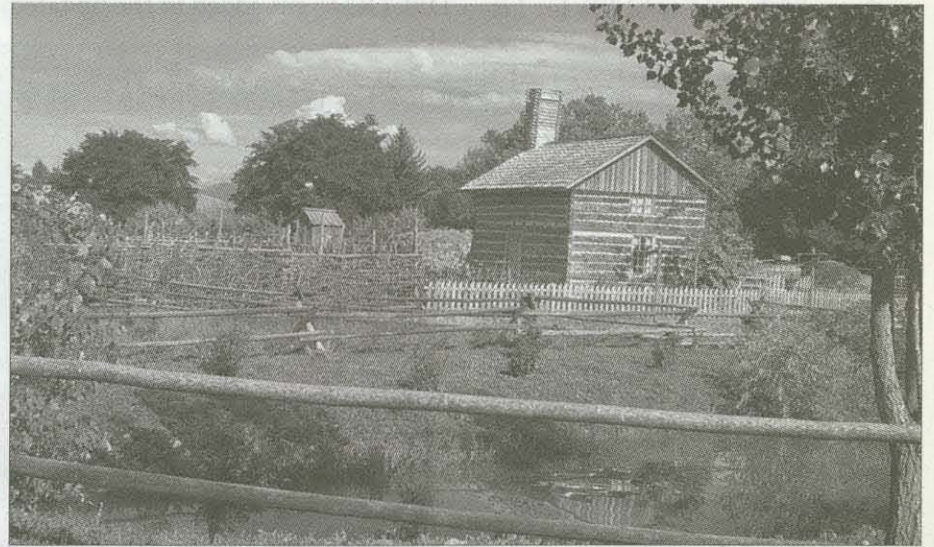
From June through September, 2000, LaPaglia & Associates interviewed city council, museum staff and board, and employees of the City of Littleton to review the Littleton Historical Museum's mission and goals, evaluate the museum's image, its visitation, opportunities, capabilities and limitations.

LaPaglia & Associates is an independent consulting firm providing expert assistance to museums and cultural organizations throughout the United States. Some of their clients include the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, the Louisville Slugger Museum, the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage

is very popular with its visitors and with the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum organization. Museum visitors are predominately repeat visitors, and are comprised mainly of families with young children. They are interested in the living history and farm experiences and in the gallery exhibits. Visitors appreciate a fun and educational experience, and would like to see more children's educational programs and interactive exhibits.

Members of the Friends organization are also repeat visitors, but they tend to visit during a special event or to bring friends and relatives.

The conclusions of the external assessment are very positive for the



Center, and the Smithsonian Institution. Their services include institutional assessments, master planning, interpretive development, project management and executive searches.

LaPaglia & Associates completed an external assessment of the Littleton Historical Museum. The consultants conducted visitor and mail-in surveys, and held a focus group of non-regular museum attendees drawn from the community. The consultants also interviewed personnel at Littleton area visitor services businesses and Littleton Public Schools curriculum personnel.

The purpose of the assessment was to identify the museum's visiting audience and to learn what the community's feelings are about the museum and possible improvements to consider in the future.

The museum's audience is primarily from the southern Denver metropolitan area.

The Littleton Historical Museum

will help staff identify ways to improve services. The study indicates that the museum has an interested, committed audience. The museum's visitors come from a well-educated, active and inquisitive population base.

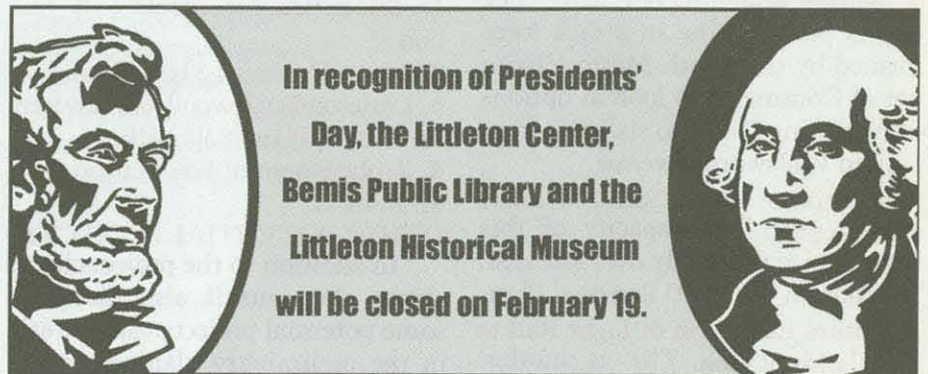
The Littleton Historical Museum's interpretation of the history of Littleton and the region is focused. Limitations of space in the main museum building restrict the ability to tell the whole history of Littleton. The study concludes that the current exhibition galleries are inadequate and the needed space to manage and serve the growing audience is lacking.

To enable the museum to better serve current and future audiences continued assessment is important. Improving the quality and variety of learning opportunities for the citizens of Littleton should be a primary goal.

Further assessment of its programs and spatial needs will be conducted this summer.



Littleton Mayor Susan Thornton (left) and Council Member Shirley Harris (far right) present a check for \$5,000 to the Arapahoe Community College (ACC) Diversity Council on January 15, 2001. More than 250 people attended a breakfast celebration at ACC which featured ACC President Dr. James Williams, Mayor Thornton, and keynote remarks by Dr. Roger Teel, Senior Minister of the Mile Hi Church of Religious Science. Dr. Teel's address was "Weaving our World" which focused on individuals remembering the ideals of Dr. King to weave their own world of acceptance, tolerance and non-violence.



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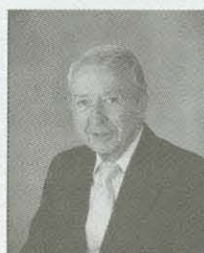
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New Arapahoe County Commissioner Susan Beckman congratulates new Littleton City Council Member John Ostermiller at the December 19 council meeting. Ostermiller was formerly a member of the Littleton Planning Commission.

What is an emergency plan?

When a call for help comes in to a police, fire or rescue agency, responders don't just run to the scene without a plan. Police and fire personnel train continuously so they will respond in the most efficient manner—deciding where to place their vehicles at a fire or accident—determining how to enter a burning building. They have emergency plans they use daily to protect life and property.

When an emergency incident becomes a disaster, there must be detailed plans on how to manage it. Each fire, accident or medical call is a 'disaster' for the individuals involved. For the emergency personnel it is, generally, a 'routine response' for what they are trained to do. But, when an incident becomes so large that it covers a large area, involves a large number of persons or will take a long time to handle it may be defined as a 'disaster.' A major flood—such as the one in Littleton in 1965—or a tornado touch down within the city limits are examples.

Disaster planning is in four separate parts. First, there is planning—how to respond to more than the 'routine' emergency. Second, is mitigation—what can be done in advance to minimize the problems (building dams, fireproofing buildings, depressing railroad tracks, etc.) Third, is response—how police and fire will respond as well as how to secure outside aid from other agencies. Fourth, is recovery—what can be done to restore the community to normal as quickly as possible?

Littleton has had disaster plans since World War II. Back in those days it was called Civil Defense and the city even had an air raid spotter structure on top of the old city hall on Main Street. Plans were changed in the late '50's and '60's with the threat of nuclear war and citizens were encouraged to build fallout shelters and to "duck and cover." Gradually, the emphasis changed from civil

defense to Emergency Planning. The orientation was more toward natural disasters and, then, civil disorder and terrorism.

And planning has changed too. Early plans were several hundred pages—detailing lots of specific instructions and guidelines. Then, it was realized that these plans were too complex and they certainly would not be used when disaster came. So, the plan became an outline of the emergency procedures and was reduced to just a few pages.

The next major change came with the development of the Incident Command System (ICS) that was, initially, generated in California to handle wild fires. Since then, it has been refined and now serves as a master plan for emergency response to any type of emergency—major or minor. Police and fire personnel are seen using this system on a daily basis to handle fire and accident responses.

Now the city Emergency Planning Committee is completely rewriting the Disaster Plan to incorporate all of the elements of ICS along with the additional planning in mitigation and recovery that will provide all city personnel with a workable master plan to cover every type of incident from a major fire to water pollution to a possible terrorist attack.

Littleton advocates P-6 (Proper Pre Planning Prevents Poor Performance). The basic plan for emergency procedures (formerly the Disaster Plan) has been rewritten. During 2001 the Emergency Planning Committee will be studying this plan and all departments will be involved. The city is ready to handle emergency situations that may arise. The new plan will improve on the structure already in place so we may more efficiently use all of our resources in the event of an emergency.

Information about this plan will be distributed to all Littleton citizens later in the year.

LPS Offers Open Enrollment

LPS parents have had the choice of enrolling their children in any LPS school on a space-available basis for many years. In 1993, the state legislature began allowing parents to enroll their children in LPS or any other Colorado school without paying tuition when state and district guidelines are followed.

Most LPS schools currently have space for additional students in most grades, including openings at all three LPS high schools. LPS offers a traditional school year calendar and many educational options. All LPS elementary schools offer quality before and after school child care, an extended-day kindergarten program, and a variety of enrichment programs.

Parents wishing to transfer or open enroll their students are encouraged to call their chosen school for information and an application.

Application may be made for the next school year beginning October 1 of each year. Resident applications receive priority consideration over nonresident applications from October 1 through January 31. After January 31, all applications—resident and

nonresident—will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Resident open enrollment/transfer guidelines:

- There must be room in the grade level the student will enter.
- There must be an appropriate program in place in the new school.
- Transportation will not be provided unless there is room on an established route.
- The student must be in good standing in his or her previous school.
- Resident students do not need to reapply once accepted at the new school.

Nonresident open enrollment guidelines are the same as resident with the following exceptions:

- Nonresident students must apply yearly for continued enrollment in LPS.
- LPS and Douglas County Schools have a special agreement that provides waivers of some nonresident requirements.

Application forms are available in all LPS school offices or by calling 303-347-3300.



Littleton City Clerk receives honor

Littleton City Clerk Julie K. Bower has been accepted into the first level membership of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

The academy was established to further professional education of municipal clerks and to enhance their skills as needed to meet the challenges of the office of municipal clerk. Every two to four years, academy members have to demonstrate that they have actively engaged in educational and professional participation that keeps them current with changing events in local government.



Julie Bower

Bower has been employed with the City of Littleton since October 1991, serving as deputy court administrator and deputy city clerk before appointment to her current position as city clerk in May 1996. She received the IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk's Award in September 1996, and was accepted into the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy in December 1998. She joins 25 other municipal clerks from the State of Colorado and is the 903rd person to achieve membership in the first level of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

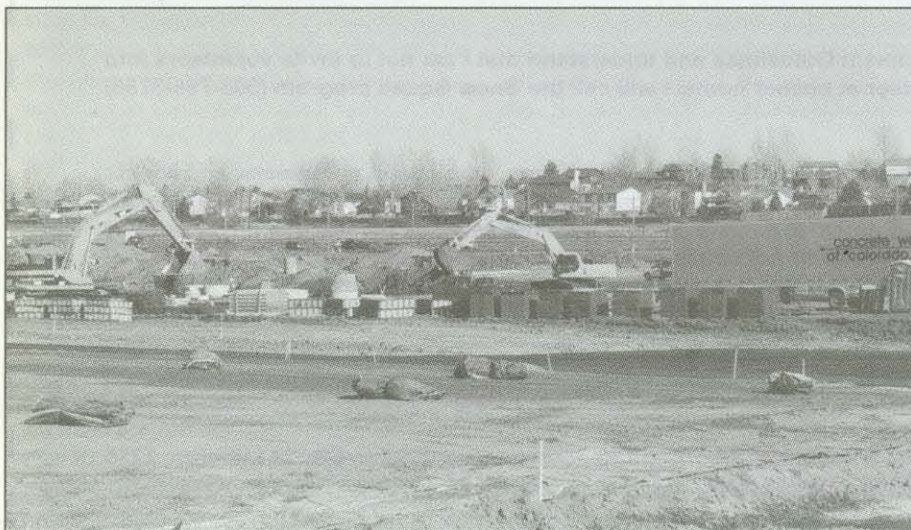
News from the Southeast Corridor project

The Southeast Corridor Project received a strong federal endorsement with the signing of a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) which will provide \$525 million over the next seven years to help fund light rail construction. The project will also receive \$30 million in local matching funds pledged by the City and County of Denver, Arapahoe and Douglas counties, the cities of Aurora, Greenwood Village, Lone Tree and the Joint Southeast Public Improvement Association.

Written proposals from the two design build teams vying to construct the project are due in late February,

2001. A selection is anticipated in May, 2001. The two contractor teams competing for the project are Valley Corridor Constructors, led by Flatirons Structures Company; and Southeast Corridor Constructors, led by Kiewit Construction Company. Each team includes multiple firms that have joined together to meet the requirements for design and construction of the highway and light rail project.

For more information, to make arrangements for a speaker, or to get on the Southeast Corridor Project mailing list, call 303-820-5278 or visit www.southeastcorridor.com.



Work is progressing at a rapid pace on the 34-acre Aspen Grove Lifestyle Center at the northwest corner of Santa Fe and Mineral Avenue. 285,000 square feet of retail space will open this fall.

This month on the Littleton! show

Mayor Susan Thornton previews the freshly renovated Bemis Public Library and talks about the city's unique information technology issues on the February edition of the *Littleton! Show*.

Guests include Library Director Margery Smith and new Information Services Director Ken Price. A video highlighting the dedication of the World War II Memorial will also be featured. Watch each Monday thru Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. on cable channel 8.

Library renovation complete, grand re-dedication planned

The completion of a multi-year renovation of Bemis Public Library will be celebrated with a grand re-dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 7. Nancy Bolt, Colorado State Librarian, and other dignitaries will speak briefly. Mayor Susan Thornton will cut the ribbon and the building will open for the public to explore and enjoy. Family-oriented outdoor activities will begin at 9:15 a.m. Following the ceremony, there will be additional activities indoors, including story-telling for children, music and refreshments. Tours of the library will be available for everyone. Steven White, best selling mystery author will lecture at 1 p.m. Children's programming will be offered at the same time so that parents can attend the lecture "kid-free."

Bemis Library was built in 1965. A two-story 17,000 square-foot addition was built in 1982. Until 1996, very little had been done to keep the library looking its best. Lighting was poor in many areas, restrooms were not compliant with ADA regulations, and staff and public areas were not arranged for the most effective and efficient use of space. Michael Brendle Architects was hired in 1995 to make recommendations for building improvements and to oversee construction projects.

Actual renovation of the library began in 1996, with a restroom face-lift on the main floor at a cost of \$40,000. In 1997, new carpet was installed throughout the building, lighting in adult reading areas was upgraded and the interior was painted using a new color scheme that included yellow, teal, burgundy, purple and sparkling white. The cost for these upgrades was \$263,000. A 1,300-square-foot addition to the Children's Room was built in 1999 at a cost of \$330,000. Included in that project was a basement storage area below the addition. Also in 1999, handicapped parking spaces were moved to be level with the main entrance and some of the landscaping was cleaned up (\$45,000).

The final phase was started in 2000 and will be completed in February 2001 at a total cost of \$1.4 million. During this project, the western half of the building was gutted and activity spaces for children, meeting rooms and gallery space were redesigned to better use the existing space. A staff area and a storage area on the lower level were converted to public shelving spaces for the non-fiction collection and staff offices were moved from the basement to the second floor.

The library remained open, offering full services, throughout all phases of the renovation process. The last phase was particularly difficult to manage since nearly every room in the building was touched in some way by the construction process. The collection, seating for the public, and staff office areas were severely condensed to one-third of the normal operating space so that construction could be completed in a timely manner. The staff is very grateful to the community for their cooperation throughout this project.

Also in 2000, new furnishings and shelving were purchased with city funds (\$100,000). An additional \$27,000 was donated by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum for a two-story castle, cloud murals painted by Nancy Avalon, toddler tables and chairs, sofas and other furnishings for the Children's Room and for seating on the lower level and in the Periodicals Area.

Please join the staff for a celebration of the end of construction chaos and the "re-invention" of the Bemis Library facility on April 7. The library is located at 6014 South Datura Street in Littleton. For additional information, please call 303-795-3961.

Earth Day celebration

To celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day, on Saturday, April 21, South Suburban is partnering with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado to complete a significant tree-planting project at Cornerstone Park. Approximately 400 volunteers, including 100 youth are needed to plant over 200 deciduous trees, 100 evergreen trees and 600 shrubs. Your efforts will help the environment, create a setting that attracts small wildlife, enhance the aesthetics of Cornerstone Park and assist in the completion of overall park improvements.

It is marvelous what has been accomplished in the ongoing development of this 66-acre regional park, located on the southwest corner of Bellevue and Windemere. What started out as essentially bare earth in 1990 is now a thriving regional recreation area that offers walking trails, picnic shelters, playing fields, two playgrounds, a skate park, inline hockey, miniature golf and batting cages. The support of local citizens and the continued commitment of South Suburban made this transformation possible. Partner with South Suburban and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado to continue these improvements by getting your family together or teaming up with coworkers and volunteering. Contact Jean Flynn at 303-483-7016 or jeanf@ssprd.org by Friday, March 23.

City Snow Squad needs volunteers

The City of Littleton is looking for volunteers to remove snow this winter for the elderly and/or disabled in our community.

To be eligible for Snow Squad services you should be:

- A physically disabled and/or senior citizen who has been unsuccessful in enlisting the help of a family member, friend, or neighbor to remove snow and ice from your sidewalk.

You can expect your volunteer to:

- Remove snow from your sidewalk and clear a path to your front door. Your volunteer is not obligated to shovel your driveway. However, if you want your driveway shoveled, we will attempt to link you with a volunteer who can provide this additional service.

- Shovel your walk within 24 hours after a snowstorm ends. The City Code gives citizens 24 hours from the point at which the snow stops falling to clear their sidewalks. Please keep in mind that many of our volunteers need the full "24-hour window" as they are busy with work, school, and shoveling for other homes. If you need to have your sidewalk cleared before 24 hours are up, call us and we will try to coordinate this.

- Shovel your sidewalk after a measurable snowfall that will not melt on its own in 24 hours.

As a recipient you should not:

- Pay your volunteer. Snow Squad volunteers sign up with the program for the pure satisfaction of helping out their neighbors and, therefore, do not want to be paid. Thank-you notes are always appreciated, however. Please send them to us, and we will pass them along to your volunteer.
- Invite the volunteer into your home, for your's and your volunteer's safety.

Please do:

- Provide a snow shovel or snow blower for your volunteer to use at your residence. If you do not have one, please indicate on the application.
- Notify us immediately if someone other than your volunteer shovels your sidewalk so we can contact the volunteer.

City of Littleton

SNOW SQUAD

Application for Recipients of Snow Squad Services

Snow Squad is a volunteer program administered by the City of Littleton and is intended to provide snow removal for city residents who are physically unable to shovel their sidewalks themselves.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Do you own a snow shovel? ☐ yes ☐ no Do you own a snow blower? ☐ yes ☐ no

Would you like your driveway to be shoveled? ☐ yes ☐ no (we will attempt to accommodate)

So that we may better assess your needs, please briefly describe the reason(s) you are applying:

I wish to participate in the snow squad program and I agree to its guidelines.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recipient Waiver for Snow Squad Services

I hereby request placement as a recipient in the Snow Squad volunteer program. I understand that the program is set up to help me meet the City of Littleton code regulations regarding snow and ice removal from sidewalks.

I have read and understand the Recipient Guidelines and understand that I am not to invite volunteers into my home or to telephone the volunteer at his/her home. I will call the Snow Squad program (303-795-3755) with any questions or concerns.

I hereby release, exempt, and discharge the City of Littleton, its officers, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively referred to as the city) from any and all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability, including any claims of personal injury and property damage arising from the services provided to me by the city through the Snow Squad program, whether or not caused by the act, omission, negligence, or other fault of the city, or by other cause.

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this waiver form to Sue Wilson, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator, City of Littleton, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, CO 80165, 303-795-3755

DUI enforcement campaign begins

The Littleton Police Department received a \$28,880 grant to combat drunken driving in the City of Littleton during 2001. The grant, from the State of Colorado, is administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). It is funded entirely by fees collected from convicted drunken drivers; no taxpayer funds, nor Federal funds go into this Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF).

The goal of the 2001 grant is to pay for an extra officer on an overtime shift to work during targeted weekend nights throughout the year to enforce DUI laws. The police department will work in cooperation with other metro area law enforcement agencies during

the campaign to conduct "saturation patrols," participate in enforcement activities such as the "Hot Friday Nights Summer DUI Enforcement," or sobriety checkpoints that are planned for targeted holiday periods.

CDOT awarded the Littleton Police Department a grant of \$33,000 for DUI enforcement in 1999 and the results were very successful. There were 464 DUI arrests made during that year. Lieutenant Jim Williamson will coordinate the efforts of the police department to achieve the goals of the grant during 2001 which include an ambitious effort to increase the number of DUI arrests by 10 percent over the total number of DUI arrests made last year.

Littleton Police Detective receives award

Congratulations to Littleton Police Detective Steve Johnson for his selection as the 18th Judicial District's Mike Bell Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2000.

Johnson is a 20-year veteran of the Littleton Police Department and has worked the past ten years as a detective. Johnson was selected for his commitment as the team coordinator of the 18th Judicial District's Critical Incident Team for the past two years. Selection as the team coordinator is an appointment made by all of the chiefs and sheriffs in the judicial district which includes Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties. Johnson has been involved with the

team since its inception in 1994 and was one of a group of six people who drafted the protocol that was adopted by all of the participating agencies in 1995. The team is called upon in matters involving officer related shooting situations in order to provide an unbiased, independent and thorough investigation by law enforcement professionals outside the affected department.

Former District Attorney Robert Gallagher created the award in honor and memory of Michael Bell, deputy chief investigator of the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office who passed away in 1993. Bell worked in law enforcement for 29 years.



18th Judicial District Attorney Jim Peters (left) and Littleton Police Chief Gary Maas (right) congratulate Littleton Police Detective Steve Johnson (center) for his well deserved honor.

Put the brakes on aggressive driving

It does not take long to find examples of aggressive driving on our roadways. Most of us see it everyday-the road racer, the tailgater, the frequent lane changer, the red light runner. The atmosphere created by aggressive drivers is scary.

Approximately 6,335,000 crashes occur in the United States each year. It is unknown exactly how many of those crashes are caused by aggressive driving. Estimates indicate the number to be substantial, based on the violations committed by the drivers of vehicles involved in crashes and reported by law enforcement agencies as the contributing factor of the crash. By focusing enforcement efforts and media attention on violations commonly associated with aggressive driving and encouraging voluntary compliance with traffic laws in general, the number of crashes and injuries each year can be reduced.

Roadway congestion is considered a factor that tends to exacerbate aggressive driving behaviors. As the number of licensed drivers and registered vehicles has increased, this congestion often causes drivers to become frustrated, which, unfortunately, leads to a more aggressive, high-risk driving style.

Aggressive drivers create an unsafe

driving environment through their inconsiderate, self-centered driving habits. Drivers often commit multiple violations, including following too closely, changing lanes in an erratic or unsafe manner, signaling lane changes improperly, driving over the posted speed limit, and failing to obey traffic control devices. Because of these driving behaviors, hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and millions of dollars of property damage occur each year, and these behaviors contribute to the growing problems of hazardous traffic conditions and those criminal acts related to aggressive driving. To adequately address these unique issues, a concentrated and dedicated enforcement campaign is needed, and it must be coordinated with an intensive public awareness campaign.

In their aggressive state of mind, these drivers may not be thinking about the human beings who occupy the other vehicles around them, or that the drivers in the other vehicles could possibly be their friends, neighbors, co-workers, or family members. It is time that aggressive drivers start putting a face on the drivers in the vehicles next to them, and realize they are not alone on the roadway. The ones they hurt may be themselves or loved ones.

Congratulations D.A.R.E. Graduates!

Damon Runyon Elementary Officer Dave Scott

Laura Evans - teacher

Kathleen Boone
Adam Britton
Tyler Brown
Sonia Gilbertson
Austin Hale
Danielle Hildreth
Nicholas Horvath
Carly Isbell
Amanda Lindberg
Ethan Penning
Ashley Railey
Jessica Riconti
Brian Roche
Eric Shelton
Bethany Siekmeier
Tiffany Smith
Alexa Sprinkle
Jarrett Venters
Andrew Walton
Evan Weis
Abbey Woods

Anne Runyon - teacher
Dann Opsahl - teacher

Kendall Burks
Maggie Caschette
Drew Caschette
Cameron Crum
Sergei Kent
Claire McKeever
Taylor Nicholls
Nicole Petersen
Hayden Price
Seth Rissmiller
Maggie Slack
Jenna Tromburg
Jennifer Truong
Andrew Tsoi
Lauren Valdez
Hayden Wallace
Doug Winter

Stacey Roberson - teacher

Megan Ahroon
Danielle Beaumont
Patrick Beery
Chelby Cooper
Ashley DeSalvo
Chelsea Frommer
Geoffrey Gibson
Gabrielle Hildreth
Molly Lallament
Cory Lenon
Chris Miller
Lily Nguyen
Lauren Parke
Jordan Parry
Alex Raab
Tiffany Stogsdill
Shannon Sullivan
Kristina VanNatter
Allana Wallace
Andrew Watson
Kyle Wilcox
Travis Omoto

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Nick Fetterly
Kayla Finnin
Stevie Gleason
Brett Gray
Amy Hammerlund
Kalilah Herscovici
Reanna Kowalski
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Collin Miller
Alex Perez
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Shamita Punjabi
Morgan Sedivec
Kyle Stanish
Chris Tak
Ellen Uecker
Marissa Vellone
Jessica Whelan

Whitman Elementary Officer Ray Romero

Dylene Oberg - teacher

Jack Anthofer
Michael Charles
Joey DuCharm
William Duzan
Sarah Eschbach
Jim Foreman
Amanda Gustin
Jacqueline Hernandez
Erin Huggins
Courtlyn Jarrell
Tim Jenkins
Rachel Jorgensen
Kristin Lichty
Abby Loar
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Marie Patton
Sara Rush
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Adam Bush
Alex Duran
Patrick Fitts
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Angelica Heinig
Melody Hurr
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Benjamin Kermmoade
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Christopher Martin
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Determined employees solve hit and run

A puzzling property damage/hit-and-run case has been solved thanks to the combined efforts of employees from several city departments.

On August 25, 2000, a delivery semi-truck backed into the Prince Street bridge and heavily damaged the brick wall at the northeast corner. There were a couple of witnesses to the incident but no license plate number was observed. Only a vague description of the large white semi-trailer with the words "Harold Ives and Lariat" on the side were reported by the witnesses to Littleton Police Officers Samuel Mullins and Jim Maculewicz, who were investigating the accident.

When the city was not notified by the trucking company of their involvement, Bert Whitaker of the engineering division, met with Brad Bailey of the city attorney's office. They discovered there was a Harold Ives Trucking Company and

using the city's Internet service, Whitaker was able to find the trucking company's address in Stuttgart, Arkansas and forwarded that information to Police Officer Jack Arnold. He contacted the trucking company and explained to them their oversight.

The trucking company turned the city's damage claim in to their insurance carrier who performed the "delay payment until all is forgotten tactic." Little did they know that three of the city's finest, Whitaker, Bailey and Arnold, were on the case. Due to their persistence, on January 15, 2001, the insurance company mailed the city a check in the amount of \$8,993.

The city's bridge has now been repaired. An excellent job was done with the cooperation of three city departments and three determined employees.

2001 Littleton Tree Planting Program

The City of Littleton is continuing its annual tree planting program available to all property owners. The 2001 program features eleven species of trees. On Arbor Day, Saturday April 21, the city's Tree Committee will distribute 280 trees for planting throughout the city. Program participants will pay \$20 for bare root trees and \$40 for container or balled & burlapped trees, with the city absorbing the balance of the purchase price. These trees must be planted within the Littleton city limits.

Six types of trees will be provided in bare root form requiring immediate planting. Bare root trees are light and easy to handle with a very high survivability rate when properly planted. The remaining five species of trees are "balled & burlapped" (B&B), with root balls weighing 75 to 125 pounds each. These trees are heavier and harder to handle. All of the trees will initially be six to twelve feet in height, with initial trunk calipers and mature sizes as indicated on the order form. They may be planted in the public right-of-way or on private property in the city, with an initial limit of eight trees per single family residential property. Additional trees may be available depending upon the response to the program. School PTOs, businesses and homeowners associations are encouraged to purchase larger quantities.

Participants must make arrangements to pick up and plant their own trees and are responsible for all maintenance, pruning and watering. The trees must be picked up on Saturday, April 21 between 8 a.m. and noon at the Littleton Center at 2255 West Berry Avenue. Master Gardeners from the CSU Arapahoe County Extension office will be on site to answer any plant questions and give out information. Detailed tree planting instructions will be provided. Volunteers will plant trees for those who are physically unable.

The large shade trees require a minimum 30' by 30' clear area to grow. They should not be planted within 20' measured horizontally of any overhead utility lines. In addition to the more common Ash, Honeylocust, Linden, Red Oak and Red Maple, the program features Swamp White Oak, Kentucky Coffeetree and Horsechestnut.

Smaller ornamental trees are offered for planting in tight spaces or under higher utility lines. The ornamental species offered this year are Mayday Tree, Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn and Spring Snow Crabapple. The Mayday Tree is a multi-stem or low-branched tree, with glossy dark-green leaves. The Hawthorn is a dense low-branched tree with bright red fall leaf color and red berries persisting into the winter. The Spring Snow Crabapple has beautiful golden bark and a narrow upright shape.

Interested citizens should fill out the application form and return it with a check payable to the City of Littleton. These trees are available on a first-come, first-serve basis with a March 5 application deadline. Please call 303-795-3766 for more information.

2001 LITTLETON TREE PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ home

ADDRESS: _____ work

Enclose check payable to City of Littleton: \$20 per bare root tree
\$40 per B&B tree



- ☐ I can help pick up and deliver trees in my neighborhood on April 21. **TREE CITY USA**
- ☐ I can help plant trees for others.
- ☐ I am requesting help in planting my tree(s).

	1 st TREE	2 nd TREE	3 rd TREE	4 th TREE
First Choice				
Alternate Choice				

TOTAL TREES ORDERED: _____ Attach additional sheet if more than four trees ordered.

Return by March 5, 2001

SEND APPLICATION AND CHECK TO: **Tree Program/City of Littleton**
2255 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, CO 80165

Call 303-795-3766 with any questions.

TREE INFORMATION

TREE SPECIES/ BOTANICAL NAME	SIZE/ PRICE	NOTES	MATURE HEIGHT	MATURE SPREAD	FALL COLOR
LARGE SHADE TREES					
Autumn Purple Ash <i>Fraxinus americana</i>	1" bare root/ \$20	seedless	40-60'	30-40'	purple/red
*Skyline Honeylocust <i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i>	1" bare root/ \$20	thornless, podless	40-50'	30-40'	yellow
Glenleven Linden <i>Tilia cordata 'Glenleven'</i>	1" bare root/ \$20	pyramidal shape	40-45'	25-30'	yellow
Northwood Red Maple <i>Acer rubrum 'Northwood'</i>	1" bare root/ \$20	avoid in heavy clay soil	40-50'	30-40'	red/orange
*Swamp White Oak <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	1" caliper B&B/ \$40	tolerant of clay soil	40-60'	40-50'	yellow/brown
Northern Red Oak <i>Quercus rubra</i>	1" caliper B&B/ \$40	avoid in heavy clay soil	40-60'	40-50'	dark red
*Kentucky Coffeetree <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	1" caliper B&B/ \$40	white flowers, seedpods	40-60'	30-40'	yellow/brown
Horsechestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	1" caliper B&B/ \$40	slow growing	40-50'	40-50'	yellow/brown
SMALL ORNAMENTAL TREES					
*Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn <i>Crataegus cru-galli inermis</i>	1" caliper B&B/ \$40	white flowers, red fruit	15-25'	15-20'	red/orange
Mayday Tree/European Birdcherry <i>Prunus padus</i>	1" bare root/ \$20	white flowers, black fruit	20-30'	15-20'	yellow
Spring Snow Crabapple <i>Malus 'Spring Snow'</i>	1" bare root/ \$20	white flowers, no fruit	20-25'	15-20'	yellow

* Drought tolerant species

News from the Littleton Fire Dept.

FEMA Field Tests New Technology Developed by Littleton Firefighter

This January the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a field test of a computer template that will help emergency responders take virtual tours of schools and other large facilities before entering the building to handle an emergency. Captain Jim Olsen of the Littleton Fire Department developed the pre-incident planning system (PIPS), which is now being tried in seven communities, mainly in the Rocky Mountain region.

Traditionally, emergency personnel have had to rely on a paper pre-plan version carried in a three-ring binder on their rigs. The paper pre-plans typically either were too skimpy in content to give the needed information or too bulky to access information in a quick manner during an urgent situation.

The template developed by Capt. Olsen allows firefighters, police officers and other emergency personnel to simply slip a compact disk into a computer and, in a few clicks of the mouse, see a floor plan and take a virtual tour of a facility, complete with details as contact information, building hours, number of students or staff, and locations of hydrants and electrical, water and gas switches.

The Littleton Fire Department has begun to field test this program in our community by placing the technology in our high-incident vehicles-however, the goal is to acquire additional laptops to place the program in every piece of emergency apparatus serving the community.

Congratulations to Capt. Olsen on his time and commitment to an innovative safety breakthrough for emergency responders and the public they serve.

Chimney Cleaning Equipment Available

Just as you have your furnace cleaned and inspected once a year, caring for your fireplace chimney should be a top priority. Fireplaces regularly build up creosote in their chimneys. Fireplaces need to be cleaned out frequently and chimneys should be inspected for obstructions and cracks to prevent deadly chimney and roof fires.

If you would like to clean your chimney, but don't have the tools-equipment is available from the Littleton Fire Department by calling 303-795-3806. A \$50 deposit is required at the time of pick-up and will be refunded when the equipment is returned.

WINTER WARNING Littleton Fire Seeks Help from the Community this Cold-Weather Season

With Colorado's fluctuating temperatures, the Littleton Fire Department wants to send a word of caution this year about the dangers of walking across or playing on frozen or semi-frozen waterways. "The prob-

lem with determining whether or not ice is safe enough to cross is, there is no sure answer!" says Wendy Krajewski, community relations officer for the Littleton Fire Department.

The fact is that ice seldom freezes or thaws at a uniform rate. Ice can be a foot thick in one spot while only an inch thick just 10 feet away. People simply cannot accurately judge thickness by looking.

"The bottom line is that ice is not a good playground or neighborhood shortcut," says Krajewski. "Littleton Fire responded to six ice rescues in our coverage area last winter and we hope that everyone in the community can rally around the goal of eliminating these needless injuries." Parents should speak with their children about the dangers of ice and ensure that their family pets don't roam into dangerous territory.

Free Car Seat Safety Checkpoints

If you are having difficulty installing your child's car safety seat, Littleton Firefighters can give you a one on one educational session on how to properly install your specific model car seat to your vehicle-at no charge! commitment to help. Please visit any of the following car seat safety checkpoints to have the Littleton Fire Department help you help protect your family. Each of these checkpoints will be operating during the times listed below:

- February 24 at Station 18, (401 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch) 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- March 6 at the Recreation Center at Eastridge, Highlands Ranch, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- March 24 at Station 16, (8119 Blakeland Drive, South Santa Fe past C-470) 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- April 3 at the Recreation Center at Northridge, Highlands Ranch, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Medical Emergencies Dominate Littleton Fire's Calls for Year 2000

Fighting fires, cleaning up hazardous material spills, and assisting the public in various types of distress kept Littleton Firefighters busy in 2000. However, emergency medical assistance calls were the overwhelming leader of all the services provided by the Littleton Fire Department.

"With over 11,720 calls in 2000, emergency medicine played a significant role in almost 7,320 of them," says Wendy Krajewski, community relations officer for the Littleton Fire Department. "That's 63 percent of our total call volume."

So, what types of medical emergencies seem to be most prevalent in the Littleton Fire Department service area? The leading problem involves cardiac symptoms and cardiac arrest. This call group is followed by respiratory and difficulty breathing emergencies. And, the third most common type of medical call is head trauma with causes ranging from falls to motor vehicle accidents.



Captain Jim Olsen



Littleton Fire Department staff practice ice rescue techniques at a pond in South Platte Park.

Library announces upcoming programs

HOW TO AVOID SCAMS AND RIF-OFFS-On February 22 at 2 p.m., Al Stutman from PTI Consulting will discuss ways to recognize and avoid fraudulent schemes that target senior citizens. Please join us for this enlightening program.

IT ALL STARTED AT CAMP HALE-On February 28 at 7:30 p.m., hear the dramatic story of the 10th Mountain Division, the only American troops in World War II specially trained for mountain warfare. Lt. Col. Earl Clark will show slides covering the entire history of the division, from their training and action in Italy, to their peacetime roles as leaders in the phenomenal rise of the ski industry in America.

INTERNET CLASSES-Don't be left behind in the Internet revolution! Internet beginners can come to the Saturday morning Internet training classes presented by Bemis librarians from 8:15 to 9 a.m. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for one of these classes:

Internet Basics: February 10, 17, and 24-March 10 and 24

E-Mail Basics: March 3 and 17

GIOUS FOLK ART OF COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO-Littleton resident Joe Esquibel will talk about the rich tradition of Southwest santeros (makers of carved religious figures called santos) at 2 p.m. on March 21 at the library. A santero himself, Esquibel has shown his work several times around the Denver area, had his work commissioned, and spoken to many groups about the history of this art.

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR STEPHEN WHITE-Mystery writer Stephen White will speak and sign copies of his new book *The Program* at the library on April 7 from 1-2:30 p.m. White is the author of the New York Times best-selling Alan Gregory novels. White will talk about the creation of his latest novel and how he draws upon over 15 years of clinical practice as a psychologist to create intriguing plots and complex characters of his books. Enjoy free refreshments and music at this special author program!

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY TRIVIA CONTEST-Enter the Love Your Library Trivia Contest during National Library Week, April 1-7, and you will be eligible to win one of several prizes, including a "Read for the Fun of It" t-shirt, a gift certificate to Tattered Cover Bookstore, and a celebrity "Read" poster. Trivia questions will focus on libraries or librarians in books, movies, the Internet, or on television. Entry forms are available at the main floor reference desk. Winners will be announced on April 7 at the afternoon book signing reception for author Stephen White.

CHILDREN'S ROOM-WANTED! Children to attend our many programs. Do your children need something different to do? There are programs for all ages of children at the library.

Story Box, 30 minutes of stories and activities for children from birth to 36 months and their caregiver, will be held on Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. beginning February 20.

Preschool Story Time, 30 minutes of stories, music, games and crafts for children ages 3 through kindergarten. This program is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Night Tales is designed for the young child and his/her family, with 30 minutes of stories, music, crafts, and games. Night Tales is held on Thursdays at 7 p.m., and children under three must be accompanied by an adult.

Creative Club for children ages 6-10 is held on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 2 p.m. An hour of stories, crafts, games, and music. A special Creative Club featuring Dr. Seuss stories will be held on March 3 to celebrate Read-Across America Day, this year in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Harry Potter fans, ages 8-12, are invited to participate in the Harry Potter Club on March 26, 27, and 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. You must have read one of the Harry Potter books to participate. Reservations for this program will begin March 19.

TEEN EVENTS

The Mother/Daughter Book Review Group meets at the library on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Books to be discussed at the spring meetings are:

February 5: *The Ancient One* by T.A.

March 5: *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor

April 2: *Love Among the Walnuts* by Jean Ferris.

Please call Jan Knauer at the library, 303-795-3961, for more information about this group.

SENIOR BOOK GROUP

The Senior Book Group meets at the library on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. The selected readings for the next few months are:

February 7: *Lonesome Dove* by Larry McMurtry

March 7: *Tara Road* by Maeve Binchy

April 4: *The Grilling Season* by Diane Mott Davidson.

Extra copies of these books are available at the circulation desk for any senior interested in joining the group. Call Jan Knauer at the library, 303-795-3961, for more information.

REDUCE HOME HEATING EXPENSES

Looking for ways to cut back on your home heating costs? Learn from the home heating experts at a free program on Tuesday, March 6, 7-8:30 p.m. at Bemis Public Library. Staff from Sun Power Inc. will speak about the most inexpensive methods of conserving energy in your home. Sun Power is a local organization which provides weatherization service to nearly 1,000 low-income homes in the Denver metro area. They have developed and implemented several cutting-edge procedures in the areas of energy conservation and work as technical consultants to the Denver Metro Homebuilders Association.

RESUMES IN CYBERSPACE

Tuesday, March 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Nationally recognized career counselor and author, Pat Criscito, will give expert advice on putting together a resume that will attract attention on the Web or in print. Criscito has written three popular books, including *Designing the Perfect Resume*, and *Resumes in Cyberspace*. She has written more than 10,000 resumes as the president and founder of ProType Ltd. in Colorado Springs. Don't miss this free program which will help you in your job search!

Winter's Day at the Museum coming soon

Winter's Day at the Museum will be held Sunday, February 25 from 1 - 3:30 p.m. The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum sponsor this popular free event.

Interpreters will be demonstrating foodways on the 1890s farm by smoking meats in the smokehouse, frying sweet potatoes, preparing a steamed winter pudding and baking pastries, typical foods that would have been prepared during the winter at the turn of the 19th century.

Liz Masterson and Sean Blackburn with vocalist Patty Clayton will entertain with vintage western music from the 1930s and 40s, comedy, rope tricks



and yodeling. They have performed at both the Kennedy Center in Washington D. C. and the Lincoln Center in New York City. The Western Music Association named Liz "Female Performer of the Year" in 1998.

Stop by the front of the blacksmith shop to sample freshly cooked and smoked meats, fried apples, cornbread and hot cider prepared by your friends and neighbors.

Dress warmly for this out-of-doors event. There will be benches to sit on,

but you might need a blanket to keep warm.

Call the museum at 303-795-3950 for additional information.

SCFD offering grant application workshops

All interested and eligible organizations are encouraged to attend a workshop for detailed information concerning completion of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Tier III Year 2001 Grant Application. The workshop will cover new questions or information needed for this year's grant cycle and help organizations fill out the application accurately.

Arapahoe County organizations

may choose to attend the workshop either on Thursday, February 8 or Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince Street in Littleton.

Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties will all use common grant applications this year. For more information call the SCFD office at 303-860-0588.

High School Basketball on Channel 8

Highlands Ranch vs. Heritage (boys) Feb. 8, 7 p.m. Heritage Gym
Arapahoe vs. Littleton (boys) Feb. 15, 7 p.m. Littleton Gym

VHS copies of these and other games will be available through the AT&T production department at a cost of \$30 each. Tapes may be ordered by calling 303-603-5480.

WWW board gearing up for 2001

The Board of Directors of Western Welcome Week are gearing up for the 73rd annual celebration.

Heading up the board as president is Bruce Wolf, realtor with Prudential Legend Realty, Craig Bailey, vice president, owner of Alpine Trophies; Kathy Thompson, secretary, counselor for Denver Public Schools; John Boeckman, treasurer, vice president Anheuser Busch, Inc. Other directors are: Mary Jo Collins, long-time community volunteer; Cary Coopridge, artist; Barbara Eaton, Lockheed Martin; Renee Fisher, Fisher Associates; Mike Giesen, Union Bank & Trust; Rhonda Lord, Express Personnel Services; Jim Taylor, member of the original WWW Board and former vice chair of South Suburban Park &

Rec; John Tracey, owner of Southpark Tire & Auto; Mike Ward, Kuni Lexus; and Kay Watson, Metro Brokers-Kay Watson Properties. Board community liaisons are Kathy Repola of Arapahoe Community College, Tim Weaver of the City of Littleton and Jean Flynn of South Suburban Park & Recreation District.

Sue Hill, Hartford Insurance, is chairperson over events and Jill Schneider, Community Shares, is the chair-elect. The events chairperson meetings begin February 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the community room at the Littleton Center. Meetings will be held the second Monday of each month. For more information on the chairperson meetings please contact WWW at 303-794-4870.

Public hearing scheduled for Watson Lake

South Suburban Park and Recreation District's Planning Department will present the proposed park master plan for Watson Lake to the South Suburban Board of Directors at the Feb-

ruary public hearing on Wednesday, February 14 at 8 p.m., at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 South University Boulevard. For further information call 303-795-6531.

Museum announces Homestead History

The Littleton Historical Museum is pleased to announce a new program offered to second grade classes. Museum staff have been working to develop a program which will give a meaningful, educational experience to students and fulfill state legislature-mandated curriculum. The result is a program which is called Homestead History.

This program is designed to fulfill social studies curriculae and learning objectives from the historical, geographic and economic perspectives content areas. This is accomplished through a two-pronged approach. First, staff have developed a 16-page workbook, filled with activities designed to introduce concepts such as map reading and map making, primary and secondary historical docu-

ments, and the cultural use of natural resources. This workbook is accompanied by a teacher supplement that identifies learning objectives and methods. Teachers will use this workbook to prepare their students for the second part of the program, a visit to the Littleton Historical Museum. During class visits to the museum, costumed interpreters will give focused attention to students, and will follow up on classroom activities, showing their application through hands-on activities.

Priority will be given to Littleton Public Schools second grade classrooms. For more information, please call Brock Cheney, lead interpreter, at the Littleton Historical Museum, 303-795-3950

THAC presents a "sweetheart" February

Town Hall Arts Center presents two shows in its venue in the month of February. The first is the very funny play, *Sylvia* by A.R. Gurney. *Sylvia* opened February 2, 2001 and will run until February 24. Tickets are \$12 to \$16 with all seats reserved. A caution: *Sylvia* is not recommended for children or for adults easily offended by language and situations.

On Sunday, February 11 at 1 and 3 p.m., Town Hall is presenting a program for the entire family, *The Puppet Tree* performed by the internationally acclaimed Das Puppenspiel Puppet Theatre, Inc. from New York. For reservations or more information call 303-794-ARTS.

City's elderly refund program returns

Since 1977, the Littleton City Council has annually renewed its Elderly Refund Program, providing the city's senior residents with a combined refund of property tax, sewer, and storm drainage monies collected by the city. The program is available to both renters and property owners. For property owners, the refund is based on the assessed valuation from the property tax receipt, and refunds range between \$65 and \$100. For property owners whose property is in a trust, the maximum refund is \$30. Mobile home owners can apply for both, with a maximum of \$50. Seniors living in subsidized housing do not qualify for a refund. There are no additional qual-

ifications other than age (65 years of age or older, last year) and residency (within the city limits of Littleton). In case of joint ownership or joint tenancy, only the applicant need to meet the age requirements. For property owners a paid property tax receipt from Arapahoe County must accompany the form. Application forms are mailed automatically about March 15 to everyone who received a refund in the previous year. Additional forms and information can be obtained from the City of Littleton Finance Office, 2255 West Berry Avenue, or by calling 303-795-3775. The deadline for filing is October 31.

City of Littleton bid list contact information

If your business/company is in the city of Littleton and has not been included on a city bid list in the past, you are invited to write a letter about your business/company's particular product or service to the department/division that best fits your business.

Administrative Services
Business/Industry Affairs
City Attorney's Office
City Manager's Office
Community Development
Finance Department
Fire Department
Fleet/Building Maintenance
Information Services
Library
Museum
Police
Public Services

Kevin Burke
Chris Gibbons
Larry Berkowitz
James Woods
Denise Naegle
Sherry Kling
Chief William Pessemier
Doug Boettcher
Ken Price
Margery Smith
Mary Allman
Chief Gary Maas
Charles Blosten

If you are unsure of where to direct your letter please write or call Sherry Kling, administrative coordinator in the city's finance department at 303-795-3765. Please, address your letters to City of Littleton, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, 80165

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 303-795-3857 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 303-795-3857.

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

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