



LITTLETON REPORT

City of Littleton

October 2003

Salaries and operating funds frozen to balance budget

Salaries for a majority of Littleton city employees will be frozen and 12 of 14 operating departments will remain at or below 2003 levels if the proposed 2004 city budget is adopted.

In two budget workshops held August 12 and September 9, the city council was told by staff that both revenues and expenses in the General Fund, which is the city's main operating account, are expected to drop below 2003 levels. General Fund revenues in 2004 are projected to drop around \$45,000 from 2003, due mainly to expected weak growth in retail sales, significantly lower interest earnings on invested funds, and the possible repeal of the one percent grocery tax. General Fund expenditures are projected to drop an estimated \$420,000, due to a recommended salary freeze for approximately 60 percent of city employees and reductions in most non-personnel accounts.

Under the proposed budget, salary increases would go only to a limited number of police and fire personnel who are still eligible for a "step increase," and general government employees who remain below the top salary range for their position. No city employee would receive a market adjustment or be eligible for a merit bonus in 2004. In a typical year, salary and benefit increases for the city's 475 employees can range from \$1.5 to \$2 million. In 2004, the estimated increase is only \$560,000.

In addition to the savings expected from a salary freeze, non-personnel costs are also dropping in 12 of the 14 city operating departments. The only two departments with projected non-personnel increases in 2004 are \$928 in the city manager's budget and \$120,962 in the police department, both due to adjustments in vehicle maintenance accounts.

The Capital Projects Fund is also projected to drop almost \$1 million, from a 2003 estimate of \$14.2 million to \$13.2 million in 2004. The drop is due primarily to a revised lease payment schedule for several TABOR projects including construction of a new fire station on South Broadway, expansion of the Littleton Historical Museum, and construction of a new fleet maintenance garage. Other capital projects proposed to go forward in 2004 include \$4 million to rebuild Mineral Avenue from Santa Fe Drive east to Windermere Street, \$1 million for architectural and engineering services for a new police building, and \$1 million for open space acquisition.

First reading of the 2004 budget is scheduled for October 21, with the second reading and public hearing scheduled for November 4. Copies of the proposed budget are available from the city finance department, located at the Littleton Center at 2255 W. Berry Avenue.



Members of the Littleton Police Honor Guard lower the United States flag at the Littleton Center on September 11. City employees observed a moment of silence to honor the victims of the terrorist attacks.

Littleton voters to decide grocery tax initiative

An ordinance initiated by three residents that would reduce, and ultimately repeal the city's one percent tax on groceries, was referred to Littleton voters by the city council at a public hearing September 2. If the ordinance is approved November 4, the city will lose an estimated \$300,000 in revenue in 2004, and an estimated \$600,000 per year beginning in 2005. The tax has been in place since 1972. It basically covers food purchased for home preparation and consumption. It does not cover restaurant meals or take-out meals. Non-food items sold in grocery stores such as hardware, cleaning supplies, motor oil, etc., are subject to a three percent general sales tax. For each \$100 that an individual or family spends on groceries, \$1 in tax is paid.

Under the Littleton City Charter, any citizen can initiate an ordinance by collecting the signatures of a specified percentage of registered electors in the most recent general municipal election. On August 15, City Clerk Julie Bower certified that a sufficient number of signatures had been obtained to place the ordinance before the city council. In accordance with the City Charter, the city council must either adopt

the ordinance, or it gets referred to the voters. At a public hearing held September 2, the city council voted 6-1 against the ordinance, which automatically referred it to the voters. Several council members questioned the initiators of the ordinance as to what cuts in services they would suggest if there is not enough revenue growth in the future to backfill the \$600,000 per year that will be permanently lost. One petition initiator suggested that cuts could be made to the mini-park program.

Another area of disagreement that came out at the public hearing centered on statements attributed to the petition initiators to justify repealing the tax. One local newspaper article quoted the initiators as stating that they wanted to repeal the grocery tax because they do not think the City of Littleton does enough for seniors and low-income residents. Council members pointed out that Littleton is believed to be the only city in the Denver metro area to provide free transportation service to seniors and handicapped citizens, plus a variety of other programs. One petition initiator denied that he had ever made such

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Judge dismisses complaint against City of Littleton

Administrative Law Judge Michelle A. Norcross has dismissed a complaint by Martin G. Bolt, Sr. in which he alleged that the city violated the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act (CFCPA) because of a press release the city issued relating to an initiative to repeal the city's one percent grocery tax.

The city issued its press release on August 19, 2003 stating that the city clerk had certified a sufficient number of signatures for a local ballot initiative to reduce, and ultimately repeal the tax which is collected on food purchased for home preparation. The press release provided information on the history of the tax, compared Littleton's sales tax rate to that of other cities in Arapahoe County, described the amount of revenue the city would lose if the tax is repealed, and identified the cost of a variety of city services.

Bolt is one of three citizens initiating the repeal of the tax. In a complaint filed with the Secretary of State on August 24, Bolt claimed that the city had violated the CFCPA by making expenditures of public money in opposition to a local ballot issue.

The case was argued at the Division of Administrative Hearings in Denver September 10.

In dismissing Bolt's complaint September 12, Judge Norcross ruled that the CFCPA does not prohibit public expenditures in relation to every proposition that may appear on a ballot. In order to fall within the Act, a ballot question must meet one of four specific criteria, and the press release of which Bolt complained regarding the Littleton grocery question did not meet any of the criteria.

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a statement. He said his motive was to slow the growth of government. A second petitioner stated that he could not recall making such a statement. In another newspaper interview, the petitioners stated that Littleton was the only city in Arapahoe County with a grocery tax. While this statement is accurate, analysis by city staff confirmed that Littleton has one of the lowest tax rates in the Denver metro area when sales and property tax are combined. Another person who supported repealing the tax said he was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and that he was concerned about the cost of basic needs for the older population. In response, a council member who is over the age of 70 stated

that he did not think that the one percent tax was harmful to seniors. Based upon his grocery receipts, he calculated that he was paying an average of \$1.26 per month in grocery tax. He stated that he felt that seniors in Littleton were getting far more in services from the city than they were paying in taxes.

There was testimony from three other citizens who stated that they appreciated the services provided by the city and were very willing to pay the \$1 per \$100 spent on groceries. They were in favor of keeping the tax in place. A yes vote will repeal the one percent tax and result in the \$600,000 revenue loss, and a no vote will keep the tax in place and the city will retain the revenue.



Runners, walkers, and bicyclists are now enjoying this spectacular mountain view from the Mineral Avenue Trail. The new trail follows the old railroad spur from the Highline Canal at Mineral Avenue West to the Mineral Light Rail Station. The city funded the \$100,000 cost.

155 visit Household Hazardous Waste Roundup

On Saturdays, September 6 and 13, citizens from the cities of Littleton and Englewood disposed of household hazardous waste. It was at the Englewood Service Center from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day and was again a success. There were a total of 155 participants over two days. Most people brought the usual items; oil-based paint, motor oil, pesticides and fertilizer. There were, however, some unusual items too: quite a bit of mercury, old ammunition and various acids. All the residents who came were given information about recycling during the year, how to dry latex paint and other helpful tips.

This program is very important to the community because it gives citizens a reasonably priced place to dispose of most hazardous items they would have around their house. It also allows people to dispose of these items properly. Safety-Kleen sponsored the event and donated their personnel for two days to help defray some of the costs. They only charged the cities for the disposal of the waste at the end of the second day. Special thanks to the City of Englewood for allowing the use of their site, and to Littleton Fire Rescue for their assistance.



Employees from the cities of Littleton and Englewood assist citizens with the disposal of household hazardous waste.

City acquires parcel for mini park site

In mid summer, the city completed the acquisition of a small parcel of private land for a new mini-park site. The property is about a quarter-acre in size located at approximately 91 W. Broadmoor Drive, in the vicinity of East Elementary School. Formerly owned by Gibraltar Realty Company, the city spent \$25,000 of TABOR funds to buy the future park site. The city will work with South Suburban Parks and Recreation to plan and implement a recreational facility for the neighborhood.



Littleton Mayor Susan Thornton is flanked by Littleton Bega Sister Cities President David Necker and his counterpart from Bega, New South Wales, Australia, Phil McDonald. 27 Bega delegates visited Littleton during Western Welcome Week.

Residents frustrated by frequent power outages

The City of Littleton has received a large number of complaints in 2003 from citizens expressing frustration about power outages and the response of Xcel Energy. Representatives of Xcel met with city staff June 2 and attended a council meeting June 3 where they heard loud and clear from about 40 residents.

In response to citizen concerns, the city sent a letter to Xcel June 11 asking for answers to 22 specific questions. The letter was also sent to the Public Utilities Commission, Xcel Energy's executive staff, and all of the residents who had signed a roster at the June 3 city council meeting.

While the city council appreciated Xcel's response, complaints about outages continue to increase. Many of the complaints originally stemmed from the multi-day outages during storms in March and April. However, complaints have continued to come in during the summer when weather would not appear to be a factor.

Of particular concern to city council is the impression that Xcel has not made improvements to the energy delivery system in Littleton's older neighborhoods

to keep up with the modern demands of utility customers such as the increased use of central air conditioning, computers and other electronics.

While the city has documentation indicating that improvements have been made in some neighborhoods, outages have continued throughout the summer.

The city council has asked staff to look at what options are available to improve reliability for citizens.

One of the most important facts citizens need to be aware of is that Xcel has no mechanism to detect where power outages have occurred. Home owners need to report each and every outage to Xcel at 1-800-895-1999. Outages are handled on a priority basis based on the size of the outage, therefore, the more citizens that call in to report an outage, the higher it moves on the priority list.

The city manager's office would like to hear from citizens as outages occur. After you notify Xcel, give us a call at 303-795-3720. The information may be useful as the city pursues future action.



What will one million dollars buy? The rehabilitation of Powers Avenue from Windermere east to Broadway. The project included a wider sidewalk on the north side, traffic calming circles on the 16-block stretch, and a smooth new surface.

2003 summer clean up program ends successfully

The City of Littleton Summer Cleanup program ended August 15. The program runs each year from June through August and has been successful in helping residents keep their properties clean. This year the program was a great success. There

were 934 requests for pickups and 951 total pickups. The total number of appliances recycled was 309 and approximately 18 tons of metal was recycled. Forty pounds of Freon were removed and recycled from appliances.

Cops and citizen academy team up for child safety

The Littleton Police Department Community Resource Officers (CROs) in conjunction with the Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association (LPCAAA) plan to implement a "safety village" program for children ages 5 to 10 years. CRO's Craig Kloppenberg and Greg Zentner presented a plan to the LPCAAA to obtain funds to purchase 20 tricycles to help educate younger children about playing safe near roadways as well as showing the children safe cycling skills and how to follow the rules of the road and sidewalks.

This project will include an enclosed trailer for transport of the equipment, and safety cones that will map out a skills area. The trailer will be towed by an LPD Tahoe and when not in use will be securely stored at the Littleton Service Center. The trailer will be painted with the Littleton Police and LPCAAA logos. The cost for the project is approximately \$2,900 and the funds were unanimously approved by LPCAAA membership for this important child safety project.



Improvements to 25-acre Ketring Lake begin

After almost two seasons without water, Ketring Lake is about to become the recipient of a major improvement designed to return the lake to its previous state of beauty. Located on the grounds of the Littleton Historical Museum, Ketring Lake is a popular community landmark.

The 25-acre lake, which is fed off the Highline Canal, dried up in the summer of 2002 due to the drought that has plagued the Front Range. When the canal, which provides Ketring Lake with its only source of water, was unable to run, evaporation and seepage quickly took a toll on the lake.

Now, relief is on the way in the form

of a joint project by the City of Littleton and South Suburban Parks and Recreation. In September, a significant renovation of Ketring Lake began. The lake will be excavated and deepened, and a new PVC liner installed. The shoreline will be reconfigured, making the lake slightly smaller, and a new boulder and riprap lake edge will be constructed. Finally, the lake will be deepened and new fish habitats will be installed. The project's ultimate goal is to make Ketring Lake healthier and more sustainable. Work is scheduled to be completed in time to receive water from the Highline Canal's spring run.

City's leaf recycling program returning this fall

Residents will again have an environmentally responsible alternative to sending their leaves to a landfill. For the 11th year, the cities of Littleton and Englewood are sponsoring a leaf-recycling program in cooperation with Eagle Waste Services and Jensen Sales Company. In the previous ten years of the program, more than 7,500 cubic yards of leaves and 1,400 tires have been recycled.

Leaves will be collected from 8 a.m. until noon on two Saturdays: November 1 and 8. The collection point is the old Littleton sewer plant location at 2307 West Belleview Avenue. This is the northeast corner of Belleview and South Zuni Street, one block west of Santa Fe Drive. Volun-



teers working at the site will accept leaves only. No grass clippings, tree branches or other refuse will be accepted. The leaves will be recycled by grinding and mixing them into soil amendment products. Citizens are also welcome to stop by and take leaves home to compost.

Tires will also be collected for recycling at a cost of \$1.50 each and \$3 for those mounted on rims. This collection site is open for residential recycling and no materials will be accepted from lawn service companies or other commercial ventures.

For more information contact David Flaig at 303-795-3766.

City's Omnibus and Shopping Cart receive honor

The Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) has named the City of Littleton Omnibus and Shopping Cart Colorado's 2003 Small Transit System of the Year. The award was presented at the CASTA and Colorado Department of Transportation 24th Annual Colorado Fall Transit Conference on September 4 in Steamboat Springs.

Thousands of elderly and disabled residents have benefited from the services of the Omnibus and Shopping Cart.

Passengers consistently compliment the caring and concern of the drivers and dispatchers. A 1998 survey indicated that 98 percent of passengers rated the service as "excellent" or "good." The programs operate on an annual budget of approximately \$270,000.

Omnibus is a scheduled and dispatch-

demand response service operating five days a week and one weekend each month since 1974. It is available to Littleton residents age 55 and older and to the disabled. Medical related calls receive priority but social visits are also encouraged. In 2002, Omnibus completed 13,389 passenger trips and traveled 53,081 miles.

Shopping Cart began in 1985 and is a fixed route service. It operates Monday through Saturday, shuttling passengers to and from area grocery stores and shopping centers. It makes scheduled stops at six senior housing complexes. In 2002, there were 14,740 passenger trips over 10,910 vehicle miles.

Littleton residents who wish to learn more about the Omnibus and Shopping Cart services can call 303-795-3700.



Twenty-nine blocks celebrate National Night Out

The Littleton Police Department conducted their 2003 National Night Out on August 5. This year's event was limited to just one night, and focused on returning to the traditional first Tuesday in August.

There were over 20 Littleton Police Officers traveling across the city, including two McGruff Crime Dogs. The event was a great success with 29 block parties held, and included over 1,400 participants, and an estimate of over 100 individual neighborhood blocks.

Once again this year, each block party was asked to collect non-perishable food items for Inter-Faith Community Services. Littleton Police Community Outreach Officers collected over two pickup trucks full

of much needed goods. The Community Outreach Unit also placed collection points at the Littleton Center during Western Welcome Week, and collected many donations.

In preparation for future events, whether it is National Night Out or Neighborhood Watch, the Community Outreach Unit and Community Outreach Officers would like to hear from citizens. For information, the city website can be checked at www.littletongov.org, click on Police, and left click on Community Policing. District maps as well as the Community Resource Officer for your neighborhood can be found here.



More than 1,400 people enjoyed food, fun and camaraderie during the 2003 National Night Out sponsored by the Littleton Police Department.

Littleton police release vehicle inspection report

On August 21, 2003, three Department of Revenue Port of Entry Inspectors and four Littleton Police Officers of the Traffic Unit, conducted a truck inspection site in the 4900 block of S. Santa Fe Drive.

Officers actively searched for commercial vehicles that were likely to have violations, rather than stopping every commercial vehicle moving down S. Santa

Fe Dr. Colorado law allows police officers to bring commercial vehicles to the Port Weigh Station that are within a five mile radius. Experience has shown that when these vehicles are brought to the mobile port, there is a much higher rate of vehicles found to be in violation.

The results of this inspection are as follows:

Category	This Inspection Only	Cumulative For This Year	2002 Totals
Number of Trucks Weighed	8	50	147
Trucks Inspected	28	341	1770
Number of Violations Found	47	416	1103
Trucks Taken Out of Service	8	64	78
Driver's License Violations	3	11	23
Insurance Violations	2	12	21
Warrant Arrests	0	1	0
Overweight Vehicle Violations	4	11	24

- The 28 vehicles that went through Level I Inspections represented 27 different companies. One company had multiple vehicles inspected. Of those, Waste Management had the most vehicles inspected with two.
 - One vehicle had five violations, which was the most on any single truck (Eatherton Masonry, Inc.). Two of those violations were "out of service" violations.
 - Seven additional vehicles were taken out of service.
 - Eight vehicles were weighed by Port Inspector's and four vehicles were determined to be overweight. One vehicle, owned by Hamon Construction, was found to be 9,500 pounds overweight by axle limits and 9,700 pounds overweight by gross vehicle limits. This vehicle was taken out of service until it was unloaded to meet established perimeters for the vehicle.
 - Five companies were cited for failure to register their small motorized machinery with the State of Colorado. These companies will be required to register their equipment, pay ownership taxes and any back taxes owed to the State of Colorado.
 - 21 vehicles went through a Level II inspection by Port of Entry Officers. A Level II inspection is an in-depth inspection of the vehicle. A total of 46 safety violations were cited by officers.
 - It should be noted that eight of the 21 trucks that went through the Level II Inspections, were taken out of service by Port Investigators.
- Littleton Officers and Port of Entry Officers re-inspected 12 commercial vehicles on this date. These courtesy inspections are performed on previously cited commercial vehicles to determine if the vehicle's safety violations have been corrected.



Candidates certified for November 4 Littleton City Council election

Littleton City Clerk Julie Bower has certified eight candidates for the November 4 Littleton Municipal Election. The candidates are: for District II—, Pat Cronenberger and Joseph Trujillo; for District IV—, Scott Goldie and Rebecca Kast; and for two At-Large seats—, Doug Clark, Amy Conklin, Stewart Meagher and Tom Mulvey.

Each candidate was required to obtain the signatures of at least 50 registered electors by August 25. District candidates obtained signatures from within their district while At-Large candidates circulated petitions from throughout the city.

Mayor Susan Thornton, an At-Large council member, cannot seek re-election due to term limits. The At-Large candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a four-year term. The At-Large candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will serve a two-year term. The District II and District IV seats are both for four-year terms. On November 18, the newly elected council members will be sworn in and then vote to elect the city's mayor and mayor pro-tem to serve for the next two years.

In addition to the council election, voters will decide the fate of the city's 31-year-old grocery tax. Three citizens utilized the initiative process to place a question on the ballot that would repeal the one-percent tax. If voters choose to abolish the tax, the city could be forced to eliminate approximately \$600,000 of city services, programs or personnel.

Littleton's election is coordinated with Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties. The election will utilize the mail-in ballot process. Ballots will be mailed by county clerks from October 10-20. Ballots can be returned to the county clerks by mail or can be dropped off at a ballot box at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, during normal business hours and up to 7 p.m. on November 4. October 6 is the last day to register to vote.

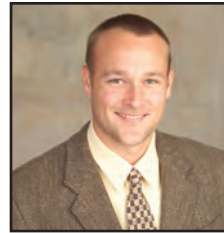
For further information about the election, contact Littleton City Clerk Julie Bower at 303-795-3753. Citizens can also contact the Arapahoe County Clerk at 303-795-4200, the Douglas County Clerk at 303-660-7469, or the Jefferson County Clerk at 303-271-8168.



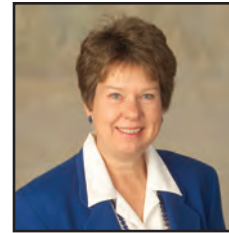
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District IV



Rebecca Kast
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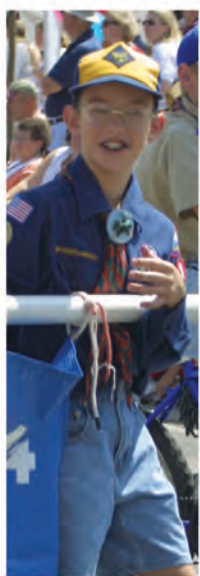
Stewart Meagher
At Large



To find out more about the 2003 election, tune into Littleton 8 at 7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. throughout the month of October. Statements from the candidates can also be heard and viewed online at www.littleton.gov.org. Also in October, viewers can see *Littleton: A Caring Community*, which explores various programs for seniors in our community. The program airs daily at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. on Littleton 8.



Happy 75th Birthday Western Welcome Week!





Construction continues on Littleton Fire Station #12

Construction on Fire Station #12 started June 12, 2003. To date the following activities have taken place:

- An additional 400 cubic yards of unsuitable soil have been removed. According to structural engineers, this soil was not suitable to support the project load imposed by the building.
- All building foundation work has been completed.
- Exterior block walls have been installed on the north, east and west sides of the building.

- Exterior finish block work is scheduled to begin in the next two weeks.
- Structural steel supports have been installed on the interior of the building.
- Interior and exterior wall framing has started.
- The fire protection contractor has started installing sprinkler pipe for the automatic sprinkler system.
- The roof section of the hose tower was installed by crane September 12.
- Building completion is on schedule for the end of the year.



Littleton's new Fire Station #12 is starting to take shape. The new building is being constructed approximately 100 yards north of the current station. The new station will replace the 43-year-old station that is antiquated according to modern fire service standards.

Littleton Fire Rescue's Children's Parade a big hit

Littleton Fire Rescue's annual Western Welcome Week Children's Parade was one of the most successful ever. Held on Saturday, August 16, 47 entries in three categories vied for 30 prizes. The children got into the spirit of the homecoming theme representing homecoming kings and queens, service personnel, cowboys and cowgirls, among others. The top three winners for each category were as follows:

Pedestrian Category

- 1st Prize: Carley Jackson, Littleton, "Homecoming Queen"
- 2nd Prize: Cassandra Ruybal, Littleton, "Puppies and Kittens for Sale"
- 3rd Prize: Gabrielle & Connor Spaulding, Centennial, "Liberty's Kids"

Bike Category

- 1st Prize: Breindenbach & Creger Children, Littleton, "Littleton Riders"
- 2nd Prize: Chez Tamag and McKenzie & Vincent McGrath, Englewood, "Anchors Aweigh"
- 3rd Prize: The Hannas, Littleton, "Cowgirls on Wheels"

Float Category

- 1st Prize: McKenzie Wager, Littleton, "Homecoming Queen 2003"
- 2nd Prize: Lauren, Anna Lea, Kelly, Noel, Littleton, "Beers Sisters Dairy"
- 3rd Prize: Skufca & Mathis Children, Littleton, "Lil Britches Come Home to Little Town"



Ryan Anderson, a Littleton Fire Rescue firefighter, is currently serving our country as a sergeant in the United States Army. Sergeant Anderson's unit was deployed from Fort Carson to Iraq in May. Anderson is from the community of Niwot, northeast of Boulder. The community holds "Niwot Nostalgia Days" annually, and to honor and support Sergeant Anderson and our troops serving overseas, ten members of Littleton Fire Rescue participated in the parade. A banner was made for the occasion, and is now hanging at the Littleton Center.

Littleton Fire Rescue's new Life Safety Educator



tion of Life Safety Educator-Community

Littleton Fire Rescue would like to introduce Tracey Minoggie as the newest member of the fire prevention team. Minoggie began employment with the city September 2 and is assigned the position of Life Safety Educator-Community

Programs. She will contribute to several educational programs such as; special community events, senior safety, business and commercial education classes, residential fire inspections, station tours, child passenger safety, smoke alarms and fire extinguisher training. Minoggie comes to Littleton from Englewood Fire/Rescue where she spent five years as a fire fighter and two years as safety education coordinator.

Littleton Fire Rescue offers important safety tips

- Have and maintain smoke alarms. This includes testing the alarm once a month and changing the batteries annually. Remember to: "Change Your Clock—Change Your Battery" on October 25.
- Keep lighters and matches out of children's reach.
- Create and practice a home escape plan with the entire family. A home escape plan includes a map of your home indicating two ways out of each room and a safe meeting place outside.
- Crawl low under smoke to escape. Smoke rises, so the cleaner air is near the floor.
- Extinguish smoking materials (cigarettes, cigars, etc.) entirely before disposing of them.
- Never leave candles burning unattended.
- Avoid leaving food cooking on the stovetop unattended. If you must answer the door or telephone, take a spoon or pot holder with you as a reminder. Unattended cooking is one of the leading causes of fires in Littleton.
- If your clothes catch on fire, stop – drop – cover your face – and roll.
- For minor burns, run cool water over the burn for several minutes. Never use creams, oils or butter.
- Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies and teach children how to use this service properly.

Winter Home Safety Tips

- Fall is in the air which means that winter is just around the corner. Before the cold weather sets in, Littleton Fire Rescue would like to remind you to prepare your home. Follow these tips to make your home a safer place this winter.

Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

- Make sure the stove or fireplace is installed properly and has an Underwriter Laboratories (UL) label.
- Keep combustibles at least three feet away from stoves and fireplaces.
- Have the chimney professionally inspected annually. This inspection will determine if the chimney needs to be cleaned.
- Use a glass or metal screen in front of fireplace openings to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out and igniting rugs, carpets, clothes, etc.
- Do not use flammable liquids to help ignite or accelerate a fire.
- Avoid using large amounts of paper to build a fire because this increases the amount of creosote. Creosote is the wood tar build-up that appears in most chimneys after continuous use. Chimney fires are the result of the ignition of the creosote build-up.
- Never close the damper when hot ashes are still present. This may force toxic carbon monoxide throughout the home.
- Dispose of hot ashes appropriately... place in a metal container outside and away from structures or combustibles.

Furnace Heating

- Do not store anything around your furnace. Maintain two to three feet of clear space.
- Know where the emergency natural gas shut-off valve is located and make sure it, along with other controls, are in good working condition.
- Do not attempt maintenance of furnace units unless you are qualified. Faulty repairs can lead to deadly outcomes.

Littleton Fire Rescue to host open house Oct. 11

Each year in the United States, more than 4,000 people die in fires and an additional 15,000 are injured. In an attempt to reduce these numbers through education and awareness, Littleton Firefighters will host a Fire Prevention Week Open House Saturday, October 11 from 1–4 p.m. at Littleton Fire Station 11. The day will consist of:

- Refreshments

- AirLife helicopter landing
- Fire truck and station tours
- Special teams apparatus display
- Bouncy inflatable
- Life Safety House
- Sparky the Fire dog

Join us at Littleton Fire Station 11, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Saturday, October 11, 2003, from 1–4 p.m.

Littleton Firefighters Foundation holds annual ball

The Littleton Firefighters Foundation held their 6th annual Firefighters' Ball on Saturday, September 13 at the Highlands Ranch Mansion. As in past years, the ball was very well attended, with over \$11,000 in ticket sales. The bachelor auction was a big hit again this year. Eight bachelors were auctioned off, with a high bid of over \$500.

The Littleton Firefighter's Foundation is a non-profit entity dedicated to supporting the community. Some of the recipients of donations are Littleton Meals on Wheels, JJ and Associates (a shelter

for disadvantaged children), Colorado Multiple Sclerosis Society, life safety education programs, and the Burnout Fund. The Littleton Firefighter's Foundation is always accepting donations.

More information about the Foundation and the Firefighters' Ball are available at www.littletonfirefighters.org. Make plans to join us at next year's event! Thanks to all of the attendees, Shea Homes for the use of the Highlands Ranch Mansion, and to the area businesses that donated products, services and money.

Emergency personnel performed well during WWW

The 75th Anniversary of Western Welcome Week was a great success. Thousands of people participated in dozens of events. It was well organized and ran smoothly, and the parade went on without incident.

Each year there is a lot of planning by emergency service departments behind the scenes. For example, this year for the Grand Parade, the city's mobile command post was parked at Main and Rio Grande where dispatchers monitored all police and fire activities. Dispatchers in the communications center at the Littleton Center were also on duty.

Paramedics worked along the parade

route with bicycles and carts that could quickly move through the crowd. Police and Arapahoe Rescue Patrol personnel worked the traffic at intersections and at Arapahoe Community College. Fire and rescue units in the parade were prepared to quickly respond to any call. Public service personnel set up barricades to close off the parade route. Officers worked the street on Saturday afternoon during the arts and craft festival.

No major problems developed but residents should know that plans were in place and personnel were ready to respond to protect and serve the safety and welfare of citizens.



Town Hall Arts Center boasts rich, intriguing history

Did you realize that besides providing an exciting array of theatrical experiences for all ages, tastes and styles, the Town Hall Arts Center also boasts a rich, interesting history and offers other amenities as well as live theatre?"

Built in the early 1920s as a new center for civic activities, the building contained city offices, a community meeting room (where the theatre is located today), a jail in back (which presently is the loading dock), and the volunteer fire department (the trucks were parked in what is now the lobby, that's why the marble floor still slopes). By the late 1970s, there was a new city hall on Berry Street. Some visionary citizens began to think about what to do with the old building in the center of Main Street. In 1983, through many fundraising events and hard work, it opened as a performing arts center and art gallery. Today, the building houses the Town Hall Arts Center, which produces ten to 12 professional events a year; the popular Cultural Classroom program, offering professionally staffed multi-cultural events to school children; changing art shows in the beautiful Stanton Art Gallery, where various artists who work in different media are able to show their pieces; and offers a unique

venue for many community meetings. All of this is accomplished with a volunteer board of directors, the THAC staff, numerous volunteers from the community, grants provided by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District through the Arapahoe County Cultural Council, funding from the City of Littleton, donations and sponsorships from businesses, organizations and individuals, and the ticket revenues generated by theatrical productions. There are many reasons to visit Town Hall Arts Center, the premier reason being outstanding theatre. Mark your calendars now for *Crimes of the Heart*, Sept. 26-Oct. 18; *The Sound of Music*, Nov. 21-Dec. 21; *Lannie Garrett - Just For A Thrill*, Dec. 26-28; *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, Feb. 6-March 7; *Red Skelton*, March 11-14; *Jesus Christ Superstar*, April 16-May 16; *Honk! A Musical Tale of the Ugly Duckling*, May 28-June 27. Town Hall Arts Center offers tickets for individual performances as well as four different season ticket packages. You may purchase tickets and reserve seats by calling 303-794-ARTS (2787), or online at www.townhallartscenter.com



The stage at Town Hall Arts Center.

RTD asks residents to discover neighborhood secret

Discover AT to the Tech Center

Hop on Route AT at the Littleton/Mineral Station or the Highlands Ranch park-n-Ride and enjoy a faster, less-stressful commute. You can get off at either the Arapahoe park-n-Ride or the DTC Transfer Station at Ulster/Tufts, then connect to The Link shuttle for free service to more than 50 area office buildings. All this for the low-cost Express fare.

Discover AT to your Light Rail station

Take Route AT from the Arapahoe or Highlands Ranch park-n-Ride to the Littleton/Mineral Light Rail Station, and you're on your way to work, play or school in LoDo, Downtown Denver, Five Points, or stops in between. Simply pay the Express fare when you board Route AT, and ask the driver for a transfer to let you ride light rail without an additional fare.

Discover AT to DIA

skyRide Route AT is still the most

convenient, reliable and affordable way to DIA. Catch Route AT at the Littleton/Mineral Station or park at the Highlands Ranch park-n-Ride and enjoy a care-free trip to DIA. skyRide drivers help load and unload your luggage and you get convenient curbside service at DIA.

Fares & Schedule

Route AT skyRide fare is only \$10 one-way to DIA from Littleton/Mineral Station or the Highlands Ranch park-n-Ride. Route AT Express fare is only \$2.50 one-way. Buses depart at least once an hour, seven days a week, 365 days a year, from approximately 4 a.m. to midnight.

This convenient skyRide/Express service from this area may be grounded unless ridership soars. So get on board with Route AT at Littleton/Mineral Station or Highlands Ranch park-n-Ride today!

For AT route and schedule information, call 303-299-6000.

2003 Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting returning

The 2003 Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting, sponsored by local merchants and community organizations, is set for Friday, November 28 in historic downtown Littleton. The 20th annual event features a magical evening of holiday festivities, complementing the one million lights lining Main Street. Santa Claus will make his way down Main Street in a sleigh followed by thousands of carolers holding candles and flashlights. Enjoy merchant open houses and bring your camera for a photo with Santa at Town Hall Arts Center or two of Santa's reindeer at 2659 West Main Street.

Gather at Town Hall Arts Center; Bega Park; or Bradford Auto Body for free hot cider and music from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Candles will be available for 50 cents. Donations of non-perishable food for Interfaith Community Services will be accepted, as will toys for the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop to put everyone in the spirit of giving.

Main Street will be closed to traffic shortly after 5 p.m. and Santa will begin his march down the street from the courthouse at 6:30 p.m. The event culminates at the west end of Main Street where one lucky child's name will be drawn to help Santa throw the switch on the huge live trees. The Littleton Chorale, the Arapahoe High School Brass Ensemble, the Leawood Elementary School Choir and the Last Note Singers will provide musical entertainment at various Main Street locations.

Western Welcome Week parade winners announced

Western Welcome Week's 75th anniversary celebration "Homecoming" was a great success! A big thank you to the Littleton community, sponsors and many volunteers that help to make WWW happen each year!

2003 Western Welcome Week Parade Awards

Floats:	
Mayor's Trophy - Best in Parade	Littleton Adventist Hospital
Houstoun Waring Trophy - Best Theme	Libby Bortz Assisted Living Center
Edwin Bemis - Parade Chair Award	Littleton Adventist Hospital
Richard Little - Parade Chair Award	Girl Scout Troop #1935
Nonprofit	
1 st	Downtown Littleton Merchants
2 nd	Cub Scout Pack #536
Government	
1 st	City of Littleton
Business/Professional	
1 st	Intergroup Architects
2 nd	Romano's Restaurant
Marching Groups	
1 st	Littleton HS Cheers & Poms
2 nd	Heritage HS Cheerleaders
3 rd	Colorado Center for the Blind
Non-School Marching Groups	
1 st	Peak Athletics Cheering
2 nd	Jet All Stars
3 rd	American Legion Post #103
Equestrian:	
Mounted Groups	
1 st	Westernaires
2 nd	Lazy Acres - Homecoming
Royalty	
Mounted Individual	
Horse Drawn	
1 st	Anne Remy
1 st	Dish Network - Covered Wagon
2 nd	Willowcroft Farm - Mini Horses
Clowns	
1 st	Warren Family Clowns
Vehicles	
Individual (non-commercial)	
1 st	El Jebel Shrine Motorcycles
2 nd	Ms. Senior Colorado
Commercial	
1 st	Ralph Schomp Automotive
2 nd	Red Bird Farms
Bands	
School Marching Band	
1 st	Columbine
2 nd	Highlands Ranch
3 rd	Elizabeth
4 th	Gateway
Best Percussion	
Best Drum Major	
Best Auxiliary	
Denver Citywide	
Gateway	
Highlands Ranch	
Pipe Bands	
1 st	Michael Collins Pipes & Drums
2 nd	Colorado Isle of Mull



The Heritage High School football team took time out to help clean up along the route after the Western Welcome Week parade. Thanks to coach Griebel and all who showed up—you did a great job!

Arapahoe Community College to host fundraiser

The Eighth Annual Arapahoe Community College Foundation "Barley, Malt, Hops and a Splash of Wine" will be held Saturday, November 8 from 6 – 8 p.m. The casual fundraising event, co-sponsored by County Line Liquor Super Store, will move this year to the second floor lobby of the main campus building at 5900 S. Santa Fe Drive.

Attendees will have over 90 microbrews, wines and non-alcoholic beverages to sample. Those tasting beer and wine must be 21 years of age or older. Food provided by a variety of vendors will complement the featured beverages. Attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on over 50 donated items at a silent auction.

Tickets for this popular annual event are \$22 per person at the door or \$20/\$38 per couple when purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the ACC Cashier's Office located on the second floor of the main ACC building or at County Line Liquor Super Store, 181 W. County Line Road.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used by the Arapahoe Community College Foundation, a 501c (3) nonprofit organization, to directly benefit the college.

Plan to join in the "spirited" fun to benefit Arapahoe Community College! Parking in all ACC lots will be free during this event. For more information or directions, call 303-797-4ACC or 303-797-5712.



“Ghost Hunting” part of fun at Bemis Public Library this fall

Ghost Hunting

Hear true ghost stories that will chill your bones! Listen to ghost voices and see photographs of local ghosts! Professional ghost hunters Drea Penndragon and Sarah Willig will share their experiences in exploring local haunted houses October 1 at 7 p.m. Will their ghost hunting equipment detect any ghosts lurking in the library?

A Frightful Night Of Fun

Enjoy an evening of spooky fun October 24 from 7-10 p.m. The classic comedy film *The Ghost and Mr. Chicken*, featuring Don Knotts as a reporter who spends a night in a haunted house, will be shown. Storyteller Nancy Avalon will also entertain you with tales of local ghosts. As a special treat, you can meet a library ghost who will be visiting for the evening. This event is for all ages.

Images Of Childhood In Early Colorado

Join David Wetzel, author of *I Looked in the Brook and Saw a Face*, for a fascinating photographic portrait of childhood in Colorado 100 years ago. Wetzel will give a slide presentation using photographs from the archives of the Colorado History Museum November 4 at 7 p.m. He will talk about a child's world in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including home life, family, school, work, friends and play. Copies of the author's book will be available for purchase at the event.

Lucky Lady: The World War II Heroics Of The USS Santa Fe And USS Franklin

Spend a special Veteran's Day evening November 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. with author Steve Jackson, who will tell the dramatic story of one of the greatest naval rescue missions of World War II. On March 19, 1945, when the aircraft carrier *Franklin* was struck by two large bombs from a Japanese plane, the light cruiser *Santa Fe* stood by the *Franklin* and was instrumental in saving it from sinking. More than 800 sailors, who faced kamikaze attacks, torpedoes, and a typhoon, were rescued in this heroic effort. Jackson's father, Donald Jackson, served on the *Santa Fe*. Copies of the author's book will be available for purchase.

Native American Music

To celebrate Native American Heritage Month, Bill Center, a Lakota, will sing and play a variety of Native American instruments at the library November 19 from 2-4 p.m. in the main reading room. Come enjoy this unique form of music and free refreshments!

My Own Little Camelot

On November 24 at 2 p.m., learn about one of the greatest showmen of all time, MGM's premiere producer of musicals, Arthur Freed. Known for his musical talent, theatrical flair, and unerring eye for talent, Mr. Freed produced a series of musical films for MGM, starting with *The Wizard of Oz*, that stand as some of the most memorable motion pictures ever made. This program will explore the legacy of the Freed Unit by focusing on three of his discoveries: Judy Garland, Gene Kelly, and Cyd Charisse.

Tolkien, Trivia And The Two Towers

Calling all Hobbits of all ages! Join us for a celebration of all things Tolkien! On November 29 from 1 to 5 p.m., we will view the special extended version of *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* (208 minutes running time; rated PG-13). During intermission, we will have trivia and special activities. Wear your costume!

Create A Scherenschnitte

One of the oldest European folk arts is Scherenschnitte, which is a form of paper cutting that became popular in Germany and Scandinavia. Learn this traditional craft at one of two free workshops offered December 6, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Choose from a variety of easy-to-snip holiday designs to create a beautiful gift or

decoration that is unique. All materials will be provided free-of-charge. Grace Goss, who has taught the craft of Scherenschnitte for over ten years, will give instruction and background information on this art form. Call the library, 303-795-3961, to register for one of the workshops, which are open to ages ten and up.

AskColorado: New Online Reference

Want to know who won the Super Bowl in 1992? Curious about the first school in Littleton? AskColorado!

Launched September 2, AskColorado is a free, online information service provided by over 40 Colorado libraries, including Bemis. The service allows anyone in Colorado to use the Internet to communicate live with a librarian 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When the librarian finds the answer to a question, the information is sent directly to the user's browser. The online service can be accessed by clicking on the AskColorado logo that appears on the Bemis Public Library website (Bemis.carl.org), or by going to www.askcolorado.org and clicking on the logo.

Computer Training Classes

The following free computer classes will be offered in the computer training lab on the lower level of the library. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a class, or stop by the reference desk at the library.

Beginning Internet: 9-10 a.m., October 8 and 11, November 8 and 11, and December 10 and 13

Advanced Internet: 9-10 a.m., October 4, November 1, and December 6

Singles' Book Group And Cinema Circle

Meet other singles for a lively discussion of books and movies at the Singles' Book Lovers Group and Singles' Cinema Circle. These two groups are open to single adults 18 and older. The Singles' Book Lovers Group meets the third Thursday of each month from 7-9 p.m., and the Singles' Cinema Circle meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9:30 p.m. The Book Lovers Group will discuss *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf October 16 and *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle* by Robert Pirsig November 20. On November 12, The Singles' Cinema Circle will watch *The Mission* starring Robert DeNiro, and *Scrooge*, featuring Albert Finney, will be shown September 10.

Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

If you enjoy talking about books, join the Bemis Evening Book Group, which meets at the library on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire will be discussed October 13, *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks November 10, and *The Story of Lucy Gault* by Gregory Maguire December 8.

Buy A Gift Book At The Library

Looking for that special book for a holiday gift this year? The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum will be offering "like new" used books for sale at low prices from November 25 through December 24 at the library. Choose from best sellers, classics, cookbooks, and children's books. Bring the whole family in to find great presents!

PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANTS

Talk English Conversation Sessions

If you are currently learning to speak English, come to the library Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to practice your English in an informal group and learn about American culture. No registration is required. Talk English sessions are also held at

St. Herman Orthodox Christian Church, 991 W. Prentice Ave., on Friday mornings from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Domestic Violence Issues Class

A special program for immigrants on dealing with domestic violence will be held at the library October 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. Psychologist Cristina Basson will be the speaker and facilitator. This free class will be conducted in Spanish, and refreshments and child care will be provided.

Citizenship Classes

A series of classes on becoming an American citizen will continue October 11 and 25, and November 8. In addition to citizenship basics, the series will include information on how our government works, using government agencies to find a job, and getting to know the police. These classes are funded through a grant from the MetLife Foundation and Libraries for the Future. Those who attend at least three sessions will receive a \$30 gift certificate to King Soopers and a free book on becoming a citizen. For additional information, call Phyllis Larison at the library, 303-795-3961.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Calamity Jane By Glenda Bell

Marthy Cannary was an expert marksman, skilled horseback rider, a scout for General Custer, a rider with the Pony Express, and she pursued a multitude of other interesting activities that a woman, and many men in the Wild West would have considered too risky. When she saved the life of captain Egan after he was shot, he dubbed her "Calamity Jane, the heroine of the plains." On October 27 at 2 p.m., Glenda Bell will be at the library to bring this Old West character to life.

Senior Book Group

The Senior Book Group meets the first Monday of the month at 2 p.m. The selection for October 6 is *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. The title for November 3 is *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand; the book discussion will be followed by the 1949 movie, *The Story of Seabiscuit*, with Shirley Temple. *A Walk to Remember* by Nicholas Sparks will be the topic for December 1. Please join us at 11 a.m. to view the 2002 movie made from the book and enjoy a holiday potluck lunch before the book discussion begins at 2 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Bemis Teen Writer's Group

The Bemis Teen Writer's Group will meet October 6, November 10, and December 8 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. If you would like to join the group, contact Jan Knauer, 303-795-3961.

Teen Read Week October 19-25

Bemis Library is joining hundreds of other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country that are encouraging teens to "read for the fun of it" as they celebrate this year's poetry-centric Teen Read Week theme, SLAMMIN' @ Your Library.

Teens can join our **Poetry Writing Workshop** with Kathryn Bass from Light-house Writers October 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Learn how to get ideas, put words together, create images and use poetic devices.

Come if you are just beginning to write poetry, or have poems you want to improve or share! Space is limited—please call Jan Knauer at 303-795-3961 to sign up.

Teens can also attend the session, **Make A Poetry Magnet Set** October 22 from 4 to 5 p.m. Make a poetry magnet set and learn ideas for using it to inspire and create your own poems. Call Jan Knauer at, 303-795-3961 to register since space is limited.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Bouncing Babies

Held on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. for caregivers with infants from birth to twelve months. Introduces babies to books, songs, fingerplays, and social time. Please call the library to register, 303-795-3961.

Storybox

A story time program for children birth to three years with their caregivers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and fun. Space is limited; free tickets available one week in advance.

Preschool Story Time

Stories and activities for children three to five years old Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Night Tales

On Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Bring your family to share stories in the Cloud Forest.

Kids Club

Please call to register for these Kids Club activities held at 4 p.m.

For Grades 1-3

October 8: Autumn Antics. A story, poem, and craft

October 22: Trick or Treat, Smell My Feet, Give You Something Good to Eat

November 5: Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse, make an action toy

November 19: Book It, Pop It Up. Moveable books

For Grades 4-7

October 7: Gruesome Gourds. Decorate a tiny pumpkin

October 23: See information below about "Star Stories"

November 4: Bead It! Make bracelets, key chains, or other beaded accessories

November 21: Read It! It's Children's

Book Week, so let's read!

Star Stories

On October 23, Littleton Public Schools have the day off. So visit the library for another great Denver Museum of Nature and Science space program! *Star Stories* will be presented at 2 and 3 p.m. for kids in grades 1-8. Call to reserve your spot, 303-795-3961.

Children's Book Week November 17-23

Since 1919, libraries, educators, book-sellers, and families have set aside this week to embrace literacy and reading. In the children's room, we will have activities to promote books and reading, including special reading times, a guessing jar, book-marks to make, a book mural, and more.

Literature Aloud

Once upon a time, a terrifically talented teller of tales, John Stansfield, created an entertaining and lively show featuring our favorite poems and stories! Join a family program November 22 at 3 p.m. Children under six must attend with an adult.

Dial-a-story

You can listen to a short story any time of the day by calling 303-795-3960.





OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Craft Fair Ketring Park 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
5	6	7 City Council Meeting-7p.m Littleton Center	8	9	10 Pumpkin Follies Downtown Littleton	11 Harvest Festival Historical Museum 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pumpkin Follies Downtown Littleton
12	13 Groundbreaking Littleton Historical Museum-10 a.m. Columbus Day	14	15	16 Own an Original Bemis Library 5:30 to 7 p.m.	17	18
19 Teen Read Week	20	21 City Council Meeting-7p.m Littleton Center	22	23	24	25
26 End Daylight Saving Time	27	28	29	30	31 Victorian Ghost Party Historical Museum 6 to 8 p.m. Halloween	

Harvest Festival returning

The 10th Annual Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum.

Due to the drought of “ought two and ought three” historic site interpreters were unable to plant the pumpkin field. Our neighbors from up north will again provide pumpkins to sell during the harvest festival. Wagon rides, cider, and other refreshments will be available for purchase. Littleton Public Schools will again sell frankfurters and other tasty treats, as well as beverages on the east lawn.

Activities on the 1860s farm include pressing apples for cider, grinding wheat into flour and making bread, butter and apple butter.

Music will be provided by Jon Chandler from 10 a.m. to 12:30 and the Littleton Music Association will perform from 1 to 3:30.

There will be a dance with Henry the Fiddler in front of the blacksmith shop from 3:30 – 5 p.m.

'Tis the season... Holiday's Eve returns December 14

You can look forward to the bonfire's crackle, the pungent aroma of wood smoke and the sound of bells as the team and wagons approach to take you on a ride into the crisp night air. True to Victorian traditions, the farms will be decorated in holiday finery. The glow and warmth from the lanterns and hearth will beckon you to enter where visions of the past fill you with a sense of coming home.

The sounds of music and choirs will fill the night air and the smells of sweet treats and hot apple cider will await those who come to call. We look forward to having you join us for this special evening.

Dress warmly to enjoy the winter's eve and bring a blanket for the wagon ride.

Admission to Holiday's Eve will be by ticket. Tickets go on sale at the Bemis Public Library for members of the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum beginning November 19 through November 26. Tickets are \$5 for adults and 2.50 for children 12 and under. General Admission tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children and go on sale November 28 through December 10. Tickets can be purchased at Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St., Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Friday, – Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 1– 5 p.m.

No tickets will be sold after the closing date or at the door on the day of the event. Tickets are limited to 1,500 people.

A Holiday's Evening • December 14, 2003 • 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Museum • 303-795-3950

Museum expansion to break ground

The long-awaited museum construction project will begin soon after the harvest festival. Groundbreaking will be held October 13 at 10 a.m. The public is welcome.

The project begins with renovation of the parking lot which will consist of the removal of several trees and a new parking configuration. Parking will increase to 110 spaces.

After the parking lot renovation, two temporary trailers will be placed on the parking lot site, one will hold administrative offices, the other toilets. After completion of this phase the main museum will close, offices will be moved to temporary quarters, interpreters will move to the interpreters den (the old caretaker's cottage); the shop will move to temporary quarters in a trailer behind the museum and the research library will move to the collections center.

Completion is projected for spring of 2005.

Both museum farms will remain open to the public during construction and will continue to provide scheduled programs for school groups and special events.

A special hotline has been established to answer questions about construction. Call 303-795-3954.

Craft Fair returns Oct. 4

The 31st annual Craft Fair, sponsored by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2003 in Ketring Park adjacent to the museum.

This one-day-only Crafts Fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission fee; funds generated from booth fees are used by the Friends to sponsor programs at the museum and Bemis Library. There will be 300 booths and eight food concession stands. Entertainment will be Clowning by Karen (11 a.m.–1 p.m.) and Aabra-Kadoodle Magic Show (1 –3 p.m.).

The museum will be open its regular Saturday hours (10 a.m.–5 p.m.). Historic site interpreters will be engaged in typical chores on the 1860s and 1890s farms. View the museum's newest exhibition on the history of Western Welcome Week and the Bega-Littleton Sister City Exchange, as well as two other galleries containing the history of Littleton.

Littleton City Council



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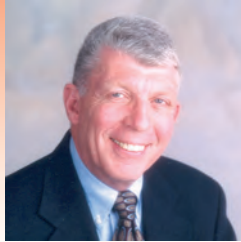
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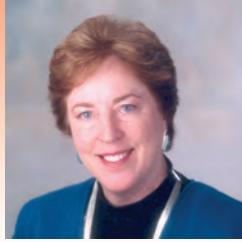
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City Council Accommodations

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 accomodation 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 www.littletongov.org.

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