

Citizens needed to help update comprehensive plan



The 1981 Comprehensive Plan resulted in significant improvements to the city’s parks and greenways, including South Platte Park.

Littleton adopted a comprehensive plan in 1981 to guide land use-related decisions. In the 25 years since its adoption, many of the plan’s goals and recommendations have been accomplished and countless changes have occurred in Littleton and the surrounding area.

Examples of projects that resulted from the plan include significant improvements to the city’s parks and greenways, including South Platte Park; the annexation of newly developing areas into the city; and improvements that made Mineral Avenue a major east-west arterial. Additionally, the plan provided direction for bringing light rail to Littleton as well as guiding various private development projects.

While the plan provided a clear direction for many years, the city has grown significantly since 1981 and is now facing challenges that were not anticipated 25 years ago. Littleton’s size has increased over 20 percent from 7,272-acres to 8,733-acres, and population has gone up almost 50 percent from approximately 28,000 people to more

than 42,000. The local and national economies have changed, residents have aged, the employment base has shifted, and a regional light rail system is a reality. The south and west areas of the city evolved and the retail market has experienced a significant evolution, including the addition of large new retail projects, such as Aspen Grove, and activity and improvements in downtown and along Littleton Boulevard and South Santa Fe Drive.

Perhaps even more dramatic than what has occurred within Littleton are the changes and their impact that have occurred adjacent to the city. Highlands Ranch, which began developing in 1981 as a 22,000-acre master planned community, is now 85 percent complete and has office parks, retail centers, a burgeoning town center, a variety of housing types, and a population of more than 83,000, approximately twice that of Littleton. In 2000, a large area in unincorporated Arapahoe County to the east of Littleton voted to incorporate. The resulting 17,832-acre City of Centennial has a population of over 100,000, approximately 2-1/2 times that of

Littleton, and a need and desire to increase its sales tax base. With the changes that have occurred to the south and east of the city since 1981, Littleton is experiencing additional pressure on our infrastructure and has gained both an expanded potential market and additional competition for capturing that market.

To help provide a comprehensive citywide response to these changes and the challenges which accompany them, the Littleton City Council and Littleton Planning Commission are initiating a planning process that will update the comprehensive plan, provide a vision for the city’s future, and give direction to future public infrastructure and private development decisions.

The intent of the update is to focus on citywide land use and economic development issues.

While Littleton’s neighborhoods are stable, the city has matured and the comprehensive plan must address those issues of a community that no longer is on the edge of a metropolitan area but instead is solidly part of that metropolitan

area. Elements of a mature city may include: economic growth, infill development, downtown vitality, and cultural opportunities.

City council and the planning commission feel strongly that as many citizens as possible should be involved in creating the vision for the future and the program for achieving that vision. To help provide that opportunity, the planning process will include a significant public outreach program. The city is dedicating a page on its website to the planning process and there will be regular articles in the *Littleton Report*, public meetings, and a public hearing as part of the review and adoption process.


The planning commission will develop and adopt the comprehensive plan and present it to city

council for ratification, and is asking citizens to participate on a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC should be a diverse set of stakeholders interested in working together who represent as many of Littleton’s geographic areas and interest groups as possible. A short application for the CAC is included in this edition of the *Littleton Report*.

Once the CAC is appointed and has reviewed background information for the plan, the planning commission will sponsor a series of public meetings to identify the issues. Later public meetings will provide opportunities to review and discuss a common vision for the future of the city and the ways the vision can be achieved.

See page 2 for an application to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee as well as the committee’s values, roles and responsibilities.

“Live” city council meetings to resume


 “Live” coverage of Littleton City Council meetings will resume Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. on Littleton’s government access cable channel, *Littleton 8*.

“Live” coverage of city council meetings began in Littleton in 1992. In August of 2004, all programming on *Littleton 8* was suspended due to budget cuts. At this time, only “live” city council meeting coverage will return on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The city is contracting with a private company to produce the program.

Only Comcast cable television subscribers can receive Littleton 8 but VHS and DVD copies will be available for checkout at Bemis Public Library later this spring. Streaming video of agenda items will be accessible on the city’s website, www.littletongov.org.

A telephone poll conducted by the Public Information Corporation in June of 2005 found that ten percent of the 303 respondents watched *Littleton 8* on a weekly basis. Nine percent said they regularly watched city council meetings.

For further information, call the city manager’s office at 303-795-3720.

 **City offices closed February 20**

The Littleton Center, Bemis Public Library, and the Littleton Historical Museum will be closed February 20 in recognition of Presidents’ Day.

What’s Inside

Complan Update Application	2
Littleton Economic Notes	3
Wildland Firefighting Team Keeping Busy	4
Tree Program Returns for 2006.	5
CALEA Assessment Completed	6
Leadership Retreat to Focus on Redevelopment	6
News and Events at Bemis Library	7

2006-2007 Citizens Guide inside!

City of Littleton

2255 West Berry Ave.
Littleton, CO 80165

PRSRST STD
U.S. Postage
Paid
Littleton, CO
Permit No. 205

ECRWSS
Postal Patron



The 1981 Comprehensive Plan provided direction for bringing light rail to Littleton.

CAC Values, Roles and Responsibilities:

VALUES
The CAC is committed to helping the city update the comprehensive plan through a timely, open, and fair process.

The CAC is dedicated to a thorough examination of the plan and its current and future implications; a thoughtful dialogue about community issues and values and their bearing on the plan; and carefully crafted statements of advice that will give decision-makers the CAC’s best collective thinking.

- ROLE OF THE CAC
- a. Advise planning commission.
 - b. Engage in an ongoing, thoughtful, respectful, and thorough discussion of key issues, a vision for the city; and goals, recommendations, and an implementation program for addressing those issues and achieving the vision.
 - c. Identify and represent the interests of the city’s stakeholders.
 - d. Share relevant information with other committee members.
 - e. Keep the community informed and involved in the planning process.
 - f. Keep the CAC members informed about the community’s perspectives.
 - g. Co-sponsor public meetings with planning commission, help with initial introductions, and listen to the discussion.
 - h. Following the public meetings, discuss what was heard and forward recollections and responses to city staff. City staff will forward the CAC’s comments to planning commission.
 - i. Help identify promising options.
 - j. Openly discuss and evaluate those options.
 - k. Seek consensus on advice that will be offered to planning commission, city council, and staff.
 - l. Support and advocate for the work and reports of the CAC.
 - m. Refrain from undermining the work and reports of the CAC.

- RESPONSIBILITIES
- a. Attend and actively participate in all meetings. Because of the complexity and speed of the planning process, there will be no alternate appointed for any member of the CAC.
 - b. Represent a larger group – keep that group informed and report back from that group to the CAC.
 - c. Follow the ground rules outlining how members will work together. At the first CAC meeting, the CAC will review and approve the guidelines.
 - d. To support the CAC, city staff will:
 - 1. Distribute background materials
 - 2. Prepare meeting agendas
 - 3. Document the CAC’s meetings and findings
 - 4. Facilitate committee meetings
 - 5. Prepare the plan materials

Planning commission has prepared the following guidelines for appointing the CAC:

- a. Initial appointments to the CAC will number no more than 20 individuals.
- b. After both the first public meeting and the Littleton Leadership Retreat, planning commission may choose to increase the membership of the CAC to as many as 25 by nominating individuals who at the first public meeting or at the Leadership Retreat effectively represented interest groups previously unrepresented on the CAC or who were particularly effective at representing a citywide perspective.
- c. So that the CAC will be as representative of the community as possible, planning commission is committed to making the solicitation of members for the CAC as open and universal as possible. At the same time, planning commission recommends that in order to assure the most effective CAC, applicants be asked to demonstrate a high level of motivation and relevant experience, and a willingness and ability to work in a collaborative environment.
- d. Applicants will be asked to complete a short questionnaire that will help planning commission both determine their qualifications for the CAC and establish a CAC that represents the diversity of stakeholder groups in the community.



Littleton Comprehensive Plan Update
Application to Serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee

- Name_____
- Address_____
- Email Address_____ Age_____
- Daytime Phone_____ Council District_____
- Occupation_____
- What interest group(s)* would you represent?_____

- How do you propose communicating with the other members of that/
those interest group(s)?_____

- What experience do you have working in a group on a successful
project?_____

- Why do you feel you are uniquely qualified to serve on the Citizens
Advisory Committee?_____

Return this application to Dennis Swain, Community Development Department, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado 80165; e-mail dswain@littletongov.org, or phone 303-795-3755. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, February 28.

**Interest groups may include but are not limited to: property owners/renters, age groups, geographic areas of the city, civic groups, homeowners associations, etc...*

GENERAL NEWS

Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map to be modernized

The public review and comment period has started for a new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) for Arapahoe County, including incorporated areas.

The City of Littleton current Flood Insurance Rate Maps were published September 29, 1989 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and are available only in a paper format. Work has begun to modernize the maps for all of Arapahoe County and convert them to a new digital, or electronic format. The new maps would then be able to be viewed on a personal computer. A DFIRM is more versatile than a paper map and can be enlarged to show more detail.

Under the program, the City of Littleton has its own, separate map showing floodplain, floodway and flood elevation information. This map is used by insurance agents to determine if flood insurance may be mandatory on a specific property and to calculate flood insurance premiums. When the new DFIRM is adopted, Littleton will receive new community panel numbers and be included in the maps for all of Arapahoe County.

The public review and comment period began January 1, 2006 and will run until March 30, 2006. Draft maps are available for public review in the public services department during normal office hours. Following this review, a six month compliance period will begin. It is anticipated the new DFIRM will become effective September 30, 2006.

The map modernization project is sponsored by all incorporated municipalities within Arapahoe County, the Urban Drainage & Flood Control District, the Colorado Water Conservation Board and FEMA. If one would like to review the draft maps and supporting information, or has any questions, please contact the Littleton Public Services Department at 303-795-3865.

Council passes revisions to storm water ordinance

City council passed revisions to the Littleton storm water ordinance December 22, 2005. The major change makes it unlawful to discharge to the streets, gutters, ditches or storm sewers most waters not directly resulting from rainfall or snow melt runoff. Storm water flows directly to creeks, streams, lakes and other water bodies without treatment. It has been shown that discharges such as automobile radiator flushing, cleaning painting tools, process water from power washing and similar activities are harmful to the environment. People who are found to be making such discharges to the storm drainage system could be subject to penalties or fines, as stipulated by the city code.

Some non-storm water discharges that consist of generally clean water may still be allowed. Waters generally resulting from such things as excess landscape irrigation, rising groundwater and basement sump pumps can still be discharged to the storm drainage system, as long as they are not found to be a source of pollution. If one has any questions or wishes to report a possibly illegal discharge, please contact the Littleton Public Services Department at 303-795-3865 during office hours. One can also leave a message at any time on the storm water hotline at 303-734-8299.

“Colorado’s Legendary Lovers” lecture coming to museum

Join fourth generation Coloradoan and author Rosemary Fetter as she takes us on a trip to meet some of the state’s best-known lovers, both famous and infamous.

This compelling collection includes stories about well-known characters such as Baby Doe and Horace Tabor, Mattie Silks and Cort Thompson, and Mary and John Elitch. Lesser-known lovebirds, such as Louise Hill and Bulkeley Wells, Susan and Samuel Magoffin, and Isabella Bird and Mountain Jim Nugent, are also highlighted.

Colorado’s Legendary Lovers: Historic Scandals, Heartbrobs and Haunting Romances organizes this unique look into the state’s history into chapters on Natives and Pioneers; Adventurers, Gamblers, and Shady Ladies; Scandals and Triangles; Lovers for Life; Rugged Individualists; and Haunting Romances, which are ghost stories. The book also includes a detailed bibliog-

raphy for those who want to dig deeper into the state’s history.

Fetter’s favorite story is that of Littleton’s own Mollie Dorsey and Byron Sanford, whom Fetter calls “a couple I would like to have known.” She was fascinated by the narrative pieced together from Mollie’s two diaries, one of which has never been published. Married on Valentine’s Day in 1860, the couple lived through the Pikes Peak gold rush, a 700-mile trek from Nebraska City to Denver, Indian attacks, and the Civil War. Although they suffered hardships and setbacks, they both kept a sense of humor and the unique optimism that characterizes the West.

Rosemary Fetter will discuss her book and some of its characters at the Littleton Historical Museum’s Brown Bag Lecture in the Friends Lecture Hall Tuesday, February 14 from noon to 1 p.m.

The program is free and open to the public.

Ceramicist to speak at Mayólica presentation

Ceramicist Barry Krzywicki will present a free ticketed lecture at the Littleton Historical Museum Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m. in the Friends Lecture Hall.

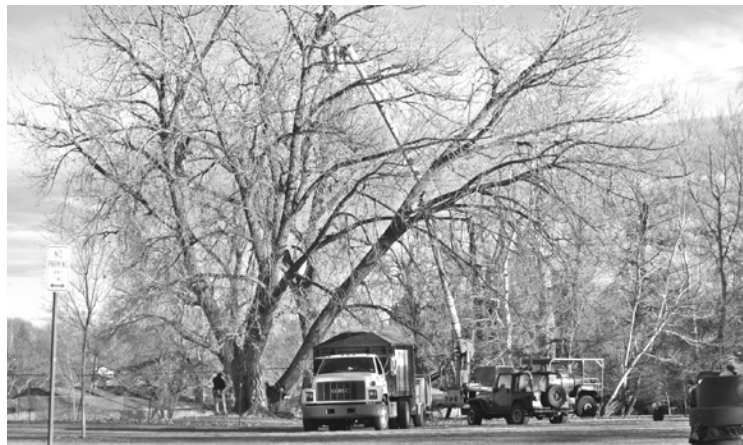
Learn more about mayólica’s fascinating history. Slides from the important centers of Mayólica and Hispano-Moresque lusterware production, including Sevilla, Talavera de la Reina and Manises will be shown.

The discussion will include ceramic vessels and tiles that range from early Moorish pieces up to Picasso’s ceramic creations.

Speaker Barry Krzywicki was on the faculty at Arapahoe Community College from 2001 to 2003; he has taught at the Arvada Center, led ceramic tours to Spain, and visited numerous folk-potters and contemporary ceramic artists.

Seating is limited, free tickets are available at the museum. Please arrive early; unused tickets will be reassigned to patrons on the waiting list at 7 p.m.

NOTE: Cerámica y Cultura: The Story of Spanish and Mexican Mayólica at the Littleton Historical Museum has been extended through February 19. Call 303-795-3950 for more information.



South Suburban Parks and Recreation and the City of Littleton teamed up to preserve one of Littleton’s oldest and largest residents, the six and one-half foot diameter cottonwood tree at Ketring Park damaged in the October 10, 2005 snowstorm. On December 27, Preservation Tree Care installed a state-of-the-art cabling system to stabilize the tree.

Free concert series begins

The Littleton Historical Museum is introducing a series of classical concerts during 2006 in the Friends Lecture Hall.

Concerts for 2006 will be held February 23; March 23; and December 14. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Check the city’s web site at www.littleton.org for an updated schedule or contact the museum at 303-795-3950.

Seating is limited, free tickets are available at the museum. Please arrive early; due to the anticipated popularity of the concert series, unused tickets will be reassigned to patrons on the waiting list at 7 p.m.

LITTLETON ECONOMIC NOTES



Kicking off Santa Fe Spirit’s two-day grand opening at 6023 S Santa Fe Drive were Council Member Tom Mulvey, Partner Linda Chapman, Mayor Jim Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Kast, Council Member John Ostermiller, Partner Kim Gollehon, Council Member Pat Cronenberger, Partners Marla Larned, Mike Larned and Danny Huffstetler.

- Jim Sato’s engineering firm, J.F. Sato and Associates (5898 S. Rapp St.), won the Federal Highway Administration 2005 Environmental Excellence Award. The award was for the Berthoud Pass mountain access road.
- Piñon Fine Art is moving from Denver to 2510 W. Main St. Owner Elizabeth Hook is planning to open in February. Piñon is an established art gallery with high-end patrons and will be an excellent addition to the high-quality merchants already located downtown.
- Jamie Lee and Bing Lan will open the Kyoto restaurant in March at Aspen Grove in the former space of the Big Bowl. It will feature fine Euro-Asian cuisine.
- Paul Laird (recent new owner of Winner’s Circle) bought the duplex building that houses Woodlawn Floral. The floral business remains and Paul’s business, New Frontier Energy Inc. (oil and gas exploration and production), is occupying the space to the east.
- Norgren announced it will close its Littleton facility. The company employs approximately 500 people in manufacturing, engineering and design in Littleton. Senior staff of the city met with company officials to get briefed on the details for future use of the site and help plan the transition.
- Carol Johnson opened Brainstorming Book Solutions (303-347-1894), a consulting company for authors.
- Christal’s has closed on Broadway. The City of Littleton took a law suit against the store all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and won.
- Vince and Dwight Pridemore have opened Pride Auto Care at the old location of American Automotive at 8080 S. Broadway.
- The Rosinski Insurance Agency has new office space in the Wells Fargo building at S. Broadway and Powers Ave.
- The American Stitch Factory opened at 7987 S. Broadway. Owners Tatiana Klamo and Brian McCoy specialize in embroidery, screen printing, heat transfer, promo products, decals, design logos, and related services.

- The award-winning GRC Builders at 8191 SouthPark Lane is celebrating its 20th year in business.
- Adventures in Dance has moved from its Main Street location to a larger space in Woodlawn Shopping Center.
- David and Michaela Fitzgerald opened Blueberry’s Coffee Shop Bakery-Café January 11 in the former Manna Bakery spot at Woodlawn Shopping Center. Serving gourmet coffee, homemade baked goods, and a range of lunch items, the store is open Monday–Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- NoNo’s Café will open in its new, larger space at 3005 W. County Line Road in January.
- Décor Southwest, with an extensive collection of southwestern and Native American furnishings and decorative items, held a week long open house in its new location at 151 W. Mineral Ave. (SouthBridge Plaza) in January.
- Rich Emmelhainz and Neal Rosner will move their ever-expanding business, Church-Partner Resource and Distribution Service, Inc., across town mid-February to new quarters at 20 W. Dry Creek Circle.
- Era Colihan and Meta Ellison opened Frangipani—a boutique with jewelry, apparel and gifts—in mid-January. Located at 2336 W. Main St., the shop is open Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- John Ellis of Belcaro Paint and Decorating, a Benjamin Moore Signature Store, opened his newest store at 209 W. Littleton Blvd. the first of February.
- Keven Kinaschuk and Christopher McGraw held a grand opening for McKinners Pizza Bar January 27. The restaurant is located in the old Valore’s Hardware space on W. Main St.
- Broadway Dodge submitted a conceptual site development plan for a proposed 46,000 s.f. car dealership to be built on the existing location.
- A final plat for the old Electron iron foundry site has been submitted. No development plan has been submitted for the site.
- Reindle Office/Warehouse at the southwest corner of W. Bellevue and Santa Fe has filed a final site development plan for two office warehouses to be constructed on a .7 acre site just east of Ackerman’s.
- The Littleton Village project has been reviewed by staff of the Development Review Committee. The project has mixed-housing types, a park, mixed-use office/retail and a “Main Street” retail concept.
- Town Hall Arts Center is a growing force in community theater. The recent *West Side Story* performances drew rave reviews in the *Denver Post* and now THAC has six winners in the “Colorado Backstage Spotlight” awards.
- Petros Environmental Group, owned by consultants Joe Fetzter and Richard Bell, and Planet GIS, a provider of GIS data and maps, owned by Thomas Miller, have settled into the office building at 5575 S. Sycamore St.
- The Arapahoe Road Corridor Study will start shortly.
- The Village Infant and Toddler Center held a baby shower January 19 for the 40 new babies and toddlers they will be serving. Call the center at 303-347-6985 if you would like to help out this community asset.
- Rotary Club of Littleton Sunrise is hosting Career Day 2006 for LPS high school students and Denver area at-risk high school students February 24 from noon to 5 p.m. at Arapahoe Community College. Call Mark Ryan at 303-794-4331 for more information.

Dry weather keeping Wildland Firefighting Team busy



Pictured are, left to right: Paramedic/Firefighters Tyler Turley, Robin Hardman and Ben Speakman.

Unusually dry weather so far this winter has kept the Littleton Wildland Firefighting Team busy. Remarkably, the frequency of grass fires within the Littleton Fire

Rescue (LFR) service area has not increased, but LFR has been sending its team to help other departments fight large fires.

Sunday, January 8, the depart-

ment sent one brush truck south to the Mauricio Fire, burning 20 miles northwest of Trinidad. There, the three-person crew made up of Ben Speakman, Robin Hardman and

Tyler Turley patrolled a large section of the fire line, extinguishing hot spots. When six-inches of snow fell the day after the fire began, the flames were extinguished but the heavier fuels such as large logs and tree root systems continued to smolder underneath. By Wednesday, the snow had melted, humidity dropped, the air temperatures rose and the wind picked up again. Soon the crew was hard at work chasing spot fires that jumped the containment line.

One aspect of this deployment that has been different from most is dealing with snow and cold temperatures. It's not often that team members have to worry about staying warm while working. Fortunately, instead of tents in a field, the use of an elementary school at the nearby town was arranged. The crew ate, showered and slept indoors, after finishing their 12-hour shifts on the mountain.

Another LFR engine was dispatched to assist Jefferson County with combating the 2,700-acre Plainview Fire. The four-person crew staffed a fire engine and raced up

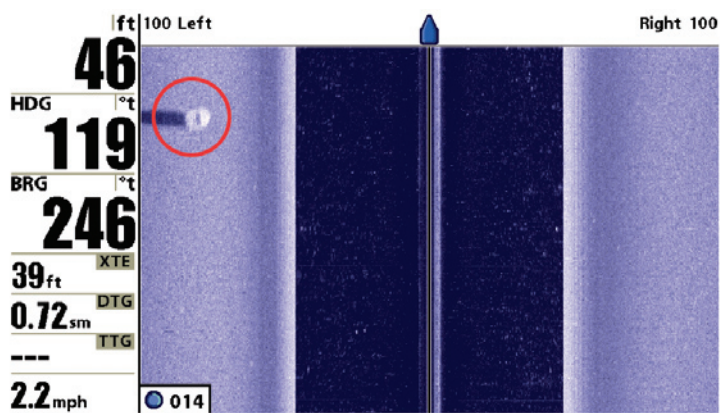
to the incident at 2 a.m. Most grass fires tend to settle down during the night, but this fire was again affected by the unusual elements, and was rapidly growing, threatening homes. The LFR engine was held in a staging area, ready at any moment to provide residential structure protection, but luckily, the aggressive plan used by ground crews to halt the fire by using fire, was successful. Lighting a backfire was a risky operation, especially with gusty, erratic winds swirling out from behind the foothills, but the tactic was well planned and executed flawlessly. Five hours later, the fire was controlled and the LFR crew came home.

There's no such thing as a typical fire season on Colorado's low lands. But generally, the frequency of falling snow brings enough moisture to keep the wildland fire threat low during the winter. These months are normally used to train personnel and prepare equipment for the following summer. If this recent activity is any indication, the LFR Wildland Team will be in for a long, busy year.



A variety of devices and markings are placed on fire and medical apparatus which are used to improve the safety of firefighters riding in the apparatus, working at an emergency scene, or who are in close proximity of the apparatus. The National Fire Protection Association developed standards for warning lights and reflective striping which illuminate fire and medical apparatus at night when visibility is limited and provide an indication of the location and size of the apparatus. "Conspicuity striping" is being tested on the back of Littleton Fire Rescue's Medic 11 and Squirt® 16. It uses contrasting colors to improve driver recognition while the apparatus is both moving and stopped. The striping reflects brightly off lights, chrome, etc. and is very visible to traffic that faces the rear of the apparatus.

Water rescue team gets GPS enabled Side Imaging Sonar



For the LFR Water Rescue Team, "Image is Everything." In September, the team purchased a GPS enabled Side Imaging Sonar. This equipment is used by water rescue teams around the nation to locate underwater wrecks, evidence and victims. The Side Imaging Sonar provides a digital image similar to a photograph of the bottom

of a body of water. The image provided is from the rescue boat laterally up to 250 feet on both sides. As you can imagine, this greatly reduces the time traditionally spent performing difficult searches in water where visibility rarely exceeds a few inches. The picture shown above is of a boat sitting on the bottom of Chatfield Reservoir in approximately 50 feet

of water.

In the summer of 2002, a 20-foot jet boat sank into Chatfield Reservoir. This boat sank so rapidly that there was never a last seen point or any chance of recovery until now. The precision of this Side Imaging Sonar enabled this team to find the proverbial "needle in the haystack." On October 16, team members ventured out with the goal of successfully locating a boat that had never had its position recorded, then if it was located, raise the boat from the dark, cold waters which had been its resting place for three years. The information provided from the image above led to the successful recovery of that boat.

Undoubtedly the addition of this new equipment has raised the bar for the LFR Water Rescue Team.



Glencoe Fire—A three-alarm fire occurred at 6730 S. Glencoe Street in Centennial January 8, 2006. Thirty-six families were displaced, 12 apartments were destroyed. Two people were treated and released at the scene for smoke inhalation. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.




Fairway Lane fire—A single-alarm fire occurred at #36 Fairway Lane in Columbine Valley, two days before Christmas. One family was displaced but no one was injured. The cause of the fire is still under investigation but is not suspicious.

Captain promoted to Assistant Training Officer



Captain Mike Balzer was promoted to assistant training officer January 17, 2006. Mike began his career in 1982 as dispatcher and then continued as a firefighter, paramedic firefighter, paramedic lieutenant and captain. His new duties include providing hands-on training for shift personnel, training program development, evaluating team performance, and delivery of life safety education programs to schools, businesses and community groups.

2006 Tree Planting Program returns



The City of Littleton is continuing its annual tree planting program with 16 species of trees available this year. All of the species offered are listed as low or low-moderate water-demand trees by Denver Water except for the Linden. All newly planted trees require regular watering, applied in all seasons, for three-four years after planting. Once established, the trees offered in this year's program require minimal supplemental watering.

The Tree Program is intended to encourage tree planting, species diversity and water conservation and is open to all property owners in the city. On Saturday, April 22, the city's Tree Committee will distribute 448 trees for planting throughout the city. Program participants will pay \$30 or \$35 for bare-root trees and \$40 for balled & burlapped trees. These are less than wholesale prices. These trees must be planted within the Littleton city limits.

Eight 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

eight species of trees are “balled & burlapped” (B&B), with root balls weighing 50 to 100 pounds each. These trees are heavier and a little more difficult to handle. All of the trees will initially be five 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 PTO's, businesses and homeowners associations are encouraged to purchase larger quantities. Participants of all ages and backgrounds have successfully planted 3,020 trees in the previous ten years of the program.

Participants must make arrangements to pick up and plant their trees and are responsible for all maintenance, pruning and watering. The trees must be picked up Saturday, April 22 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.



Tree Species/ Botanical Name	Size/ Price	Notes	Mature Height	Mature Spread	Fall Color
Large Shade Trees					
Cimmaron Green Ash <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Cimzamm'</i>	1¼" bare root/ \$35	seedless, oval form	50-60'	25-30'	brick red/ orange
Fallgold Black Ash <i>Fraxinus nigra 'Fallgold'</i>	1¼" bare root/ \$35	seedless, extremely hardy	40-45'	30-35'	gold
Glenleven Linden <i>Tilia cordata 'Glenleven'</i>	1¼" bare root/ \$35	fragrant June flowers	40-45'	30-35'	yellow
Skyline Honeylocust <i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Skyscole'</i>	1¼" bare root/ \$35	thornless, podless	40-50'	30-40'	bright yellow
Bur Oak <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	1¼" Cal. B&B/ \$40	tolerant of clay soils	50-60'	40-50'	yellow/ brown
Swamp White Oak <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	1¼" Cal. B&B/ \$40	long-lived, adaptable	40-60'	40-50'	yellow/ brown
Kentucky Coffeetree <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	1¼" Cal. B&B/ \$40	white flowers, seedpods	40-60'	30-40'	yellow/ brown
Western Catalpa <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	1¼" Cal. B&B/ \$40	white flowers, long pods	40-60'	20-40'	yellow/ brown
Hackberry <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	1¼" Cal. B&B/ \$40	corky bark, adaptable	50-60'	40-50'	yellow
Turkish Filbert <i>Corylus corluna</i>	1¼" Cal. B&B/ \$40	edible ½" nuts in fall	35-40'	20-25'	yellow/ purple
Small Ornamental Trees					
Tatarian Maple <i>Acer tataricum</i>	1¼" bare root/ \$30	low branched	20-25'	15-20'	orange/red/ yellow
Hedge Maple <i>Acer campestre</i>	1¼" bare root/ \$30	oval shape, glossy leaves	20-30'	20-30'	yellow/ brown
Spring Snow Crabapple <i>Malus 'Spring Snow'</i>	1" bare root/ \$30	white flowers in May, no fruit	20-25'	15-20'	yellow
Peking Tree Lilac <i>Syringa pekinensis 'Summer Charm'</i>	1¼" bare root/ \$30	white flowers	15-20'	15-18'	yellow/ brown
Cleveland Select Pear <i>Pyrus calleryana 'Cleveland Select'</i>	1¼" Cal. B&B/ \$40	white flowers, glossy leaves	25-35'	12-15'	purple/red
Downy Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier arborea 'Robin Hill'</i>	1¼" Cal. B&B/ \$40	pink/white flowers, red fruit	15-25'	12-15'	orange/red/ yellow

Tree descriptions and photographs are available on the city's web site at www.littletongov.org.

2006 TREE PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Name:	Home Phone: Work Phone:
-------	----------------------------

Address:	
----------	--

	1st Tree	2nd Tree
First Choice		
Alternate Choice		

	3rd Tree	4th Tree
First Choice		
Alternate Choice		

Total # of trees ordered: _____ (Attach additional sheet if more than 4 ordered).

Send application and check to: **Tree Program/City of Littleton
2255 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, CO 80165**

Return by March 10, 2006

Enclose check and make payable to City of Littleton: \$30 or \$35 per bare root tree
\$40 per B&B tree

- ☐ I can help pick up and deliver trees in my neighborhood on April 22.
- ☐ I can help plant trees for others.
- ☐ I am requesting help planting my tree(s).

Comments/suggested species for future programs: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Call 303-795-3766 with any questions.

awards and milestones

City hires neighborhood resources coordinator



Mark Barons is the city's new neighborhood resources coordinator. He will work on a variety of projects directly related to citizens and business organizations as well as help neighborhood associations and HOAs with newsletters, organization, or find information on a particular issue or problem. If you have any questions contact Mark at 303-795-3778.

South Suburban Parks and Recreation Board of Directors election set for May 2

South Suburban Parks and Recreation will hold an election Tuesday, May 2 for the election of three board of director positions.

Candidates must be registered to vote in Colorado and be residents of the district for at least 30 days, or be obligated to pay taxes for real or personal property within the district for at least 30 days prior to the election.

For a candidate's name to appear on the ballot, a self-nomina-

tion and acceptance form must be filed with the district on or before February 24. Forms and more information are available from Nancy O'Connor, designated election official, at the district office, 6631 South University Boulevard, 303-798-5131.

Members of the board are elected at large to four-year terms, on a non-partisan basis. Directors are compensated at \$1,200 per year, payable monthly.

Cops CALEA assessment completed

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) completed its on-site inspection and evaluation with the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) assessors in December 2005 to achieve its goal of national accreditation. On Sunday, December 11, police and fire department staff under the coordination of Lt. Bill Black, were on hand at the city service center to present a display of the vehicles and equipment the agencies use to perform their jobs. Officers and firefighters made their presentations and then fielded questions from the assessors.

A public hearing was conducted Monday, December 12, in the city council chamber and was well attended by a cross section of people in the community who offered their support of LPD's accreditation. Comments were made by Mayor Jim Taylor, City Manager Jim Woods, council members, Municipal Court Judge James Kimmel, members of the Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association, downtown business owners, Littleton Public Schools

Superintendent Stan Scheer, and area police chiefs and sheriff's department representatives.

Officers spent the next day doing individual presentations to the assessors to show compliance with CALEA standards.

The assessors compiled data from the on-site evaluation and submitted it to the CALEA commissioners for final accreditation consideration. The assessment team documented that LPD is in compliance with all 446 standards. The CALEA commissioners will take action on the accreditation at the March, 2006 CALEA conference. LPD will become the 10th nationally accredited law enforcement agency in Colorado. LPD will join Arvada, Aurora, Colorado Springs, Lakewood, and Loveland, as well as the sheriff's departments of Arapahoe, Jefferson, El Paso, and Pueblo counties in achieving accreditation. The LPD has started the next phase of the process by preparing for re-accreditation assessment which is required every three years.

"Take Charge" against I.D. theft

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) has adopted a national program in cooperation with the Federal Trade Commission to help citizens protect themselves from identity theft.

The victimization that results from identity theft continues to be an ever-growing problem for people across the country. Research, conducted by the Identity Theft Clearinghouse of the Federal Trade Commission, reports that the state of Colorado is ranked fifth in the nation regarding the number of citizens that report being the victim of identity theft. Understanding the issues related to identity theft is critical to initiate effective preventative measures and avoid future victimization.

The information presented in

Take Charge provides citizens with the most current identity theft prevention material, prepared by the Federal Trade Commission. The information provided through *Take Charge* will significantly assist Littleton citizens in taking the necessary steps to protect themselves, their families and their community from identity theft.

The LPD continues to be committed to dedicated community partnerships with a focus on meaningful problem solving efforts. If you would like a copy of *Take Charge* you can pick one up outside the police records window. It is available online at www.littletongov.org. If you would like to arrange a crime prevention presentation, call 303-795-3712, or search under 'Police' on the web site.



Pictured at DonationsInk's grand opening/celebration of America's Recycle Day in its new location at 8010 SouthPark Circle are Mike Brown (CFO), Don Corn (COO), Jack Corn (CEO), Stan Scheer (Superintendent, Littleton Public Schools), Richard Hendry (Sr. Minister, Littleton United Methodist Church), Council Member John Ostermiller, and Alan English (CMO). The celebration raised money for Littleton Public Schools by guests bringing in old cell phones and inkjet cartridges for recycling.

Littleton partners with DonationsInk to benefit LPS

The City of Littleton has signed on with DonationsInk to recycle used inkjet cartridges and cell phones to benefit Littleton Public Schools (LPS). Recycling kiosks are available at all city buildings, including fire stations, so that city employees and the public can easily turn in these items.

According to DonationsInk,

more than 60 million inkjet cartridges and cell phones are discarded in the United States every month! That amounts to 23 cartridges every second polluting landfills.

DonationsInk provides postage-paid recycle kiosks. Once the inkjet or cell phone box is full, it is sealed and put in the mail. Dona-

tionsInk will then send a new box and forward the money to LPS.

Many LPS PTO's are involved in this fundraising opportunity. Businesses and other high traffic locations are encouraged to obtain a kiosk. Contact DonationsInk at 303-483-4000 or visit their website at www.DonationsInk.com/LPS.

2006 leadership retreat to focus on redevelopment

Littleton residents are invited to join the 23rd annual Littleton Leadership Retreat. Since 1976, citizens of Littleton have been coming together for an intensive weekend to study issues facing the community, to share ideas and concerns, and to explore solutions.

The 2006 retreat, to be held April 21-22 at Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, is titled, "Into the Future: Change and Challenges." With its historic downtown, excellent schools, healthy neighborhoods, high-quality services, an outstanding system of parks, trails

and recreational amenities, and a strong tradition of civic involvement, Littleton is a highly desirable place to live. Yet new commercial developments in surrounding areas raise questions about the city's future ability to continue the high-quality services that Littleton citizens have come to expect.

The 2006 retreat will help participants understand the economic and regional forces acting on the city, the challenges to development and redevelopment, new thinking about what makes a "livable" community, unique opportunities for

Littleton and ways that individuals can make a difference.

The retreat is an all-volunteer effort and participants are asked to pay their own way. Transportation by a Littleton Public Schools bus, three meals, snacks and a single-occupancy room cost \$200. Double-occupancy is \$150 per person. A few scholarships may be available.

Space is limited. To register or for additional information, contact Susan Thornton, chair, 303-798-0844 or susthorn@aol.com.

Reminder: Emergency preparedness still a necessity

Over the years, our country has been impacted by terrorist attacks, fires and floods. While our daily emphasis is on work, friends, and family the threat of future terrorist attacks remains. There have been many changes. Law enforcement officers are more vigilant. Funds are being received to increase the response ability of emergency services. Daily bulletins are sent out by the newly created Colorado Information Analysis Center. Emergency planners throughout the state are working on revisions of Emergency Operations Plans and the federal government has developed and published the *National Incident Management Plan* as well as the Integrated Emergency Management System to guide local and state governments.

And, there have been incidents. Terror cells have been broken up. Airport security has increased. A tremendous amount of work is being done - quietly - by enforcement and intelligence agencies. We accept that this problem may be with us for many years.

What should citizens do to be part of the solution—not part of the problem? Basically, it is a matter of awareness. The probabilities are remote but Littleton could be a target - tomorrow, next month or in the future. So, what to do? Right after 9/11 there was panic. There was frantic contact with friends and neighbors around the country. Many articles on preparedness were made available. Now, the panic is gone, but we cannot afford to completely ignore possibilities in the future.

If citizens wish to be more involved they should take the training to become a member of a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). Or become active with the Red Cross, Salvation Army or Amateur Radio.

There are other things you can do. The most important is to make sure each family has talked about disaster preparedness and has stocked emergency supplies in their home. Guidelines are on the web site www.ready.gov or go to the web site for the City of Littleton at www.littletongov.org

and open the *Disaster Handbook for Citizens*.

Next, each citizen is encouraged to expand his or her "Zone of Awareness." We all have one. A mother is aware of what her children are doing in the next room. A father is aware of the traffic around him while driving to work. Children are aware of what is happening in their classroom. Just expand this zone as you go about your daily lives. An unfamiliar car has been parked on your street for several days. You see a package on a sidewalk. On a hot day you see a person wearing a heavy coat. The examples are numerous.

And, if you see something out of place, unusual, threatening - call your local law enforcement agency. Officers are doing this 24/7 but there are only a few of them in relation to the population.

These simple steps will help you and your community and they will also be a gentle, daily reminder that this is not the same world we were living in September 10, 2001.

“From Wall Street to Zululand” coming to Bemis Library in March

Tax Assistance at the Library

Beginning in February, the library will provide free tax return preparation for those who cannot afford professional assistance. IRS-trained volunteers will be available from February 9 through April 13 on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. No pre-registration is required to receive assistance. The AARP will also provide tax preparation help from February 6 through April 11 on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Pre-registration is required for this assistance that is provided to low and middle income seniors ages 60 and over. To register for AARP tax assistance, call the senior volunteer at the Buck Recreation Center, 303-730-4605.

Tax Forms Available

We have all the forms you need to help you at income tax time. You can pick up basic federal and Colorado tax forms, and also photocopy any federal or state tax form or publication. The library has a complete set of reproducible forms and the staff can show you how to access tax forms, including out-of-state forms, on the Internet.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea while listening to music in Sophie's Place. Monthly performances will feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. On February 14 from 2 to 3 p.m., well-known pianist Dan Brickley will play his favorite romantic melodies in this special Valentine's Day program. Popular Celtic guitarist Jerry Barlow will entertain March 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. with lively jigs, spirited reels and hauntingly beautiful Celtic melodies. On April 29, bluegrass band Kantankerous, which has performed at bluegrass festivals throughout the West, will perform on banjo, mandolin, fiddle, guitar and bass.

Travel Cheap II

Back by popular demand, Ron Stern, media relations coordinator for the North American Travel Journalists Association and the author of five travel books, will give the latest information on traveling in grand style on a limited budget February 28 at 7 p.m. Stern will talk about how to obtain great deals on airfares and accommodations for a fraction of the usual cost. Updated information on the best travel web sites and how to use them will also be covered. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and a free handout of recommended websites will be given to participants.

Race and Community in

America with Governor Dick Lamm

Former Colorado Governor Dick Lamm will discuss race, culture and community in America March 16 at 7 p.m. The social, economic and demographic ramifications of our diverse society will be addressed. Lamm is the author of the recently published book *Two Wands, One Nation*, copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. He is the co-director of the Institute for Public Policy Studies at the University of Denver and the former three-term governor of Colorado.

Improve Your Computer Skills with Instructional CDs

A collection of Video Professor CDs is now available for checkout. Topics covered include Learning Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, Adobe Photoshop, Access, FrontPage, Excel, Windows, the Internet and basic computer operation. Each set of three disks can be checked out for one week. The disks provide beginner, intermediate, and advanced instructions.

Colorado Homegrown Tales

Professional actors from Colorado Homegrown Tales will present a read-aloud program of short stories from Colorado authors April 4 at 3 p.m. in Sophie's Place. Colorado Homegrown Tales is committed to exploring the work of local writers through the medium of theatre. Discover stories that will delight and move you, written by talented and award-winning authors from our own backyard!

Celebrate National Library Week

Bemis Library is joining libraries around the country in celebrating National Library Week, April 2-8. This year's theme is “Change Your World @Your Library.” Stop by and write a paragraph about a book that has changed your life and receive a free book of your choice at the reference desk.

Genealogy Night

Interested in your family tree? Enjoy an evening of learning, food and fun April 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Activities will include instruction on the best genealogy websites, tours of the library's genealogy collection and more. This event is sponsored by the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society.

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Learn the art of pysankay, Ukrainian egg decorating, with Chuck Jackson, who has been teaching this art for over 30 years. Jackson was selected to design and produce the 1998 Colorado egg as part of the White House Easter exhibition. Two identical workshops will be presented April 15 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. These free classes are open to adults and children age eight and older, accompanied by an adult. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for one of the workshops.

A Visit with Benjamin Franklin

Meet one of our best known founding fathers April 22 at 2 p.m. Franklin was a writer, scientist, statesman and businessman. His ideas about civic duty, self-reliance, free speech and a free press are as relevant today as they were in the 1700s—expect a lively discussion of ideas and good fun. In 2006, we are celebrating the 300th anniversary of Franklin's birth. Benjamin Franklin will be portrayed by Fred Krebs, a history professor from Overland Park, Kansas. Krebs has performed as Franklin throughout the U.S. and received the Kansas Humanities Council Humanities Award for connecting people and ideas. This program is sponsored by the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities.

Computer 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.

- Learn Internet Explorer: 9-10:30 a.m. February 11, March 8 and April 8
- How to Search the Internet: 9-10:30 a.m. March 11 and April 12
- Computer Comfort: 9-10:30 a.m. February 8
- Introduction to Windows: 9-10:30 a.m. February 18, March 4 and April 1
- Introduction to Microsoft Word: 9-10:30 a.m. March 18

Singles' Book Lovers Group

All singles 18 and older are invited to meet others who love books and discussion! The Singles' Book Lovers Group meets the third Saturday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. in Sophie's Place. Extra copies of the book selections will be available at the checkout desk three weeks in advance of the discussion date. The following titles will be discussed in upcoming months: February 18, *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov and *Emma* by Jane Austen March 18.

Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

If you enjoy talking about books, join the Evening Book Group which meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. On February 20 we will discuss *The Bone People* by Keri Hume. The March and April titles are yet to be announced.

English Conversation Sessions

If you are learning to speak English, join our informal group to practice your English and learn about American culture each Friday morning from 9-10:30 a.m.



FROM WALL STREET TO ZULULAND—On March 7 at 7 p.m., hear the fascinating story of Carol Batrus, who gave up a high powered job on Wall Street to work in a remote Zulu village. In Africa, she found happiness, new friends and self-fulfillment. Her story will speak to all who have felt burned out, stuck in a rut, or unchallenged by the aspects of daily life, regardless of personal success. Copies of Batrus' book, *When Elephants Fly: One Woman's Journey from Wall Street to Zululand*, will be available for purchase.

Coffee and Conversation

Connect with others who like to discuss books, current events and any topic of interest. The Coffee and Conversation Group meets the second Monday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. in Sophie's Place. Upcoming meetings are February 13, March 13 and April 10. Bring a favorite book to discuss for the February session.

English as a Second Language Classes

Learn English at the library! Beginning classes are held from 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Intermediate classes take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, and 7-8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. These classes are open to teens 16 and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a registration fee of \$20 for adults 21 and older. This fee covers testing and course materials and is due at the first class. You may register for the classes at the library's main floor reference desk any time during the year. The ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton Public Schools and an instructor is provided by the district.

Homebound Delivery Service

The library offers a free delivery service for patrons of all ages living within the Littleton city limits. If you are temporarily or permanently confined to your home because of age, illness, or physical disability, library materials can be delivered to you at no charge. Contact Librarian Pam Child, 303-795-3961,

and let her know what materials you would like to have delivered. Items will be brought to your home once a month by a volunteer or library staff member.

Sophie Resource Center

If you are visually impaired or have a motor impairment and would like to use a computer at the library, the Sophie Resource Center is the place for you. The center is located next to the café in Sophie's Place. Software on the computers in the center includes Zoomtext, Open Book, Jaws, Braille Translator, Kurzweil, WindowEyes, as well as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Access. Also available is a Braille printer, a Perkins Braille and tactile world globe. There is no charge for printing, including printing on the Braille printer. Patrons using the Sophie Resource Center must be at least 11 years old unless accompanied by an adult. A collection of Braille books for children and teens is located in the center and titles may be checked out for three weeks. Please see a librarian at the reference desk on the main floor of the library if you would like to use the Sophie Resource Center.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Book Group

The senior book group meets the first Monday of each month at 2 p.m. On February 6, we will discuss *We Were the Mulvaney* by Joyce Carol Oates, *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith March 6, and *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger April 3.

continued on page 8...

what's new

online

www.littletongov.org

Many documents on the city's web site, from city council minutes to the annual city budget, are only available in PDF format. What is a PDF?

PDF stands for Portable Document Format. It is a platform—and device-independent file format which captures and imbeds the fonts, graphics and formatting of a single or multiple page printed document and saves it into one tidy file. That file can be opened on almost any computer around the world that has Adobe Acrobat Reader installed. Newer computers usually come with Reader already installed, and you can open any PDF file simply by clicking on the link. If clicking on the link does not open the PDF file, you may need to download and install Reader from Adobe's web site. There is a link to Adobe's site at the bottom of the blue “Quick Links” column on the left side of every web page on the city's site.

All PDF files on the city's site are designated with a PDF icon: . When you click PDF link, the file will open in a new window.

Jim Woods City Manager	Kelli Narde Director of Communications	Cecile Bugh Executive Secretary
Phil Cortese Deputy City Manager	Chris Harguth Public Relations Specialist	Cathy Weaver Webmaster