

City council establishes 2006 sewer rates



In 2001, the City of Littleton began a multi-million dollar construction project at the wastewater treatment plant it owns and operates with the City of Englewood.

(Editor’s note: All quotes in this article are excerpted from the April 4 city council meeting minutes.)

Following a public hearing April 4, the Littleton City Council adopted, by a vote of 5-2, wastewater tap and sewer service fees and charges for 2006. Single family homeowners will pay \$1.50 more per month than they did in 2005.

Planning and design for improvements to the Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant (L/EWWTP) began in 1999 as required by the Colorado Water Quality Act, according to Larry Mugler, Planning Services Coordinator for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). DRCOG is the area-wide planning agency that makes sure all facilities meet target goals. “At 80 percent capacity, a facility needs to start planning to address improvements

and submit plans to the Water Committee,” Mugler told citizens at the public hearing. “At 95 percent capacity, the facility has to be under construction or a tap moratorium is put in place. Since construction can take many years, the facility had to project when capacity would be reached and work back from that date to begin construction,” he added. The L/EWWTP first reached 80 percent capacity in 1995 and exceeded it for 21 days in 1999, according to Mayor Jim Taylor.

When Council Member Doug Clark said, “The plant never reached the 95 percent limit on the 30-day average,” Mugler responded that, “the facility wanted to make sure it did not hit the 95 percent capacity and have a tap fee moratorium.”

Some citizens who spoke at the meeting asked whether Littleton citizens are subsidizing growth

outside of the city. Responding to that question in his testimony, Pat Fitzgerald, district manager for the Platte Canyon, Southwest Metropolitan, Bow Mar and Columbine Water and Sanitation Districts commented on behalf of the boards of director of those agencies. “No one wants to pay higher utility fees but the proposed increase is justified and necessary. Calculated costs for 2006 for operation and maintenance are \$223.31 per residential unit. The proposed rates are \$184.13. That’s \$39.18 less than the actual cost per user. The revenue to cover the difference came from the reserve fund that was built up by tap fees paid by developers over the past 20 or 30 years. There is not a subsidy from current users for growth. It is just the opposite – growth is subsidizing the users and the practice has to stop because it is clearly unsustainable.”

Council Member John Ostermiller said the initial construction of the plant in 1977 was \$22 million and the EPA paid \$13 million of that. “During the first six years of the plant’s operation, rates tripled,” Ostermiller said. “In 1983, there was a council directive not to increase rates and instead rates were subsidized by tap fees. Tap fees have paid for expansion of the plant,” he added.

Roxborough Park Metropolitan District General Manager Larry Moore said, “The plant was originally planned as a regional facility and I want to commend Littleton and Englewood for what they have done for the region. The plant serves 300,000 users, 13 percent from Littleton and 12 percent from Englewood. The remaining 75 percent of the users represent 18 outside districts. Roxborough plans to be the 19th district and will pay \$5 million to the plant for accepting 3,200 households in Roxborough.”

Three reasons for the \$114 million project:

1)

Regulatory Compliance—New mandates from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Water Quality Control Division and the Environmental Protection Agency with new permit limits for removal of nitrates to protect downstream users for whom the river is a drinking water source. \$32 million

2)

Infrastructure Modernization—The plant was built in 1977 and many improvements are needed. \$23 million

3)

Capacity Expansion—Increases in flows are based upon 20-year growth projections. \$58 million



The city code requires the Littleton City Council to annually set rates for the “installation, operation, maintenance and replacement of the required infrastructure to serve all connectors to the system.”

Why are treatment costs increasing?

The L/EWWTP discharges into segment 14 of the South Platte River which is assigned beneficial uses by the State of Colorado for: agriculture; recreation; water supply; and aquatic life, Warm Water Class 1. Increasingly stringent standards for the removal of nitrate (NO3), ammonia (NH3) and phosphate (PO4), and a large class of chemicals called ‘endocrine disruptors’ are driving increased treatment costs in order to improve the quality of effluent leaving the plant.

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Council schedules citizen forums

Arrive with your questions and leave with the answers! Citizen Forums are scheduled for residents of District's I, III and IV this summer and fall. Following a brief presentation highlighting topical issues in the community, citizens are invited to ask questions on any topic with answers provided by the city council and staff.

Residents of District III are invited to a Citizen Forum July 25. That meeting will be hosted by Council Member Tom Mulvey. Residents of District I are invited to a meeting September 26 hosted

by Council Member and Mayor Jim Taylor. And residents of District IV are invited to a meeting October 24 hosted by Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Kast. About 60 residents of District II participated in a forum April 25 hosted by Council Member Pat Cronenberger.

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the council chamber at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue. Invitations for each district meeting will be mailed to all residents of that district. For further information, call 303-795-3720.

Citizens pre-budget hearing June 6

It's only June but work is starting on the 2007 city budget. Citizens are invited to a pre-budget hearing Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. during the regular city council meeting. It will be held in the council chamber at 2255 West Berry Avenue. The city council encourages citizens to appear at the meeting and make their wishes known regarding next year's budget priorities.

Following the budget hearing, department directors will meet with the budget team in June and July.

City Manager Jim Woods will then prepare the proposed budget and present it to city council during two work sessions, tentatively scheduled for August 22 and 23. Changes will be made to the budget based upon direction provided by city council. A public hearing will be held in the fall before the budget is formally adopted.

For further information about the 2007 budget, contact the finance department at 303-795-3765.



Littleton Mayor Jim Taylor is interviewed on the set of *Comcast Local Edition* by Anita Lopez. Comcast invited a select few elected officials to participate in five-minute interviews about their communities. Comcast subscribers can hear what that mayor had to say by visiting Comcast's On Demand service.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Accidents down on Santa Fe following improvements



What happens when you spend \$13 million during a four year period on a roadway improvement project? You should see a reduction in accidents and a more comfortable drive for motorists. From 2002 to 2004, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the

City of Littleton partnered to finance a major highway safety improvement project on Santa Fe Drive, from C-470 to Church Avenue. The results indicate almost 35 percent fewer accidents and no fatalities during the first year following completion of the project. Wider travel lanes and shoulders, new lighting, a 16-foot separation between north and southbound traffic and new paving are now enjoyed by 50,000 motorists everyday.

As in the past, the number one intersection for accidents is Santa

Fe Drive and Mineral Ave.; the worst month for collisions is August (the best month is February); the most hazardous day of the week is Friday (the best day is Sunday); the worst hour of day is 5 to 6 p.m. (the safest time to drive is 4 a.m.) and more motorists are in rear end type accidents than any other type.

It seems more Littleton residents are using alternative forms of transportation; the accident rate for bicyclists more than doubled from 2004. There were 24 collisions involving bicyclists resulting in injuries to 12 riders. This is significantly higher than any previous year.



Greetings from Bega Valley Shire, New South Wales, Australia! Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Kast (third from left) presents a gift to Bega Mayor Tony Allen in March. Houstoun Waring Student Ambassador and Heritage High School student Lucy Holtsnider is at far left. The Bega-Littleton Sister City Exchange remains strong with 23 Littletonites visiting for two weeks in March. The art Kast presented was created by Littleton Artist Linda Siverston.

City officials test back-up E.O.C.

On April 7, city officials held the first exercise at the back-up Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Fire Station #12 on South Broadway. It was the first time the new back-up EOC had been tested.

The scenario involved a derailed train in Downtown Littleton. One of the tank cars, containing chlorine gas, ruptured and the gas began to spread. The gas blew toward the Buck Center, the court house, and the Littleton Center necessitating the evacuation of the building.

The emergency operations plan was put into practice. City department directors, the city manager and city council went to the back-up EOC where they coordinated responses, determined areas of the city that had to be evacuated, set up relocation sites and developed media briefings.

It was only a drill, but a very important one. For many years

the city had a back-up EOC in the basement of the old fire station. It was used during a chemical spill at Marathon Oil, on stand-by for Y2K on December 31, 1999, and many, many times during major winter storms.

For the first hour participants discussed the functions and needs of the facility and how to best use it. Then, the city emergency planning team, Communications Director Kelli Narde, Police Lt. Bill Black, Fire Division Chief Jay Ruoff and Emergency Planning Director Stan Bush presented the problem of the chemical spill. After working the problem for about an hour it was terminated and a lengthy discussion ensued about what worked and what needed further attention.

Also participating were the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol, Littleton Public Schools security, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

Major reconstruction scheduled for some streets

Later this spring, the city's Public Services Department will begin major reconstruction on the following streets: W. Powers Ave., Rio Grande to Curtice Street; Lincoln Court, cul-de-sac north of Mineral Ave. and East Mineral Ave., Broadway to Logan. Two way traffic will be maintained at all times; motorists

should be alert to lane closures and construction equipment at these locations.

The city's streets division will be doing rotomilling and overlay of several residential streets throughout the city, including: Sterne Parkway, east of Elati St.; Huron St. from Berry Ave. to Littleton Blvd.; Dela-

ware St., Littleton Blvd. to Prentice Ave.; Berry Ave., Delaware to Windermere; Bannock Dr., Davies to Delaware and several other minor residential streets.

For additional information, contact the Public Services Department at 303-795-3863.

Lee Gulch gets stream bank erosion repair



Two areas on Lee Gulch experiencing stream bank erosion were recently protected with rock rip rap.

The first location is on the east side of the South Windermere Street culvert. High flows eroded the entrance to the large metal culvert under the street. Large boulders have been placed to protect the pipe.

The second location is just west of the pedestrian bridge at South Gallup Street. The stream bank was eroding in several places and threatening to damage the



Lee Gulch Trail. Again, large boulders were placed on the bank to resist the forces of erosion.

The work was funded by the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, at the request of the City of Littleton and South Suburban Parks and Recreation. Proto Construction Inc. of Sedalia, Colorado was the contractor. The above photos show the before and after results of the work done on Lee Gulch at Windermere.

Museum announces summer concert series

Date	Group	Information
June 7	Colcannon	Traditional Irish music.
June 14	Willson & McKee	Traditional Irish, Scottish and original acoustic music.
June 21	Off 'N' Ensemble	17-piece big band playing music from the swing era to the present.
Classical Thursday June 22	Colorado Chamber Players and the Colorado Symphony	Family concert featuring musical fable “Aesop’s Fables” along with other classical favorites.
June 28	Mollie Weaver and Friends	Mollie studied vocal performance under world-renowned opera singer/performer Michael Cousins.
July 5	Golden Eagle Brass Band	A fully instrumented Sousa-style, American community band.
July 12	Mile High Banjo Society	Banjo, ragtime and Dixieland jazz.
Classical Thursday July 13	Hays-Engberg Duo	Classical.
July 19	After Midnight Jazz Band	Jazz from the Benny Goodman sextet era of the 1930s, 40s, and 50s!
July 26	Dakota Blonde	New-Folk.
Rain Dates		Thursday, June 8; Thursday, June 29; Thursday, July 6; Thursday, July 20; Thursday July 27. Musical groups will be rescheduled due to inclement weather when necessary. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Call the museum for the name of the band and date that has been rescheduled.

Southwestern art donated to museum



The Littleton Historical Museum is proud to present the Grogan Collection.

This exhibition of contemporary southwestern art is a temporary exhibit drawn from the collection of Jane Grogan. Mrs. Grogan donated the art work to the museum in 2005.

The exhibition runs through September 10. Museum hours are Tuesdays–Fridays 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sundays 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; the museum is closed Mondays. Admission is free. The museum is located at 6028 S. Gallup St.

The Art of Westward Exploration

As surveyors trekked across the continent driven by government officials seeking information on the new land, they were often accompanied by artists who painted and sketched native tribes, flora, fauna and geological landmarks.

Graham and Barbara Curtis have been collecting prints from these expeditions for more than 20

years. Among the prints that will be exhibited at the Littleton Historical Museum are works from Charles Bird King, Karl Bodmer, George Catlin, John James Audubon, Seth Eastman and Alfred Jacob Miller.

The exhibition dates are June 9–July 17. Call 303-795-3950 for more information.

LITTLETON ECONOMIC NOTES



John Harris, owner of Belcaro Paint and Decorating Too at 209 W. Littleton Boulevard, was joined by former mayor Susan Thornton in a bagpipe duet at the grand opening celebration of his new store, which features Benjamin Moore quality paints and every painting tool imaginable.



Trés Jolie (2399 W. Main St.), an upscale tea and champagne lounge with an array of menu items, celebrated its grand opening March 24. Left to right: Billie Skundberg, Mayor Jim Taylor, Owner Holly Smith, her husband Jim Smith, daughter Carly Smith, and Council Member Amy Conklin.



Council Member Amy Conklin, Mayor Jim Taylor, General Manager Ron Green, Executive Chef David Straus, and Council Member Tom Mulvey look on as Owner/President Bill Curnow cuts the ribbon at the grand opening for The Riverfront. The space at 2852 W. Bowles has been transformed to host almost any occasion.



Betsy Hook (center), owner of Piñon Fine Art at 2510 W. Main St. was assisted during the gallery’s ribbon cutting ceremony by (left to right) Christine Hamilton-Pennell, Jo Anne Ricca, Mayor Jim Taylor, and Bill Hopping, a member of the Historical Preservation Board. The gallery features a range of fine paintings and sculpture.

Littleton Businesses

- Ralph Schomp Automotive (owner Lisa Schomp) and Connect: The Knowledge Network (owner Maureen Clarry) were in the Top 100 Woman-Owned Companies list in *Colorado Biz*.
- Kyoto, an Asian fusion restaurant, opened in Aspen Grove.
- Reflections Day Spa held a grand opening at its new location in Downtown Littleton at 2629 W. Main.
- Aspen Grove will hold its 3rd annual Littleton Art & Acoustic Music Festival June 23, 24, and 25, showcasing 100 of the nation’s finest artists.

- El Parral Mexican Restaurant opened in May at 6875 S. Broadway in the space formerly occupied by Black Angus.
- Kal Murib is moving Centennial Vacuum to S. Santa Fe Drive in the shops next to the Denver Seminary at the end of June to make way for another new food establishment on Main Street.
- Marc Anthony, owner of the popular Brickyard BBQ in Denver, is opening a second store in Littleton in June at 311 E. County Line Road, the former home of No No’s.
- Baskets by Karen at the corner of Prince and Main has a new owner, Colleen Castigan.

- A Paris Street Market is open at Aspen Grove the first Saturday of every month through October, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Three new stores will be opening in Aspen Grove in the months ahead: Christopher & Banks, Acorn, and Café de France.
- Woodlawn Shopping Center celebrated its 50th anniversary in May.
- Jeffrey Bridges, investment representative for Edward Jones, moved into a new office at 5911 S. Middlefield Road.
- Consignments by Diane at 2681 S. Alamo Ave. is holding a month-long grand opening in June.

- Events through September in Downtown Littleton include a Sidewalk Sale the first Saturday of every month; the Artwalk every second Saturday; an Organic Farmer’s Market every Saturday starting July 8; and Culture Fest July 15.
- The historic Creamery building at 2675 W. Alamo Ave. is now the home of twiggenberries, a flower shoppe and garden emporium.
- Starbuck’s will open at the Shops at Riverbend, in the former Peaberry space.
- The Garage Art Gallery & Studio held its grand opening May 19 in its renovated space at 5784 Rapp St.

- Jonathan Chaikin relocated his custom cabinetry business, Abacus, from Englewood to 5001 S. Zuni St.

New Development

- Hilltop Mesa has filed a final site development plan for one building and a conceptual site development plan for two buildings at Hilltop Business Park (Santa Fe and County Line).
- Design guidelines for the downtown area were approved by the Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Board.
- Peakview Office Park at 1201 W. Mineral Ave. has filed a conceptual site development plan for two office buildings in the last phase of the park.
- Discount Tire has submitted a conceptual plan for a store at the new Lowe’s Home Improvement store site (Santa Fe at Belview).
- Highline Professional Center Ambulatory Surgical Center is proposing a medical office re-use of the former Village Homes office. This is part of the growing health care industry in Littleton.
- Riverside Downs (formerly Centennial Downs) has submitted a conceptual site development plan for a proposed mixed-use project that includes retail, office and a health club for the vacant property between the Riverpoint tower and the Platte River (the vacant land east of Home Depot on Belview).
- A final plat has been filed for the old Electron Foundry site between Santa Fe Dr. and Rio Grande St.
- Construction has begun on the Littleton Station project at 1900 W. Littleton Blvd.
- Construction has begun on the Colorado Hematology-Oncology Cancer Center in the Southpark Business Center.

LFR raising public awareness about bird flu

Spring run-off causes concerns



Avian flu has been in the news recently. Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) is working on management strategies as migratory birds make their way over the Bering Strait into the U.S., Colorado and possibly into the Littleton area.

LFR's wants to raise public awareness of the possibility of pandemic disease and provide resources for the public to learn more about it. As families plan for the possibility of pandemic flu, it's also a good reminder that a two-week supply of food and water at home is a prudent idea that is beneficial in any disaster or terrorist attack. In some cases disasters can disrupt emergency services as witnessed in New Orleans. Disasters are unpredictable!

At this time, pandemic flu is not a threat. It is only a theoretical possibility. If the threat becomes more real (human-to-human transmission anywhere in the world), LFR will

move to the planning phase. LFR is monitoring daily run activity for signs of patients with symptoms of the flu, working with LFR Medical Director Dr. Gene Eby at Littleton Hospital on updated flu information, interfacing with professional contacts, attending conferences, and checking the Internet and world news reports.

Scientists have concerns that the world population may experience a pandemic form of avian flu. The good news is that there is no evidence that this has occurred. The bad news is that throughout history pandemics have occurred and there is no reason to believe there won't be one in the future. The 1918 flu pandemic, which may have killed 20 million people worldwide, was thought to have mutated from an avian flu.

The effect is different for each disease form. Seasonal flu is a respiratory illness that most people have some immunity to, either via exposure or vaccination. Seasonal flu infects large numbers of people but generally is only life threatening to the very old and very young and has an overall low mortality rate. An avian flu epidemic will kill millions of wild birds and result in the eradica-

tion of millions more commercially raised fowl. To date only about 200 humans worldwide have been sick with the avian flu, but it does have a high mortality rate.

Management of a pandemic will be different from natural disasters such as tsunamis, hurricanes, tornados and earthquakes. As bad as those events are, they are still localized to a geographic area. Unaffected communities can still send resources to help. In the worst case pandemic scenario, there will be no outside assistance available. The demand for public services will be overwhelmed. There may be no Federal or State help immediately. Local services will be at the forefront of care to manage as best they can. Victims will be cared for first in local hospitals, then emergency clinics and finally at the peak of the pandemic by their families, in their homes with whatever resources they have. At this stage, public services such as electricity, water, food and gasoline could be disrupted due to the shortage of healthy workers.

The best hope of managing a pandemic is to use the best science available, stay organizationally nimble and educate the public when the time comes.

A larger than normal water run off is expected this season. This creates concern about water related accidents. In April, swiftwater claimed its first Colorado victim, a 30-year-old Fort Collins man. Littleton Fire Rescue would like to remind everyone of the risks of moving water as well as safety tips that can help ensure an enjoyable recreational season.

Important factors about swiftwater you should know:

- Moving water in naturally occurring rivers flows downhill from 3 to 12 mph.
- In concrete lined channels, the water moves up to 35 mph, creating tremendous force.
- At nine mph, water applies a force of approximately 300 lbs. to a person's body, which makes it almost impossible to stand in.
- Cold water causes hypothermia (overall body cooling) which can cause confusion and decreases mental capabilities, making self-rescue very difficult.
- In addition to hypothermia, cold water causes "Torso Reflex," a condition that causes someone to gasp a breath when introduced to cold water. That gasp is usually water not air, which can spell disaster.

Here are some water safety tips to help you survive and enjoy this season:

- Always wear a personal flotation device (life jacket) within 10 feet of the water.
- Supervise children near or around water; designate one adult that must stay alcohol free.
- Never stand up in moving water. A stuck foot and the swiftwater force can hold you underwater.
- If you should fall in, cover your nose and mouth to protect from gasping in water, "Torso Reflex."
- When floating in swift water, assume a feet down river position with knees bent and feet slightly lower than the buttocks; use your hands to scull to shore.
- To assist someone who is in the water use the "Reach, Throw and Go plan." Reach to the victim with a branch or pole. Throw the end of a rope or jumper cables to the victim and have them hold on and swing to shore. And last, send someone to go and get help. Call 911 and mark the location the person in the water was last seen. Never enter the water or you may also become a victim.



On April 15, 2006, Littleton Firefighters quickly contained a garage fire on South Cherry Street in Littleton that was fueled by diesel, gasoline, oxygen and acetylene tanks. No one was hurt in the incident. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Airlife memorial run marks 9th year

In December of 1997, a tragic accident and related Airlife helicopter crash in Littleton took the lives of Julie Olmstead, and Airlife crew members Pete Abplanalp, Beth Barber, and Leslie Feldmann.

A memorial park was created in 1998 in their honor and memoriam. The memorial park is located along the South Platte River bike path between Belleview and Bowles Ave. The memorial includes beautiful landscaping and a fountain with a natural stone seating area for quiet reflection.

This year the Ninth Annual Airlife Memorial 5K/10K/run and a 5K walk kicked off 2006's EMS week. Saturday, May 20 was a beautiful day for all that could come for the terrific array of events and activities, in a most gorgeous setting. More than 500 runners signed on

for the running event with many awards given for various categories. EMS week recognizes the contributions provided by the police, fire, and emergency service providers in our community who risk their lives

on a daily basis for the needs of others. Representatives gathered from area departments and agencies in a vehicle "muster" at the 8 a.m. 5K and 10K runs. The day-long events included the annual EMS "Volleyball

Challenge," children's activities which included a climbing wall and air slide, and a "Smoke Trailer" for education of the small ones.

All proceeds from this event go toward ongoing care of the memorial park and the Silver Falcon EMS Scholarship. The event grows bigger each year, and the cause is most worthy.



Littleton Fire Rescue teams up with Littleton Hospital

Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) is delighted to announce the start of a new relationship between Littleton Fire Rescue and its local community hospital, Littleton Adventist Hospital, part of the Centura Health system. This new relationship started April 1 at which time the fire department's medical staff, 65 paramedics and 66 emergency medical technicians began receiving medical direction under the guidance and leadership of Littleton Hospital physician Dr. Eugene Eby, M.D.

Littleton Hospital has emerged as south metro Denver's premier medical center since opening its doors in 1989 right in the heart of the City of Littleton. Littleton Hospital is a full service hospital with a growing cardiac program, Level II Trauma Center, 13 acute care beds and five trauma suites

available in the emergency department 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They also offer comprehensive medical imaging including Colorado's only trauma center to use Statscan—a low-dose digital x-ray system that can take images of the entire body in 13 seconds. Littleton Hospital, one of the biggest employers in the City of Littleton, continues to grow and expand its medical capabilities and range of services to meet the needs of the citizens of Littleton and surrounding communities.

LFR's new physician advisor, Dr. Eugene Eby, a fourth generation Denver native, has 31 years of combined experience in EMS and emergency medicine. He brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and hands-on practical skills to his new role as medical director for LFR. He served as a first responder

to the Continental Airlines flight 1713 crash at Stapleton Airport in 1987 and was deployed with the Colorado Urban Search and Rescue team to the World Trade Center disaster in 2001.

"We are very excited to have this new relationship with Littleton Hospital," stated Wayne Zygowicz, EMS chief for LFR. "Roughly 65 percent of our patients are transported to Littleton Hospital where they receive excellent medical care from a team of talented and dedicated doctors, nurses and technicians. This new relationship will continue to strengthen medical care in and around the City of Littleton. We are also very happy to be working with Dr. Eby, a former paramedic with years of experience training and mentoring paramedics and emergency medical technicians."

MINI FIRE ACADEMY FOR KIDS!

Littleton Fire Rescue knows that many children dream of someday becoming a firefighter. We want to use that enthusiasm to teach kids about fire safety and to give them an insider's view of what life as a firefighter is really like!

WHEN: June 26-June 29 and July 17-July 20 (Mon-Thu) 9 a.m. to noon
WHERE: Littleton Fire Station 18, 401 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch (Mon-Wed), Metro Fire Training Center, 2301 W. Chenango Ave., Littleton (Thu)
WHO: Children ages 8 to 12 (Only 25 spots available!) **COST:** \$10 per child

The participants will learn about fire safety, bike safety, the science of fire, basic first aid, the life of a firefighter, and much more. On the final day, the kids will operate a fire hose, tour a fire engine, and play games that will help them understand some of the requirements necessary to become a fire fighter.

To sign up call Katie Moore, Life Safety Educator at 303-795-3833.



Fourth of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show geared to families

With the emphasis on a safe night for families, there will be stronger enforcement of laws prohibiting alcohol, fireworks and pets at the 11th annual Fourth of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show on Tuesday, July 4. There will be plenty of food, fun, entertainment, fishing, games and a fantastic fireworks show for families and friends at this free event sponsored by the cities of Littleton and Englewood and South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

“Over the past 11 years, residents of Littleton and Englewood have enjoyed this patriotic evening celebrating our country’s birth,” said Englewood Police Officer and event coordinator Nancy Peterson. “But we’ve reached a point of zero tolerance for those who choose to consume alcohol, set off fireworks, or bring animals to the parks,” Peterson said. “While only a small number of people choose to break the rules, they can spoil the evening for others,” Peterson added.

Activities will take place at Bellevue, Progress and Cornerstone Parks, near the intersection of Bel-

levue and Windermere. A variety of food concessions will be available in Bellevue and Cornerstone parks. Around 9:10 p.m., the spectacular fireworks show will be launched from the baseball fields at Cornerstone Park.

The fun starts off with a fishing derby from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Progress Park. The Colorado Division of Wildlife will stock the pond with 500 ten-inch rainbow trout. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m.

At Cornerstone Park, there will be face painting and field games from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be a visit by the Air Life helicopter at 6 p.m. Entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. on the show wagon featuring *Runaway Express*. Colorado Journey miniature golf course will remain open until 7 p.m. Several new vendors will offer a wide selection of food for purchase. Blaster Bouncer will have a 66-foot Chinese dragon slide, an obstacle course and a large bounce house for a fee.

At Bellevue Park, the Lion’s Club train and the Children’s Farm will welcome families and Engle-

wood’s fantastic water park, Pirates Cove, will be open until 6 p.m. There will be face painting, duck races and a watermelon eating contest. Enchanted Gypsy Events will have a climbing wall and treasure island for a fee.

Alcohol, glass containers, pets and fireworks (including sparklers) are strictly prohibited. Fire marshals, police officers and park rangers will issue citations and escort violators from the park.

No parking will be permitted on the south side of West Prentice Avenue from Windermere to Hickory Street. Motorists are encouraged to obey other traffic restrictions that will be in effect. Limited parking will be available near the parks and at the Littleton Service Center, 1800 West Bellevue. There will be free parking in the Super KMART lot at Bellevue and Broadway but no shuttle service.

Special thanks to community sponsors: Norgren, Englewood Neighborhood Watch, and Country Buffet-Englewood.



LITTLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cops fighting Internet predators

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) is working aggressively on the problem of predatory behavior against children on the Internet. Along with other agencies throughout Colorado; including the Colorado Springs Police Department, and the Pueblo and Douglas County Sheriff’s Departments, a regional task force called Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) has been formed.

This task force is made possible by a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and works closely with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s CyberTipline.

Computer Cop is a free parental Internet safety monitoring software that is available from the LPD. The LPD also has free mouse pads for citizens that will provide children and teens with a regular reminder of why giving information to strangers on the Internet can be dangerous.

Presentations are also available on Internet safety and how to keep children from becoming victims of Internet crime. To make arrangements for a group presentation, call Sgt. Arlan Kluth, 303-795-3892, or Detective Kevin Denner, 303-795-3777.

National Night Out returning

Once again the National Night Out (NNO) is right around the corner. NNO is the one night a year that residents in the community come together to give crime a “going away party.” National Night Out is designed to heighten drug awareness and crime prevention. National Night Out also promotes local anti-crime programs such as Neighborhood Watch. Residents do not need to be involved in any type of Neighborhood Watch to participate in the NNO; however, NNO is the perfect time to begin a program on your block. Residents and businesses are encouraged to organize block parties to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

The Littleton Police Department’s Community Outreach Unit is organizing NNO for 2006. This year’s event will support the basic idea where communities throughout the entire nation will show a commitment to ridding crime from their neighborhoods. NNO will take place on August 1, 2006, from 4 P.M. to 10 P.M. Littleton Police Officers, City of Littleton employees, and McGruff the Crime Dog are all available to attend your party.


You can register your party or obtain more information for NNO 2006 in one of five ways:

1. Contact your District Community Resource Officer for an application,
2. Contact the Community Outreach Unit at (303) 795-3712,
3. Register on line at www.littletongov.org. Click on the Police link and look for the Nation Night Out icon,
4. -Or, complete the application (at right) and mail to: Littleton Police Department Attn. Community Outreach Unit/ NNO App. 2255 W. Berry Ave. Littleton, Colorado 80165



Littleton City Manager Jim Woods presents a plaque to Lisa Grosz (top photo) at a tree planting ceremony May 5 in honor of Littleton Police Officer Chris Grosz. Grosz died October 13 from natural causes. May 5 would have been his 36th birthday. The two bottom photos are a couple of favorites that epitomize the gentle giant.

Online Safety Tips for kids and teens



1. Don't give out personal information such as name, age, address, telephone number, parent/guardian's name, and school name/address.
2. Do not respond to mean, offensive, threatening, or unwanted E-mail or Instant Messages.
3. Choose a screen name that doesn't identify you as a young boy or girl.
4. Don't share your password with anyone (except a parent/guardian) — not even your best friend.
5. Remember, people online may or MAY NOT be who they say they are.

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Name: _____

Address: _____


Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Expected Number of participants: _____

Children under 12? Yes ____ No ____

Type of party (BBQ, ice cream, etc): _____



awards and milestones

Options student wins MMCYA award



Congratulations to Chrystina Jackson, a senior at Options High School, who was recognized April 23 by the Metro Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award Program for outstanding achievement in the face of personal adversity. Chrystina was awarded a one year scholarship to a local community college of her choice as well as several other prizes. Chrystina plans to further her education at the college level and would like to pursue a career in fashion merchandising and retail management.

Volunteers beautify trail with many trees

A team of volunteers, coordinated by the Littleton Public Services Department, have given pedestrians and cyclists a much needed respite from the sun by planting an astounding 76 trees in less than two hours on Railroad Spur Trail.

The trail, located on the north side of Mineral Avenue between the Highline Canal and Jackass Hill Road was installed in 2005 by South

Suburban Parks and Recreation after the City of Littleton acquired the land.

According to volunteer Darlee Whiting, "It was a fun project for the service clubs of Littleton, the Littleton Tree Committee, South Suburban Parks and Recreation and the City of Littleton to work together to give Littleton citizens such a beautiful trail to use."

LHA rehab program receives \$50,000 grant

The Littleton Housing Authority Rehab Program was recently awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$50,000 from Arapahoe County. This grant, combined with existing program funds and a recent HOME funding grant will be used to assist City of Littleton homeowners in revitalizing their homes.

The Rehab Program provides low-interest loans and grants to homeowners living in single-family homes. The loans are designed to

fit the needs of the homeowners, with repayment depending upon income and ability to pay. All types of renovations can be made, including repairs to roofing, electrical systems, plumbing, gutters, flooring, heating systems, windows and doors.

If your home is in need of repairs or energy-conservation improvements, please contact Kimberly Kingston, rehabilitation coordinator, at 303-991-5301 to determine your eligibility.

Get your tail to the Arapahoe County Fair

The City of Littleton is a proud sponsor of the 100th anniversary of the Arapahoe County Fair. It will be hosted at the new fairgrounds at 25690 E. Quincy Ave from July 21-26. The fair will be the first in the county to be hosted in a single location in more than 20 years.

Visitors can enjoy fun activities for the entire family, including: a carnival, fireworks, entertainment, a 6,500-gallon catch-and-release fish tank, 4-H competition events, a livestock auction, the Wild West

Express, draft horse shows and pulls, educational displays, Plasterman, antique tractors, 4-H and wildlife exhibits, food and drink vendors, a pancake breakfast – and a variety of contests.

Volunteers are needed for all seven days of the fair. If you are interested, call Sharan Christ at 303-734-5466.

For more information about this year's fair, call Jim W. Abendschan at 303-795-4568.

Pea Patch Community Garden plots available

The Pea Patch Community Garden program has been a local favorite since the mid 1980s and people from around the community have come to delight in the joys of organic gardening. The largest garden site is located just east of the Colorado Center for the Blind near S. Bemis St. and W. Shepperd Ave. For a nominal fee of \$25, and no charge for senior citizens 65 or older, the City of Littleton will provide the water and the land. It's up to the gardener to plant, nurture, harvest, and don't forget, weed.

The city is trying a new organic approach to fighting weeds. One half of the garden was closed in

April and a cover crop of annual Rye was planted. In about a month, the Rye will be mown and Buckwheat will be planted over it. At the end of the year, the city will re-evaluate the site to determine how well the weed control program is working.

In the meantime, the west half of the site is still open for planting as usual. The plots have been reduced in size from previous years and are now about 12' x 18'. A few plots are still available! If you are interested in this program and would like more information or to request an available garden plot, please contact the City of Littleton at 303-795-3767.



A ribbon-cutting was held April 25 marking the official opening of the historic Bemis House as the new home of Western Welcome Week (WWW). Pictured left to right are: WWC Executive Director Cindy Hathaway, WWC President Sue Hill, Council Member Pat Cronenberger, Mayor Jim Taylor, Council Member John Ostermiller, Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Kast and Council Member Tom Mulvey.

SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS AND RECREATION

Immigrant mentoring program seeks volunteers

The Littleton Immigrant Integration Initiative is seeking community members and family volunteers to assist new residents to integrate into the community through a peer mentoring program. "American Friends" will share informa-

tion about local services, facilities, businesses and culture while new "Immigrant Friends" will enlighten mentors about their foreign native lands. "American Friends" will be provided with training and asked to make a six-month program com-

mitment. If you are interested in becoming an "American Friend" or "Immigrant Friend," please visit the One-Stop Information Center at Bemis Public Library or contact Allyson Hakala at 303-795-3961 and complete an application.

Why is it important to clean up after your pet?

A great deal of care goes into maintaining a family pet including vaccinations, meals, walks and, yes, the dreaded clean up. If not attended to, the feces left behind can become a health hazard as well as a nuisance in your own yard and in neighborhood parks.

Among several parasites that are associated with pet feces, roundworm is the most common. If feces from a roundworm-infected dog are left on the ground, the eggs from this parasite can remain active for a number of years. Persons that come in contact with the infected soil can themselves become infected. Contamination is rare, but possible if someone touches infected soil or old feces and then transfers the eggs to their eyes or mouth. Those at great-

est risk are young children because they are more likely to play in dirt and put things in their mouths. However, teens and adults that visit turf play fields where infected dogs have defecated, may also be exposed to the roundworm parasite. Pregnant women are at a higher risk and should even avoid cleaning kitty litter boxes due to this infectious disease that could harm the fetus.

How can you stop the spread of these parasites? First, thoroughly pick up after your pet. Fresh feces are not as infectious, as it takes the eggs several weeks to develop. Some parks have courtesy doggy bags available. If this type of dispenser is not in your neighborhood park, a plastic newspaper bag works great to transport the feces to a garbage

container. Sandboxes should be covered when not in use to avoid tempting neighborhood cats. Most importantly, wash your hands with soap and water after handling and cleaning up after your pet.

Pet feces have also been linked to highly elevated levels of coliform and streptococci bacterial pollution in storm runoff. It also contributes to high nutrient levels in lakes and ponds that can lead to alga blooms which may kill fish. Also, consider the aesthetics of feces lying around in public places, not to mention the areas of grass killed by the high levels of nitrogen. Given the many reasons mentioned, the best place for pet droppings is in a landfill where their impact can be controlled. Don't be a poop, pick up after your pet!

Special pass offers 100 days of summer fun

South Suburban Parks and Recreation is offering a special summer fun pass for everyone. Youth, two to 17 years, and seniors 65+ can experience unlimited play all summer, from May 27 through September 4, at three recreation centers and four outdoor pools for only \$100. Inexpensive pricing is also available for adults and families. South Suburban recreation centers and outdoor pools are located across the district at:

- Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., 303-798-8787
- Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., 303-798-2476
- Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 Ridgeway Cir., 303-708-3500
- Harlow Pool, 5151 S. Lowell, 303-798-6299
- Franklin Pool, 1600 E. Panama, 303-798-5922

- Holly Pool, 6651 S. Krameria Way, 303-770-0333
- Cook Creek Pool, 8711 Lone Tree Pkwy., 303-790-7665

Visit any of the recreation centers now to make sure you get in on the summer fun. Passes became available at the outdoor pools May 27. For other South Suburban Parks and Recreation summer activities visit www.sspr.org.

Three elected to South Suburban Parks and Rec board

On Tuesday, May 2, South Suburban Parks and Recreation held an election for three board positions where more than 1,000 voters turned out at the polls or cast votes by absentee ballots.

Harold Neal, Philip Cernanec and incumbent Jerry Call were elected to serve at-large for four-year terms on the South Suburban Board of Directors.

At South Suburban's public

meeting Wednesday, May 10, all three directors were sworn in and board officers were elected. For more information on the election call 303-798-5131 or visit www.sspr.org.

Colorado Fire Tribe coming to Bemis Public Library in August

Bookin’ Through Colorado

May 27 is the launch date for the 2006 adult summer reading program, “Bookin’ Through Colorado.” Register at the information desk and receive a commemorative bookmark. It’s easy, just fill out a drawing slip for every book you read or listen to. Participating in other library activities also makes you eligible for the drawings held weekly, on Colorado Day, and at the end of the program for the grand prize. Prizes include books, gift certificates to Sophie’s Place Café and other Littleton restaurants, a \$75 gift certificate to a local garden center, a \$100 savings bond, and more. It’s a great opportunity to celebrate reading and our state!

Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place

Enjoy refreshments available at Sophie’s Place Café while listening to music. Monthly performances will feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver area. On June 15 at 2 p.m., Roy Laird on banjo will entertain with lively American tunes. Guitarist Gregg Green will sing and play popular John Denver songs August 19 at 2 p.m.

The Quilt That Walked to Golden

Drawing from letters and journals, hear the fascinating account of the role that quilting played in the lives of pioneer women in Colorado and the West on June 6 at 7 p.m. Author Nanette Simonds will talk and show slides regarding quilting as a window into the friendships, everyday work, and sorrows of women who traveled on the Overland Trail and settled in mining and farming communities throughout the state. Quilting circles offered pleasant ways to socialize and relieve the loneliness of rural living. Simonds is co-author, with Sandra Dallas, of the book *The Quilt that Walked to Golden*, which won a Benjamin Book Award for design and was a finalist for a Willa Cather book award. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

A Celebration of Colorado’s 14,000-foot Peaks

Colorado author Walt Borneman and acclaimed photographer Todd Caudle will showcase their book, *14,000 Feet: A Celebration of Colorado’s Highest Mountains*, June 13 at 7 p.m. A slide show will feature Caudle’s color photography interspersed with Borneman’s historical anecdotes. Many of Caudle’s photographs were taken from seldom-seen angles and he will offer tips on mountain photography. Borneman is best-known as the author of *A Climbing Guide to Colorado’s Fourteeners*, which has been published in a number of editions since 1978. Books by both Borneman and Caudle will be available for purchase.

Free Beginning Spanish Classes

Learn Spanish at the library! Sessions begin July 13 and will be held every Thursday evening from 7-10 p.m. through August 17. These classes are free and open to adults and teens. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.

Afternoon Summer Film Series

Escape the summer heat and enjoy the Summer Afternoon Film Series that celebrates movies featuring Colorado locations. The first movies in the series, on June 26 from 2 to 4 p.m., are *The Glenn Miller Story* and *Small Town Editor*. *The Glenn Miller Story* features many of Miller’s popular hits and dancing from the thirties and early forties; part of the film was shot on location at Lowry Air Force Base and Denver’s Civic Center. As a special attraction, Littleton resident Roger Dunning will talk about his experiences as a minor actor in the movie. *Small Town Editor*, a short film on life in Littleton around 1950 that features *Littleton Independent* editor Houstoun Waring, will also be shown.

Second in the Afternoon Summer Film Series

The Frisco Kid, July 31 from 2 to 4:30 p.m., starring Gene Wilder and Harrison Ford as a feisty and hilarious team of rabbi and rescuer. Wilder plays a naïve Polish rabbit who wanders through the Old West on his way to lead a synagogue in San Francisco. On the way, he is captured by Indians and almost killed by outlaws. Ford is the roguish outlaw who adopts the rabbi and the

two become unlikely friends as they make their way through one scrape after another. A cartoon, *Yosemite Sam*, will be shown before the feature presentation.

Unconventional Women of the West

Enjoy a dramatic presentation by eight actresses portraying unconventional women in the history of the West July 8 at 2 p.m. Historical characters performed will include reporter Nellie Bly, Irish domestic Mary York, “Tomboy Bride” Harriet Backus, Madam Marietta Kingsley, temperance advocate Carrie Nation, Mary Elitch, Augusta Tabor, and rodeo star Prairie Rose Henderson. Each actress has researched the character she is portraying, written her own script, and created a costume. This program is produced by The Shady Ladies, Inc., a non-profit organization that exists to promote the role of women in the settling of the West.

Folk by Association

Folk by Association, a popular New England duo, performs on the front lawn stage July 10 from 7-8 p.m. The duo is a collaboration of Karen Krajacic and Jill Unger, singers/songwriters/guitarists who play in the style of Joni Mitchell, Fiona Apple and Simon and Garfunkel. Sometimes folksy, sometimes funky, and always melodic, strong vocal harmonies feature prominently in their original songs. Their new CD, *As We Travel*, was recently released and will be available for purchase.

Free Family Film Night

Bring the family to see the popular film *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* on the library’s big screen July 21 at 7 p.m. Experience the exploits of Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter as they enter the fantastic world of Narnia through a magical wardrobe. Come dressed as any character from the film and enter the costume contest! DVDs of the film will be awarded as prizes.

Halau Hula Puanani’ohelohelo Dancers

Traditional Hawaiian hula, chanting and music will be featured in this outdoor performance August 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Halau Hula Puanani’ohelohelo is a group of adult and child performers dedicated to promoting the authentic culture of Hawaii.

Final Presentation in the Afternoon Summer Film Series

See a special presentation of *The Outrageous Times of Mollie Brown* by Jennie Epperson from The Molly Brown House August 21 at 2 p.m.. Epperson will perform as the inimitable Molly Brown, talking about her famous life and exploits. Following the performance, view the film *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, starring Debbie Reynolds and Harve Presnell.

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. June 10, July 12, and August 12
- How to Search the Internet: 9-10:30 a.m. July 8 and August 9
- How to Search the Library, 9-10:30 a.m. June 3 and July 1
- Introduction to Windows: 9-10:30 June 14 and August 5

Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

If you enjoy talking about books, join the Evening Book Group that meets the third Monday at 7 p.m. On June 19, we will discuss *American Fugit* by Sara Backer; on July 17, *Broken for You* by Stephanie Kallos; and Orhan Pamuk’s *Snow* August 21.

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



COLORADO FIRE TRIBE—An exciting fire dance performance on August 17 from 8 to 9 p.m. on the front lawn. Flame throwing, acrobatics, and dramatic fire dancing will be performed by members of the Colorado Fire Tribe.

from 10 to 11 a.m. in Sophie’s Place. Upcoming meetings are June 12, July 10 and August 14. Free snacks and beverages provided.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Book Club

The senior book club meets the first Monday of each month at 2 p.m. On June 5, we will discuss *Illusions* by Richard Bach, *My Sister’s Keeper* by Jodi Picoult July 10, and Jan Karon’s *At Home in Mitford* August 7.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teens, if you are going into grades 6-12 in the fall of 2006, join us for the Creature Feature Dragons Summer Reading Program. For your weekly reading efforts, earn the chance to be included in the weekly drawings. Join us Wednesdays for dragon-related movies and special programs.

Dragon Movies

All movies start at 2 p.m. We’ll show *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (rated PG-13) June 7, *Dragon’s World* (PG) June 21, *Reign of Fire* (PG-13) July 5, and *Dungeons and Dragons* (PG-13) July 19.

Dragon Programs

Join either session that starts at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. On June 14, etch dragon designs onto glass (no pre-registration required). Burn dragon designs onto wood June 28 (pre-registration is required). Henna dragons on July 12 require pre-registration and permission slips. On July 26, dragon scratch art (no pre-registration required).

Dragon Drawings

Drawings will be held every Thursday for the following items:

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| June 8 | Dragon kites |
| June 15 | Water clan dragons |
| June 22 | Chinese dragon |
| June 29 | No drawing; everyone who has met reading goals receives a free book |
| July 6 | Dragon stuffed toys |
| July 13 | Drawing for the dragon movies we have watched |
| July 14 | No drawing; everyone who has met reading goals gets a maze pen |
| July 20 | Warrior and dragon |
| July 27 | I-pods |
- Look for the results on Bemis Teen blog <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com>.

Summer Film School

Who: Teens going into grades 6-12
What: Summer Film School
When: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., from June 6 through August 4
Where: The Binning Family Foundation Media Lab located at 1269 W. Littleton Blvd.
Why: Make a movie by writing, directing, acting, editing, creating effects, selecting

music and more!

How: Register at the library or call Teen Librarian Anthony LaCombe, 303-795-3961.

Special Teen Events

The Dragon Drawing Contest begins June 1; the deadline is July 21. Call the library for more details.

A Red Cross babysitting class will be held June 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Game Night

Kids, teens and adults are invited to a night of game playing June 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. A variety of board and card games will be on hand, or bring your own favorite game. Digital Dance Revolution will set up in the meeting room for dancing fun, and the library’s computers will be available for use. Free pizza and refreshments will be served.

See the evening premiere of movies made by film school participants August 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Bemis Anime Team (BAT)

Meets at 3:30 p.m. On June 13, the movie *Fruits Basket 1*; July 11, the movie *Spiral*; title to be announced for August 8.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales!

The summer reading program ends August 12. To complete the program, you must read or be read to for a total of six hours. Once you have completed the six hours, receive a free book, a finisher packet, and an entry into the weekly prize drawing. Visit the children’s room for information and details about other activities and programs scheduled for the summer.

As part of “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales,” there will be special performers each Tuesday in June at 2 p.m., and each Wednesday in July at 2 p.m. These programs are for ages three and older; those under seven must attend with an adult. Space is limited, so please plan to arrive early.

June 6: Animal Origins. Storytelling with Susan Marie Frontczak. How did Turtle get cracks on his back? Why does Zebra have stripes? What misadventure gave Whale his baleen? Answers will rain down from a performer who delights in sharing stories from many cultures.

June 13: Music for Kids. Songs with Eric West, an entertainer extraordinaire who will have even the timid toe tapping along to his delightfully original songs and stories. Get ready to participate!

June 20: The Balloon Diva Show! A show featuring balloon artist Laura Dakin singing inside a giant six-foot balloon in an amazing montage of music, theater and comedy!

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June 27: A Magical Reading Safari. Storytelling with Bill Anderson. Be part of the adventure as this entertainer weaves magic, music, drama, storytelling, and funny puppetry into a show like none other!

July 5: Johnny Appleseed. Storytelling with Leroy Leonard, who delights in bringing literature to life by weaving stories from thin air featuring animals we love.

July 12: Denver Zoo Animal Expeditions. Come face to face with live animals in a showcase of their amazing adaptations to different habitats around the world.

July 19: Hunk ta Bunk ta Music. Enjoy a musical interactive romp that will really get you moving with theater, sign language, zany props and instruments from around the world, with Katherine Dines.

July 26: Professor Klutzo. This lovable professor tries to show the audience how things work through magic, music, juggling and more, however, things just seem to go wrong. The antics of this professor will leave the audience in stitches.

Story Box

For ages infant through 36 months Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. A 30-minute session for children and a caring

adult to introduce the joy of rhythm, rhyme and reading. Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.

Preschool Story Time

Preschool Story Time is for children ages three through kindergarten Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities. No tickets or registration required.

Night Tales

A family story time geared to children three and older, which parents or caregivers attend with their child. Includes a combination of stories, songs, and crafts. On Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

Theater Time

For ages 3-10, a special program for summer that features puppets, plays, and participation stories.

Kid's Club

Games, crafts and other fun summer activities for those going into grades 1-3 and 4-5. Visit the library or call 303-795-3961 for themes, craft examples, and to register.

For grades 1-3, Wednesdays in June at 2 p.m., and Thursdays in July at 2 p.m.

For grades 4-5, Thursdays in June at 2 p.m., and Tuesdays in July at 2 p.m.

Kid's Book Club

This club is for independent chapter book readers in grades 3-5. We will talk about the book, eat pizza, and play "booktionary." Please call to register, 303-795-3961. For June 12, read *Poppy* by Avi, and *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis for July 14; both programs start at 1:30 p.m.

Paws to Read

Presented in cooperation with R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) and Denver Pet Partners, children in grades 1-5 practice reading with a doggie pal. Space is limited, so please call the library to register for a 20-minute spot between 10 a.m. and noon June 17 and July 15.

GENERAL NEWS

Littleton 2030—planning for our future

The planning commission and city staff extend their thanks to the more than 70 people who applied to work on the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for Littleton 2030, the city's comprehensive planning process. The planning commission selected 23 individuals who represent Littleton's demographic and geographic diversity. Those selected range in age from their 20s to their 80s and have a wide range of backgrounds, interests, and expertise. The Littleton residents selected to sit on the CAC are Mark Aumen, Emily Cassidy, Bob Chipman, Cindy Christensen, Rick Cronenberger, Sonya Ellingboe, Julie Fryberger, Steve Hebert, LaDonna Jurgensen, Owen Kemp, Ray Koernig, Stephanie Martin-Quiatte, Steve McGuire, Stew Meagher, Mike Montgomery, Ron Nies, Greg Reinke, Jean Reince Schwartz, Susan Thornton, Bob Tipton, Bill Van Orsdel, Erik Wangsness, and Jack Wegert.

To date, the CAC has met three times, identified an initial list of issues, and, along with the planning commission, sponsored four meetings at which the public has been asked to identify what they perceive as Littleton's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities, and the potential threats that the city may need to

address. During the summer, the CAC will review the comments received at the public meetings, refine the issues, and develop a vision statement, a set of goals and plan alternatives. In the fall, the CAC will schedule another



Audience participation: Attendees at the public meeting May 13 had an opportunity to ask questions, make comments and voice their opinions of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the future of development in Littleton.

public meeting at which it will present its work to date for review and comment. The schedule calls for a final draft to be ready for public review by late spring 2007. Additional public meetings will be scheduled during the development of the final plan and its review process.

The product of the Littleton 2030 process will be a statement of the common vision, a set of goals and recommendations, and an imple-

mentation strategy that will provide a land use and economic development framework for the city, residents, property owners, and developers. This framework will help the city respond to current issues, anticipate and affect future conditions, add predictability to the development process, remain competitive, and protect and enhance the vitality of the community. Plans are always guidelines. They are not regulatory. Once adopted, separate public involvement and review processes will be necessary to establish the land-use related programs and regulations required to implement the plan.

In addition to the public meetings, all meetings of the CAC are open to the public and time is provided at the beginning of each for public comment. Members of the CAC are charged with community outreach and have been talking to their neighbors, friends, and associates about the process, planning issues, and their vision for Littleton's future.

Meeting dates for the Littleton 2030 planning process can be found on the city's website, www.littletongov.org, by calling the city's planning office at 303-795-3755, or by emailing the city's Long Range Planner Dennis Swain, at dswain@littletongov.org.

WWW event applications being accepted

Applications for Western Welcome Week are now available. They include applications for: volunteers, the 47th Arts and Crafts Festival and the Grand Parade.

The 47th Arts & Crafts Festival held on Festival Day, Saturday, August 19 is limited to around 200 spaces. Applicants are considered on a first come, first served basis. A 10'x10'

booth space is \$125 and may be shared by two artisans. All work must be the original work of the artists. The deadline is June 15.

The Grand Parade is also part of Festival Day Saturday, August 19. The deadline for entries is July 15.

To obtain an application, call 303-794-4870 or visit www.western-welcomeweek.com.

Main Street Historic District turning one

On June 7, the Main Street Historic District will be one year old. With several major renovations either completed or ongoing, the district has welcomed an exciting mix of new tenants, including Pinon Fine Art, McKinners Pizza and Tres Jolie, to complement previously established merchants. With more renovated spaces coming available, it

is expected that the Historic District's impact on Littleton's vitality will continue to grow. The city extends an invitation to all qualifying Main Street building owners to take part in the district and enjoy an incentive package designed specifically for them. Call Andrea Mimnaugh at 303-795-3719 for details.

Residents required to spray or cut weeds

This is the time of year when weeds and grass grow fast and need to be cut or removed on a regular schedule. The City of Littleton code states: It shall be unlawful for any owner of real property to fail to cut or cause to be cut, all weeds growing thereon or to fail to take reasonable steps to control noxious vegetation in the city. Weed is defined as: weeds, grass, or brush which has grown

to maturity or is in excess of eight inches in height.

For more information or to report weed violations contact Code Enforcement Specialist Rebecca Thompson at 303-795-3831 for properties west of S. Windermere Street or Robert Lindgren at 303-795-3759 for properties east of S. Windermere Street.

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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 accommodation in order to be in attendance at or participate in any such meeting or program.

For any additional information concerning the city's compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, please call 303-795-3857.

Additional city government information can now be accessed via the Internet at www.littletongov.org.

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