

New police chief, finance director join city team



Heather A. Coogan

Littleton City Manager Jim Woods has selected Auraria Campus Chief of Police Heather A. Coogan to be the new chief of the Littleton Police Department (LPD).
“I am very pleased that Chief Coogan has become Littleton’s new chief of police,” Woods said. “Her unique perspective as a Littleton resident, extensive regional



Doug Farmen

experience in law enforcement, and exceptional communication skills impressed the interview panelists. There were many outstanding candidates, but Heather is the right person at the right time to lead the department,” Woods added.
Coogan was chief of Denver’s Auraria Campus Police Department since 2002. She supervised

a staff of 37 responsible for all law enforcement functions of a campus community with 37,000 students and 3,000 employees. Previously, she had a distinguished 27-year career with the Denver Police Department. Coogan rose through the ranks to become deputy chief of the department—the 26th largest in the United States, with more than 1,700 employees and a \$135 million budget.
“My family and I have lived in Littleton for many years so it is a dream come true to have the opportunity to lead this department,” Coogan said. “The LPD has an excellent reputation and I plan to work closely with the Strategic Management Steering Committee and all of the fine men and women in the department to continue to move the organization forward,” she added.

Coogan was chosen following an extensive national recruitment process that was lead by the executive search firm, Bob Murray & Associates from Roseville, California. The four finalists participated in an all-day assessment center that included interviews by three panels whose members included Woods, Deputy City Manager Phil Cortese, Arvada Chief of Police Ron Sloan, Council Member Doug Clark, Littleton Police Citizens Academy graduate Norm Sothan, LPD civilian employees and officers from all levels of the department.
Coogan earned a master’s degree in communication from the University of Colorado and a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Metropolitan State College.
Coogan began June 18 at a salary of \$124,380.
In addition to the Coogan appointment, Woods has selected Kenmore, Washington Finance Director Doug Farmen to be the new finance director for the City of Littleton.
Farmen was chosen following a nationwide recruitment pro-

cess conducted by the Bellevue, Washington based Prothman Company.
Prior to serving six years as finance director in Kenmore, Farmen spent ten years as the assistant finance director of Edmonds, Washington. Both cities are in the Seattle metropolitan region. Farmen earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Washington State University and has held a CPA license in Washington state since 2000. In Kenmore, Farmen managed an annual budget of \$68 million and an investment portfolio of \$32 million. Farmen is a national member of the Government Finance Officers Association’s Budget and Fiscal Policy Committee.
“While I have really enjoyed my career in Kenmore, I am also interested in pursuing new challenges,” Farmen said. “My family and I are very excited to come to Littleton where I look forward to getting to know the community and joining the outstanding city team,” Farmen added.
Farmen began July 16 at a salary of \$116,000.



Littleton Police Officers, and dear friends of Lieutenant Bill Black, carry his casket into the First Church of the Nazarene for the June 21 funeral service. Pictured left to right are: Sergeants Greg Bohlen, Jeff Wren, Sean Dugan, Mike Broadhead, and Senior Officer Buzz Sutherland, Master Officer Craig Kloppenberg, and Senior Officer Dave Scott. See story on pg. 5.

Santa Fe Drive rezone repealed

On June 19, Littleton voters repealed the city council’s rezoning of three parcels of land at 6775, 6855 and 6885 South Santa Fe Drive. The citizen referendum overturned the rezoning that would have allowed the construction of an 187,000 square-foot Wal-Mart on the site. The final results were:

Yes	7,878
No	5,128

Budget Workshops Scheduled

Citizens are invited to attend city council’s 2008 budget workshops. They will be held August 27 and 28 (and September 10 and 11 if necessary) at 7 p.m. in the community room at the Littleton Center. For more information, call 303-795-3765.

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Five city council members attend CML conference in Snowmass, CO

Governor Bill Ritter said the focus of his administration will be environmental sustainability as a key to economic development in Colorado at the 85th annual Colorado Municipal League (CML) conference in Snowmass Village. Five members of the Littleton City Council and five staff attended the conference June 25-29.

The attendees also heard from the new director of the Colorado Department of Transportation, Russell George, and State Treasurer Carrie Kennedy on the desperate need for new funding sources for road maintenance, bridge replacement and highway construction. A blue ribbon panel is studying the funding dilemma and is expected to issue its report to the governor in November. It is estimated that \$173 billion is needed over the next 20 years with only \$1 billion available to pay for identified improvements.

Council members and staff also attended sessions concerning, The Future of Municipal Finance, Inclusive Communities in Action, and Colorado's Electricity Future. The Opening General Session fea-

tured Glen Hiemstra, internationally recognized futurist, founder of futurist.com and author of *Turning the Future into Revenue*. Hiemstra discussed changes all cities will experience due to the aging of the population, the effects of the immigrant population, and the information technology revolution.

The Colorado Municipal League was founded in 1923 and more than 260 of Colorado's cities and town are members, representing 99 percent of the state's population. CML is an advocate of municipal interests on state and federal policies that affect municipalities and a reliable source of information for elected officials and their staffs.

Council Member Amy Conklin was elected to CML's executive board in 2006. Littleton elected officials have long held leadership roles with the organization. Littleton Council Member A.R. "Reg" Bessette served as CML's president in 1971-1972, Council Member Jim Taylor served as president in 1983-1984, and Council Member Susan Thornton was president in 1996-1997.



Attending the Arapahoe County Open Space Share Back Awards June 7 were: (left to right) Littleton City Council Member Amy Conklin, County Commissioner Susan Beckman, Littleton Mayor Jim Taylor, South Suburban Manager of Planning and Construction Bill Woodcock, and South Suburban Executive Director Dave Lorenz. Littleton's share was \$802,000 that can be used only for open space, parks, and trails. South Suburban was awarded \$250,000 to construct a trail connection, parking lot for access to South Platte Park, boat chutes, and restore native grasses on the Superchi property. Another \$250,000 was awarded to South Suburban for Phase II at Wynetka Ponds which will include a trail, parking lot, off-leash dog park and landscaping.

GENERAL NEWS

Romano family named "Grand Marshals" for 2007 WWW Parade

In a fun new twist befitting this year's Western Welcome Week theme, "Fun For Generations," the Western Welcome Week Board of Directors selected an entire family to serve as Grand Marshals for the 2007 WWW Grand Parade.

In the lead will be John Romano of Romano's Italian Restaurant, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Joining him will be his parents, Neil and Ellie Romano, who opened the Italian eatery on South Windermere Street in 1967. Sister Sue Calhoun and brother Nick Romano will be there, as will all eight of the youngest generation: Audrey Bartlett, Jordan Romano, Jenna Romano, Lindsey Bartlett, Molly Bartlett, Christina Romano, Traysa Romano and, the tiniest one of all, Carly Calhoun, who will be just three months old on Festival Day, August 18.

The whole family pitches in to make the restaurant a success, including four of the oldest children. Many of their customers who

visited as children now bring their own children. Everyone takes pride in the community as well, contributing to most causes that come along—Santas for Seniors, school fund-raisers, Tip-A-Cop, Relay for Life and the MS Bike-a-Thon, to name just a few.

In 2004, the family was honored by the Littleton Rotary Club with its Littleton Integrity Award. John, Sue and Nick say some of their best childhood memories revolve around Western Welcome Week, and they've passed that along to their own children by entering floats in the Grand Parade for most of the last 15 years. They say they're honored and excited to be recognized in a way that has such personal meaning for them.

Western Welcome Week will honor The Romano Family at the Family Night Concert & Fireworks on Friday, August 10 at Sterne Park and during the Grand Parade on Saturday, August 18.

City hosting free sales and use tax classes

The City of Littleton is hosting free sales and use tax classes. Each session lasts approximately two hours and is taught by the city sales tax auditor.

Participants can ask questions and will be provided with information on tax rates, the difference between

sales and use tax, preparing returns, exemptions, and record keeping.

Classes will be held in the Littleton Center Community Room, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado. Call 303-795-3956 to reserve a space or for more information.

2007 Tax Classes

Thursday, August 2, 2 to 4 p.m.
Thursday, September 6, 9 to 11 a.m.
Thursday, October 4, 2 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, November 6, 9 to 11 a.m.
Thursday, December 6, 2 to 4 p.m.

Draft Comprehensive Plan process proceeding

The Littleton Planning Commission and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) have completed their initial draft of Littleton 2030, the update to the city's comprehensive plan and have submitted the draft plan for public review.

The draft plan is the product of an extensive public process and intense discussion by the CAC and planning commission. Since being appointed by planning commission in March, 2006, the 23-member CAC has co-sponsored eight public meetings in conjunction with planning commission, sponsored three public information sessions, held 18 work sessions of its own, and met in work sessions with planning commission and city council. In addition to the work done by the CAC, individual members of the planning commission have attended CAC meetings and planning commission as a whole has held 12 study sessions of its own on the draft plan.

At the latest public meeting July 18, the public was invited to comment on the draft goals and policies, as well as the Community Vision and supporting materials in the draft plan.

The CAC and planning com-

mission have identified three key concepts in the draft plan. They are:

1. The vast majority of the city is stable and should be identified and reinforced as stable. "Areas of Stability" are defined as areas where only minimal change is occurring, anticipated, or desired.
2. The city should proactively encourage new development in designated "Areas of Change," including downtown, the Mineral Avenue light rail station area, and commercial corridors. "Areas of Change" comprise a relatively small portion of the city and are defined as areas that either are undergoing significant change or would benefit from significant change in land use or land use intensity. In most cases, "Areas of Change" have the zoning in place to accommodate anticipated changes.
3. Littleton takes great pride in our sense and spirit of community. Sense and spirit of community are enhanced through interaction and

association with a common identity. The elements and opportunities that build the sense and spirit of community should be identified and enhanced.

In addition to the three key concepts, chapters in the draft plan include goals and policies that further address culture, Downtown Littleton, economic development, education, governance, historic resources, housing, land use and urban design, mobility, annexation, parks, open space and recreation; regional relationships, and sustainability.

A link to the draft plan is available via the Littleton 2030 banner on the city's website, www.littletongov.org, and hard copies are available at Bemis Library and at the Community Development Department at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue.

The website also has updates on the public review process, dates of upcoming meetings, and changes to the draft plan.

If you have questions or comments, contact Long Range Planner Dennis Swain at dswain@littletongov.org or 303-795-3755.

Littleton Calendar photo entry deadline quickly approaching

Time is running out for local shutterbugs who wish to enter their photographs in the annual Littleton Calendar photography competition. The deadline for submitting entries is Friday, September 14 at 5 p.m.

- Only horizontal images taken within the Littleton city limits will be accepted. Photographers are strongly encouraged to take images that are easily recognizable as being in the city limits.

- The photograph must be released for reproduction in the calendar and future city publications.
- Digital photos must be high resolution.
- Five photographs can be entered, only one may win.
- Name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and where the

photo was taken must be written on the back of the entry.

- Winners receive \$25, ten calendars and publicity via news releases and distribution of 15,000 calendars.

Deliver entries to the City Manager's Office, City of Littleton, 2255 W. Berry Ave., Littleton, Colorado, 80165. For more information, call Chris Harguth at 303-795-3728.

Major street rehabilitation scheduled for this summer

The city received a bid from Brannan Sand and Gravel Company in the amount of \$503,000 for the asphalt milling and overlay of eastbound Mineral Avenue from Windermere east to Broadway and the resurfacing of the Mineral Avenue bridge over the South Platte River. Crack sealing of the existing asphalt will be completed prior to the resurfacing of the pavement. Damaged concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk will be replaced where necessary. It is anticipated that this work will begin in August and be completed in September.

The driving public should be aware that traffic will be

restricted to one lane during the roadway work so delays should be anticipated. Alternate travel routes such as C-470 and Bowles Avenue are advised. The contractor is to maintain turning movements to and from side streets and businesses utilizing temporary ramps as needed. Some access restrictions may occur from time to time and are limited to a few hours at most.

In addition to the contracted street work, the city's Street Division will pave an asphalt overlay on southbound Broadway from Caley Avenue to Davies Avenue just south of Ridge Road. The repairs should alleviate the severe rutting and pavement dis-

tresses due to last winter's harsh conditions. The Broadway pavement surface needs to be maintained until it can be rebuilt jointly with the City of Centennial. The reconstruction of the Broadway pavement remains the street division's highest priority; however, budgetary restraints of both cities prevent this from being completed this year.

The current schedule calls for the temporary repair work on southbound Broadway to occur on weekends to minimize traffic impacts. There may be traffic delays due to lane closures as the work progresses from north to south.

Art exhibit coming to Historical Museum

Suzanne Bartlett, winner of the Littleton Fine Arts Committee's 2006 *Own an Original* competition, will be exhibiting her art during the committee's *Own an Original—Best of Show* exhibition at the Littleton Historical Museum Fine Arts Gallery July 20 through September 30.

"Creating art is my happiness. Many years ago, a beginning watercolor class started me on a path that gave me a new dimension to my life; the joy of creating art," Bartlett said. She believes she has been challenged in becoming a painter; that study and instruction are ongoing and forever. Workshops with prominent watercolorists have provided the know-how's of the many techniques of painting and have

been inspirational and awards have been encouraging.

Her body of work is eclectic; using watercolors, acrylics, inks, impressions, monoprints, collages, and abstracts. Her subjects are whatever attracts her; the wonders of nature. The challenge is to transfer her feelings of the moment onto paper. To design a painting is her happiness. She quotes Picasso, "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

The museum at 6028 S. Gallup Street is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is free.

DANNY DIETZ MEMORIAL

Danny Dietz statue dedicated July 4

The Danny Dietz Memorial Sculpture was dedicated at a formal ceremony July 4. The ceremony took place at the Berry Park extension near Lowell Boulevard and Berry Avenue. The bronze statue was placed in Berry Park to honor fallen Navy SEAL Danny Dietz, who grew up in Littleton.

The Navy Honor Guard presented colors as the Littleton Community Band performed the *Star Spangled Banner*. Littleton Mayor Jim Taylor made the opening remarks and served as emcee; pastor Larry Herrera gave the invocation. Other special guests included State Representative Joe Rice, Colorado Secretary of State Mike Coffman, State Senator Steve Ward, Littleton Mayor Pro-tem Rebecca Kast, and city council members John Ostermiller, Bruce Stahlman, Doug Clark and Amy Conklin.

Speakers at the event included the Honorable Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy; Rear Admiral Joseph D. Kernan, commander of Naval Special Warfare; United States Congressman Tom Tancredo; Medal of Honor recipient

Mike Thornton; and Tiffany Bitz, Dietz's sister.

About halfway through the ceremony, F-16 jets performed a flyover. At the conclusion, the sculpture was unveiled by members of Dietz's family.

The crowd, estimated at over 2,000, was respectful of the importance of the ceremony and what it meant to the Dietz family. After the unveiling, they made their way to the small park to view the statue. People left many mementos at the foot of the statue, including more than 100 long-stemmed roses laid at its base, one by one.

Dietz was killed in Afghanistan June 28, 2005. Dietz is the only Littleton resident known to have died in action in the current Middle East conflicts. In September, 2006, the Dietz family accepted the Navy Cross on Dietz's behalf.

Dietz was raised in Littleton and attended Centennial Elementary, Goddard Middle School, and graduated from Heritage High School. His parents, Dan and Cindy, still live in the neighborhood.



LFR dive team responds to Chatfield State Park



On June 16, members of the Littleton Fire Rescue Dive Team responded to Chatfield State Park on the report of a possible

drowning. Divers were shuttled by boat to an area off the dam where the person was last seen. Once

divers were in position they conducted underwater search patterns for the possible victim utilizing witnesses to place the divers as near to the last seen point as possible. Divers battled choppy waters and the rocky bottom for approximately an hour searching this area.

Efforts continued for the next three days with the assistance of the Metro Dive Team and State Park Rangers. Sonar, Bloodhounds and an underwater camera vehicle were all used with divers to thoroughly search the defined area. The victim was found three days later as divers concluded a final search.

Hero firefighter saves two in Mexico

While vacationing in Cozumel, Mexico with his family, Spencer Fraas, an engineer with Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR), risked his life twice in one day to save two drowning swimmers.

The beaches were closed due to the rough seas and riptides when Fraas heard faint cries for help from the surf as he walked on the sand near his hotel. Fraas jumped through the waves and swam 70 feet out, reaching the struggling swimmer at the same time as a beach life guard. Together they pulled the victim through the strong undertow back to shore.

Later that same day, Fraas and his wife were sitting on the beach when he noticed the same lifeguard sprinting back into the

water. Fraas ran to the edge of the water, and then saw that there were two swimmers fighting the current. He grabbed a nearby Boogie board and swam out 80 feet to find a panicked six-year-old girl. The undertow was so strong that he could not swim straight back to shore with her.

Already tired from the earlier rescue that day, and battling huge waves, Fraas swam with the girl parallel to shore until he reached a mooring line. He managed to pull himself and the girl into shore, where he was greeted by cheers from the girls' family and onlookers.

Fraas has been nominated to receive LFR's Dale Drummond Award for heroic acts.

LFR sponsoring children's parade

Join Littleton Fire Rescue Saturday, August 18 at 8:30 a.m. for the 27th edition of the Western Welcome Week (WWW)/Littleton Fire Fighters' Children's Parade. Children ages 13 and under can participate. This is a free event. Families, groups, individuals and kids will walk, ride, skate (no motorized vehicles please) down a short parade route. Costumes, floats (no advertising) and fun guaranteed. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: pedestrian, bikes and floats.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Main Street and Rio Grande.

Participants on bikes, scooters, roller blades or skate boards must wear a helmet.

This year the 79th annual celebration begins on Thursday, August 9 and continues for 11 days, through Sunday, August 19.

For more information about the Children's Parade, contact Michael Balzer at 303-795-3701 or email mbalzer@littletongov.org.

LFR hosts two mini fire academies in July

Littleton Fire Rescue hosted two of the popular Mini Fire Academies this summer, with 25 children aged 8-12 in each session. Throughout the four-day program, the kids got a first-hand glimpse of what it is like to be a firefighter by spending time at the fire house, trying on the protective gear, performing a search and rescue drill, learning about the fire engine, and wielding an actual fire hose.

Participants also learned the ins and outs of bike safety while

taking part in a bicycle rodeo. For the rodeo, a skills course was set up to help kids practice staying in control of their bikes when they are faced with various situations and obstacles. To reinforce the importance of wearing helmets, the kids got first-hand experience of what it would be like to live with a brain injury by participating in several different activities that simulate brain damage. A jello mold brain also taught them what different actions the brain controls.

Other activities during the week included time in the Life Safety House (otherwise known as the smoke trailer), instruction and practice on properly using 9-1-1, kitchen safety, learning to tie some of the knots firefighters use, and basic first-aid.

When asked about the program, one parent commented that her child, "learned a ton and gained self confidence." Everyone involved, including the firefighters who helped each day, had a tremendous time.

GENERAL NEWS

August 30 will be a big day for the Littleton Immigrant Integration Initiative



Summer "English as a Second Language" classes are under way at the library and in Promise Park.

- The Initiative's website had more than 11,200 "hits" in just the first five months of 2007, while the One-Stop Information Center at Bemis Library receives several hundred inquiries each month.
- Wellness workshops have been held on topics including diabetes, nutrition, women's health and parenting, cultural competency training is planned for Littleton-area health providers, and a major resource fair is planned for the afternoon of September 22 at the Buck Center.

In addition, the Initiative has been working to identify faith-based and other organizations that will provide food for immigrants or any needy family in emergency situations, and ACS Community LIFT's Care Van is providing free, basic medical screenings and care for about 40 uninsured people in the parking lot of Bemis Library each Monday night.

Meanwhile, numerous volunteer opportunities still exist for Littleton residents interested in encouraging citizenship and civic involvement among people from around the world. For information, visit the Initiative's website at www.connectingimmigrants.org or call Alejandra Harguth, One-Stop Information Center coordinator at 303-795-3961. For health-related questions, contact the Initiative's Community Wellness liaison, Daiga Keller, at 720-891-3273.

City asking residents to help control storm runoff pollution

Storm water runoff occurs when rain or snow melt flows over the ground on its way to storm drains, drainage ways, creeks and lakes. Storm water picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, pet wastes and other pollutants and deposits them in water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and drinking. Remember, storm water runoff is not treated at a facility, so extra effort is needed!

The Three A's of Storm Water Pollution Control:

- Be **A**ware of your part in storm water runoff pollution control.
- Take **A**ction and change habits that can make a difference in our waterways.
- Notice **A**ctivities that may adversely affect drainage ways, creeks, and lakes.

Pet Care:

- At home, bag pet waste and place it in the trash. Pet waste contains harmful bacterial pollutants and nutrients that put our water bodies at risk.
- When walking your pet, pick up and dispose of wastes properly. Use the "Pet Station" or "Dogipot" waste disposal systems where available.

Lawn Care:

- If you choose to use chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides (remember, there are

more environmentally friendly ways to control pests and grow a nice lawn!), use them sparingly and follow label directions carefully.

- Never apply chemicals when a heavy rain is forecast! Sweep up excess.
- Keep leaves and grass clippings away from streets, storm drains and waterways. Added nutrients feed our water bodies and contribute to harmful algae blooms which kill fish.
- Cover and contain piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscape projects to avoid washing these materials into storm drains. Sweep up work areas prior to anticipated storm events.

Household Products:

- Store and use products according to label.
- Recycle or properly dispose of used household products. One quart of motor oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of water.
- Bring old or excess products to your local Hazardous Waste Roundup Day, or if your jurisdiction has Curbside, Inc. call 1-800-449-7587 for pickup.

For more information contact the City of Littleton at 303-795-3865.



Newcomers from a variety of countries will be sworn in as U.S. citizens at Bemis Public Library. For the past few months, 23 community volunteers have been helping the immigrants study for their citizenship exams in a one-to-one mentoring program that the federal Office of Immigration says is a national model. The program is so unique that the office is spotlighting it by providing the swearing-in ceremony at noon

August 30 at Bemis Public Library to the immigrants as a unit. Plan to join mentors, friends and family members as they celebrate the event. There won't be a dry eye in the house when the hard-working immigrants become New Americans!

In addition to citizenship mentoring, the Initiative continues to be very active, drawing volunteers from the community interested in helping newcomers feel accepted here. Some highlights from the last few months:

- A second round of citizenship mentoring is beginning, with 60 volunteers who want to mentor immigrants on the Initiative's waiting list.

LPD mourns loss of Lt. Charles William “Bill” Black



The Littleton Police Department (LPD) said goodbye to one of its most beloved officers June 21. Lieutenant Charles William ‘Bill’ Black passed away June 17. Black joined LPD in 1979. He had a storied career and touched the lives of thousands in his remarkable life. He was a man of integrity and possessed a charisma that drew people to him. His high energy and tireless service was devoted to those he loved most, his fellow police officers. In her words at Black’s funeral, Police Chief Heather Coogan eloquently referred to Black as a “gift sent here from God to look after us,” and that his legacy will be that he left an “indelible mark on all of those he touched in his 28-year career and in his life.”

Black was born in Oklahoma and raised in Texas. He was a theatre major who earned a master’s degree from Texas State University. He did stand-up comedy for more than 10 years, wrote children’s plays, worked in a bicycle shop and was an avid two-wheeler who traveled the world. He was witty, well-read, insightful, articulate and self-deprecating. He was a sportsman who loved fishing, hunting and shooting competitively. Former

college professors reminisced about what a talent Black was and knew that no matter what he ended up doing in life, he would be successful.

After only a year as a police officer, Black was assigned to the LPD SWAT Team. By immersing himself in his new trade, he became an expert who would eventually be known nationally and was often consulted to speak, write or teach SWAT tactics. He developed the SWAT on patrol concept, and initiated a patrol rifle program in Littleton, the first of its kind in the state. Black was a Master Firearms Instructor. He served on the Colorado Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Subject Matter Expert (SME) committee for many years and wrote the firearms curriculum for handgun and rifle. His expertise was recognized by Clint Smith, Director of Thunder Ranch, one of the premier firearms training academies in the world, where he worked for many years.

Black’s loyalties were close to home. In 1983, he was instrumental in founding and coordinating the Arapahoe Community College (ACC) police academy where he instructed arrest control and firearms for many years. Last spring, Black’s contributions to ACC were recognized as he was honored “for his lifelong commitment to the training of future law enforcement officers,” and by the academy, who renamed its Top Gun award the C.W. ‘Bill’ Black Top Gun Award. Black was recently recognized by Attorney General John Suthers for his many years of dedication and contributions to POST.

As an instructor or patrol supervisor, Black was a task-master who

held the officers in his charge to the same high standards he held himself to and in doing so, commanded the utmost respect. Whether supervising a patrol team, the firearms range, the SWAT Team or a major critical incident, Black’s leadership stood out. Nothing illustrated this more than on April 20, 1999, as the LPD SWAT Team Commander at the scene of the Columbine High School tragedy. At the request of Jefferson County, Black took over the tactical operation and decision-making from the command post. Black’s voice on the radio provided a calming influence to all of those on scene that tragic day. It was from the lessons of Columbine and the success of Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) rescuing and saving dozens of injured children, that prompted Black to work with LFR in joining Littleton’s two first responders and initiate yet another program. Black was the driving force in creating the Tactical EMS or TEM’s program where a group of 15 firefighters and paramedics are assigned to the SWAT Team. This program provided for LFR and LPD SWAT officers to train along side each other and was the first of its kind in Colorado. It has served as the standard for other like-teams throughout Colorado and across the nation.

In a career that spanned more than 28 years, it is impossible to summarize all that Bill Black meant to the LPD and to law enforcement. His legacy will be his dedication to law enforcement, training, and his commitment to keeping police officers alive so they go home safely to their families at the end of their shifts.

LPD updating burglar alarm policy

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) responds to a huge number of false alarms. In 2006, the LPD responded to 1,750 intrusion, or burglar alarms at businesses and residences, many from addresses that have had multiple false alarms in the past: more than 99 percent of those alarms were false. This is an unnecessary use of limited police resources. As a result, the LPD began looking for options to reduce false alarms, as well as identify and address chronic false alarm “abusers.”

The LPD wants to maintain the high level of customer service citizens expect while responding to alarms, and not penalize residential alarm users for what is primarily a business-related problem. Also, the LPD did not want any change to affect response to hold-up and panic alarms. The LPD decided that, at least initially, a voluntary compliance and educational approach would be the best way to address the problem.

After looking at many options, the LPD and city management decided that Enhanced Call Verification (ECV) was an effective, simple approach to the problem. In fact, other agencies that have used this method, such as the Boulder Police Department, realized a 35 percent decrease in false alarm responses. ECV requires alarm companies to obtain two different phone numbers from their customers, and when an alarm is activated, call both numbers to attempt to verify the validity of the alarm before calling the police. An example of how this has worked in the past, if a business manager closes for the night and unknowingly activates the alarm as he is leaving,

the alarm company would call one number, usually an inside number for the business. If nobody was there to answer, the alarm company would call the police. With the new system, the alarm company will be required to call a second number, which ideally would be a cellular or home number for an employee, to verify the validity of the alarm. In this example, the manager would be able to report that he accidentally set the alarm off and avoid an unnecessary police response.

In looking at different ways to handle the alarm problem, the LPD also identified a need for better tracking of alarm activations, alarm companies, and locations of alarms. As a result, the LPD made modifications to its computer system to allow for accurate and complete capture of data. In addition to tracking alarm response numbers, this will also allow the LPD to identify addresses of alarm companies with chronic false alarms. In the event that a company or particular address is identified as a problem, a member of the police department will contact them to identify and address the problem.

Implementation of ECV will take place over the next couple of months. There will be an educational period during which the alarm companies and citizens will be notified of the change, and alarm companies will be given time to get secondary phone numbers from their customers. There will be a two-month grace period for alarm companies to update their files.

For questions about ECV, call Sgt. Trent Cooper at 303-795-3887.

LPD and ACC host Junior Police Academy

Arapahoe Community College (ACC), in conjunction with the Littleton Police Department (LPD), coordinated a Junior Police Academy June 25-29. Twenty-three boys and girls age 10 to 12 signed up to learn about police work, get an inside look at how police departments operate and see how the job is done.

The class was administered by ACC, with LPD Special Enforcement Team officers providing instruction. Participants learned about police defensive tactics and arrest control, firearms training and safety using computer simulations, evidence and crime scene processing, traffic stops, as well as SWAT and DUI/alcohol awareness.

Students attended the academy Monday through Friday, for an hour and a half a day. Upon successful completion of the week-long course, graduates got to meet the chief of police and were awarded a certificate of completion as well as an official LPD uniform shoulder patch.

Due to the popularity of the Junior Police Academy, two sessions will be available to kids next summer. Sign-up information for next summer’s classes will be published in the spring 2008 ACC class schedule. Also, interested parties can check the Littleton website, www.littletongov.org, next spring for information.



An aspiring detective learns the tools of the trade with an assist from LPD Lab Technician Cheri McAlister at the June Junior Police Academy.

Littleton residents not immune to identity theft

Identity theft and fraud are the fastest growing property crimes in the United States. Fraud takes many forms, but it commonly involves a criminal assuming a victim’s identity, or using a victim’s personal information.

One way to protect yourself from identity theft is to stop businesses from selling your name. To remove your name from most marketing lists, sign up for the Colorado No Call List for both your home and cell phones at www.coloradonocall.com, or call 303-776-2678. You can also register with the National Do Not Call Registry at www.ftc.gov/donotcall, or by calling 1-800-382-1222. Tell phone companies and others with whom you do business to put you on their “Do Not Call” lists. Call the customer service numbers for your credit card(s) and ask to “Opt Out” of their marketing programs, including receiving “convenience checks.” Additionally, if you give to charitable organizations, request that your name not be shared with other organizations.

Other ways to prevent fraud include:

- Don’t ever withdraw or wire money at the suggestion of a stranger who claims you have won the lottery, have found a lot of money, or wants help distributing money to charity.
- Only hire licensed contractors that you’ve checked out with the Better Business Bureau, and never do business with door-to-door contractors or those asking for money in advance.

- Have Social Security and other benefit checks deposited directly into your account. Have boxes of new checks sent to your bank, rather than to your home.

- Don’t keep your purse, wallet, checkbook, laptop computer or other identifying information in your car, and keep your car locked at all times.

- Don’t carry your Social Security card or checkbook with you in public, and keep your wallet in a hidden or secure pouch-not in your purse.

A form of fraud that is showing up more and more frequently is called an “International Lottery Scheme.” The victim will receive a letter notifying them they have won a lottery. Included in the letter is a check that is supposed to cover the winner’s “tax and clearance fee.” The check will appear to be legitimate. The victim is asked to deposit the check and then wire the funds to a “North American Agent.” This check is counterfeit or fake. If you withdraw and wire funds on the fake check, you will be responsible for the entire amount you wired.

If you receive a letter, e-mail, or phone call that claims you’ve won an international lottery, it is a scam! Do not send any money or verify any personal information.

Finally, another common form of identity theft is called “phishing.” The sender of one of these types of e-mails goes “fishing” for your information by sending you a link to an official looking website at which

you are asked to supply such information as account numbers, passwords, personal identification numbers, Social Security numbers, etc. Phishing is also attempted by phone.

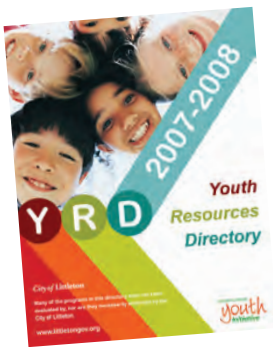
The Social Security Administration (SSA) has issued a special alert about a phishing e-mail that discusses proposed SSA benefit increases for 2007. The e-mail threatens the suspension of Social Security benefits if personal information is not immediately provided on the supplied phony web link. To review the SSA alert, go to www.socialsecurity.gov and click on the alert, “Public warned about e-mail scam linked to cost-of-living update.”

Fraud and identity theft can take many forms. These are just a few examples. Using common sense will go a long way in keeping you from becoming a victim. If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Nobody ever wins a lottery they didn’t enter. Nobody ever comes upon a large amount of cash and needs help distributing it. Legitimate businesses generally do not go door-to-door soliciting customers; they let their customers come to them. Never, ever, give your personal information to any unsolicited website or phone call that you receive.

If you have a question about the legitimacy of an e-mail, phone call, or piece of mail, you can call the Littleton Police Department for advice. Also, the LPD has an excellent, comprehensive booklet called *Take Charge: Fighting Back Against Identity Theft*. It is available for free at the police department records window. The police department is located at 2255 W. Berry Ave., just north of Downtown Littleton.

awards and
milestones

Youth Resources Directory wins award



The 2007 edition of the *Youth Resources Directory* was recognized with an Award of Excellence by the National Association of Government Communicators Blue Pencil awards program, which recognizes excellence in communications. The colorful directory, originally published in 1999 and revised in 2004 and 2007, contains listings of programs designed to enrich the lives of Littleton’s children. Copies are available at the Littleton Center and Bemis Library.

South Platte Park offering
a variety of fun activities

GOLDPANNING

Pan for gold in the South Platte River with our equipment and instruction. Take home what gold you find. All ages welcome. Call 303-730-0311 for more information.
Aug. 11 Sa 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fee: free

STAMPEDE FOR OPEN SPACE

Visit different eras in Littleton’s past, play old-time games, talk with historic figures, and make donations to South Metro Land Conservancy to protect open space. All ages welcome.
Aug. 11 Sa 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fee: free

HAWKQUEST NIGHT-OUT

Watch a trained hawk swoop past you, and get close-up views of live eagles and falcons. All ages welcome.
#675331 Aug. 14 Tu 6:30-8 p.m.
Fee: \$5 adults, \$3 youth

AUTUMN IN THE ROCKIES

Listen to bugling elk, enjoy glittering aspen, and paddle a mountain lake at sunset. Transportation, motel accommodations, park fees, boat equipment and naturalist leadership included. Ages 12 to adult. Pretrip meeting Sept. 5, 7 p.m.
#675811 Depart Sep 21 F 8 a.m.
Return Sep 23 Su 8 p.m.
Fee: \$289 (\$269 district rate)

FRIDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE

Roast marshmallows, enjoy naturalist entertainment and delight in a flickering campfire right in the heart of Littleton! All ages.
#672995 Family Sing Along Aug. 24 F 8:30-10 p.m.

MOONLIGHT WALKS

Challenge your senses as a naturalist guides you on an exciting themed moonlight adventure through a riverside forest. Ages 8 to adult.
#674111 Toads Galore Aug. 28 Tu 8-9:30 p.m.
Fee: \$9 adults, \$7 youth (\$6 adults, \$5 youth district rate)

FRIDAY NIGHT FIRESIDES

Skip the high cost of theatres and bring the family to an evening of fun at Carson Nature Center. Enjoy the fireplace with guest storytellers and naturalists. Refreshments included. All ages.

Create a Story

Bring your imagination for a night of story telling and laughter. You will contribute to the stories and help choose their direction.
#672901 Sept. 28 F 7-8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$9 adults, \$7 youth (\$6 adults, \$5 youth district rate)
Family rate: \$24 (\$17 district rate) family members with same last name or address

FAMILY FUN WALKS

All ages welcome the third Saturday each month.
Water Bug Exploring
Take this opportunity to enjoy the last days of summer in search of water bugs and crawdads. We will explore the river, lakes and wetlands. Wear water shoes.
#672752 Sept. 15 Sa 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Fee: \$9 adults, \$7 youth (\$6 adults, \$5 youth district rate)
Family rate: \$24 (\$17 district rate) family members with same last name or address

Unless otherwise noted, all programs meet at the Solar House classroom next to the Carson Nature Center in the park.

Business/Industry Affairs hosting
seminar on new immigration law

The Business/Industry Affairs Department will hold a lunch-time seminar on Colorado’s new immigration law as it applies to employers August 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue. The purpose

of the seminar is to help employers be aware of and in compliance with the new law. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited and an RSVP is required. Contact Jo Anne Ricca at jricca@littletongov.org if you would like to attend.



Mayor Jim Taylor signed a proclamation July 20 declaring it “National Small Cities and Towns Day” in Littleton. The National League of Cities urged all communities with populations of 50,000 or less to recognize the day by “highlighting the different ways in which the federal government, state governments, organizations, businesses and citizens partner with small communities and better the lives of all citizens.”

We can all do our part to keep Littleton beautiful

Weeds, trash or refuse piled around a dumpster, derelict vehicles, and outdoor storage are more than just unsightly nuisances. Some can lead to other problems, like insect or vermin infestations and lower property values. Keeping properties well-maintained and free of hazardous conditions protects not only the property value but also enhances the overall quality of neighborhoods. The city’s environmental and nuisance codes address many property maintenance issues. These codes cover many of the common neighborhood complaints in the summer such as weed control, recreational vehicles, outdoor storage, peeling paint and auto repair. The codes also address winter weather concerns about snow removal from sidewalks. The placement of garbage/refuse containers, removal of rubbish, stored and for-sale vehicles, oversized vehicles, graffiti and home occupations also are regulated.

How do you make a complaint?

Code enforcement personnel work on a complaint basis as well as from observations in the field when responding to complaints. Specific information is needed in order to follow-up, such as the address of the property, detailed description of the situation or problem, and how long it has been happening are important in documenting; and obtaining compliance. A complaint about a possible code violation can be made by letter, telephone, email, or in person to the Codes and Inspections Division. In an average year, the city receives several thousand complaints related to possible code enforcement violations.

What is the procedure for following up on possible code violations?

The city uses two full-time code enforcement specialists and one community services technician to follow-up on complaints and monitor compliance. When a complaint is received, code enforcement staff evaluate the

impact of the violation on the community. Situations that appear to pose a serious risk to health and safety are given top priority; others are pursued in the order in which they are received. For all types of code complaints, the first step in the follow-up procedure is personal contact by code enforcement staff to ascertain if a violation exists, and to request compliance with the requirements of the code. Staff works with the individual or property owner to determine a course of action that will achieve compliance. If the individual responsible for the situation is not available, or appears unwilling to voluntarily correct the code violation in a timely manner, a court citation may be issued. The city may also take court action if the situation poses a significant risk to the community or if the individual has ignored previous notices.

What other programs focus on keeping Littleton beautiful?

- Summer Cleanup Program—running through early August. Call 303-795-3744 to schedule a pick-up of all those things you’ve been meaning to toss, including electronics.
- May Clean-up Day—in coordination with local civic groups to help handicapped and elderly home owners with major home projects, like painting.
- Rental Property Association of Littleton (RPAL)—provides technical assistance and educational programs to landlords with rental buildings of three or more units.
- Handyman Program—volunteer handymen will assist handicapped and elderly residents with minor home repairs.
- Snow Squad—matches volunteer snow shovelers with handicapped and elderly home owners.
- West Nile Virus (WNV) Task Force Team—coordinating with

Arapahoe County, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, and Tri-County Health Department to prevent the spread of WNV.

Who should I contact to get information about codes?

Call the City of Littleton’s Community Development Code Enforcement Division at 303-795-3751 during regular business hours or the Code Enforcement Hotline after hours at 303-734-8400. Information is also available on the city’s website: www.littletongov.org. Click on Departments and then click on Codes and Inspections. A link to information about code enforcement can be found on the left side of the page.

You can also file a complaint on-line using the “Comments, Feedback” link found on the homepage. Be sure to include your contact information so that we may confirm your complaint.

HazMat Roundup
Returning



The Cities of Englewood and Littleton will hold their Household Hazardous Waste Roundup September 8 and 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. It will be held at the Englewood Service Center at 2800 S. Platte River Drive (on the east side of the South Platte). There will be a \$20 co-pay. Waste that can be dropped off includes: oil-based paint, paint thinner, herbicides, pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, batteries, and more. Latex paint is not accepted, it is not considered hazardous and can be dried and put in with regular trash. For more information call Tim Weaver at 303-795-3834 or visit www.littletongov.org.

The “Big Read” program coming to Bemis Library this fall

Bemis Public Library wishes to extend its gratitude to those who so generously contributed to the success of the Adult, Teen and Children’s Summer Reading Programs:

- AMF Bowling Centers
- Arapahoe Acres Nursery and Garden Center
- Aspen Grove
- Chick-Fil-A
- Cold Stone Creamery at Aspen Grove
- Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- Eltch Gardens
- Fazoli’s Restaurant
- Great Harvest Bread Co. at 5910 S. University
- Lewis & Clark
- Papa John’s Pizza at 5194 S. Broadway
- Pirate’s Cove Family Aquatic Center
- Romano’s Pizzeria
- Skate City at 5801 S. Lowell Way
- Sophie’s Place Café at Bemis Library
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation
- University of Denver Athletics Dept.
- Wells Fargo Bank at 5601 S. Broadway

And a very special thanks to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Big Read: Fahrenheit 451

The library is joining the Arapahoe Library District and Aurora Public Library in offering the Big Read program in October and early November. The libraries received a National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grant to offer local programs. Additional funding was also provided by each library. The concept is simple: to have as many people as possible in the community reading the same book at the same time and *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury is the book that was chosen. Copies of the book will be available for checkout. There will be more information about “Big Read” programs and events in the October *Littleton Report*.

Musical Moments in Sophie’s Place

Relax with a smoothie or glass of lemonade while listening to music in Sophie’s Place. On September 8 from 2-3 p.m., bluegrass band Kantankerous, which has performed at bluegrass festivals throughout the west, will perform on banjo, mandolin, fiddle, guitar and bass.

Afternoon Summer Cinema

Escape the summer heat and enjoy our final film in the Afternoon Summer Cinema series. The film is free and will be shown on the library’s big screen in the meeting room. Refreshments will be served.

Death on the Nile, starring Peter Ustinov, Bette Davis, and Angela Lansbury will be shown August 20 from 2-4:30 p.m.

Celtic Colorado and The Rocky Mountain Highland Dancers

A lively performance of Celtic and Scottish music and dance will be featured in this outdoor performance August 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the library. They will be accompanied by the Rocky Mountain Highland Dancers.

The O’Brien Family Band

Enjoy an evening of fiddling, singing and yodeling with the O’Brien Family Band August 16 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. on the front lawn of the library. The O’Brien Family has traveled throughout the U.S. performing a blend of fiddle tunes, bluegrass and old-time country music.

Genealogy Night Open House

Want to know more about your ancestors? An evening of learning, food and fun will be held August 24 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Activities will include instruction on the best genealogy websites, a program on tips for researching in the U.S., handouts on genealogical resources in the Denver area and more.

Sign Up for a Library Card

The library will be celebrating National Library Card Sign-up Month in September with library card sign-up displays at local businesses. The theme is “The Smartest Card—Get It. Use It @ Bemis Public Library.” Sign up for a library card in September and receive a free book and gift certificates from local businesses.

Your name will also be entered in a drawing to win one of two \$50 gift certificates to AMC Theatres and free dinners at a local restaurant. If you already have a library card, you can enter your name to win dinner for four at the Noodles and Co. restaurant in Aspen Grove shopping center.

Faith: Many Beliefs, So Much in Common

The heart of religion is faith and Richard Steckel has traveled throughout the world with his wife photographing children who practice their faith in many ways. These photos and the stories behind them will be shown in a presentation by the Steckels September 11 from 7-8:30 p.m.

The Astronaut Farmer

Bring the family to see the popular film *The Astronaut Farmer* on the library’s big screen September 15 from 2-4 p.m.

Delectable Chocolate Desserts

Pastry chef Amy Hoyt will demonstrate how to put together fantastic chocolate desserts at this program September 25 from 7-8:30 p.m.

The Hollywood Librarian

Celebrate Banned Books Week, September 29 through October 6, by seeing a special presentation of the new film, *The Hollywood Librarian*, October 2 from 2-3:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Everyone will receive a free book and his/her name will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate from the Tattered Cover Bookstore.

Nanny State: the Loss of Personal Freedom

Loss of our personal freedom is the focus of this talk by David Harsanyi, political columnist for the *Denver Post*, October 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. Harsanyi believes that in the name of health, safety, decency and good intentions, ever-vigilant bureaucrats are dictating what we eat, what we watch and read, and how we live. Have they overstepped their bounds in dictating our behavior through legislation?

English as a Second Language Classes

Learn English at the library. The fall session begins August 20. Beginning English classes will be held from 9-10:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday, and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. Intermediate English classes will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Monday-Thursday, and 7-8:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. These classes are for ages 16 and over. There is a registration fee of \$20 for adults 21 and older. Register for classes at the main floor reference desk. For more information, call Phyllis Larison or Dawn Munson at 303-795-3961.

Adult Literacy Classes

Open Book, a non-profit adult literacy and language program, is offered at the library Tuesday evenings for adults who want to improve their reading and writing skills. Contact Phyllis Larison for additional information at 303-795-3961.

Computer Classes

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

- How to Search on the Internet: 9-10:30 a.m. August 4, September 8
- How to Search in the Library: 9-10:30 a.m. September 12
- Introduction to Windows: 9-10:30 a.m. August 8
- Computer Comfort: 9-10:30 a.m. September 1
- Email Basics: 9-10:30 a.m. August 11
- Introduction to Microsoft Publisher: 9-10:30 a.m. September 15.

Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

The Evening Book Group meets the third Monday at 7 p.m. The following books will be discussed in upcoming sessions:



Vanya Grashkina, president of the Bulgarian Library Association (left), and Phyllis Larison, Bemis Public Library Adult Services Supervisor (right), attended a reception June 22 at the Bulgarian Embassy in Washington, D.C. to honor the American and Bulgarian libraries that have participated in a cooperative program, ABLE. Bemis Public Library has participated in this project for a number of years and partners with two libraries in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. At the reception, Ambassador of Bulgaria Elena Poptodorova, thanked the American libraries for the tremendous assistance they have provided for Bulgarian libraries.

- August 20: *When the Emperor was Divine* by Julie Otsuka.
- September 17: *New Mercies* by Sandra Dallas.

Bemis Knitting Group

Knitters of all ages are invited to the library’s knitting group that meets Fridays at 2 p.m. in Sophie’s Place. The group is creating mittens, scarves and hats for the people who use the free medical van services at the library.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Book Club

The club meets the first Monday of each month at 2 p.m. These books will be discussed in upcoming meetings:

- August 6: *Chocolate for a Woman’s Spirit* by Kay Attenbaugh. Includes 77 inspirational stories to lift your spirits.
- September 10 (due to the holiday): *The Colour of Water* by Angela Green.
- October 1: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

- Programs start at 2 p.m. and include:
- August 20 (third Monday): *Death on the Nile*. See the details under the Afternoon Summer Cinema heading.
 - September 24: Little People Presentation. Come and meet a family of Little People!

Afternoon Art

All senior art and craft programs begin at 2 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Learn how to do crayon and pencil rubbings August 21. Burn a design on wood September 18.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Bemis Anime Team (BAT)

- Held the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.
- August 14: Watch an episode from *Le Chevalier d’Eon* and draw flip cartoons.
 - September 11: Watch part of *Howl’s Moving Castle* and create a character for a manga.

Dance Dance Revolution (DDR)

Learn and practice DDR September 20 and October 18 at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Council

Teens discuss future library programs and activities the second and fourth Friday of the month at 3:30 p.m. On August 10 and 24, discussion topics include duct tape projects and Game Night. On September 14 and 28, topics include fall programs and Teen Read Week. And on October 12 and 26, fall programs and *Star Wars* celebration.

Drop-In Programs

- The last Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
- August 22: Sumo Wrestling Suits (from 2-4 p.m.). Participants will have the opportunity to wear an inflatable canvas suit and wrestle against another participant.
 - September 26: Aztec Calendars. Learn the symbolism behind the Aztec calendar.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

An eight-hour program that provides children 11-years-old and up with the skills required to become a certified babysitter. The final summer class will be held August 13. Call the American Red Cross at 303-722-7474 to register.

Game Night

A family after-hours program where board games and computers will be on hand for fun! Dance Dance Revolution will be available, and pizza and drinks will be provided. Game Night will be held September 7 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Culture Building for Science Fiction and Fantasy

Join sci-fi and fantasy author Hilari Bell in a program where you will create an alien world. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.

Teen Book Club

Meeting times are as follows: August 13 at 10 a.m. and September 1 at 2 p.m.

Children’s Programs

Weekly story time resumes September 4.

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.

Story Time

Story Time is for children ages three through kindergarten Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities, with a puppet show the first week of the month. No tickets or registration required.

Paws to Read

Presented in cooperation with R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) and Denver Pet Partners, children in grades 1-5 can practice reading with a special doggie pal. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot between 10 a.m. and noon September 15.

Friday Flick

School’s out early September 21, so join us for snacks and the movie *Blank Check* from 2-3:30 p.m.

SSPR seeking public input on 2008 budget

South Suburban Parks and Recreation has begun the annual planning process for its 2008 budget. Individuals are welcome to attend the Wednesday, August 8 board meeting and address the board of directors with comments regarding fees, requests

for new programs or facilities, or improvements to existing facilities, parks, trails and open spaces. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd. (between Arapahoe Rd. and Orchard Rd.) Citizens will have an additional

opportunity to address the board with 2008 budget comments Wednesday, September 12. Staff recommended program and facility fees will be the subject of the October 10 board meeting. Call 303-798-5131 for details or visit www.sspr.org.

Rec center punch card special coming in September



Tighten your tummy this fall with South Suburban Parks and Recreation's September punch card special for daily admission. Visit any of the three South Suburban recreation centers, Buck, 2004 W. Powers Ave. in Littleton; Goodson, 6315 S. University Blvd. in Centennial; or Lone Tree,

10249 Ridgeway Cir., and receive extra punches when purchasing a punch card for daily admission in September. Individuals purchasing a 15-punch card will receive two extra punches and those obtaining a 30-punch card will receive five extra punches. Punch cards include access to all facility ameni-

ties at all three recreation centers including state-of-the-art fitness equipment, leisure pool area, gymnasium and running track. Cardholders also have access to more than 100 different drop-in fitness classes scheduled at a variety of convenient times. So don't settle for flabby abs, come to a South Suburban recreation center in September and receive some extra free fitness time.

The September punch card special has a two-card maximum. For facility amenity information and fitness class schedules, visit www.sspr.org.

Carousel of Music returns August 15

The Carousel of Music will return for the 28th year Wednesday, August 15. A perennial favorite with families during Western Welcome Week, this event features appearances from the Colorado Honor Band, the Colorado Wind Ensemble, the Littleton Chorale, and Young Voices of Colorado. The festivities will take place from 5 p.m. to dusk at the Littleton Center/Geneva Lake Park located at 2255 West Berry Avenue.

Also returning this year will be one-dollar canoe rides on Geneva Lake, free face painting and temporary tattoos for the kids, and hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, and ice cream sandwiches for 50¢ each.

The City of Littleton thanks the sponsors of the event: Bradford Auto Body, Inc.; Colorado Business Bank, Arapahoe County, Littleton

Housing Authority, Reinke Brothers, Littleton Public Schools, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation. For more information call 303-795-3727.

Thank you Carousel of Music sponsors!



City offices will be closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day.



Magician Richard Nakata entertains children at the June 12 Get Wild on Littleton Block Party in Downtown Littleton. The event again drew large crowds despite some early rain showers.



Former Downtown Littleton merchant and professional photographer Andy Marquez and his wife Teresa were recognized as Guest Citizens at the June 5 city council meeting. The Marquez's moved to Cherry Creek and were honored for their many contributions to the community.

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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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