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Bowles Grove Park improvements coming



With help from the Arapahoe County Open Space Grant Program, the City of Littleton and South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) will soon begin improvements on Bowles Grove Park. A \$300,000 grant in addition to a \$183,670 cash match will fund the project. The plan includes ballfield renovations, multipurpose field upgrades, and water quality improvements.

At the ballfield, work will be done on the existing backstop, fencing, dugouts, bleachers, infield mix, foul poles, and lighting. A new press box will be built and the existing press box will be de-

molished and replaced with a small storage shed to house the existing lighting controls and Xcel Energy electrical meter. The existing maintenance access driveway will be regraded to eliminate steep slopes and will tie into proposed concrete flatwork surrounding the ballfield. This will improve ADA access to the field, dugouts, and park trail system. A portalet enclosure will be installed and the existing sports field lighting will be upgraded with LED bulbs.

The two multipurpose fields, which are used for soccer, lacrosse, and flag football, will have the turf removed and new bluegrass turf will be installed. The existing asphalt trail has poor drainage and requires ongoing seasonal maintenance. That trail will be improved to a six-foot wide concrete trail, which will connect with the concrete improvements around the ballfield. A second portalet will also be installed at the parking lot.

The water source for the park's irrigation system is the existing fishing pond. Water quality improvements will be made with the installation of an aeration system for the fishing pond and a water conditioner system.

Bowles Grove Park, which is located on the west side of South Federal Boulevard, is owned by both SSPR and the City of Littleton, but is managed and maintained by SSPR.

Key leadership positions announced

Littleton City Manager Mark Relph announced the appointment of three people to key leadership positions. G. Randolph Young, formerly City Manager of Parker, Colorado, began working June 12 as acting deputy city manager. Young replaces Mike Braaten who became deputy executive director of South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

"Randy has been able to hit the ground running," Relph said. "He brings a wealth of experience in city management including 20 years as a city manager and five years as an assistant city administrator. He is familiar with the regional issues in the South Metro area having also served as city manager in neighboring Sheridan."



Young

Keith Reester began working June 5 as the acting public works director. Reester is the former public works director for Loveland, Colorado and has experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, improving performance and producing high performing profitable teams. Reester replaces Relph who was appointed city manager in May.



Reester

Julie Lanier is serving as acting human resources director. She replaces Erich Won Savage who accepted a similar position with South Suburban Parks and Recreation. Lanier has worked for the City of Littleton for four years and earned her Professional in Human Resources designation from the Human Resources Certification Institute. She has nine years of progressive human resources experience in both the private and public sector.



Lanier

"I'm excited to fill these important management positions as we move the city forward implementing city council's priorities and beginning the 2018 budget process," Relph said. "With input from the executive team, I'll work on filling these positions on a permanent basis over the next six to nine months."

Little's Creek Park construction update

Work is underway on improvements to Little's Creek Park. Visitors can soon expect to see two new play structures for children, a new swing set, and new park benches. Throughout July, there may be some temporary loop trail closures but the shelter will remain open. The project should be completed by August.





Charley Emley Park upgrades coming



This fall improvements to Charley Emley Park will begin. Changes will include upgrades to the play-

ground as well as the basketball and tennis courts. South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) plans to renovate the existing play area into two separate play areas: for 2-5 year-olds and 5-12 year-olds. New play structures will feature a mix of rubber and wood chip surfacing, and a new shade shelter will be installed around the playground.

The basketball court will get new concrete and goals. The tennis courts will get new concrete, fencing, wind-screens, a cabana bench, and netting. Asphalt paving within the park will be replaced with concrete and a portion of the Lee Gulch Trail will be converted to concrete to eliminate erosion of the crusher fines material and the sedimentation of Lee Gulch.

The project is funded by the City of Littleton, SSPR and the Arapahoe County Open Space Grant Program.

Progress Park to get major improvements

Progress Park, a 23.36 acre-park owned by the City of Littleton and managed by South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR), will soon undergo construction for improvements.

The park currently has athletic fields, parking, the Big Dry Creek Trail, bridges, a playground, and a pond, but because of age and heavy use, upgrades to the park are needed. The City of Littleton and SSPR recognized the need and in 2015 jointly applied for and received an Arapahoe County Open Space Grant to update the master plan for Progress Park. Since then a plan has been created with input from public meetings.

Improvements to Progress Park include re-orientated ball fields, parking along Hickory Street, realignment of the existing parking lot, new playground equipment and surfacing, a large reservable shelter, two smaller shelters, a central plaza area, realignment of Big Dry Creek Trail, creek access for water play, water quality improvements at the existing pond, a discovery trail along Big Dry Creek, neighborhood connections, a pedestrian connection to Cornerstone Park, and entry features to improve identity.

The update of Progress Park is supported by the 2017 South Suburban Park and Recreation District Master Plan, the 2016 Littleton Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan, and the 2014 South Suburban Park and Recreation District Gold Medal Citizen's Committee Report.



Road work continues on South Broadway

Work is progressing on the South Broadway project near County Line Road. A new sidewalk and road work on the west side of southbound Broadway has been completed and installation of traffic signals is underway. To begin demolition of the center island, a new road configuration has been put into place. This change will provide two lanes in each direction through the construction zone while still allowing for center island work.

Managed by the City of Littleton Engineering Department and performed by KECI Colorado, Inc. of Sedalia, project features include construction of an additional left turn lane from southbound Broadway to eastbound County Line Road, new sidewalk and crosswalks, new traffic signaling, improved drainage, and a new inlet with landscaping.

A project hotline and email have been established for residents and commuters to learn more about work progress and possible delays. Those interested in receiving information can call 303-317-2112 or email SouthBroadwayLittleton@gmail.com.



Construction on C-470 continues between Lucent and Quebec. The project includes trail reconstruction, temporary barrier and re-striping, earthwork and drainage operations, detour paving, retaining wall construction and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) work. Additionally, crews continue to work both day and night on the demolition and widening of the Broadway and University bridges to accommodate the addition of the express lanes.

The Colorado Department of Transportation kicked off the C-470 Express Lanes project in the fall of 2016. This \$276 million project will increase mobility and user choice along 12.5 miles of C-470 between I-25 and Wadsworth Boulevard. In the westbound direction, two Express Lanes will be built from I-25 to Colorado Boulevard and one Express Lane from Colorado Boulevard to Wadsworth. In the eastbound direction one Express Lane will be constructed along the length of the project between I-25 and Wadsworth Boulevard. Two general purpose lanes in each direction will remain free for motorists.

When the C-470 Express Lanes project is complete, motorists will have the option to use the Express Lanes for a faster, more reliable commute, or the two free

general purpose lanes. Construction is about 20% complete and is expected to be fully completed in the spring of 2019.

Upcoming activity to include Erickson Bridge and South Platte River Bridge

Erickson is the next bridge scheduled for widening and is expected to start mid-summer. The contractor will also begin bridge demolition and reconstruction of the eastbound and westbound South Platte River Bridges. These are the only two bridges that will be completely rebuilt as part of this project. During construction, the Mary Carter Greenway Trail will have intermittent flagging operations and full closures under the South Platte Bridge with two detours available for trail users. The closure and detours are scheduled to begin June 2017 and will last a maximum of six months. Information for the trail detours will be widely distributed and can be found at local bike shops. Detours can also be viewed at www.codot.gov/projects/C470ExpressLanes or requested through the project email C470info@flatironcorp.com or the project hotline number 303-347-0507.

C-470 construction continues

2018 Calendar Photo Contest!

Now is the time to take photographs for the 2018 Littleton Calendar photography competition. The deadline for submitting entries is Friday, September 15 at 5 p.m. For more information or to enter online visit:

www.littletonrocks.com/photos/calendar-photo-contest



Watch meetings via live stream



Live streams of Littleton City Council meetings and study sessions are now available online. The public is invited to tune in and watch meetings either on the city's Facebook page or on the city's website. For an up-to-date schedule of meetings that can be viewed visit www.littletongov.org and click on the "City Events and Meetings" button.

Council candidate packets due August 28

Littleton’s 2017 election is just around the corner and registered voters in the City of Littleton will elect four council members this year. Positions open in 2017 include one seat each from District I and District III; and two from the city at large. These are four-year terms except for one of the at-large positions. According to the city charter, the at-large candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a four-year term and the at-large candidate receiving the second highest number will serve a two-year term.

Petition packets will be available Tuesday, August 8. No petition may be circulated before then. Petitions should be turned into the City Clerk’s Office no later than 5 p.m. on August 28.

Contact City Clerk Wendy Heffner with any questions at wheffner@littletongov.org or 303-795-3753.

Meet, Greet and Eat events continue

There are two more community Meet, Greet and Eat events this summer, the next one being on July 25 at Options High School. Free pizza, bottled water, and ice cream will be available, while residents can take time to chat with city council members, city staff, and neighbors. There will also be plenty of free give-aways and bounce houses for kids.

Meet, Greet and Eat events take place on Tuesday afternoons from 4-6 p.m in various Littleton locations. Every site has displays from city departments, and staff is on-hand to answer questions.

For more information, call 303-795-3729.



Options High School
July 25 • 4 – 6 p.m.

Southbridge Park
August 22 • 4 – 6 p.m.



Click and Fix Littleton available 24/7

City offices may not be open 24/7, but Littleton residents can report non-emergency issues around the clock. Click and Fix Littleton is an app available to the community that allows residents to report issues on their computers or phones. Residents can submit concerns involving potholes, damaged sidewalks, graffiti, missing or damaged street signs, abandoned vehicles, weeds, or other zoning issues.

The app or webpage is easy to access and even allows users to follow progress on a certain issue. The program asks that users locate the problem on a map, and then choose a category. City staff will respond to problems during business hours. The service can be found in the app store on any smartphone or online at www.littletongov.org.

Littleton wins communications awards



On June 14, The City of Littleton Communications Department was honored with three Awards of Excellence from the National Association of Government Communicators. The team was recognized for its work on a specific press release about the use of toilet paper during road work, an educational video about Littleton Fire Rescue’s training academy, and the major upgrade to the city’s website, www.littletongov.org. The City of Littleton competed against several national organizations such as the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Department of Education, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Center for Education Statistics.



Xeric Trail helps beautiful Sterne Park

Sterne Park visitors may have noticed new plantings and renovations to the Sterne Park Xeric Trail. The Xeric Trail is actually three planting beds that cover almost 4,200 square feet. The beds are located along the east side of Sterne Park, between Little’s Creek, which enters from the south, and the fence behind the homeowners to the east.

South Suburban Park and Recreation’s horticulture staff designed the beds with plants that need less maintenance, plants that are xeric and/or native, and plants that perform exceptionally well in a Colorado landscape. Most of these plants are also pollinator-friendly.



OPEN LITTLETON

The City of Littleton will utilize OpenLittleton to seek the public’s opinion on a variety of topics. OpenLittleton is a citizen-engagement tool that allows residents to communicate with city leaders about issues under consideration by council and the community. Users can subscribe to updates from the city and get emails announcing new topics as well as the outcome of existing topics.

There are almost 800 people participating in the ever-changing, online discussion of Littleton’s future. To get started, visit openlittleton.org or keep an eye on the city’s Facebook page for announcements about new topics .

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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Energy saving opportunities for Littleton homes and businesses



Discounted Small Building Tune-Up Audits

Xcel Energy can help businesses in Littleton save money and energy with a Small Building Tune-Up audit starting at \$99. Xcel’s Building Tune-Up program is designed to assist small business customers improve the efficiency of existing building operations. Xcel Energy will send an energy advisor to the facility to conduct a comprehensive Building Tune-Up audit. Business owners will then receive a detailed report identifying potential savings of all low-cost/no-cost energy conservation opportunities. Auditors will also remedy any quick-fix opportunities to

initiate energy and cost savings right away. Visit xcelenergy.com/SBTU to learn more and complete a Building Tune-Up audit application or call the Xcel Energy Business Solutions Center at 855-839-8862. This is a limited time offer.

Meet, Greet, & Eat this Summer

Xcel Energy and CSU Extension are joining Littleton’s Meet, Greet, and Eat events this summer. This is a great opportunity to chat with Xcel Energy and CSU Extension agents about how to improve energy efficiency at home. Visitors will also receive a free LED lightbulb.

Downtown Littleton post office getting needed repairs



Since 1939, the post office in Downtown Littleton has withstood the wear and tear of time, served community members, and acted as a reminder of the city’s rich foundation. Now the building is getting some much needed love. When several community members voiced their concerns about the condition of the outside

of the building, it got the attention of U.S. Representative Mike Coffman. In April Representative Coffman made the trip to Littleton to see the building for himself. Soon after his visit, Coffman wrote a letter to the U.S. Postmaster General, seeking help with repairs that need to be made to the building. “I wish to extend my gratitude to the Postmaster General, Megan Brennan, for ensuring that the Littleton Post Office will receive the proper and necessary repairs,” Coffman said. “I am convinced these repairs will strengthen our community’s historic preservation efforts.”

Improvements to the post office should be completed in October. Historic Littleton Inc. is also working to make sure the building gets the recognition it deserves. The group is now trying to get the building listed as a historic landmark.

Preserving Memory and Place on display at Littleton Museum



Town Hall, the Denver & Rio Grande Depot, and the Columbine Mercantile Company: these buildings are more than just cute or quaint leftovers from days gone by. They are reminders of Littleton’s shared cultural past. In a new exhibit, Preserving Memory and Place, the Littleton Museum seeks to show that Littleton’s history and values can be experienced

by observing the structures around us. By introducing the concept of historic designation, and identifying familiar places in Littleton, visitors will learn more about the people, businesses, architects, and buildings within the community. Each section touches on the history and values preserved with each building, all while invoking memories of these places. Using selected artifacts from the museum’s collections to illustrate a moment in time, visitors are invited to experience some of the most significant buildings in Littleton.

Littleton easiest place to sell a home

According to a recent SmartAsset study, Littleton is the easiest place in Colorado to sell a home. SmartAsset, a financial technology company ranked cities in the U.S. by the number of days their homes spent on the market. They also looked at things like how long the owner lived in the home, any decrease in home value, and overall home costs. Close behind Littleton was Lakewood in second place, followed by Aurora in third.

The rankings are part of SmartAsset’s comprehensive study on the healthiest housing markets in the country. For more information visit www.smartasset.com/mortgage.

Rank	City	Average Years Living in Home	Avg. Homes with Negative Equity	Homes Decreasing in Value	Avg. Days on Market	Home Costs as % of Income	Ease of Sale Index
1	Littleton, CO	13.2	3.5%	1.8%	18.4	20.7%	97.14
2	Lakewood, CO	13.2	3.8%	1.3%	21.0	21.0%	96.61
3	Aurora, CO	11.1	5.3%	0.7%	23.2	22.4%	96.18
4	Wheat Ridge, CO	14.1	3.4%	1.2%	23.3	21.0%	96.17
5	Ken Caryl, CO	13.7	2.7%	1.1%	24.7	20.8%	95.87
6	Clifton, CO	11.4	20.5%	14.1%	25.1	22.4%	95.80
7	Arvada, CO	15.0	3.3%	0.9%	25.4	20.6%	95.73
8	Englewood, CO	12.7	4.4%	1.0%	26.4	23.0%	95.53
9	Denver, CO	11.2	6.2%	3.1%	27.3	21.4%	95.35
10	Westminster, CO	12.4	4.1%	1.0%	27.4	21.1%	95.33

Two streets getting new water lines



DENVER WATER
Denver Water is replacing water lines under two streets in Littleton this summer.

Work on the first location, West Fremont Avenue from Broadway to West Easter Avenue, wrapped up in June. Work on the second location, West Geddes Avenue from South Elati Street to South Gallup Way, is still underway.

Residents and commuters should expect road closures to through traffic and are advised to use alternate routes. For more information visit www.littletongov.org and look under “City News.”

2017-2018 MAIN STAGE SHOWS

IN THE HEIGHTS
September 8 – October 8, 2017
Presented by Catamount Constructors, Inc.

Seussical
The Musical
November 10 – December 30, 2017
Presented by Globus family of brands

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER
January 12 – February 4, 2018

SOMETHING'S AFOOT
February 23 – March 25, 2018
Presented by Collins Cockrel & Cole

SISTERS OF SWING
April 6 – May 6, 2018
Presented by Vita Littleton

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'
May 18 – June 17, 2018
Presented by Citywide Banks

WWW.TOWNHALLARTSCENTER.ORG / 2450 WEST MAIN STREET, LITTLETON, CO / 303.794.2787

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Events Spotlight

Little Jam Summer Concert Series

FREE LIVE MUSIC IN DOWNTOWN LITTLETON'S BEGA PARK

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VIEWHOUSE
EATERY, BAR & ROOFTOP

38 STATE BREWING COMPANY

LOCAVORE BEER WORKS

SAINT PATRICK'S BREWING COMPANY

SAT. JULY 15
6:30 - 9:00 PM
FACE
VOCAL BAND

COMING UP

JULY

- 4 4th of July Family Festival and Fireworks Show at Cornerstone, Belleview and Progress Parks
- 7 First Friday Art Walk & History Tours
- 8 Breckenridge Brewery Hootenanny
- 15 Little Jam at Bega Park Featuring: FACE
- 21-22 Turkey Leg & Wine Hoedown
- 25 Meet, Greet & Eat at Options High School

AUGUST

- 4 First Friday Art Walk & History Tours
- 5 Littleton Twilight Criterium
- 11 Western Welcome Week Concert & Fireworks at Sterne Park
- 12 Little Jam at Bega Park Featuring: Walker Williams
- 19 Western Welcome Week Parade
- 26 Downtown Littleton Sidewalk Sale

Hudson Gardens Summer Concert Series



For more information, visit
www.hudsongardens.org

- July 3 - Super Diamond
- July 4 - Firefall
- July 18 - Donny & Marie
- July 23 - Gladys Knight
- July 28 - Chris Isaak
- July 30 - Creedence Clearwater Revisited
- August 6 - Lynyrd Skynyrd
- August 13 - Los Lobos & Los Lonely Boys
- August 19 - Joan Jett and the Blackhearts
- August 20 - Kool & The Gang
- August 27 - The B-52s
- September 3 - YES Featuring Anderson, Rabin, Wakeman



It's almost time for Western Welcome Week! August 11-20

PARADES • FIREWORKS • CONCERTS
BBQS • PANCAKES • ART SHOWS
CAR SHOWS • FISHING DERBY
MOONLIGHT GOLF • TASTE OF WWW
CRAFTS • TRIVIA • QUILTS • MUSIC & DANCE

For a complete event list and to print a brochure, visit:
westernwelcomeweek.org



PARKS AND RECREATION



SSPR adopts 2017 Master Plan

On May 10, the South Suburban Board of Directors formally adopted the District’s 2017 Master Plan. The 2017 Master Plan supports a critical opportunity for South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) to build off the energy of new leadership, respond to the needs of SSPR’s diverse communities, and envision how this award-winning system can find fresh ways to implement the SSPR mission and serve the community. This is South Suburban’s first comprehensive District-wide Master Plan.

The plan details four guiding principles for the district and opportunities for improvement over the next decade.

1. Quality First
SSPR aims to consistently create positive experiences for the community. Its most important task is to continuously improve the quality of offerings and customer service.

2. Enrich Wellness
SSPR prioritizes wellness by offering close-to-home and affordable indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities to a diverse community.

3. Connect to Nature
SSPR provides access to open space, natural areas, and water recreation, while balancing stewardship of these natural resources. Recreating in nature fosters healthy living and provides benefits to emotional and physical well-being.

4. Lead Sustainability
SSPR supports sustainable practices for managing the district’s financial, physical, and natural resources. Well-maintained amenities require long-term financial investments. Energy and water efficient operations and maintenance increase the capacity to protect natural resources and invest more in recreation offerings.

Master Plan Prioritization Criteria
The 2017 Master Plan process led to the development of prioritization criteria that SSPR can use to evaluate future projects and improvements for implementation. Projects that meet the following criteria shall receive higher priority for funding and timing:

- Opportunities with highest community interest or that relate to the community-driven guiding principles: quality first, enrich wellness, connect to nature, and lead sustainability.
- Opportunities with moderate to low impact on maintenance and operations expenses.
- Opportunities that improve facilities that have reached end-of-life usability.
- Opportunities that align with municipal and county partners’ planning efforts.
- Opportunities with the highest impact to address capacity needs.
- Opportunities that offer a high return on investment.

Using the prioritization criteria, the Master Plan details top opportunities for improvement for each guiding principle and outlines a top 10 priority list of potential project types. For more information on those potential projects and to review the plan in its entirety, visit bitly.com/ssprd-master-plan-2017.

Resources for homelessness available

For people in Littleton experiencing homelessness, Littleton Police Officers, first responders, and code enforcement workers do what they can to help, but services to address the myriad of homelessness issues in the south metro area are limited. There are several organizations on the Front Range that are better equipped to make a difference. The Denver Rescue Mission offers a variety of resources and services for those in need including food, shelter, health clinics, and more.

For more information call 303-294-0157 or visit one of the following locations for help:

All Health Network 6509 S. Santa Fe Dr., Littleton, CO 303-730-0797 (crisis response services, walk-in center)	Ministry Outreach Center 5725 E. 39th Ave. Denver, CO 80207 303-297-1815	Integrated Family Community Services 3370 South Irving Street Englewood, CO 80110 303-789-0501 (food and clothing)
Fort Collins Rescue Mission 316 Jefferson Street Fort Collins, CO 80524 970-224-4302	Harvest Farm 4240 E. County Road 66 Wellington, CO 80549 970-568-9803	Lawrence Street Shelter 1130 Park Ave. West Denver, CO 80205 303-294-0157

On July 11 Bemis Library will be hosting *Ending Homelessness: Why We Haven’t, How We Can* (see page 7).

New signage on the Mary Carter Greenway Trail



Navigating the popular Mary Carter Greenway Trail and surrounding areas has become easier than ever thanks to the new Wayfinding sign project. The new signs will not only increase safety, but also promote exploration and learning. The City of Littleton and South Suburban Parks and Recreation partnered on an Arapahoe County Open Space grant for the upgraded sign system that extends from C-470 north to Bellevue in Littleton.

To learn more about the new signs, check out the video about it on the city’s YouTube page, “LittletonGov.”



Public weighs in on fire dispatch contract

On June 27, the Littleton City Council invited the public to weigh in on consideration of a contract with South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) for 911 dispatch services.

Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) provides fire and emergency medical dispatch services to more than 220,000 residents and businesses in Littleton, Highlands Ranch, the Littleton Fire Protection District (parts of Centennial and unincorporated Jefferson County), and the Cunningham Fire Protection District (CFPD). With a \$1.6 million annual budget and 10 full-time dispatch employees, city council has been considering several factors for the contract including:

- Regional consolidation - SMFR dispatches for 15 jurisdictions plus unincorporated parts of two counties. The department has the technical, financial and physical capacity to manage the more than 20,000 annual calls dispatched by LFR. The agreement allows all LFR dispatchers to transition to SMFR.
- High level of service - SMFR was the first Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in Colorado to be recognized as an Accredited Center of Excellence. While 911 callers will not notice a difference in service, contracting with LFR will save the City of Littleton an estimated \$217,000 in the first year.
- Partner support – each of the city’s partners in dispatch support the contract. Cunningham Fire Protection District has notified the city that it will transition to SMFR in 2018.

For information about the results of the June 27 meeting visit littletonreport.com.

LPD is hiring



The Littleton Police Department (LPD) is hiring individuals who have a true desire to help the community. The Littleton Police Department mission is to catch criminals and prevent crime, to comfort victims, and to treat everyone with respect. The LPD consists of two divisions; Patrol and Investigations/Support Services, and is responsible for public safety in the community as well as the safe flow of traffic in and through the community.

For more information on what it’s like to be a Littleton Police Officer, check out the video, “I am a Littleton Police Officer,” on the city YouTube page, “LittletonGov.”

BEYOND BOOKS...

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | Web Catalog: bemis.ent.sirsi.net

Earn an Accredited High School Diploma at Bemis Library

Career Online High School (COHS) is a grant-funded online high school diploma and career certification program. Littleton residents who have completed eighth grade and are 19 years or older are eligible to apply. Bemis will award up to 27 scholarships to qualified community members so there is no cost to the student. The program is 100% online, which means students can access course materials from anywhere at any time. To enroll, students must successfully pass an online self-assessment with an essay question and prerequisite course. Following the self-assessment students will be invited to an in-person interview. A determination will be made by the library's enrollment team regarding the award of a scholarship. COHS, part of the world's first accredited, private online school district, is specifically designed to re-engage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary career education or the workforce. Learn more about COHS by visiting Bemis or www.littletongov.org/bemiscoh.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Program: Build a Better World*

Children from birth through kids going into fifth grade in the fall may pick up a Reading Record to track Summer Reading progress and collect prizes along the way. Program ends July 31.

Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club—July 1, 2 or 3 p.m.*

The library provides the Legos. For kids in grades 1–5.

Paws to Read—July 8, 10 a.m.–noon*

Kids in grades 1–5 can practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by *Denver Pet Partners* and *The Delta Society*.

Drop-In and Build

July 8, 2–4 p.m. and July 26, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Create and construct with the materials provided such as Legos, Duplos, Lincoln logs and foam blocks. For families with kids in fifth grade and younger.

June Family Entertainment

Tuesdays at 2 p.m. For families with children ages three and up.

July 11–Arts on the Move

Town Hall Arts Center presents *Little Red Riding Hood*, a participation play for all to enjoy.

July 18–Suitcase Fairytales

Birgitta De Pree's one-woman show features adaptations of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales.

July 25–Wayne Francis & Wingnut

A comedy show with ventriloquism, life-sized puppets, a one hand man band and goofy voices. Fun for everyone!

July School Age Programs*

Wednesdays at 2 p.m. For kids entering grades 1-5.

July 5–Bug Bites!

The Butterfly Pavilion will show how common bug-eating really is in many cultures. Journey across the globe, meet and touch live animals, and taste-test a bug!

July 12–Rhythm Within

Drummer Jonah Berger will present a hands-on percussion program which offers not only entertainment, but lessons on acceptance and celebration of others.

July 19–Zumba for Kids

Led by certified Zumba Kids & Kids Jr. instructor and personal trainer, Ari Rhoads, this rockin', high-energy dance party is packed with kid-friendly routines to help develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives.

July 26–Movie Matinée: Sing

An animated musical comedy with koala Buster Moon who puts on a singing competition to save his crumbling theater. Kids under age eight must attend with an adult. PG. Length: 108 min.



Busy Bodies at Bemis—July 22, 11–11:30 a.m.

Join in for music, movement, games and fun. For ages 2–6 and their caregivers.

South Suburban Fitness Van—July 31, 5–8 p.m.

For kids of all ages. Stop by Bemis to turn in a completed 2017 Summer Reading log and enjoy some outdoor exercise as well. Sports games, hula hoops, jump ropes, balls, Frisbees and more will be provided by South Suburban Parks and Recreation.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Movie—July 1, 2 p.m.

The LEGO Batman Movie, PG

Beasts of Harry Potter—July 6, 2–3:30 p.m.*

During this magical program, audience members will meet the animals featured in the books and movies. Learn about the animal's unique features that help them survive from staff who are dressed in Harry Potter costumes! What species of snake did Harry speak to in the zoo in the book? Find out at this fun talk!

Family Game Night—July 8, 5:30–8 p.m.

An after-hours evening of family game fun. The library's huge variety of new and classic board games will be available to choose from. All ages welcome. Drop-in for some family fun!

Experience the Vive—Virtual Reality*

July 8, 5:30–8 p.m.

Virtual reality is the hottest new trend around. See the Vive system in action and try out the coolest new game experience. There are a few activities to choose from. Walk-in players will be allowed as space permits. *Note:* The Vive is not recommended for ages under 13.

STEAM Event—July 11, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Check out the cool gadgets the library has for public use. Robots, remote control devices, Lego Mindstorms, electrical circuitry kits, synthesizers, and more. Drop in to play!

Babysitting Classes—July 13 or 17, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.*

Attend an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course at Bemis. Class is limited to 10 participants ages 11–15. Course fee is \$85. To register for a class, visit www.Redcross.org/takeaclass or call the American Red Cross at 1-800-Red-Cross.

Board Game Friday—July 14, 4–7:30 p.m.

Play some board games in the library after-hours. Each month a new game will be featured, although all of the games from the library's huge selection will be available to play. Fans of old classics or new stuff can come get their game on.

Teen Talent Show—July 19, 7 p.m.

See talented teens compete for cash prizes. Audience members help select the winners.

Virtual Reality Gaming—July 20, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

The library will have the Vive and the Playstation VR systems running. Win prizes just by showing up to play.

Laser Tag*

July 28, 5:30–8 p.m.

Get in on this after-hours Laser Tag event in the library! Play "capture the flag" style battles between teams.

**Parent permission slips are required and must be delivered to the library before the event begins.*



Escape the Room!—July 31, 2–4 p.m.*

Unlock the clues to unravel the mystery in these fun, cooperative board games. The library will supply the games.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Ending Homelessness: Why We Haven't, How We Can July 11, 7–8:15 p.m.

Are you concerned about the increasing number of homeless individuals in the metro Denver area? Hear Donald Burnes, executive director of the Burnes Institute on Poverty and Homelessness, talk about the often unsuccessful current and past efforts to address homelessness and some possible solutions to the problem. According to a recent HUD report, Colorado's overall homeless population increased by 13% from 2015 to 2016 and the state had the greatest increase (24%) of homeless veterans of any state in the country. Dr. Burnes serves on Governor Hickenlooper's Advisory Group on Homelessness. Copies of the book he co-authored, *Ending Homelessness*, will be available for purchase and signing.

Legendary Ladies Present Bold Women of the West July 15, 2–3 p.m.

Enjoy a dramatic presentation by six actresses portraying bold women in the history of the west. Historical characters to be performed include Mary Chase, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright; Florence Lawrence, America's first movie star; suffragist and activist in the temperance movement, Ellis Meredith; "little sure shot" Annie Oakley; infamous outlaw Bonnie Parker; and Alice Stebbins Wells, the first policewoman with arrest powers. Each actress has researched the character she is portraying, written her own script and created a costume.



Get Your Crafting On—Crafts for Grownups at Bemis* July 16–Matchless Matchboxes, 2–3:30 p.m.

Explore crafts you can make with a matchbox or two. The library will provide supplies, ideas and lessons.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place—July 22, 2–3 p.m.

Listen to the six-member band Nokuthula playing popular international music from around the world.

The Real Story of the WASPs in World War II July 24, 2–3 p.m.

Learn about the history of the pioneering female aviators of World War II known as WASPs. Author Sarah Byrn Rickman will speak about the Women Airforce Service Pilots program which was comprised entirely of women who flew dangerous missions more commonly associated with men. Rickman will discuss the disbandment of the WASPs in 1944 even though a wartime need for their services still existed, and their struggles to gain military status and veterans' benefits. Copies of Rickman's latest book, *Finding Dorothy Scott: Letters of a WASP Pilot*, will be available for purchase and signing.



All About the Upcoming Great American Solar Eclipse July 24, 7–9 p.m.

Look into the mysteries of eclipses and other celestial events with astronomer Kevin Manning. On August 21, the United States will be treated to the first total eclipse of the sun visible in the country in almost 40 years. Manning, a former consultant with NASA, will talk about this historic event and how to view the eclipse.

Movie Matinée: *The Zookeeper's Wife* July 29, 2–4 p.m. PG-13

**Registration required. To register for an event, call the library at 303-795-3961.*



COMMUNITY BUSINESS REVIEW



Jazz Car Wash

Summer means traveling and road trips, which most likely results in a dirty car. Drive down Santa Fe to Jazz Car Wash (6095 South Santa Fe Drive) to keep cars looking like new. The full-service car wash underwent a full renovation last year and provides patrons with a friendly and professional experience, led by owners Lisa and Keith Taylor.



Detailing is available for cars, collectible vehicles and even boats seven days a week. An unlimited wash program is offered at three pricing levels, allowing customers numerous visits during a month. Additionally, an express lane was added and for just \$10 patrons can zip in for a quick, exterior wash.

Jazz Car Wash prides itself on being eco-friendly. In addition to using biodegradable soap and wax, 80 percent of the water used for each car wash is reclaimed, filtered, cleaned and used again for another wash. While waiting for the car wash, stop in the Jazz Boutique. The shop features everything from men's underwear and socks to women's jewelry to auto supplies. For more information, visit www.jazzcarwash.com.



SPOTLIGHT: The ViewHouse Littleton



The ViewHouse celebrated its grand opening June 14 with a ribbon-cutting. Pictured, left to right are: Council Members Jerry Valdes and Bill Hopping, ViewHouse Owners Catherine and Francois Safieddine and their daughters, Mayor Bruce Beckman, State Representative Susan Beckman, and Council Members Peggy Cole and Debbie Brinkman.

The team promises a vibrant atmosphere, animated staff, indoor and outdoor flatscreens and a variety of bar activities. The Littleton location will have weekly performances from local bands, weekend yoga classes, a weekly Sunday Funday day party with games, and Thursday Ladies Night. A Happy Hour menu will be offered Monday-Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. featuring house-made cocktails, local draft beers, cocktails and wine, as well as signature dishes.

ViewHouse is also seeking highly motivated employees. People interested in working for ViewHouse can apply online at viewhouse.com/employment/. Follow the restaurant's Facebook page or visit www.viewhouse.com/littleton for more information.

A popular Colorado-owned restaurant has made it's way to Downtown Littleton. The Viewhouse opened the doors to it's third location in June, bringing a new, vibrant hangout spot to Littleton's visitors and residents.

The new Viewhouse (2680 West Main Street) is 10,000-square-foot and features a downstairs tavern bar, a dining room, a 2,000-square-foot outdoor courtyard, and an outdoor rooftop bar and dining area. The restaurant's rooftop boasts 180-degree views of the city's downtown along with views of the Rocky Mountains. The ViewHouse Littleton also has semi-private spaces available for groups of 15-75.

All Viewhouse locations celebrate Coloradoan's love of sports, the outdoors, and healthy active lifestyles.

The Wash House Laundromat



Tucked away in the Woodlawn Shopping Center (1500 West Littleton Boulevard, Suite 135) is the gleaming, full-service Wash House Laundromat. The bright and clean space opened in February and is the product of a three month renovation. Top of the line stainless steel washers and dryers line the space that's open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Enjoy free coffee and wifi while waiting for the laundry. An attendant is always on duty and the machines are cleaned after every use.



In addition to self-serve machines, the laundromat offers wash, dry and fold service for \$1.25 per pound. The Wash House has also partnered with a nearby dry cleaning service for patrons that want a convenient location to drop off clothes. Large items such as comforters are welcome and cleaning products are for sale as well. For more information call 720-531-2178 or visit www.washhouselaundromat.net.