

## What's Inside

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## Council Eyes Options for Funding Fix

Throughout the spring and summer, city council and the leadership team have honed in on a set of options to alleviate Littleton's projected annual \$6.5 million revenue shortfall in its Capital Projects Fund.

Though no decision has been made, options under serious consideration involve a new tax or tax rate increases that would require voter approval in November. On August 26, council wants to hear from citizens on the following potential solutions:

- **Increasing the retail marijuana tax rate** – would generate an additional \$500,000 to \$1 million per year
- **Instituting a new lodging tax** – charging hotel patrons and short-term rental guests a new tax that could generate up to \$1 million per year
- **Increasing the sales tax rate by 0.5%** – a half-percent increase would generate an average of \$6.5 million per year and only cost an additional \$0.50 on a \$100 purchase
- **Increasing the sales tax rate by 0.75%** – a three-quarters percent increase would generate an average of \$10 million per year and only cost an additional \$0.75 on a \$100 purchase



The notion of closing the Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum was used to illustrate the depth of the problem during a 10-week research and community engagement effort, but both Mayor Jerry Valdes and City Manager Mark Relph have said closing treasured community assets like the library and museum does not represent a reasonable or realistic solution.

"We'd be gutting a lot of the culture of this community," Relph said at a June 30 Telephone Town Hall meeting in response to citizen questions and concerns.

Not to mention this scenario creates a savings of only about \$4.2 million in the General Fund, but the city needs \$6.5 million of new revenue annually to feed the Capital Projects Fund – which will be depleted by 2025 without intervention.

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## Unified Land Use Code is moving forward

The public review of the draft Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) ended on July 30. Staff is hard at work along with consultants Kendig Keast Collaborative incorporating comments and refinements. City council will host a study session August 24 to review the changes to the draft and begin the consideration for adoption.

The ULUC will be the featured agenda item at the Historical Preservation Board (HPB) public hearing September 20. At that meeting, the HPB will welcome residents, property owners, businesses, and other stakeholders to chime in during the public hearing and make a recommendation to both planning commission and city council.

Next, planning commission will host a public hearing to again hear feedback during its public hearing September 27 in order to make a recommendation to city council. Both recommendations and any amendments or considerations will then be combined for council's consideration during its public hearing scheduled for October 19. Again, everyone is invited to offer comments during the public hearing.

It has been decades since the land use and zoning codes have been holistically updated with the last update occurring in 1976. The ULUC will introduce a new structure and adopt a methodology for land use and zoning that is clear, simple, and focuses on quality. The ULUC will articulate what the city wants instead of what is prohibited. This new structure will allow Littleton to take a more active approach to absorb new practices and procedures and ensure the city has a land use and zoning code to carry it forward for the next decades.

All three meetings can be attended in person, viewed on Facebook, or on Comcast Channel 8. Project information and updates are available at [EnvisionLittleton.org](http://EnvisionLittleton.org).

## Mark Rudnicki Selected to Fill City Council Vacancy



The Littleton City Council selected Mark Rudnicki at its June 1 meeting to fill a vacancy on the city council created by the resignation of Karina Elrod. Rudnicki will fill the remainder of the At Large term which expires in November 2021. Mayor Jerry Valdes expressed his sincere appreciation

to each of the eight citizens who interviewed for the position. "The council was very impressed with the quality of the candidates," Valdes said. "There are not enough good things to say about them," he added.

Rudnicki served on the Littleton Planning Commission for 19 years, four as chair and four as chair pro tem. He's been an active member and president of the Aberdeen Village Improvement Association for 23 years. He and his wife Alicia have lived in Littleton since 1993.

"I'm humbled to serve out the term of someone I really admire," Rudnicki said. "I appreciate the council allowing me the chance to continue to serve the community. I'm happy to be able to help finish the work on the Unified Land Use Code," he added.

Rudnicki is a licensed architect with more than 47 years' experience in the profession. In his spare time, he enjoys vegetable gardening, hiking, and collecting and repairing antique clocks.

We Want your Feedback  
[envisionlittleton.org](http://envisionlittleton.org)



The city needs your input on the draft Unified Land Use Code.



## FUNDING FIX CONTINUED

The discussion about these options is all part of the education process for both citizens and city council members, who will need to decide in late August whether to place a question, or more than one question, on the ballot this November.

A late spring poll of 300 likely voters demonstrated support for a retail marijuana tax rate increase, a new lodging tax, and the half-percent sales tax rate increase. However, the poll also found that awareness of the problem facing the city is low.

Since then, the city launched a dedicated web page ([LittletonFundingFix.org](http://LittletonFundingFix.org)) that houses answers to frequently asked questions and a four-page fact sheet, a version of which was mailed to nearly 26,000 Littleton households and businesses in mid-July.

The city's revenue crisis was the topic of this year's State of the City breakfast – a gathering of over 120 business and civic leaders.

More than 330 citizens attended the June Telephone Town Hall and many people have submitted feedback through a dedicated email. Information is being shared via social media, traditional media, and the *Littleton Report* – both the print and online editions. *Littleton Report Online* is emailed to subscribers every week. Sign up to get the latest city news and event information at [www.littletongov.org/connect-with-us/city-news/subscribe-to-city-news](http://www.littletongov.org/connect-with-us/city-news/subscribe-to-city-news).

The city is encouraging citizens to share their preferences for the four new revenue options under consideration via OpenLittleton through August 25 at [www.openlittleton.org](http://www.openlittleton.org). Data from this survey, in addition to a second poll of 300 likely voters that was fielded in late July and all the other input from conversations this summer, will help inform the council's direction.

If city council moves to introduce ballot language for one or more of the four proposed options, it would occur during the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 17. And then, a special meeting and public hearing would be held on Thursday, August 26. Information on city council meetings, including agendas and information on how to watch or participate, is available at [www.littletongov.org/videomeetings](http://www.littletongov.org/videomeetings).

For additional information, visit [LittletonFundingFix.org](http://LittletonFundingFix.org).



## Santa Fe PEL Study

The Santa Fe Drive Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study is wrapping up another engagement effort to obtain feedback from residents and businesses along the corridor between C-470 and Alameda Avenue. The study, which will conclude in November, is progressing into the final stage of evaluations to determine the appropriate recommendations for both a near-term and long-term approach to improving safety and operations along the corridor. At the conclusion of the PEL Study, early action projects will have been identified for improvements to be conducted in the next couple of years, along with recommendations for future modifications to the corridor both over the next ten years and beyond. For more information visit [codot.gov/projects/santafepel](http://codot.gov/projects/santafepel).

## Design Underway for Santa Fe Drive/Mineral Avenue Improvements

The City of Littleton is working to identify an interim solution to help relieve congestion along Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue until the funding for an ultimate solution of a grade-separated interchange can be acquired. Littleton completed a study in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Arapahoe County. The study determined that a Quad Road solution is the best approach. A Quad Road is where a supplementary roadway will be constructed in the southwest corner of the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue intersection to redirect left turn movements away from the primary intersection. The city has since hired HDR Inc. to design the modifications planned for the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue intersection to improve safety and capacity. The design will include the Quad Road, a new traffic signal just south of Mineral Avenue along Santa Fe Drive, and modifications to the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue intersection. The modifications will also include changes to the Mineral Avenue and Platte River Parkway intersection, along with alterations to Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue. The design is expected to be completed over the next year with construction beginning in 2023.



## Mineral Station East Mobility-shed Improvements



The City of Littleton hired a consultant team to begin public outreach and design efforts to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and access to the Mineral Light Rail Station for residents in the neighborhoods to the east. The project is expected to include improvements at the Mineral Avenue and Jackass Hill Road/Long Avenue intersection, along with crossing improvements for the High Line Canal Trail across Mineral Avenue and for the trail at the top of Jackass Hill. In addition, bike lane modifications, sidewalk and trail widening, and paving, and transit stop improvements will be incorporated in the project. The city will reach out to residents in the area to obtain feedback on safety concerns and input on the design.

## Business Leaders Attend State of the City Breakfast

More than 120 business and civic leaders gathered the morning of June 9, at the State of the City breakfast, where key staff shared details and updates on city projects. This was the first time in many years a State of the City event was held and based on the tremendous response, the city is planning to hold it again next year.

The business leaders heard about a variety of projects including the city council's process of adopting its eight goals for the next two years, providing guidance to staff in developing its work plan.



The goals are:

- The Unified Land Use Code
- Financial Sustainability
- Innovative Infrastructure
- Downtown Littleton
- Arts, Culture and Tourism
- Housing and Livability
- Environmental Stewardship
- Good Governance



Staff also presented information on how the city capitalized on federal funding and grants during the pandemic. Almost \$1.1 million in relief funds were distributed to businesses and non-profits from the CARES Act.

The Unified Land Use Code was also discussed which will result in much-needed updates to the city's land use code. Other topics included the Transportation Master Plan, Santa Fe Drive, the city's destination marketing initiative, Visit Littleton; the financial crisis in the Capital Projects fund, and more. To watch the State of the City video go to [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org).

## Platte Canyon Road Intersections to be Improved

Using grant funding from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Littleton is working on the redesign of the intersections at Platte Canyon Road and Bowles Avenue, as well as Platte Canyon Road and Mineral Avenue. The city, with assistance from Apex Design, shared concept designs for the two intersections with the community in a public outreach effort.

The city also gained feedback from the Town of Columbine Valley, unincorporated Arapahoe County residents and businesses, Columbine and Mineral Trail users, and commuters utilizing the two intersections. This feedback is being used to develop a detailed design for the intersections. There will be a follow up presentation to the community later this year. Construction of the final design for the two intersections is planned beginning in 2022.

## Storm and Sewer Utility Bills

This is a reminder that any outstanding balances for sewer/storm utility bills, are due by 5 p.m. August 15.

Full payment should be received by 5 p.m. August 20 to avoid a delinquent penalty of 15% of the balance. The city will accept payments until 5 p.m. October 15. Balances remaining after October 15 will be sent to the county for collection via property taxes. Include the account number with the payment. Payments may be placed in the drop box located outside the front doors at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, or mailed to the City of Littleton at P.O. Box 1258, Englewood, CO 80150-1258.

Credit card payments (VISA/MC/AMEX/Discover) and eCheck payments may be made online at [www.littletongov.org/utilitypayments](http://www.littletongov.org/utilitypayments). A portal administration fee of \$.75 per transaction plus 2.25% of the total transaction amount applies for all credit card payments. A \$1 fee applies to each eCheck transaction.

## City Council Election November 2

Registered voters will elect four council members in the November 2, 2021 election. The open seats are for District I, District III, and two from the city at-large, including Littleton's first direct-elect mayor; these are all four-year terms. Petition packets will be available Tuesday, August 3. No petition may be circulated before this date. Petitions may be circulated and turned in to the city clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. August 23. Contact City Clerk Colleen Norton at [cnorton@littletongov.org](mailto:cnorton@littletongov.org) or 303-795-3780 for more information.

### VOTER INFORMATION

#### Step 1: Register to Vote in Arapahoe County

Who can register to vote?

- U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old
- 16- and 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote

How to register or update your registration:

Online: [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov)

What you will need:

- Your legal name
- Date of birth
- ID number (Social Sec. or CO driver license)

You can select a political party and will need to include your address.

Mail, Email or In-Person:

Complete the registration form and return it to our office via email- or print, fill it out and mail it in. You may also schedule an appointment to register in-person at our office. Remember to update your voter registration every time you move!

#### Step 2: Receive Your Ballot

- Colorado is a mail ballot state. For each election you are eligible to vote in we will mail a ballot to the address we have on file.
- Ballots are mailed beginning 22 days before an election (early October for a November election).

Track your mail ballot:

[www.ArapahoeVotes.com/ballot-track](http://www.ArapahoeVotes.com/ballot-track)

Receive messages when your ballot is mailed to you and when it has been received by the County.

#### Step 3: Vote

Vote your mail ballot:

- Make your selections.
- Sign your ballot envelope.
- Return your ballot to any 24-hour secure ballot drop box in Arapahoe County (or elsewhere in CO).
- You may also send your ballot back in the U.S. mail.
- Ballot must be received by 7 p.m. election day. Postmarks do not count!
- If you need a new mail ballot, call the Arapahoe County Clerk's office for help.

Vote in-person:

- If you need to vote in-person, you can visit any vote center in Arapahoe County to get the same ballot we would mail to you.
- Language assistance and accessible ballot marking devices for voters with disabilities are available at all voting centers.
- You must bring an acceptable ID to vote in-person.
- Vote centers are only open certain days and times in the final days leading into the election.
- Check [www.ArapahoeVotes.com](http://www.ArapahoeVotes.com) for vote center hours and drop box locations near you for each election.



## Littleton Center Reopens with Limited Public Access

The Littleton Center reopened to the public July 12 with new guidelines and restrictions in a post-pandemic environment. While it may seem simple to go back to pre-COVID operations, opening the building and its functions brings with it new concerns and strategies to ensure the safety of visitors and employees.

- The front door will be unlocked during normal business hours
- Visitor access will be arranged through the receptionist and the requested department/individual
  - Visitor badges will be issued by reception and shall be visible at all times
  - Littleton Police will meet and escort individuals coming in for sex offense registration
- The reception desk, council chamber, community room, courtyard, police records, and the permit counter will be open and accessible after checking in at the reception area
- Evaluation of these procedures will be ongoing, and changes are to be expected

#### Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Facilities Maintenance (FM) placed cleaning and sanitizing supplies in convenient locations throughout the building and will maintain building cleanliness
- Bi-polar ionization will be at work in the HVAC system against airborne pathogens

#### Construction Continues

- FM is moving forward with additional construction, security installations, and staff movement as schedules and funding allow
- The Building Inspectors and Codes officials will be moving to the first floor, west wing very soon. This will consolidate the Community Development (CD) group
- There will be some minor renovations of the CD space performed concurrently with major renovation of the old Building/Codes space, likely beginning in September
- Human Resources and the City Clerk's offices will be moved to the renovated locations on the first floor

#### All Buildings Open

Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum are open at 80 percent of normal operating hours

- Bemis Public Library is open Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Littleton Museum is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Littleton Municipal Court is open on a limited schedule. Defendants, their legal counsel, and parents or legal guardians are the only people allowed in the building
- Many city services and programs continue to be available online. More information can be found at [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) or call 303-795-3700.

## A New Community Foundation for South Metro Denver

Former Littleton Mayor Susan Thornton announced that a new community foundation has been established for the south metro area. "The mission of the South Metro Community Foundation is to enhance and improve the quality of life for all people living in the South Metro Denver Metro," Thornton said.

The Foundation will support programs and projects that enhance educational, civic, environmental, artistic, and other quality-of-life-promoting projects and activities within the South Metro Denver area. Other areas of focus may include improving intercultural relationships, housing and health equity, and transportation options for seniors and people with disabilities.

The role of the South Metro Community Foundation includes:

- Initiating projects and programs to enhance the quality of life for all people in the area
- Accepting donor-directed funds
- Making grants to nonprofits that share the SMCF's vision and mission
- Serving as a fiscal agent for smaller community organizations that do not have non-profit status, but that support one or more of the Foundation's programs or projects

After months of careful study, the Foundation has decided that its first project will be to help raise funds for a Homeless Services Navigation Center for people experiencing homelessness, to be located in Englewood," Thornton said. The state-of-the-art Navigation Center will provide information about services to people who are unhoused, and will track their progress. The Foundation will also educate the community about homelessness, including its causes, its impact on children, families and the community, and possible solutions. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation, go to its website at [www.SMCFinfo.org](http://www.SMCFinfo.org) and click on PayPal, or send a check made out to SMCF, P.O. Box 401, Littleton, CO 80160.

## Nine Traffic Signals Redesigned

The city is working with Michael Baker International to redesign nine signalized intersections throughout Littleton. These locations were identified to address signal poles that were found to be structurally deficient and in need of replacement. Three of these intersections are to be reconstructed later this year - at Bowles Avenue and Coventry Lane/Lupine Drive, Broadway and Powers Avenue, and Broadway and Orchard Road. The reconstruction will include replacing the deficient signal poles, upgrading signal equipment, and improving pedestrian ramps.

The other six locations are planned to be reconstructed in 2022 include:

- Bowles Avenue and Bell Flower Drive
- Bowles Avenue and Middlefield Road
- Broadway and Broadway Estates
- Broadway and Easter Avenue
- Mineral Avenue and SouthPark Lane
- Mineral Avenue and Pennsylvania Street

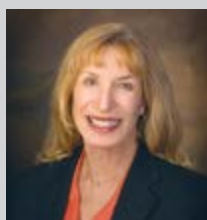
## Senior Property Tax Refund

The last date to turn in the application for the Senior Property Tax Refund is October 31, 2021. To request an application or for other questions call 303-795-3764.

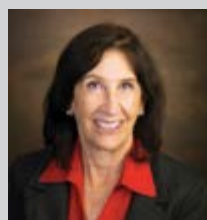
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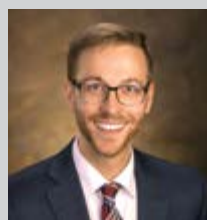
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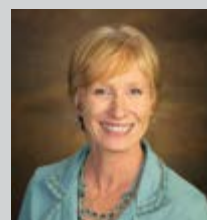
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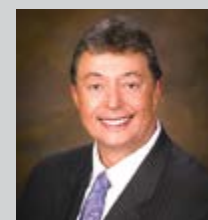
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### LPS Student Wins County's "Future Voter" Sticker Contest



Vivian Marchetti, a third-grade student at Ralph Moody Elementary School, is the winner in the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's "Future Voter" sticker design contest.

### Littleton Public Schools Foundation Celebrates 30 years of Making a Difference

In 1991, Kay Watson, along with a team of dedicated community members, came together to form the Littleton Public Schools Foundation (LPSF). LPSF is a nonprofit organization that provides funding above and beyond the district's budget to give Littleton Public Schools (LPS) students every opportunity to succeed. Its fundraising empowers teachers to pursue their best ideas and provides students access to innovative programs that wouldn't be possible without the Foundation's support.

Since then, LPSF has made a difference for nearly 500,000 students and has contributed more than \$7 million dollars to support each LPS student's unique path to success. Just recently, LPSF contributed \$580,000 to the district to aid with mental health resources, crisis relief, innovative educational experiences, and teacher grants, among other things.

The LPSF Board of Directors and staff are grateful for the support the community has provided over the years and look to many more years of making a difference. For more information or to make a donation, visit [littletonpublicschools.net/lpsf/donate-now](http://littletonpublicschools.net/lpsf/donate-now).



### Main Street Historic Tours

Travel back in time with a tour of buildings, lives and events on a historic walking tour of Downtown Littleton's Main Street. Learn about the history of the buildings, including the architecture, and the people who owned them.

The tours will be presented during Western Welcome Week August 19 at 5 and 6 p.m., and at First Friday on September 3 at 6 p.m.

Meet at the Littleton Courthouse steps at 2069 West Littleton Boulevard. This tour is free and reservations are not required. The historic tours are presented by Historic Littleton, Inc. Visit [www.hlinc.org](http://www.hlinc.org)



### Maker Space Opens at Bemis Library



Visit the newly designed makerspace at Bemis Public Library. TheStudio@Bemis provides makers and creators the space and resources to dive into ingenious projects and will help inspire a culture of creating in Littleton. Learn to sew, start a podcast, create with Cricut and more. TheStudio is furnished with technology and equipment to inspire imagination and innovation. Reserve TheStudio@Bemis for personal projects or watch the calendar for upcoming programs and workshops for all ages.



### Town Hall Arts Center Announces 2021-22 Main Stage Season

Season tickets for the Town Hall Arts Center (THAC) are on sale now with great subscriber benefits like free exchanges, priority seating, and concession coupons. Now is the time to subscribe and save. THAC is also introducing a new option for patrons called Flex Passes. This pass is similar to a season pass, with additional options and designed with convenience in mind. Flex Passes allow patrons the ability to buy tickets for the whole season but gives the flexibility to select desired seats and performance times. These make a great gift for theater lovers with busy schedules.

Single tickets go on sale August 16 at the THAC Box Office or online. The full season schedule of shows will be announced in August. Town Hall Arts Center produces six main stage productions and a concert series from September through June and a year-round theater education program for students of all ages. THAC is also home to the Stanton Art Gallery, which features rotating exhibits from local talent.

For more information, visit [townhallartscenter.org](http://townhallartscenter.org) or call the box office 303-794-2787 ext. 5.

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**WESTERN WELCOME WEEK**

**2021**

**AUGUST 13 - 22**

[www.westernwelcomeweek.org](http://www.westernwelcomeweek.org)

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# CITY OF LITTLETON EVENTS

## *late summer*

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### AUGUST

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#### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

at Littleton Museum, in the Parking Lot  
5 - 8 pm



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#### SUMMER CONCERTS

at Littleton Museum -  
Wednesdays through Aug 18  
6:30 - 8 pm

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#### A PARIS STREET MARKET

at Aspen Grove  
8 am - 2 pm

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#### FARMERS' MARKET

at Aspen Grove -  
Wednesdays, through  
Sept 29, 10 am - 2 pm

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#### MEET GREET & EAT

at Ketring Park  
4 - 6 pm



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#### LITTLE JAM - Band: Kyle Allgood & the NoGoods

at Sterne Park  
6 - 9 pm



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#### WESTERN WELCOME WEEK

Events begin  
through Aug 22



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#### PANCAKE STAMPEDE 5K

starts at Hudson Gardens  
Registration at 8 am



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#### Taste of WWW & Silent Auction

at Littleton Center  
6 - 8:30 pm



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#### 92nd WWW Grand Parade

in Historic Downtown Littleton  
10 am - noon

### SEPTEMBER

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#### MAIN STREET HISTORIC TOUR

meet on steps of  
Courthouse  
6 pm



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#### A PARIS STREET MARKET

at Aspen Grove  
8 am - 2 pm



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#### SECOND SATURDAY

shop local art on Main Street  
9 am - 4 pm

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#### ONE BOOK ONE LITTLETON - The Art of Community

Author, Charles Vogl  
Waring Theatre, ACC  
5:30 - 9 pm



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#### Free concert! LITTLE JAM - Band: Chris Daniels & The Kings

at Aspen Grove  
Shopping Center  
6:30 - 9:30 pm



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#### New! DATE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

at Littleton Museum  
5:30-7:30 pm

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#### 2022 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

All submissions due on  
[littletonrocks.com/calendar](http://littletonrocks.com/calendar)  
by 5 pm



## Weekends on Main Recognized with Governor's Award for Downtown Excellence

The 2020 Weekends on Main Street won Downtown Colorado Inc.'s Governor's Award for Downtown Excellence in the Pandemic Response category. Weekends on Main was recognized for excellence and creativity in responding to the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This is a new category that measures how communities adapted to social distancing and state regulations.

The City of Littleton created Weekends on Main to help Downtown Littleton businesses regain some of the space and seating lost to COVID-19 restrictions. The program was funded by the city and grants from the Colorado Department of Transportation and a generous local donor.

Downtown Colorado Inc. is a non-profit membership organization that aims to build better communities by providing assistance to downtowns, commercial districts, and town centers in Colorado.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

LITTLETON MUSEUM PARKING LOT

**Tuesday, August 3, 2021**

**5 - 8 pm**

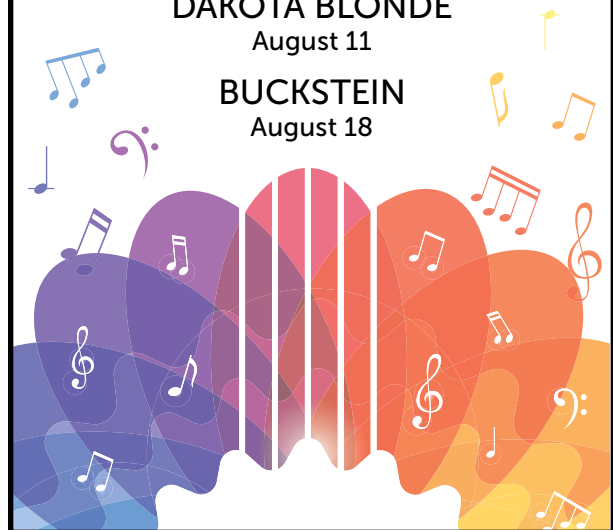
## FREE MUSEUM CONCERTS

Wednesdays • 6:30-8 PM  
Littleton Museum

JUICE O' THE BARLEY  
August 4

DAKOTA BLONDE  
August 11

BUCKSTEIN  
August 18



Littleton
2022 Calendar Photo Contest

submission deadline is  
**SEPTEMBER 24**

enter at  
**Littleton ROCKS .COM**

## Two Awards from the National Association of Government Communicators

The City of Littleton was awarded two prestigious honors from the National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC) at the organization's annual ceremony.

The 2020 *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report* received second place in the calendar category. According to the judges, "Littleton found a creative way to feature their beautiful city, engage local residents, communicate important updates through the annual report, and support local businesses all in one publication."

The city's newest citizen engagement tool, the *Littleton Report Online* (LRO), also received a second-place award. The LRO gained over 3,000 subscribers in just seven short months and has subscribers from all over the world including Canada, France, Portugal, and Romania!

Cultural and Media Services Director Kelli Narde said, "This recognition is a testament to the entire Communications Team who never rest on their laurels and are in tireless pursuit of innovative and engaging ways to communicate with citizens."

NAGC's Blue Pencil and Gold Screen awards recognize excellence in government communication at all levels of government across the nation.



### Annual Maintenance Closures at Buck Recreation Center

Each year, South Suburban closes its recreation centers to deep clean and make improvements. Passes and punches are eligible to be used at any South Suburban facilities during the weekly closures. Buck Recreation Center will be closed August 16-20 and the pool will be closed August 14-22.

Improvements include:

- Refinish of wood floors
- Re-plaster of lap and therapy pools
- Facility painting touch-up

### South Suburban's Fall Sale

Save the dates to save big during the South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) Fall Sale. Buy a 20-pack of admission punches and get five free, or buy a 10-pack of personal training, private reformer, or massage sessions and get one free. The sale runs September 13-26. Fall Sale deals will be available for purchase online at [www.ssprd.org](http://www.ssprd.org) or at any of the SSPR recreation centers.

### 10th Annual Pancake Stampede 5K: August 15

Work up an appetite for a deluxe breakfast at the Pancake Stampede 5K. Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in the race, which takes place on the Mary Carter Greenway along the South Platte River. The race is part of Littleton's Western Welcome Week celebration, and registration includes entry to the WWW Pancake Breakfast.

### Bluffs 8K Trail Run: August 29, 2021

Rise to the challenge on an 8K trail run around the Bluffs Regional Park in Lone Tree. Breathtaking views are complimentary. Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to

participate in the race, which starts and finishes near the Prairie Sky Park parking lot. Learn more and register for all Fall 2021 races at [ssprd.org/raceseries](http://ssprd.org/raceseries).

### Improvements at Berry Park

Berry Park is getting a facelift. Construction on the playground, shade pavilion, and trail replacement project will begin in August, and is expected to be completed by November.



# BEYOND BOOKS... WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | Web Catalog: [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org)

**One Book One Littleton  
Author Reception & Keynote  
Sept. 16, 5:30–9 p.m.  
At Arapahoe Community  
College Waring Theatre**



Bemis Public Library is proud to announce its first community-wide reading event, *One Book One Littleton*. In partnership with the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, and thanks to generous community sponsorships, the library has invited author Charles Vogl to present an interactive keynote program on his book *The Art of Community: Seven Principles for Belonging*. Attendees will be encouraged to engage directly with the challenges that Littleton faces and the opportunities for strengthening the connections we have with each other. This will be a ticketed event. Tickets available beginning August 16 at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

Members of the community are encouraged to read the book prior to the author visit. The library has multiple copies of the title available to check out. Also, ask for a copy of a book group discussion guide and challenge each other to discuss and investigate the concepts in the book.

## Tons of Tales Talled by Summer Readers

Bemis had a terrific turnout for the Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program. Nearly 1,200 children, 300 teens and 200 adults participated. Teens and adults alone read close to 1,000 books!

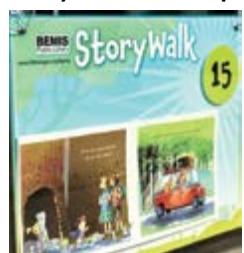
Bemis Public Library wishes to extend its gratitude to those who donated and contributed to the success of the youth summer reading program:

Applebee's Grill • Colorado Rapids Soccer Club  
Culver's of Littleton • Papa Murphy's  
Take 'N' Bake Pizza • Skate City of Littleton

And a special thank you to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. This program wouldn't be possible without their support.



## StoryWalk® at Aspen Grove



Enjoy a picture book with the family while strolling along the sidewalks of Aspen Grove. Simply follow the numbered signs visible in shop windows to read the full story. Book selections change monthly.

## September is National Library Card Sign-up Month

Now is the time to get a library card at Bemis and use it to access online resources, reserve time in TheStudio@Bemis and of course, check out books. After getting a new card, your name will be entered in a special prize drawing. Do you already have a Bemis library card? Stop by the information desk or go online to [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) to enter in a prize drawing.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Books and Blankets at Bemis—Every Wed. @ 9:30 a.m. and Thurs. @ 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.\***

Families with kids of all ages can bring a blanket and enjoy 30 minutes of stories and songs outdoors on the lawn at the library. Story time will be held unless it's below 45° or in case of high winds or rain.

**Family Fun Water Day—August 10, 11 a.m.–noon**

Dress to get wet and enjoy outdoor fun on the lawn of the library. Don't forget to bring a towel.

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

In September, Bemis will offer the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program to children ages birth–starting kindergarten. Children will receive a book checkoff log and a series of prizes as they progress through their 1000 book goal. Stop by the children's desk to begin the challenge.



## Magic Library Show— September 4, 11 a.m.

Cody Landstrom will demonstrate how libraries and reading can be used to learn just about anything. This interactive show is fun for the whole family.

## Drop-In Discovery Art—3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month September 18, 1–3 p.m.

Starting in September, drop in each month and explore different art materials and techniques to create an original piece of art. The library will provide supplies and inspiration. For families with children of all ages.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Community Art Teen Workshop

**August 4, 5–6:30 p.m.\***

Get supplies and help to create an entry for the upcoming community art program: Open Doors.

### Tweensday: Mandalas on The Dot

**August 18, 5–6:30 p.m.\***

For kids in 5<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades. Create a meditative design with dozens of perfectly placed dots.

### Dungeons & Dragons

**August 25 and September 22, 5–7 p.m.\***

Sign up to play D&D or run a game to earn community service credit. Pizza will be served.

### Video Workshop—September 1, 5–6:30 p.m.\*

Learn about the upcoming all-ages video contest and get ideas for creating entries.

### Tweensday: Catapult Chaos

**September 15, 5–6:30 p.m.\***

For 5<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders. Create a miniature siege engine and see who can fling marshmallows the farthest.

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

### Soil Chemistry Workshop with Cherry Creek

**Stewardship Partners—August 5, 2 p.m.\***

Learn about the ecosystems of healthy soil, which nutrients are important for growing plants, and how to tell if your garden soil needs some help. Participants will be able to test samples from their own yards. This class is suitable for children starting 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through adults.

### Mundo Místico

- Ecuador—August 6, 9 a.m.\*
- El Salvador, September 3, 9:30 a.m.\*

These creative and engaging classes invite participants to learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. In addition, the classes explore the art and heritage of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language. Attend in person or via Zoom.

### Immigrants: Building Denver from the Bottomlands Up—August 10, 5:30 p.m.

Successive waves of immigrants from all over the world have made significant impacts on Denver. Hear tales of triumph, conflict, racism, redemption and more presented by Denver History Tours.

### Reflections: Art Workshop with Think 360 Arts August 12, 2 p.m.\*

Join artist Maeve Eichelberger for this hands-on class exploring perspective and imagination.

### Magellan with Active Minds—August 16, 2 p.m.

Five hundred years ago, Magellan's three-year voyage (which he did not survive) was the first successful circumnavigation of the globe. Learn about the life and legacy of this explorer.

### Outdoor Concert:

#### The Cody Sisters

**August 19, 6:30–8 p.m.**

Fans of acoustic, folk and bluegrass music will enjoy this evening concert with sisters Megan and Maddie Cody. Bring a picnic and a lawn chair.



### Legal Night with the Arapahoe County Bar Association—August 24, 4–6:30 p.m.\*

Meet with an attorney, free-of-charge, for a 30-minute consultation. Attorneys are provided by the Arapahoe County Bar Association.

### Natural Hacks to Support Attention

**August 26, 1 p.m.**

Kelly Andis from Natural Grocers will present nutrition and lifestyle tips to help support attention and cognition.

### Open Door: Artist in Residence Workshop

**August 27 and August 28, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.\***

The library and museum are partnering with the Littleton Fine Arts Board to host artist Michelle Lamb for two full-day workshops. Attendees will create assemblage box art. Appropriate for ages 16 and up. Participants may submit their completed project to a juried exhibition that will be displayed at the library in September.

### The Mark McQuery Trio—September 4, 2 p.m.

This trio features acoustic guitar and creative lyrics.

### Managing Student Loan Debt with Canvas Credit Union—September 7, 5:30 p.m.\*

Learn about options for repaying, reducing or avoiding student loans. Additional topics to be discussed include grants and scholarships, types of student loans, refinancing and consolidating, Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and more.

### Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art—September 9, 2 p.m.\*

Join Educator Melinda Laz for a hands-on workshop about BMOCA's new exhibition, *The Stubborn Influence of Painting*. Registered participants will receive art supplies to create their own project.

### Etched in Glass Craft Program—Sept. 11, 2 p.m.\*

Try out the library's new Cricut machine and embellish a piece of glassware with a permanent etched design. Appropriate for ages 12 and up.

### Cuba with Active Minds—September 20, 2 p.m.

Join Active Minds for a past, present and future look at America's communist neighbor to the south.

### Legendary Ladies Who Challenged the World September 25, 2 p.m.

The Legendary Ladies return to Bemis to portray six women who challenged society, fought for the rights of others, and worked hard to create the change they wanted to see in the world.

\*To register, participate, or join any of these programs go to the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).



# COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## Atlas Coffee Focused on Community

Atlas Coffee is a community-centered craft coffee shop focused on great service, great product and great space to gather. Atlas Coffee proudly partners with Corvus Coffee, a Colorado-based roaster who works directly with the best producers from around the world, to provide high quality, premier crop-to-cup coffee.

In addition to extensive coffee and espresso options, it serves other locally-sourced goods including loose leaf tea from iN-TEA, kombucha from Trubucha, pastries from BluePoint & Wave the Grain (allergy and gluten free) bakeries, and Māme's Burritos. It also offers a selection of delicious, handcrafted sandwiches for dine-in or to-go.

The new shop can be found in the South Fellowship Shopping Center, behind the McDonald Hyundai dealership at 6504 South Broadway. Atlas Coffee is excited to be part of the Littleton community and is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Follow them on Instagram @atlas-coffees, and visit the website at [www.atlascoffees.com](http://www.atlascoffees.com) for more information.



## Rock Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning

Rock Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning is a Colorado company owned by a couple of Colorado locals who envisioned a different way of doing business within the HVAC industry. Chris and Aimee Shonrock started the company 20 years ago shortly after Chris was honorably discharged from serving his country in the United States Air Force. Since 2001, they have inspired many by displaying such passion for helping others and have single-handedly changed the plumbing and HVAC industry in the South Metro Denver area by bringing the highest quality of customer service to the community.



They offer a one-of-a-kind club membership, which allows customers to become even more a part of the Rock family. They also realize the importance of quality employees and created a work culture that centers around a family-like environment by treating their employees with the utmost appreciation and respect.

Rock Plumbing, Heating & Air is proud to have become a part of the Littleton community with a new location at 8117 SouthPark Circle. Visit [Rockheating.com](http://Rockheating.com) or call 720-802-2465 for more information.

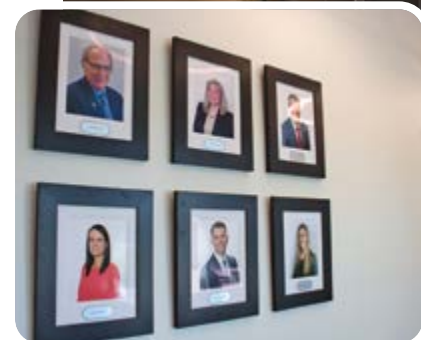
## Colorado Eye Consultants

Colorado Eye Consultants is committed to providing the highest level of eye care in the Rocky Mountain Region. Located at 1501 West Mineral Avenue, it is dedicated to the preservation of sight and providing patients with the quality of life they deserve.

Colorado Eye Consultants offers the latest in cutting-edge technology and patients receive personalized care by knowledgeable, experienced, board-certified ophthalmologists. Their services include:

- Cataract surgery
- Refractive surgery Including LASIK, PRK, ICL and CLR
- Corneal treatment and surgery
- Glaucoma treatment and surgery
- Retina treatment
- Comprehensive ophthalmology
- Optical and contact lens service
- Clinical research

Colorado Eye Consultants also carry a full line of designer frames with a wide selection of lenses. To make an appointment call 303-730-0404 or visit [www.coloradoeyeconsultants.com](http://www.coloradoeyeconsultants.com).



## Tint Crafters

Tint Crafters is a family-owned company that has been serving the Colorado community since 2004. Lee and Krissy Knight are the proud owners of Tint Crafters and have employed the same two technicians, Dave and Vickie, since the very beginning. Their new shop is located behind Bradford Auto Body at 2659 Main Street in Downtown Littleton.

Tint Crafters is dedicated to providing the highest quality clear bra, vinyl graphics, and automotive window tint service without the premium price. For more information or to make an appointment call 303-761-8330 or visit [www.tint4u.com](http://www.tint4u.com).



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