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Littleton Voters Select Mayor, New Council Members, and Support Investment in the Community

Voters overwhelmingly gave their support to solving the revenue crisis in the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) by approving Issue 3A with 58.9 percent voting “yes.”

“I can’t thank the council, staff, and voters enough for their work on the funding fix,” said City Manager Mark Relph. “It is never easy to ask for a tax increase but I credit voters for understanding the urgency of the need. Voters haven’t approved a tax increase in 50 years and the city has budgeted wisely over time. But voters understood without a new source of revenue, the CPF would run out of money in 2025. The majority of voters agreed on how important it is to take care of our physical assets,” Relph added.

The Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson County Clerk and Recorders provided unofficial results for the 2021 Littleton municipal election (as of November 15). The figures are not final until after the Board of Canvass certifies the results.

LITTLETON BALLOT ISSUE 3A				
FOR OR AGAINST	ARAPAHOE CO	JEFFERSON CO	DOUGLAS CO	TOTAL VOTES
Yes	8,115	486	48	8,649
No	5,579	446	33	6,058
Littleton City Council – MAYOR				
CANDIDATES	ARAPAHOE CO	JEFFERSON CO	DOUGLAS CO	TOTAL VOTES
Kyle Schlachter	6,316	399	29	6,744
Carol Fey	2,688	138	24	2,850
Jon Buck	4,007	349	23	4,379
Littleton City Council – AT LARGE				
CANDIDATES	ARAPAHOE CO	JEFFERSON CO	DOUGLAS CO	TOTAL VOTES
Gretchen Rydin	6,729	362	46	7,137
Krista Kafer	5,864	465	29	6,358
Littleton City Council – DISTRICT I				
CANDIDATES	ARAPAHOE CO			TOTAL VOTES
Candice Ferguson	1,439			1,439
Patrick Driscoll	1,487			1,487
Littleton City Council – DISTRICT III				
CANDIDATES	ARAPAHOE CO		DOUGLAS CO	TOTAL VOTES
Paul Bingham	1,762		31	1,793
Stephen Barr	2,310		41	2,351

For the first time in Littleton’s history, registered voters determined who will serve as mayor. In the past, the mayor and mayor pro tem were selected by the council from among the seated members. In November 2020, voters approved a ballot question giving citizens the opportunity to make that decision.

A reception was held November 16 to welcome the new council members and recognize those who served. The new council members were sworn in by Presiding Judge Ethan Feldman who administered the oath of office. The new council then elected Gretchen Rydin as the mayor pro tem to serve for the next two years.



City Partners on Proactive Data-Driven Approach to Homelessness

The City of Littleton is engaged in several initiatives to prevent homelessness and serve community members who experience it. Recognizing the need for regional collaboration, in 2018 the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy group was created in partnership with Englewood and Sheridan. While

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Unified Land Use Code Next Steps

The Littleton City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) at its meeting October 19. The ULUC went into effect October 28 and city staff are working to implement the new ULUC and defining new processes and procedures. Just like the city code, the ULUC is an online, easy-to-use, interactive document available on the city’s website. A Planner on Call is available to answer any questions by calling 303-795-3748 or emailing drt@littletongov.org.

The ULUC is the culmination of four years of community input and staff analysis to rewrite Littleton’s land use codes which had not be holistically modernized since 1976. Envision Littleton started with the creation of a Unifying Vision which was adopted in December, 2018. The next step was a commitment to listen, learn, and create a plan for the next 20 years. The Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2019, modernizes the city’s regulatory framework and transitioning to a ULUC as its top priority.

“I am incredibly proud of the city council and the staff for their commitment to achieving this major accomplishment,” said City Manager Mark Relph. “A new land use code that speaks to what is possible versus what isn’t allowed will help citizens and the business community better understand how to move the city forward while fostering Littleton’s community character, unique identity, and quality of life” Relph added.



City Partners on Homelessness

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homelessness is evident throughout the state, the Tri-Cities group share physical borders and often collaborate on regional issues. The group achieved several milestones over the last three years in studying and developing strategies to reduce homelessness and its impact on the region including:

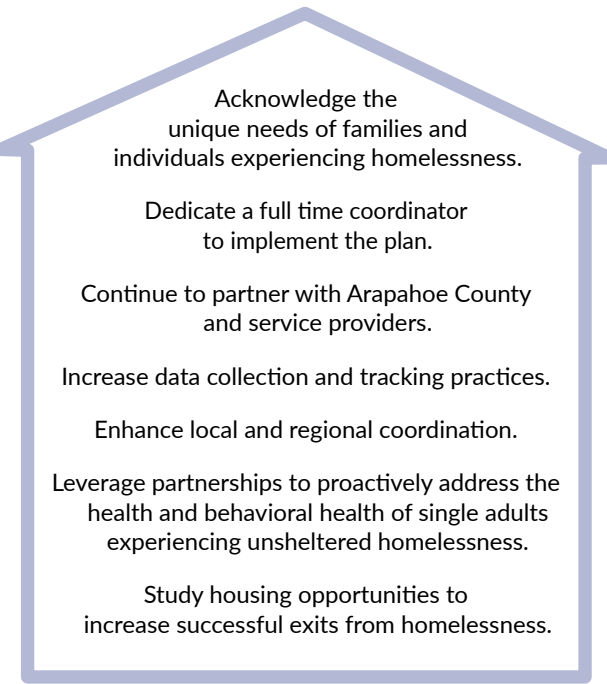
- Completed a Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental, and Legal (PESTEL) analysis of regional services for unhoused people.
- Completed two assessments with the University of Denver Center for Housing and Homelessness to better understand family and chronic homelessness in the Tri-Cities.
- Partnered with the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative who coordinates services with providers from throughout the region.
- Created an Action Plan with the Florence Aliese Advancement Network.

Findings that emerged from the reports shed light on the facts about homelessness in the south metro area:

- The top causes of homelessness for families are unable to pay rent, change in employment status, and loss of a job.
- The primary barriers to permanent housing are the increased cost of housing, low or no credit score, and unable to pay rent.
- Three out of four homeless youth were likely kicked out, have a family that can't house them, or don't have a responsible guardian.
- In the last two years, the majority of respondents slept on the streets at least once.

The Tri Cities Group is comprised of elected officials and city leadership, non-profit and state partners, public safety experts, and others who understand a 'one size fits all' approach isn't feasible. Their goals are to understand the root causes of homelessness, offer flexible solutions, and utilize proven strategies to address this issue. For more information and to read the full report visit <https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/homelessness-initiatives>.

Each of the three cities adopted the Tri City Homeless Action Plan this fall following several joint study sessions and presentations. The next steps in implementing it are:



Additional homelessness resources in the area include:

- ArapaSOURCE is a web application from Arapahoe County to quickly locate area resources.
- Change the Trend, a collection of local organizations collaborating to end the cycles of poverty, addiction, and homelessness.
- The Littleton Police Department and All-Health Network established a police Co-Responder Program to reduce crime rates and provide mental health and social services.
- Bemis Public Library maintains a comprehensive list of area resources to assist those experiencing homelessness.



Housing Task Force Seeks Members

Littleton's Housing Task Force is seeking additional members. Members partner with a multi-disciplinary group of fellow citizens to help city staff and council better understand Littleton's housing needs and goals. The task force is especially interested in participation from local employers, citizens connected to large community organizations, and anyone with past experience related to housing issues in either the private or public sector.

Commitment involves a monthly one-hour task force virtual meeting, as well as limited additional time and effort for ad hoc meetings, council presentations, and other similar activities. If interested, email cmoko@littletongov.org.

Opioid Settlement

On October 26, the Littleton City Council voted unanimously to approve a memorandum of understanding that will allow the city to receive about \$600,000 from a \$400 million Colorado settlement in the \$26 billion multi-state settlement with drug companies for their role in deaths from opioid overdoses.

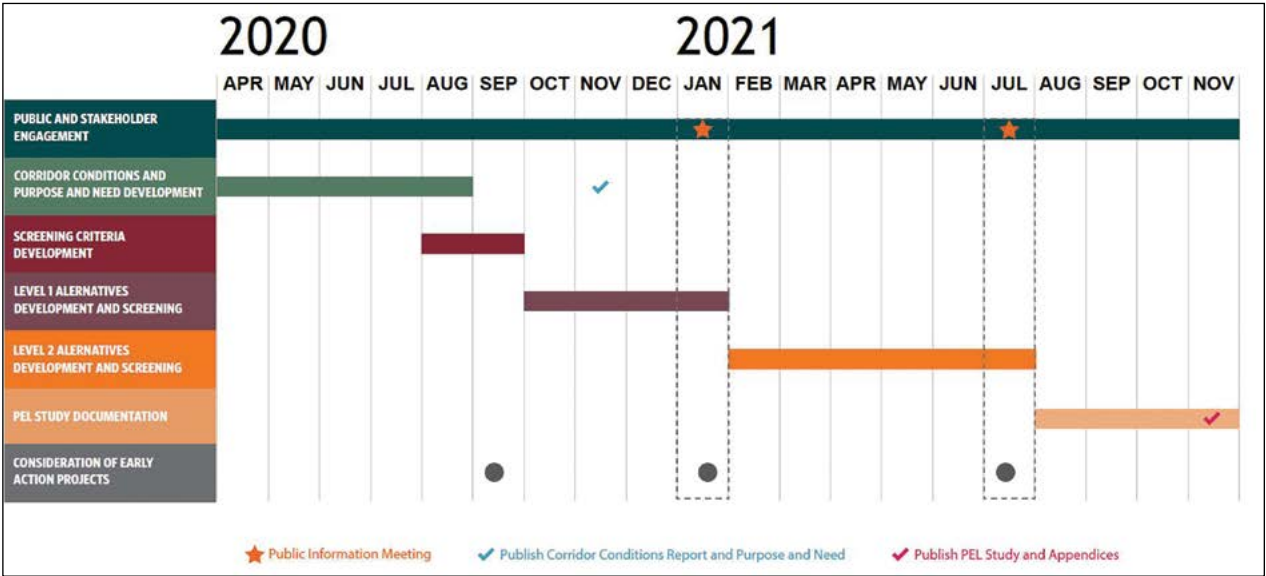
Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser announced a plan in August for how to distribute the money the state received from drug distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, McKesson, and manufacturer Johnson and Johnson as well as \$100 million from a previous settlement with other large manufacturers including Purdue Pharma. Weiser praised the council's decision to join the settlement.

The funds will be distributed over 18 years and allocated by council to aid with mental health programs and drug abuse prevention in Littleton.

Next Steps for Planning for the Future of Santa Fe Drive Between C-470 and I-25

The City of Littleton, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and several other municipalities continue to work the Santa Fe Drive Action Plan. The group completed a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study along Santa Fe Drive between C-470 and the junction of Alameda Drive and I-25. This examined options to address overall congestion on Santa Fe Drive that will serve existing and future needs, and make recommendations to improve safety, traffic operations, travel time, and multi-modal person-trip capacity.

The Santa Fe Drive Action Plan is expected to take approximately 18 months and will result in a final report identifying short-term and long-term recommendations. For more information about the project or to join the distribution list, visit the project website www.codot.gov/projects.



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Christmas in the Rockies Holiday Market

Christmas in the Rockies Holiday Market will return to the Aspen Grove Shopping Center, 7301 South Santa Fe Drive. There will be an eclectic mix of handmade, local gifts and crafts from Thanksgiving weekend through December 23. Visit AspenGroveCenter.com for information on all holiday happenings.

Littleton Police Department Announces Promotion of Officers

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) is proud to announce the promotion of three officers to leadership positions. A promotion ceremony was held September 15 to celebrate the accomplishments of Sergeants Dimitric and Dimock, and Corporal Bishard.



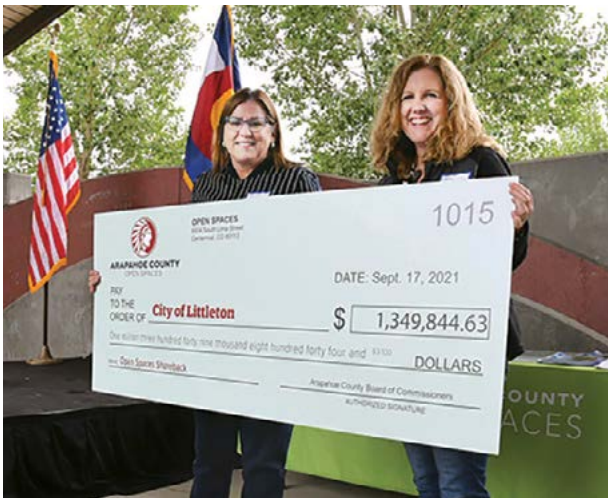
Jennifer Dimitric was promoted to Sergeant. She was hired by the department in 2012. While with the LPD she served in numerous roles including defensive tactics instructor, field training officer, technology team, and the honor guard. Sergeant Dimitric received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in sociology from Metropolitan State University. She will begin her career as a sergeant with the patrol division.

Krista Dimock was promoted to Sergeant. She was hired by the LPD in 2013. She has served in numerous roles including K9 officer, public information officer, field training instructor, defensive tactics instructor, technology team, and peer support. Sergeant Dimock will begin her career as sergeant with the patrol division.

Luke Bishard was promoted to Corporal. He was hired by the department in 2012. He has served in numerous roles including S.W.A.T. team, field training instructor, arrest control and tactics instructor, and computer system validation resource officer. Corporal Bishard earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in sociology from Hastings University in Nebraska. Corporal Bishard will begin his career as corporal in the patrol division.

City Receives More Than \$1.3 Million in Open Space Funds

Arapahoe County awarded over \$21 million in open space funds at the annual Shareback and Grant Awards on September 17. The City of Littleton received just over \$1.3 million. Funds are allocated according to population and contribute to the quality of life and overall health of Littleton residents via trail, playground, and park improvements. In addition to Shareback funds, the board awarded grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$500,00 in support of 16 projects to 12 cities, towns and recreation districts. The City of Littleton received \$100,000 for a citywide trail connectivity analysis which will identify gaps, accessibility uses, and community priorities for trail improvements. The city also received \$75,000 for a citywide assessment of water needs for parks and open space.



Operations Center Named for 46-Year City Employee

Littleton City Manager Mark Relph named a new technology-focused Public Works Operations Center in honor of Streets Supervisor Steve Alexander, who retired from the City of Littleton after nearly 46 years. Over the course of that time, Steve paved and repaired many miles of streets and sidewalks; and stayed up countless nights making sure Littleton's streets were safe and plowed of snow and ice.

When Alexander started with the city on April 12, 1976, Littleton's population was 26,500 - today it's 45,260. Total snowfall during that time was 3,105 inches, or if stacked all at once, the snow would cover the head of the Statue of Liberty leaving only the arm and torch exposed. Alexander's crews have paved over 301 lane miles of streets, not to mention crack sealing over 1,500 miles. That is like paving a single lane of asphalt from Littleton to Grand Junction and then down to Delta! Or crack sealing from Littleton to Atlanta, Georgia!

Alexander's greatest legacy is caring for the people he worked with. He treated his employees like family and made sure every employee went home safe to their family.

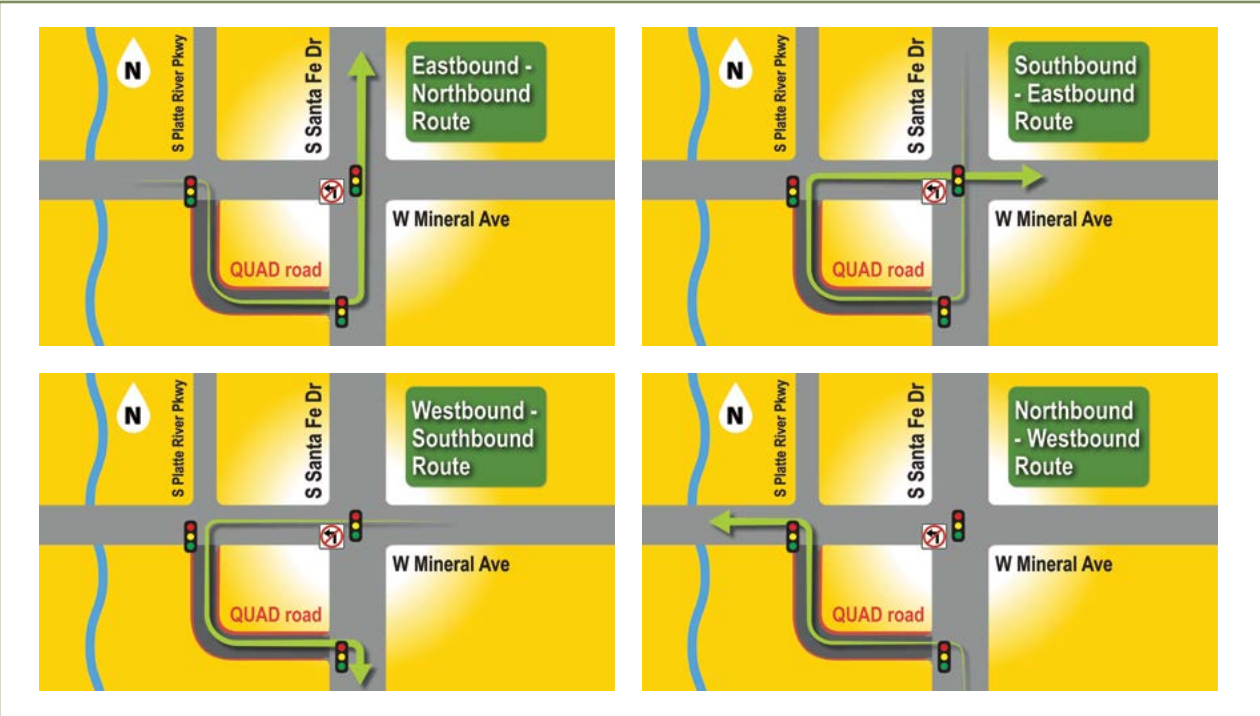
Improving the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue Intersection

It's no secret - traveling through the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue intersection can be a headache. It is one of the most congested intersections in the city with vehicles stacking for over a mile and delays reaching 15 to 20 minutes of extra travel time. This results in long delays and safety concerns, such as rear-end crashes that are associated with significant congestion. This intersection carries up to 60,000 vehicles per day along Santa Fe Drive and 30,000 vehicles per day along Mineral Avenue.

The City of Littleton is planning the Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue Operational Improvements Project to reduce congestion and improve safety at this intersection, greatly reducing congestion and improving safety for relatively low costs and with minimal land impacts. After conducting previous studies in 2018, it was determined that the best solution would be a quadrant roadway (quad road).

The quad road concept works by shifting left-turns away from the main intersection to a new connector road. Eliminating left turns at the main intersection allows more time for vehicles to move through the intersection. It also allows additional through lanes to be added at the intersection without widening the road.

The city will develop conceptual designs, final design of the quad road, and modifications to the segments of Mineral



Avenue and Santa Fe Drive impacted by the removal of the left turn movements. The team will work closely with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and other stakeholders, while coordinating with existing projects in the area, including the Mineral Mobility Improvements Project, Douglas County's South US 85 design, the CDOT Santa Fe Action Plan, and private development plans. The conceptual and final design processes are expected to take 12 to 18 months with construction beginning in 2023.

Learn more about the project and sign-up for the distribution list to stay involved throughout the process. Visit littletongov.org/santafe-mineral.

Holiday Closures

The Littleton Center and Littleton Courthouse will close at noon on December 23 and will be closed all day on December 24 and 31 as well as January 17.



Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum will be closed December 24, 25, and 31 as well as January 1 and 17.



Sunday, December 12, 2021
5:30 - 8 pm

Littleton Museum
6028 S. Gallup St. Littleton, CO 80120
littletongov.org/holidayevening



Littleton City Council Approves New Downtown Historic District

The Littleton City Council voted 6-1 to create a Downtown Historic District for properties on Main Street and Alamo Avenue at its special meeting October 26. The new all-inclusive district includes 71 properties and replaces the opt-in Main Street Historic District adopted in 2005. Moving forward, structures within the

district will be preserved under the city's historic preservation program, ensuring that downtown's historic character will be preserved. A variety of funding sources and tax credit programs at the state and federal levels are available to assist property owners with preservation projects.



2021 Election Year to Include Honorary Dog Mayor

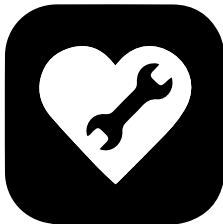
Calling all dogs interested in paw-litics. Historic Littleton, Inc. (HLI), a non-profit membership organization dedicated to preserving the historic and architectural heritage of the greater Littleton area, will hold Littleton's first honorary dog mayor election this year.

Throughout November, pups were nominated by posting a picture on Instagram with the tag @historic_littleton_inc. The canine candidates were to be photographed in front of a historic Littleton building, and the posts included a short summary of relevant Littleton history and why the dog would make a good honorary mayor for Littleton.

HLI will select the top ten candidates based on the quality and creativity of the photos and the content of the submission. Online voting will take place through December 7 at hlinc.org.



See an Issue? SeeClickFix it!



The City of Littleton has an interactive dashboard to track issues and requests reported by citizens using the SeeClickFix app. This app allows residents to identify an issue and report it quickly and directly to the city. From potholes to graffiti and much more, the city works hard to maintain and improve Littleton's infrastructure, and input from residents is extremely valuable.

Go to the App Store or Google Play and download the latest "SeeClickFix" app. The previous app, "Click & Fix Littleton," is no longer supported. For more information visit the SeeClickFix web page at littletongov.org/see-click-fix.

Avoid Frozen Pipes

Denver Water suggests taking steps to avoid costly water damage during cold spells. It is important to know where the water shut-off valve is located. In most single-family homes, the valve is in the basement or the crawl space, on a wall facing the street. Be sure to turn off outdoor faucets and disconnect hoses. When temperatures dip below freezing, insulate water pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold, such as those close to exterior walls, near windows and in unheated basements. Find more tips at denverwater.org/Cold.



Aspen Grove Rezone Approved

At its November 9 meeting, the Littleton City Council approved a rezoning application from the Gerrity Group to redevelop the Aspen Grove Shopping Center. The rezoning will allow the applicant to construct up to 2,000 residential units and a minimum of 125,000 square-feet of retail. While formal plans have not been submitted, the applicant intends to redevelop the property to better match today's retail environment and provide improved connectivity to the RTD light rail station and South Platte Park.



2022 Littleton Calendar Photo Contest Winners Announced

The 13 winners of the 2022 Littleton Calendar photography contest have been selected by Fine Arts Board Member Carol Ackerman.

The winning photographers are Sharon Gury (cover), Danika Holmes (January), Kathleen Melchior (February), Bob Livingston (March), Lou Sullivan (April), Mary Leeper (May), Jim McNamee (June), Maureen Ravnik (July), Steven Jessen (August), Mark Perkins (September), Bill Reesa (October), Peggy Deitz (November), and Candyce Herman (December).

The calendar captures the city's people, landscapes and events. The winning photographs were selected from 225 photos submitted by 65 photographers.

The popular calendar will be available in early December at all city buildings and from the calendar's generous sponsors.

The 2022 calendar sponsors are: PDA Roadgear; Littleton Adventist Hospital; Lautenbach Insurance; Arapahoe Community College; Breckenridge Brewery; South Suburban Parks and Recreation; RE/Max Professionals; Common Wealth Realty; Western Welcome Week, Inc.; Bradford Autobody; Littleton Public Schools Foundation; and Aspen Grove.

The Secret Life of Clothes Exhibit Opens

The newest exhibit at the Littleton Museum opened in November. *The Secret Life of Clothes* tells the everyday story of the lifecycle of clothes, focused on 1880-1910, and today.

With over eight billion people on earth, one of the common threads that humans share is wearing clothes as a basic necessity for protection, as well as a means of self-expression. Clothing is also connected to fashion and how and where the person is wearing their clothing. Clothing began as a basic necessity to individuals who had a very intimate connection to the laborious process of its creation, care and storage. In more modern days, it has evolved into a highly accessible, but easily detached from and disposed of, means of societal expression.

The Secret Life of Clothes tells the everyday story of the lifecycle of clothes – the overlooked journey of clothing as a progression from fiber to finished garment, sale to storage, and finally to mending, disposal or reuse. Visitors will experience a variety of fashions, as well as the tools, materials, and context of how those clothes were made, worn, cared for, mended, and stored.

The exhibit also explores the future of clothing, considering the economic, cultural, and environmental impacts of the massive growth of the fast-fashion clothing industry and how, in response, new innovations are leading the way towards a more sustainable clothing lifecycle for future generations.



It was a fun pARTy at the Littleton Museum



In September the Littleton Museum hosted the first pARTy. The ticketed event complemented the museum's new exhibit, *Print Renaissance: Mid-Century Masters of American Printmaking*. This exhibit is on loan from the CU Boulder Art Museum and features 19 prints and lithographs from mid-twentieth century artists including Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, and Red Grooms.

The guests at the pARTy enjoyed food, beverages and had an opportunity to learn about lithography, woodcut printing, and to create their own monolith of leaves. Watch for more pARTy events in 2022.

TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER

MAIN STAGE SHOWS

2021–2022

November 5 - December 26, 2021

November 19, 2021 - January 2, 2022

TICKETS: \$37-\$54

January 28 - March 6, 2022

April 8 - May 8, 2022

May 27 - June 26, 2022

TICKETS: \$35-\$52

Give the gift of theater this year!

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Explore, Learn and Play at Winter Break Camps

Kids can learn, play and stay active during winter break at South Suburban Parks and Recreation camps. Activities at full-day camps include games, crafts, swimming and more. Campers can also discover new interests at one of the specialty sports, arts, or enrichment camps. Visit register.ssprd.org to view a full list of camps and secure a spot.

Holiday Punch Sale at Recreation Centers

Spread cheer, health and happiness during South Suburban Parks and Recreation's annual Holiday Sale. From December 1 - January 1, score deals on recreation center passes, private Pilates Reformer packages, personal training sessions, and massages. Holiday Sale deals will be available for purchase online at ssprd.org or at recreation centers starting December 1.

Santa is Coming to Buck Recreation Center

Santa is visiting Buck Recreation Center to share goodies and holiday cheer on Saturday, December 4. This event is sponsored by the Littleton Rotary and includes cookies, cocoa, and photos with Santa. Learn more and sign up at ssprd.org.

Deadline Approaching for Punch Transfers

The deadline for transferring recreation punches at South Suburban Parks and Recreation centers is December 31. Customers need to transfer punches from the old system or lose the punches. To transfer punches email registration2@ssprd.org with a name and address. Punches are not eligible for refunds.

Board and Barrel

On December 4, Arapahoe County will host Board and Barrel at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. This event features a snowboard rail jam and Colorado's finest barrel-aged libations. Tickets are \$35 until November 15, \$40 after November 15, or \$50 at the door. For more information visit arapahoecountyfair.com.

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

Bemis Hosting Free Housing Navigation Services

Arapahoe County Housing Resource Navigation Services is offering free drop-in assistance at Bemis Public Library **every Monday from 1-4:30 p.m.** Housing Resource Navigators will help the public apply for housing, rental, mortgage, and utility assistance. Services are on a first-come-first-served basis.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Books Are a Gift Winter Reading Program*

For kids in grade 5 and under

Pick up a reading log in the library to complete the challenges and record reading. Finishers will receive a free book to keep plus other surprises. Program runs through January 3.



Paws to Read is Back

December 11 and January 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*
For kids in grades K-5

Kids can practice reading to a furry friend. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society.

Drop-In Discovery Art—Every third Saturday

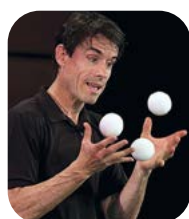
December 18 and January 15, 1-3 p.m.

For kids in grades 5 and under

Drop in each month and explore different art materials and techniques. The library will provide materials and inspiration.

LocoMotion—The Science & Circus Arts Show

December 27, 11-11:45 a.m.



For families with kids of all ages
National Juggling Champion and kinetic comedian, Peter Davison, not only performs amazing juggling, balancing, unicycle riding and more, he explains the science behind the artistry.

Lost in a Blizzard! December 28, 10:30-11 a.m.

For families with kids of all ages

Denise Gard's famous Border Collies, Joey and Kira, love playing in the snow. But when Kira gets lost in a blizzard, Joey must leap into action and rescue her before she freezes.



"Noon" Year's Eve Party

December 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*

For families with kids of all ages



Bemis is closed December 31, so get a jump on 2022 with treats, dancing, prizes and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball on December 30 at noon. Comedian Bryce Jackman will perform followed by a family dance party to mark the countdown to 2022. *Reservations required beginning Dec. 16.

I Want To Be an Astronaut

January 3, 11-11:45 a.m.*

For kids in grades K-5

Discover what it's like to train for launching into space with SpaceTimeKids. Learn about the NASA programs and facilities that get astronauts ready for space travel, design a space mission, try walking in Micro Gravity Boots, experience a simulated rocket launch and more.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

December 1, 5-6:30 p.m.*

Join the fight in this video game tournament.

Teen Advisory Group

December 8 and January 12, 5-6 p.m.

TAG is an opportunity to improve the library and earn community service credit. Participants are invited to a special Laser Tag event in May. Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends and have fun. Snacks will be served.

Tweensday: For kids in grades 5-12

- **Book Upcycle—December 15, 5-6:30 p.m.***
Create unique crafts and gifts out of damaged books.
- **Strings & Things—January 19, 5-6:30 p.m.***
Make awesome art and jewelry with string, beads and simple knots.

Dungeons & Dragons

December 22 and January 26, 5-7 p.m.*

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

Anime Party

January 5, 5-6:30 p.m.*

Make bubble-tea, enjoy Japanese snacks and watch a classic Studio Ghibli film.



GENERAL PROGRAMS

The Four Keys of Healing with Heather Kokx

December 2, 2 p.m.*

Holistic healer and life coach Heather Kokx shares her observations of the healing path that incorporates physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being on the life-long journey to self-discovery and happiness. Hybrid in-person/virtual program: attend at Bemis or via Zoom.

Mundo Místico

- **December 3, 9:30 a.m.—Honduras***
- **January 7, 9:30 a.m.—Mexico***

Learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. Each month, explore one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language. Hybrid in-person/virtual program: attend at Bemis or via Zoom.

Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art

December 7 and January 13, 2 p.m.*

Join BMOCA Educator Melinda Laz for a hands-on workshop about the museum's new exhibition, *Incredible Lightness*. This retrospective of sculptor Jerry Wingren's work examines his fascination with making dense, heavy materials appear light and weightless. Participants will be provided with art supplies to create their own project.

Writing Workshops with Think 360 Arts

December 9, 16 and 30, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.*

Hermit Crab Writing: Yourself in Words teaches ways to borrow different forms of writing to find new ways to describe ourselves and our experiences. Attend one, two or all three sessions; each one offers new examples and writing prompts.

Board Games @ Bemis—

December 10 and January 14, 5-7 p.m.

Drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks will be served. Open to all ages.

Ugly Christmas Aprons

December 18, 2-3:30 p.m.*

Create an over-the-top, festive gift for the foodie in your life, or for yourself.



Active Minds

- **December 20, 2 p.m.—King Tut**
Learn about the famous Egyptian pharaoh, the time in which he ruled and the extraordinary discovery of his tomb in 1922.
- **January 24, 2 p.m.—Afghanistan**
Explore Afghanistan both before and since 9/11. Learn about the recent withdrawal of U.S. troops and what the future holds for this war-torn country.

Book Hospital—December 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bring well-loved books that are showing wear and tear to the Book Hospital at Bemis. Library staff will help assess each book to decide if it can be saved and teach techniques for simple mending.

Budgeting and Saving with Canvas Credit Union

January 4, 5:30 p.m.*

This program will introduce tools and resources to assist with mastering financial goals, budgeting, and tracking expenses. Hybrid in-person/virtual program: attend at Bemis or via Zoom.

A Bright New Year Craft—January 22, 2-3:30 p.m.*

Create candles using a crockpot, old crayons, mismatched teacups and bits of sparkle.

The History of Skiing in Colorado

January 25, 7 p.m.*

Colorado and skiing are synonymous around the world. But this well-loved sport didn't start as a leisure activity. Skis were the only way to access the mountain towns in the winter when mining started booming. Join former Colorado State Historian Dr. Duane Vandenbusche for a fascinating look at how skiing has shaped our state. This is a virtual program.



Miners skiing in Irwin, CO 1883.
Photo Credit: History Colorado

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Bemis book clubs are hybrid in-person/virtual events. Attend either in-person at the library or via Zoom using links on the All Events Calendar at bemis.marmot.org.

- **Senior Book Group—Hybrid In-person/Online**
December 1, 1 p.m.*
The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes
January 5, 1 p.m.*
American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
- **Evening Book Club—Hybrid In-person/Online**
December 15, 5:30 p.m.*
The Heiress: The Revelations of Anne de Bourgh by Molly Greeley
January 19, 5:30 p.m.*
The Good Lord Bird by James MacBride
- **Books & Beer Nonfiction Book Club**
Meets at Jackass Hill Brewery
January 12, 6 p.m.*
Zero: The Biography of a Dangerous Idea by Charles Seife

***To register, participate or join any of these programs go to the All Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org.**



COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Holiday Expressions

Holiday Expressions opened in the Aspen Grove Shopping Center, located at 7301 South Santa Fe Drive, just in time for the holiday season. Holiday Expressions is a magical store featuring an amazing selection of Christmas gifts, décor, ornaments, and tree trimmings that spread comfort and joy. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Stop by the shop, call 303-374-4771, or visit aspengrovecenter.com/retailer/holiday-expressions/ to learn more.



Eclectic

Eclectic, a retail co-op supporting local artisans and makers, just opened a third location in Littleton. The new store is located in the Aspen Grove Shopping Center at 7301 South Santa Fe Drive. The original store was founded in 2018 as a holiday pop-up store, and it now serves as a permanent retail incubator for over 80 makers all over Colorado. Eclectic strives to reduce barriers to market for quality, sustainable, and handmade craft goods. They are a cooperative space that provides support, education, and camaraderie to makers. Eclectic also strives to support local artisans by contributing to the local economy while promoting social justice and environmental improvement. Eclectic has something for everyone with beautiful hand-made jewelry, unique clothing, and even bath and beauty products. Stop by the store to shop, or for those makers looking to partner with Eclectic, email Peri Bolts at peri@shopeclecticco.com



Come in We're **OPEN**

Urban Sophisticats

Urban Sophisticats is Colorado's first exclusive grooming salon that also features boarding for all feline friends. Located at 5788 South Rapp Street in Downtown Littleton, Sophisticats know that a groomed cat is a happy cat. Owner Rachel Diller is a nationally certified Master Groomer as well as a certified Feline Master Groomer. Diller mentored under the best breeders and handlers with top-ranking dogs and cats to bring top skills and knowledge to provide the best grooming experience. Sophisticats is open Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit urbansophisticats.net or call 303-730-2102 to make an appointment.



Pongo Lifestyle

Pongo Lifestyle is so much more than just one of the newest boutiques in Littleton. At Pongo Lifestyle there is style with a purpose. Founder Ronna Phelps was a volunteer keeper's assistant for orangutans and gorillas for 25 years. Phelps was deeply impacted during a Wildlife Film Festival where she viewed a documentary about the deforestation for palm oil crops and its direct impact on the existence of orangutans. Phelps began to educate retailers about the use of palm oil in products and developed the company Pongo Lifestyle.

Pongo Lifestyle provides luxurious, cruelty-free, and palm oil free products. From skincare items and clothing to candles and holiday décor, Pongo Lifestyle has something for everyone. Stop by the store, located at 5738 South Rapp Street, to shop. Or visit www.pongolifestyle.com to learn more about palm oil free products.

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