

What's Inside

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U.S. Rep. Jason Crow Visits Local Leaders

U.S. Representative Jason Crow met with Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter and local business leaders February 10, as part of his annual tour of Colorado's 6th Congressional District.

"It is always nice to show off our Historic Downtown to other elected officials," Schlachter said. "We have so many amazing businesses along Main Street and throughout the city. I take pride in trying to support them in various ways, such as with our representative in Congress. I appreciate Representative Crow taking the time to sit down with business leaders and listen to their thoughts and concerns."



Tri-Cities Homeless Initiative Showing Results

This winter, Joe Trujillo felt particularly grateful for his apartment in north Littleton. This small business owner, military veteran, and student spent this season's coldest months inside a stable housing situation after a year of struggling to overcome homelessness.

When Trujillo, a Colorado native, moved back to Denver in 2020, he didn't anticipate how difficult it would be to secure housing. Past challenges related to medical bills had caused financial insecurity that made it difficult to compete for housing in the Denver market. After spending most of the following year experiencing homelessness, he was able to sign a lease and transition into stable housing. Throughout this time, he found support through several local agencies, such as Movement5280 and LoveINC, who worked together with Trujillo to create a pathway to housing. He also never stopped giving back, adopting a role of caretaker of other unhoused community members and taking it upon himself to pick up trash in the area where he stayed while homeless. Now, he remains a dedicated volunteer and envisions building his own programming to continue serving the community.

Trujillo's story is an example of the work being accomplished by the Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative, a collaborative effort to lessen the impact of homelessness throughout Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan. Details of the initiative are found in the *Tri-Cities Homelessness Action Plan*, which was adopted in 2021. The plan was developed by the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group, with input from the Change the Trend Network. It carries four primary areas of focus: foundational work, including establishing a governance structure, data-tracking, and community engagement; serving the needs of single adults experiencing homelessness, including streamlining service provision and creating pathways out of homelessness; workforce development, including expanding opportunities for community members to re-enter the workforce from homelessness; and serving the needs of families experiencing homelessness, including preventing family homelessness and expanding housing opportunities for families. Together, these areas form a structure to create workable pathways out of homelessness for unhoused community members.

The plan's implementation began in 2022, and initial impact is beginning to emerge. Six agencies are inputting clients into the OneHome coordinated entry system and beginning to see housing placements through this effort. The Tri-Cities partnership with the Built-for-Zero initiative has cut homelessness among military veterans in the Tri-Cities in half and contributed to a 31% reduction in veteran homelessness in the broader Denver Metro Area. Last fall, the AllHealth Network launched a coordinated outreach team which has already connected 93 unsheltered individuals throughout the region with services and is providing street-based mental health care to 27 individuals. The first cohort of the CrossPurpose workforce program has generated over \$515,000 of wealth within the lives of vulnerable community members, stabilizing journeys out of homelessness and reducing risk of participants entering homelessness. The second CrossPurpose cohort, consisting of 23 individuals, graduated in March. The Ready to Work transitional housing program has acquired a facility and is working to launch a program to move 48 clients per year from the streets into stable housing and employment.

Littleton Voters Reject Ballot Question 300

Littleton voters turned down Ballot Question 300 at a special election held March 7. Ballot Question 300 was a citizen-initiated amendment to the city charter that would have reduced the number of signatures required for special elections and shorten the timeframe to schedule a special election. The measure would have reduced the number of signatures required from 10-15 percent (depending on circumstances) to five percent of registered electors registered to vote in the last general municipal election. It would also have required that an election be held between 60-150 days following verification of petitions as specified in state statutes.

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter said, "I'm glad to see that Littleton voters agreed with city council's position to not amend our Charter's process for referendums and initiatives. I know this election has been somewhat divisive, and a bit confusing, and I hope our community can come together in improving the high quality of life we enjoy in Littleton. City council members and city staff are always happy to interact with our community members and welcome their input in our democratic process."

As a Home Rule Municipality, Littleton is exempt from state statutes and is governed by its Charter that can only be amended by a vote of registered electors. It is estimated that the March 7 election cost upwards of \$165,000.

300	BALLOT QUESTION - Charter Amendment	
	*TOTAL	%
YES	2,669	29%
NO	6,671	71%

* As of publication date.

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Littleton Legend Libby Bortz Inducted Into Women's Hall of Fame

The Littleton City Council honored Libby Bortz for her induction into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame at its March 7 meeting.

Libby Bortz exemplifies community service. Since arriving in Littleton in 1960, Bortz spent decades leading efforts to improve the lives of seniors, women, youth, and people in need.

In the 1960s, Bortz served on Littleton's Council for Human Relations, where she spearheaded the creation of Bradley House, a home for seniors, veterans, and adults with disabilities.

Her work to improve housing for the disadvantaged led to the creation of Littleton's housing authority in 1970, and the acquisition of the Amity Plaza affordable housing complex and dozens of scattered-site homes. This group was responsible for bringing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Littleton in 1964.

Most notably, Bortz spearheaded the creation of the assisted living home near Downtown Littleton that bears her name – an honor bestowed on her as a founding member of South Metro Housing Options to recognize her tireless efforts for seniors.

Bortz stood firm in the face of gender discrimination. When she was turned down for admission to the University of Colorado's medical school, she sued – and won. Later she sat on the university's Medical School Admissions Committee.

Libby Bortz also led causes for women. She helped set up women's resource centers around Colorado, and served on the state's Commission on the Status of Women.

Through her efforts as a social worker, Bortz established the Women's Resource Center at Arapahoe Community College and helped create a women's studies program.

Libby Bortz's induction into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame follows numerous other honors, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work.

Through the years, Libby Bortz left her mark on Littleton. Countless lives have been improved through her tireless devotion to community and people in need.



Historic Littleton Walking Tours Resume

Travel back in time through Littleton's boisterous past on a walking tour of downtown with Historic Littleton Inc. Guides will share the stories of the buildings, people, and events that define Littleton.

When: Tours are held at 6 p.m. every first Friday between May and October:
May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4,
September 1, and October 6

Where: Meet in front of the Littleton Municipal Courthouse at
2069 West Littleton Boulevard



CITY DITCH TOURS



Walk with Netty, Littleton's Dog Mayor Pro Tem, along the historic City Ditch.

When: 2 p.m., Saturday, April 8

Where: Meet in front of the Littleton Municipal Courthouse at
2069 West Littleton Boulevard



Walk with Murdoch, Littleton's Dog Mayor, along a different section of the historic City Ditch.

When: 2 p.m., Sunday, May 7

Where: Meet in Lower Ridgewood Park
at 2492 West Euclid Avenue

Dogs are welcome. Tours are free, but donations are appreciated. Reservations are not required. For more information, visit <http://HLinc.org>.

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Finally, school administrators throughout the Tri-Cities are working to serve the needs of students experiencing homelessness, including managing a program in partnership with Innovative Housing Concepts to provide financial support and case management to connect families with stable housing.

These efforts indicate that the Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative is having an impact in the lives of community members like Joe Trujillo. Moving forward, much work remains, such as finishing implementation of the Action Plan and examining the land-

scape of housing affordability in the region.

Contact Mike Sandgren, the Tri-Cities Homelessness Services Coordinator at MSandgren@arapahoegov.com for more information.

City Council Explores Funding for Capital Projects

After Littleton voters approved Ballot Measure 3A in 2021, a .75% sales tax increase to pay for capital projects, City of Littleton officials are looking to leverage the funds to pay for long-overdue maintenance and pay for needed capital improvements.

The Littleton City Council is exploring forms of debt financing, which would allow the city to accelerate big-ticket capital improvement projects, rather than using a pay-as-you-go method. Staff have identified a variety of large-scale projects that could benefit from debt financing, including replacing buildings at the Bellevue Service Center that date to shortly after World War II and are in poor condition.

Certificates of Participation (COPs) are among the primary forms of debt financing under discussion. COPs are a type of municipal bond that allow investors to participate in the financing of specific projects.

Littleton has experience with COPs. The city previously employed them for several large-scale projects, including the expansion of the Littleton Museum, the construction of Fire Station 12, and the renovation of the Littleton Municipal Courthouse.

Other forms of debt financing under discussion include general obligation bonds and revenue bonds, both of which would require voter approval.

Littleton's usage of 3A funds will be reviewed by the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Committee (CISTC), a newly-formed citizen advisory committee that will report annually to city council.

Neighborhood Grants Available

Looking for ways to get to know neighbors or spruce up the neighborhood? The City of Littleton offers grants for local projects and events.

Community Improvement Grants encourage neighborhood groups and homeowner's association participation in community improvement projects. Approved projects are eligible for up to \$9,999 and must benefit the neighborhood, be accessible to the public, and include three bids.

Large community improvement grants are physical improvements to common areas accessible to the public such as:

- Playground enhancements
- Landscaping improvements
- Monument sign repair/replacement
- Decorative fencing
- Shelter construction and improvements

Neighborhood Grants encourage neighborhood outreach and engagement. Approved projects are eligible for up to \$500 and include official neighborhood gatherings (such as those sponsored by a block, HOA, or non-profit), National Night Out events, neighborhood or community clean-up events, or community educational programs. Approved events should not celebrate individual milestones such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc. or provide any personal gain to an individual. Neighborhood Grants may be applied for all year to be used for an event within the same calendar year as long as there is funding still available.

For more information, search "Local Grants" at <http://LittletonCO.gov>.



Check out the new
LittletonCO.gov



City Council Affirms Focus Areas at Annual Retreat

The Littleton City Council held its annual retreat February 9 and 10, setting goals for the year ahead.

Council was guided by the vision statement that was developed by the Envision Littleton community process several years ago: "Littleton is a place where visions and values endure across the decades and generations. It is a place where nature and city living intersect, can both be enjoyed, and are guarded with a fierce sense of stewardship."

Council agreed on five outcomes to advance for the long-term:

- Vibrant community with a rich culture
- Sustainable community with natural beauty
- Robust and resilient economy
- Safe community
- High-quality governance

These focus areas will help city council formulate plans and guide decision-making for the next several years.

Littleton to Draft Fresh Economic Strategy

Littleton will draft its first Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in a decade in 2023, laying the groundwork to meet the needs of local businesses for years to come.

Littleton's Economic Development Department is closing in on selecting a consultant to help draft the strategy, with plans to finalize the CEDS by the end of the year.

"This will be a data-driven approach to focus our efforts," said Littleton Economic Development Director Cindie Perry. "This will help us focus on what's missing from our policies, and what's needed for businesses to thrive here. We may have our own ideas, but this helps us move beyond anecdotes."

The CEDS process will include widespread public and business engagement efforts. Policies that could arise from a CEDS include designating new business parks, developing business districts in the city by redirecting capital funds to physical or technology infrastructure, or creating incentive plans for particular industries or business types. A CEDS will also help Littleton qualify for federal economic development funding.

The CEDS will also focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Littleton business community, said Economic Development Specialist Jamie Crout. "We need to be sure we're hearing from voices in the community we don't always hear from," Crout said. "Using different avenues of outreach than have been employed in the past is really important here."

The CEDS will also focus on economic resilience strategies, which have come into greater focus since the pandemic. Placemaking – making sure businesses reflect Littleton's unique character – is another priority.

"How do we stand out from the surrounding region?" Perry said. "Littleton is a special place, and our business community is such a big part of that."

Public and business engagement opportunities will be presented throughout 2023. Search "economic development" at <http://LittletonCO.gov> for more information.

Mayor Schlachter Selected for Metro Mayors Leadership Position

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter was appointed in January to the Executive Committee of the Metro Mayors Caucus. Founded in 1993, the Metro Mayors Caucus (Caucus) is a nationally recognized membership organization for mayors in the Denver region. The Caucus is a unique forum that fosters personal relationships and uses dialogue to identify common purposes, challenges, and solutions that benefit both the region and member municipalities. The Caucus is comprised of 39 municipalities in the Denver area and known throughout the United States as key in promoting the region's nationally recognized culture of collaboration.

"My appointment to the Executive Committee gives Littleton residents an even greater voice in the positions the Caucus considers," Schlachter said. "It's consensus-based decision-making practice is key to its success and is a model I fully embrace. Thanks to former Littleton Mayor Susan Thornton, a founding member of the Caucus. I'd also like to thank Littleton voters who supported a four-year term for mayor that makes participating in committees like this possible because there is ample time left in a term to serve," he added.

Residents Invited to Community Meetings

Littleton residents and businesses are invited to attend two citywide meetings.

The first is hosted by Council Member Pam Grove, who will present information on topics relevant to the city, host an interactive group discussion, with time for a Q&A session.

When: 10 to 11:15 a.m., Saturday, April 8
Where: Downstairs meeting room, Bemis Public Library
6014 South Datura Street
Contact: Council Member Pam Grove
pgrove@littletongov.org

Mayor Pro Tem Gretchen Rydin, and Mayor Kyle Schlachter will co-host a second community meeting.

When: 10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 6
Where: Outside the Reynolds Landing pavillion
6745 South Santa Fe Drive
Contact: Mayor Pro Tem Gretchen Rydin
grydin@littletongov.org or
Mayor Kyle Schlachter
kschlachter@littletongov.org

Littleton local Channel 8 or 880

Littleton 8 is broadcast in HD to all Comcast Xfinity customers in Littleton on channel 880. The live stream and playback schedule are also available online at LittletonCO.gov/channel8



Littleton Continues with Redistricting

Littleton's four city council districts will undergo a redistricting process in 2023, on the heels of the 2020 United States Census. Redistricting is a process to change the boundaries of council districts to ensure they represent equally proportionate populations, as required by law following a Census.

The city clerk's office, in conjunction with the election commission, geographic information specialists, and communications staff will collaborate on the redistricting process for completion in advance of the 2023 November election.

Following formal adoption of the new districts in June, a public outreach campaign will inform citizens of the boundary line changes. Targeted outreach will notify all addresses that experienced a change in district. The city clerk's office will notify the county clerks of any changed boundaries to ensure accurate ballot distribution based on council seats eligible in 2023.

The new districts will be in effect for the November 7 municipal election.

New Tourism Website Launching Soon

Progress continues on a brand-new website focusing on the wonderful things to see and do in Littleton. The new Visit Littleton website, scheduled to launch in June, will highlight shopping, restaurants, events, parks, trails, cultural and entertainment venues, and lodging options in Littleton.

The goal of the city's tourism strategy is to promote visits to Littleton's many amenities, encouraging local and out-of-town visitors to linger longer in Littleton: have lunch or dinner, do some shopping, see a show, and visit the museum or a park.

In 2022, Littleton voters approved a 5-percent lodger's tax. The revenues from this tax will support local arts and cultural organizations as well as tourism initiatives like the Visit Littleton website.



Audi Denver Renews Criterium Partnership

The City of Littleton is pleased to announce that Littleton's own Audi Denver dealership has renewed its partnership as the title sponsor for the Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium for another three years. Support from the McDonald family and staff will help ensure the future success of Littleton's signature event. Don't miss the nation's best bicycle racing, live music, food, and beverages August 5 in Downtown Littleton.



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spring 2023 Littleton Events



april 7-30

Town Hall Arts Center - *La Cage Aux Folles*
boxoffice@townhallartscenter.org

FRIDAY
april 14

Littleton Public Schools (LPS) Foundation
The Spirit Celebration 2023
spiritdinner.com
6 p.m.

SUNDAY
april 16

Rockin' on the River 5k - Hudson Gardens
ssprd.org/raceseries
9 a.m.

SATURDAY
april 22

South Platte Renew - Earth Day River Cleanup
SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov

april 27 -
may 7

Venardos Circus - Aspen Grove
LiveYourCircusDream.com

WEDNESDAY
april 26

Littleton Museum - pARTy: Maps
Tickets for sale at LittletonMuseum.org
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
april 29

Bemis Library - El Dia de los Ninos
El Dia de los Libros (for all ages)
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
BemisLibrary.org



TUESDAY
may 17

State of the City
Hudson Gardens Bloom Room - Buy tickets
at LittletonBreakfast.eventbrite.com
7:30 - 9 a.m.

may 19 -
June 17

Town Hall Arts Center - *Memphis*
boxoffice@townhallartscenter.org

SATURDAY
may 27

LPS high schools graduations
Times vary by school

MONDAY
may 29

Memorial Day observed (CITY OFFICES CLOSED)
8 a.m. - Flag pole, Littleton Cemetery
10 a.m. - WWII Memorial, Ketring Park

SATURDAY
June 3

Little Jam #1 - Sterne Park
Rewind - rock cover songs from the
70s, 80s, 90s, and 00s. FREE
6:30-9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
June 16

Littleton Museum - Exhibit Opens:
A Colorful Dream
LittletonMuseum.org

WEDNESDAY
June 21

Meet Greet and Eat #1
Bookmobile Launch Celebration
Geneva Park FREE PIZZA
4 - 6 p.m.

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Find more events at:

Littleton **ROCKS**.COM

Prepare for Flood Season

In Littleton, the typical flood season is from mid-April to mid-September due to spring rains or summer thunderstorms. Flash flooding from heavy rain can cause rapid runoff in just a few minutes, often flooding streets and low-lying areas. Littleton's numerous small streams, such as Little's Creek, Lee Gulch, and Slaughterhouse Gulch are subject to this common type of flooding. Road surfaces can flood at roadway crossings. Never attempt to cross a flooded road or walk or bike across a flooded trail.

One way to mitigate the impacts of a flood is to have flood insurance. Premiums can vary depending on the risk at a particular property. Littleton participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes flood insurance available to any property in the city limits. Flood insurance is available and recommended even for homes not located within a mapped floodplain. Properties located in a FEMA-designated floodplain with a federally-backed mortgage are required to carry flood insurance. Littleton also participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) program which provides discounted flood insurance premiums for residents.

Information about whether a property is in a floodplain or has other flood risk, is available from the City of Littleton's Public Works Department/Engineering staff. Call 303-795-3865 and ask for the Floodplain Administrator. The following information and assistance are available:

- Site visits to evaluate risks and possible mitigation measures
- FEMA floodplain and floodway maps, floodplain elevation information, and flood depths
- Mile High Flood District floodplain maps, elevations, and depths
- Flood insurance information

Stay informed and stay safe! For more resources and information regarding floods, search "flood information" at LittletonCO.gov.



National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation April 1-30

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter is joining mayors across the country asking residents to make a long-term commitment to reduce pollution and manage water resources more wisely. In return, residents can win over \$50,000 in eco-friendly prizes. This year students can make water conservation commitments that directly support their city's standings.

The annual campaign encourages residents, between April 1-30, to commit to making small changes at <http://mywaterpledge.com> to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution, and save energy. The program was started ten years ago by a handful of mayors looking to engage their residents more deeply about the coming water challenges in the United States.

"The city council, staff, and I are committed to environmental sustainability, and recently reaffirmed this goal as one of our most important priorities," said Mayor Schlachter. "All Coloradoans have experienced the effects of drought in our state and water conservation is the most important thing we can do to mitigate the impact," he said.

Last year, residents from over 2,000 cities in all 50 states pledged to reduce their consumption of fresh water by over one billion gallons, reduce waste sent to landfills by 35 million pounds, and prevent nearly 100,000 pounds of hazardous waste from entering watersheds. The Challenge goes beyond short-term issues and looks at how water use affects the future — from managing coasts, lakes, and rivers; to reducing polluted runoff.

To participate, go to <http://mywaterpledge.com>, and make online pledges to conserve water on behalf of Littleton. Cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category get a chance to win \$3,000 toward their utility bills, and hundreds more eco-friendly prizes including Toro irrigation smart controllers, gift cards for Hobie Surf Shops, and more. In addition, one school from each winning city will receive 100 pairs of Zenni Remakes™, eyeglasses that reduce damage to eyes from prolonged exposure to blue light. Each pair is made from recycled plastics equal to three discarded single-use water bottles.

The National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation is presented by the Wyland Foundation, with support from the U.S. EPA WaterSense, the Toro Company, Zenni Optical, and the National League of Cities.

Removal of Diseased Trees on Main Street to Start This Spring



Of the 81 trees that flank either side of Main Street in Downtown Littleton, 64 are thornless honey locusts, many of which are more than 40 years old.

City of Littleton foresters have determined all 64 are suffering from thronectria canker, a fungal disease compromising the trees' structural integrity. Unfortunately, all 64 must be removed to protect against breaking or falling limbs.

The remaining 17 trees along Main Street that are not honey locusts will not be removed. City staff are exploring the opportunity to invite artists to convert roughly a dozen of the larger honey locust trunks into wood-carved sculptures.

None of the trees will be replaced at this time, as the city embarks on the Downtown Mobility and Streetscape Improvement Project (DMSIP) to re-imagine the future of Downtown Littleton.

In 2025, Denver Water will begin a project to replace the aging water line that runs beneath the middle of the street, which is in danger of leaking or failing. Alongside this project, the city is working with a consultant team to develop a plan to improve electrical, lighting, irrigation, landscaping, and mobility systems utilizing capital project funds derived from the voter-approved 2021 sales tax increase dedicated to capital and infrastructure.

For residents with honey locust trees interested in assessing their condition, call a certified arborist listed on the City of Littleton's website.

For more information about the tree removal project, contact Grounds and Natural Resources Manager Kelsey Stansfield at 303-795-3766. For more information about the DMSIP, contact Senior Project Manager Adrienne Burton at 303-795-3957. This effort is anticipated to begin in late spring 2023.

Littleton Snags Tree City USA Award for Forestry Work

Littleton took home the Tree City USA Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation in 2023, which recognizes major milestones in "higher levels of tree care and community engagement." Here are some of the highlights that helped Littleton snag the honor:

- Increased the forestry budget, thanks to strong support from city council as part of environmental stewardship goals
- Obtained an Xcel Energy Planting Grant to give free trees in low-canopy neighborhoods
- Obtained an Emerald Ash Borer treatment grant from the Colorado Tree Coalition, providing funds to treat ash trees in low-income neighborhoods
- Approved funds to remove hazardous trees and trim those violating city codes for sidewalk clearance or visibility
- Created a tree inventory using GIS software, building a citywide database of trees including location, photos, species, planting dates, inspection reports, and more
- Drafted the city's first-ever Forestry Management Plan



South Platte River Cleanup April 22

South Platte Renew will host the 2023 River Clean-Up April 22, giving participants an opportunity to celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up litter along Littleton's primary waterway.

When: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 22

Where: Meet in the Riverside Downs parking lot near the Pedal Bike Shop at 2640 West Bellevue Avenue. Register at SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov.



Broadway Corridor Study Underway

The City of Littleton is partnering with numerous local governments to undertake a groundbreaking study of Broadway between I-25 and Highlands Ranch Parkway to improve land use and transportation along this vital corridor.



- The study has several goals, including:
- Attaining a future with zero transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries
 - Completing a cohesive and well-connected corridor for all modes and users
 - Offering reliable and predictable transportation options
 - Creating spaces where people want to spend time
 - Fostering investment that positively impacts the community
 - Maintaining and enhancing ecological, human, and economic health

Throughout the study, the city will provide several collaboration opportunities for residents and businesses to share ideas on how to improve the experience along Broadway.

For updates, search "Broadway Corridor Study" at LittletonCO.gov.

Littleton Museum Ventures into Past and Future

History Adventures Return to Museum

Would-be cowboys, soldiers, and farmers are wanted for the Littleton Museum's History Adventures day camps!

History Adventures help youngsters understand the experiences of Coloradans



past through hands-on activities with costumed historical interpreters at the museum's living history farms. These day-long activities are open to 12 students per session and require advance registration. Members of the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum receive early access to registration.

- All sessions run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Cost: \$50 per day per child.
- Registration dates:
Friends' members: 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 28
General public: 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 4

Life on the Farm: Tuesday, June 13 to Wednesday, June 14 (\$100 per child) Ages 8 to 12 | Explorers will discover the day-to-day work that went into running a 19th century farm.

Military Day: Tuesday, July 11

Ages 9 to 13 | It is 1861 and explorers have been pulled back through time, to the beginning of the Civil War. During this session children will learn about the rigors of military life in the 1860s.

Cow Camp: Tuesday, July 25

Ages 8 to 12 | Saddle up! This session will focus on western cattle culture and the jobs that cowboys, cowgirls, and vaqueros have done for hundreds of years.

Art and History: Tuesday, August 8

Ages 7 to 11 | Step into the role of a historic artist as the Littleton Museum combines art and history. Explorers will learn about artists who visited Colorado in the 19th century and create art of their own.

For more information, search "History Adventures" at <http://LittletonMuseum.org>.

NASA Kiosk Engages Visitors in STEM



The Littleton Museum is pleased to announce the arrival of an Observing With NASA (OWN) kiosk. Sponsored by Smithsonian Affiliations and the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, the interactive touchscreen table is one of ten that has traveled to 30 Affiliates between March 2022 and May 2023. The kiosk will allow visitors to learn about NASA programs, and to create their own versions of actual space images using real NASA data. The Littleton Museum – a Smithsonian Affiliate since 2003 – applied for the kiosk at no cost in spring of 2022. The museum also received a \$4,000 grant for related programming, coming later in April 2023.

Since the late 1950s, Littleton has played a significant role in the history of space science in the United States as the home base for staff and visitors to the nearby Lockheed Martin plants in Deer Creek and Waterton Canyons. Through the years, local engineers and space scientists have worked on NASA and U.S. military programs like Titan, Viking, and Maven, to name a few.

Intended for youth and their families, the kiosk will engage audiences in authentic STEM practices as they work with real astronomical imagery from NASA data archives. Participants can even email their personalized OWN images to themselves and share on social media. Located in the Littleton Museum's video orientation room, the OWN kiosk will be accessible through Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Scott Rogers Named Littleton's New IT Director

Littleton City Manager Jim Becklenberg has selected Scott Rogers as Information Technology Director following a nationwide search that yielded a highly qualified group of applicants.

Rogers has been with the city since 1999 most recently serving as Deputy Information Technology Director for Infrastructure. He was selected as Littleton's Employee of the Year in 2020.

"Scott competed with many talented IT executives through the process and demonstrated his expertise and readiness for the Director role," Becklenberg said. "Interview panel members spoke highly of his technology skills



and his collaborative listening abilities," he added.

Rogers earned his bachelor's degree in business information systems from CU Denver. He has achieved many certifications throughout his career demonstrating his expertise in management and technology.

"I am very excited about this opportunity continuing to grow the deep relationships I have with staff and leadership throughout the city, and driving continuous innovation with our outstanding IT team," Rogers said.

Board and Commission Appointments Announced

Dozens of citizens graciously volunteer their time to serve on Littleton's 13 Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs). City council appointed or reappointed 34 citizens to the ABCs, effective April 1:

Arts & Culture Commission – Katie Caron, Joseph Haynes, J.D. McCrumb, Noah Welshans

Board of Adjustment – Carolyn Wolvin

Building Board of Appeals – Robert Hoene, Wiley Smith

Capital Improvement Sales Tax Committee – John Jones, Julie Radulovich

Environmental Sustainability Committee – Amy Conklin, Geoff Frazier, Hannah Kight, Scott Melin, Seetaram Motupalli, Gretel Pavao, Nick Stevens

Fine Arts Board – Jacob Roland

Historical Preservation Board – Rick Cronenberger, Jason Henderson, Kalena Murib

Licensing Authority – Scott Primeau

Next Generation Advisory Committee – Andrew Allan, Cody Bair, Lauren Geber, Carter Londagin

Planning Commission – Tim Neeley, Dan Radulovich, Jason Reynolds

South Metro Housing Options – Pat Cronenberger, Merrill Stillwell

Transportation Mobility Board – Matt Duff, David Evans, Michael Gloden, Geoffrey Selzer

Bemis Public Library Director Nancy Trimm Departs



Bemis Public Library Director Nancy Trimm accepted a new position in February as Director of Branch Libraries for the Garfield County Public Library System based in Rifle, Colorado. Trimm has been at Bemis since 2017, serving two years as the Director and three years as the Deputy Director. "Nancy served the Bemis Public Library community admirably with strong leadership and care for all patrons, while also working as a valued member of the city leadership team," said City Manager Jim Becklenberg. "I join the city council, staff, and community in thanking Nancy for her service to Littleton and wish her well in her new adventure," he added. She will supervise the operations of six libraries in Glenwood Springs, Silt, New Castle, Rifle, Parachute, and Carbondale.

The City of Littleton's Human Resources team is working with Bemis leadership to recruit a new director. Library Services Supervisor Rich Allen will serve as the Interim Library Director until the recruitment process is complete.



2023 South Suburban Board of Directors Election

The regular election for the South Suburban Parks and Recreation Board of Directors will be held May 2. Two board positions will be filled, each to serve a four-year term. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is April 25. More information including polling locations, important dates, and instructions for receiving an absentee ballot is available at ssprd.org/election. The candidates are: Alexis Barrere, Michael G. Edwards, Pam Eller, Ken Lucas, John Priddy, Elizabeth Watson

2023 Summer Catalog

The South Suburban Summer 2023 Catalog opens for registration online at 9 a.m. April 11, and the printed version will hit homes in mid-April. View and register for summer programs at register.ssprd.org.

Active Adult Healthy Living Expo

Take advantage of health checks, enjoy interactive demos, and learn about local resources at the Active Adult Healthy Living Expo! More than 50 exhibitors will offer a variety of services and support to help older adults live happier and healthier.

When: 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 4

Where: Buck Recreation Center, 2004 West Powers Avenue, free, registration not required

Dive into Summer at Outdoor Pools and Save with a Splash Pass

Enjoy unlimited admission to Harlow, Holly, Franklin, and Cook Creek pools this summer with the Splash Pass! Youth, senior, and household passes are offered. Splash Passes are available for purchase starting May 1 at ssprd.org/Passes, or at all South Suburban pools and recreation centers.

Annual War Memorial Rose Garden Pruning Workshop

Gardeners of all experience levels are invited to join South Suburban for the annual Rose Pruning Workshop!

When: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 29

Where: War Memorial Rose Garden, 5804 South Bemis Street, free, registration required at ssprd.org

42nd Annual High Line Canal Run 5k & 10k

A local favorite! Runners of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the 42nd Annual High Line Canal 5K and 10K along the scenic High Line Canal Trail.

When: Saturday, May 6

Where: High Line Canal Trail

BEYOND BOOKS...

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

The library will be closed for holidays on Sunday April 9 and on Monday May 29

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | BemisLibrary.org

* To register for programs, call 303-795-3961 or sign up through the Events Calendar at BemisLibrary.org/calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

Eighth Annual Six Word Story Contest

April 1 - 21 | Ages 6 and up

Submit a story for a chance to win a cash prize. Three prizes for winners in each of the categories adult (age 19+), teen (12-18), and children's (6-11).

El Dia de los Ninos y El Dia de los Libros

April 29 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | All ages

Food, music, crafts and more! The library will host performers, food, and traditional crafts, in this annual festival celebrating children, books, and Mexican culture.

Summer Reading Program

Begins May 30 | All ages

Learn more about age specific programs, prizes, registration, and events at BemisLibrary.org.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

TheStudio@Bemis: Open Lab

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 4-6 p.m. | All ages

Drop in to learn more about Makerspace and its resources. Craft projects will be provided.

Stitch Circle

2nd and 4th Thursdays | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | All ages

Bring in projects or learn basic knitting or crocheting.

Drop-in Tech Help

April 6 and May 4 | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | All ages

Stop by for basic technology assistance with a smartphone, eReader, tablet, or laptop.

Plant Swap

April 8 | 1-3 p.m. | All ages

Bring houseplants, cuttings, and seedlings to the library for a community gardening exchange. Participants will be entered in a drawing for door prizes.

Board Games @ Bemis

April 14 and May 12 | 5-7 p.m. | All ages

Family-friendly board game night. Space is limited, pizza and snacks will be served.

The Odyssey According to SETH

April 25 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | All ages



Join Colorado performance artist SETH for a journey into Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey*, and its allegorical parallels with his own journey as an emerging African-American poet.

Dungeons & Dragons

April 26 and May 24 | 5-7:30 p.m. | Ages 10 and up*

Roll the dice, join a group, and let the imagination soar with this popular tabletop roleplaying game. Players of all experience levels are welcome. Pizza and snacks will be served.

Intro to Cricut

April 27 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | All ages*

Learn the basics of the library's Cricut smart cutting machine for crafting and more.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Weekly Story Times

Join weekly story times with rhymes, songs, and books for specific age groups:

- **BABY:** Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.
For caregivers with babies - 1 year.
- **TODDLER:** Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m.
For caregivers with walkers up to 3 years.
- **PRESCHOOL:** Fridays | 10:30 a.m.
For ages 3 years and older.
- **ALL AGES:** Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays | 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
For families with children of all ages.



Paws to Read

April 8 and May 13 | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For Children in Grades K-5*

Sign up for a 20 minute session to read to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society.

Sensory Story Time

April 11 and May 9 | 10:30-11:15 a.m.

For Caregivers & Children of All Abilities

Inclusive and interactive story time designed for children who are neurodivergent and/or have sensory needs. Decreased light and sound, sensory toys, fidgets, and noise canceling headphones available. Includes songs, stories, and rhymes, with time to socialize at the end.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Takeover | 5-6:30 p.m. | For grades 6-12

- **April 5:** Play with Spheros and make buttons. Snacks will be served.
- **May 3:** Create *Star Wars* themed Perler Bead art. Snacks will be served.



Teen Advisory Group

April 12 and May 10 | 5-6:30 p.m. | For grades 6-12

Help make the library better while earning community service credit hours. Participants are invited to exclusive programs like Laser Tag and holiday events. Snacks will be served.

Tweensday | 5-6:30 p.m. | For grades 5-12*

- **April 19: Read This Movie***
Vote for a favorite movie based on a YA novel and watch it. Pizza and snacks will be served.
- **May 17: Comedy Improv Workshop***
Learn games, create short plays, and laugh in an interactive comedy class.

Laser T.A.G. | May 20 | 5-6:30 p.m. | For grades 6-12*



After-hours Laser Tag in the library. Teen Advisory Group participants from the 2022-2023 school year have sign-up priority. Permission slip signed by parent/guardian required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Senior Social Club

Thursdays | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | For ages 50 and up

Weekly chat for seniors in the library.

OLLI Preview: Do You Need a Little More Joy Right Now?

April 4 | 1-2:30 p.m. | For adults of all ages*

Inspired by the book *Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness*, OLLI instructor Janet Kester's class looks at the many facets of joy, and how people can cultivate more joy in everyday life.

Soul Walking Craft

April 15 | 2-3:30 p.m. | For adults of all ages*

Creative play and connection designed to break perfection paralysis and encourage joyful making.

Google Sheets: Budgets

April 20 | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. | For Ages 18 and Up*

Learn how to create and manage budgets using basic formulas in Google Sheets.

New Zealand With Active Minds

April 24 | 2-3 p.m. | For adults of all ages

Join Active Minds and learn the story of the world's sixth largest island nation, including why its inhabitants are often called kiwis.

Tech Class: Search Engines

May 18 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

May 25 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | For ages 18 and up*

Learn how to use search engines effectively and which is the best fit.



LIRC PROGRAMS

International Conversation Circle

Thursdays | 12-1 p.m. | For all ages

Make new friends from around the world and practice English in a comfortable and casual way.



VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Live-streamed discussions with



bestselling authors. To register for upcoming events and to watch previously recorded author discussions, visit <https://libraryc.org/bemis>.

- **April 4 | 5-6 p.m. | For adults of all ages***
Kate Beaton, cartoonist of *Ducks*:
Two Years in the Oil Sands
- **April 27 | 6-7 p.m. | For adults of all ages***
William Kent Krueger, author of *Fox Creek*

BOOK CLUBS

Attend at the library or virtually through Zoom.

- **Senior Book Club | 1-2 p.m. | For ages 50 and up**
April 5: *French Braid* by Anne Taylor
May 3: *The Boys In The Boat* by Daniel Brown
- **Evening Book Club | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | For ages 18 and up**
April 19: *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
May 17: *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews

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COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Lovesac

The search for the perfect couch can be an arduous one, but it's a journey that can end at Lovesac at Aspen Grove. Lovesac couches are modular – they can be configured like building blocks to fit any room or space. Lovesac offers more than 250 fabric coverings for its furniture, and a variety of accessories. The Aspen Grove showroom also offers the original Lovesac, which looks a bit like an old-school bean bag chair, but filled with Durafoam.

Lovesac is located at 7301 South Santa Fe Drive, Suite 524. For more information visit Lovesac.com or call 303-502-5177.



Mobility City

For those who use mobility devices, reliability and support can mean the difference between living a full life or being stuck at home. At Mobility City, owners Josh Liss and Matt Moyers want to make sure those who use wheelchairs, power chairs, scooters, and other mobility devices get the help they need when they need it. Scheduled to open in April, Mobility City will feature a showroom with an indoor track so clients can try devices before they buy, and a mobile repair van to get devices rolling again. Rentals are also available.

Mobility City is located at 151 West Mineral Avenue, #115B (near Safeway). For more information visit denverco.mobilitycity.com or call 720-863-6768.

Sell's Tons of Treasures

Rick Sell has spent decades perusing auctions and estate sales for one-of-a-kind treasures, and he finally has a place to show them off. Sell offers an eclectic hodgepodge of unique items in his sprawling shop just a couple blocks off Main Street – art, furniture, clothing, collectible toys, and even an original pressing of Elvis's first record. A talented woodworker and handyman, Sell fixes up many items himself. Consignment is also available.

Sell's Tons of Treasures is located at 5827 Rapp Street. For more information email sellstonsoftreasures@gmail.com or call 303-947-6550.



Join the city in celebrating National Small Business Week April 30-May 6, 2023

Small business comes in many forms – a favorite corner coffee shop, an app developer working on the next big thing, a local distiller (cheers), or the tailor who perfects a wedding dress. With 31 million small businesses in the U.S. making up about 99% of all the businesses in the country, the City of Littleton thanks its small businesses for serving the community and reminds residents to shop local. Supporting a locally-owned business can generate 3.5 times more wealth for the local economy to reinvest in schools, services, wages, and job creation. To encourage local shopping, the Littleton Economic Development Department will be launching a pilot ShopLocal small business rewards app for smartphones within the next few months. For those who are (or want to be) a small business, the Littleton Economic Development team is ready to connect budding entrepreneurs to resources to help start, strengthen, or expand a business. For more information contact Littleton's Economic Development Department at 303-734-8094 or email economicdev@littletongov.org.

