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## What's Going On At Aspen Grove?

The Aspen Grove shopping center at the northwest corner of Mineral Avenue and South Santa Fe Drive opened in 2001 and is home to numerous large and small businesses.

In 2021, Aspen Grove owners the Gerrity Group, filed an application with the City of Littleton to amend the property's Planned Development (PD) zoning to allow for redevelopment into a mixed-use residential and commercial development.

Gerrity's proposal requested approval of up to 2,500 residential dwelling units in buildings with a maximum allowable height of 85 feet. The proposal was sent to the city's Planning Commission, which approved the request with a condition that the number of residential units be decreased to 2,000. The proposal was then sent to city council, which approved it in November 2021.

A citizens' group circulated a petition to ask voters to consider the project. The petition received more than 3,700 signatures, qualifying it for the November 2022 ballot. This prompted city officials to suspend approval of Gerrity Group's 2021 proposal until the election is held.

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## Jim Becklenberg Begins as Littleton City Manager



The Littleton City Council selected Jim Becklenberg as Littleton's new city manager in May. He began working July 6. Becklenberg was previously the City Manager of Evans, Colorado, a city of 22,000 people near Greeley. He brings 25 years of experience in governmental finance and management.

Becklenberg is spending the early days of his administration getting to know the city council, staff, residents, and business leaders. He'll soon be immersed in the 2023 budget process and the November special election.

"Littleton is known far and wide as a great city with lots of history. It is a great time to be here with all the work that has been done in recent years to craft a new master plan and the community's support for new sales tax revenue that will go a long way toward catching up on deferred maintenance and other capital needs," Becklenberg said. "I am eager to work with Littleton's forward-looking city council and talented staff to facilitate decisions and strategies that both preserve what the community cherishes and meet the challenges and opportunities of the future."

Becklenberg is credentialed by the International City and County Managers Association. He earned a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Accomplishments for the City of Evans included leading efforts to pass a ballot measure implementing a new sales tax for road maintenance, expanding wastewater facilities, and redeveloping key properties in the community. Prior to his experience in Evans, Becklenberg served as the Assistant City and County Manager for Broomfield, Colorado. He has also served communities of various sizes in similar roles in Northern California and Kansas, with experiences ranging from financial leadership and infrastructure planning, to economic development and strategic planning.

## Special Election November 8

The Littleton City Council has scheduled public hearings August 16 and is seeking public feedback on several questions that may appear on the November 8 Special Election Ballot:

- A five percent Lodger's Tax on Littleton's overnight hotel and short-term rental visitors that would establish a dedicated funding source to support local arts and culture organizations and activities, and increase tourism marketing.
- A change to Littleton's charter to modernize the city's purchasing policy for capital assets, enabling the award of contracts to vendors that provide the best overall value to the city.
- The creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to organize and finance improvements in downtown that focus on improving vitality and attractiveness (only qualified electors in the DDA boundary will receive a separate DDA ballot).
- A citizen-initiated referendum concerning Aspen Grove has already been certified and will appear on the ballot (see adjoining story).

Go to [www.littletongov.org/voters-guide](http://www.littletongov.org/voters-guide) to learn more and find answers to frequently asked questions and other information. The August 16 city council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Littleton Center at 2255 West Berry Avenue.

## RTD Offers Free Rides in August

To help promote cleaner air, RTD is suspending fares on all modes of public transit in the month of August, including the Light Rail! It's a chance to save money on gas, reduce the stress of sitting in traffic, and try a different way to get around. Don't miss out on Zero Fare for Better Air! For more info visit [rtd-denver.com/zerofare](http://rtd-denver.com/zerofare).

Mayor Kyle Schlachter enjoys light rail



**ASPEN GROVE** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In October 2021, city council unanimously approved the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC), which modernizes Littleton's land use and zoning. The ULUC created a new zone district in Littleton: Corridor Mixed Use (CMU), which allows mixed residential/commercial development along major transportation corridors including Santa Fe Drive, Broadway, Belleview Avenue, and part of Littleton Boulevard.

Under the terms of this new code that was developed over several years, Gerrity Group submitted a new Master Development Plan (MDP) for Aspen Grove in May 2022, with a greatly reduced proposal for 481 residential dwelling units and a maximum allowable height of 80 feet.

The new proposal requests Planning Commission remove the site's current PD zoning, which is a custom set of zoning rules, and allow the site to revert to the "underlying" CMU zoning created by the ULUC. The Planning Commission was scheduled to hold a public hearing on the request July 25 (see the Littleton Report Online at [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) to find the results of this hearing).

If Planning Commission approves the request, Gerrity Group will have approval to build the newer proposal with fewer dwelling units. The ballot question arising from the citizen petition will remain on the ballot in November regardless of Planning Commission's decision. If the Planning Commission approves the new MDP proposal, the results of the ballot question would be moot.

The ULUC, which created the new CMU zone district, was built on years of public outreach through the Envision Littleton process. Envision formed the foundation of the city's Comprehensive Plan, ratified by city council in 2019.

The Envision process called for the creation of more than 6,500 new housing units in Littleton in coming decades to meet local and regional demand. The ULUC allows for greater housing density along transit corridors as opposed to established older neighborhoods.

Though the citizens' petition regarding Aspen Grove garnered 3,700 signatures, the greater Littleton population has also spoken: both the Comprehensive Plan and ULUC were passed following an extensive public engagement process and unanimously approved by the city council, the elected representatives of the citizens.

**Why does Littleton need more housing?**

Housing prices in Littleton have climbed far faster than wages in recent decades. The 2020 revised housing study found that the number of young families in Littleton is declining in the face of high housing prices.

Public outreach as part of the Envision process consistently found that residents are eager for their children and grandchildren to be able to live in Littleton and want a variety of housing options as their needs change.

While no single housing development can solve the broader issue of housing affordability regionally, adding housing inventory allows Littleton to continue to be a welcoming community.

**What is the financial impact of this project?**

Aspen Grove's owners are interested in the long-term viability of their development. The retail environment has changed substantially since Aspen Grove was built 21 years ago. The shift to online shopping has left many brick-and-mortar retailers struggling.

Many shopping centers are looking at the prospect of incorporating residential units. There are many successful examples around the Denver area, including Southglenn in Centennial, and Belmar in Lakewood.

Residential development doesn't pay for itself. Littleton draws the vast majority of its general fund revenue from sales tax, not property tax. But the city is interested in commercial development that is more sustainable and less subject to the ups-and-downs of the market.

**How will this project affect traffic?**

The intersection of Mineral Avenue and South Santa Fe Drive has caused drivers headaches for years. The City of Littleton is a key partner in the Santa Fe Drive Action Plan – A PEL Study, which is creating a series of projects to improve traffic conditions along Santa Fe.

Littleton is moving forward with plans to create a quad-road interchange at the intersection, which is projected to increase its capacity by up to 30% and decrease the length of the traffic backup at Mineral Avenue by more than 90%.

The Aspen Grove development would be designed to give residents easy access to the Mineral Light Rail station.

**Residents Invited to Community Meetings With Council Members**

Residents are invited to a community roundtable with Littleton City Council Member Stephen Barr, who represents District 3, the city's southeast quadrant. The meeting will be at Bemis Public Library, 6014 South Datura Street, from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, August 27. Attendees are asked to RSVP by emailing Barr at [sbarr@littletongov.org](mailto:sbarr@littletongov.org).

Council Members Pam Grove and Gretchen Rydin will host a citywide resident meeting at Bemis Public Library from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, October 1. The meeting will include small group discussions where participants can talk to and learn from other Littleton residents, business owners, and local leaders, followed by a question and answer session. Donuts will be served. RSVP to Council Member Grove at [pgrove@littletongov.org](mailto:pgrove@littletongov.org) or Mayor Pro Tem Rydin at [grydin@littletongov.org](mailto:grydin@littletongov.org).



**American Rescue Plan Act**

The Littleton City Council has made decisions on how to allocate most of the city's \$12 million portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, presenting unique opportunities to utilize one-time funds for recovery, risk mitigation, and strategic initiatives to support modernization and improvement in the city for years to come.

Here is a look at some funding priorities identified by city council:

- \$3,000,000 for an overhaul of the city's aging computer hardware and software systems.
  - \$1,500,000 to restart a fund to maintain and replace city vehicles, including police cars, snowplows, and Public Works vehicles.
  - \$1,000,000 for a new Police Mobile Command Center (see page 4).
  - \$1,000,000 toward goals outlined by the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group, including hiring a homelessness resource coordinator and exploring creation of a homelessness navigation center.
  - \$1,000,000 toward efforts to build affordable housing in partnership with South Metro Housing Options.
  - \$500,000 toward Downtown Littleton, including renovating historic building facades.
  - \$500,000 toward business support, including funding a CEO position for the Littleton Business Chamber.
  - \$400,000 is slated toward a fiber optic master plan, to ensure fiber optic cables city-wide are operating properly and to identify needed updates.
  - \$75,000 to retrofit the new Bemis Public Library Bookmobile.
  - \$305,000 for street repairs in Littleton Village.
- Roughly \$516,520 is yet to be allocated.

**Littleton Receives Open Spaces Shareback Funds**



Littleton received \$1,458,619.40 in shareback funds from Arapahoe County Open Spaces this year, an increase of more than \$108,000 over the year before.

Arapahoe County Open Spaces funds are generated by the voter-approved, quarter-cent Arapahoe County Open Spaces Sales and Use Tax. Revenue from the tax supports acquiring open space, building and maintaining parks and trails, managing designated heritage areas, and more. Half the funds are distributed to participating cities and towns within the county.

In Littleton, 20% of the city's shareback goes toward maintaining South Platte Park. The remainder goes toward a variety of projects, which this year will include updates to Reynolds Landing, planning efforts at Jackass Hill Park and Sterne Park, and construction at TrailMark Park.

**Outstanding Sewer Bills Due**

Outstanding balances for sewer and storm utility bills are due by 5 p.m. Monday, August 15.

After Saturday, August 20, a delinquent penalty of 15% of the balance will be added. 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.

Payments may be placed in the drop box located outside the front door at the Littleton Center at 2255 West Berry Avenue or mailed to: City of Littleton, P.O. Box 1258, Englewood, Colorado 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). Include the account number with payments. A portal administration fee of 75 cents per transaction plus 2.25% of the total transaction amount applies for all credit card payments. A \$1 fee applies to each eCheck transaction.

**Council Adopts First ADA Transition Plan**

Littleton adopted its first formal Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan in May, laying out a clear process to address ADA concerns/complaints, an assessment of current infrastructure and programs, and an action plan to identify how the city will meet the requirements of the law.

Though Littleton has appointed ADA Coordinators since the 1990s, the new plan provides a stronger framework to ensure accessibility citywide.

The plan identified thousands of ADA non-compliant locations on public rights of way citywide, with the full cost of upgrades estimated at \$88.9 million.

The transition plan identifies a priority list for right-of-way upgrades, starting with curb cuts and sidewalk modifications that allow access to city facilities and buildings, followed by points in downtown, near transit stations and schools, residential areas, then business parks and industrial areas.

The plan also calls for internal upgrades to city facilities like the Littleton Center, including modifications to transaction counters, restrooms, and offices.

Digital accessibility is also targeted by the plan, with elements like digital document access a central focus of the city's website overhaul, scheduled to be rolled out in late 2022.

## Bemis Bookmobile Acquired

Littleton acquired its future Bookmobile in June with the purchase of a 2021 Ford Transit van. This was no easy task due to supply chain shortages in the automobile industry. The van will be converted to a full-service bookmobile later this year by Summit Bodyworks of Fort Lupton.



The Bookmobile supports city council's Goal of Arts, Culture, and Tourism and the Objective to "Improve Accessibility and Expansion of Library Programs." Littleton's first Bookmobile will allow for mobile library programs around Littleton. The Bookmobile will deliver hold items to those who have difficulty traveling to the library, and will also carry a rotating collection, including large-print, children's, bilingual books, and other materials. Library staff also hope to bring the Bookmobile to summer festivals and events, to senior care facilities, and hold children's storytimes around town.

Watch the city's social media channels in coming months for a contest to design the Bookmobile's exterior!

## LPD to Deploy Body Worn Cameras

Littleton Police will get body-worn cameras more than a year ahead of a state deadline after city council approved a contract with Axon Enterprises.

Under the contract, all officers who interact with the public will receive body-worn cameras to comply with the 2020 "Law Enforcement Integrity Bill," which set a deadline of July 1, 2023. "The cameras will improve officer safety and efficiency, support supervisor oversight, and enhance community transparency," said Littleton Police Chief Doug Stephens.

Axon Enterprises is an industry leader in law enforcement technology, and most Denver metro area law enforcement agencies use their products. Axon also provides Littleton Police's Tasers, which will also receive an upgrade under the contract.



The \$1.2 million, five-year contract will be offset by a nearly \$300,000 grant in the first year, and additional cost savings were secured through a state cooperative purchase agreement.

## Western Welcome Week Coming Soon!

The 94th annual Western Welcome Week is almost here! The celebration of Littleton's community spirit returns August 12 through 21, with a schedule jam-packed with classic events.

The main event is the Grand Parade, which will progress down Main Street in Downtown Littleton at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 20. For a full list of events, visit [WesternWelcomeWeek.org](http://WesternWelcomeWeek.org).



## Tennis Bubble Replaced with New Building

South Suburban Parks and Recreation is working to replace the Littleton Golf and Tennis Clubhouse and the Tennis Bubble at Bowles Avenue and Federal Boulevard, after it was destroyed in a windstorm in December 2021.

South Suburban plans to replace the bubble, built in 1985, with a pre-engineered metal building. No uses within the building or on-site are proposed to change. The six indoor tennis courts will remain in the same configuration. The clubhouse will be reoriented and minimally increased in size to enlarge the kitchen and bar area, improve circulation and layout, and provide an outdoor seating area.

Construction is planned to start this fall, with an anticipated construction time of 10 months.



## Bridge House Making Progress

Littleton and its partners in the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group are working to line up funding to create a local branch of Bridge House, a workforce development program that builds self-sufficiency for people experiencing homelessness.

Bridge House is planned to be a 50-bed dormitory facility hosting a "Ready to Work" program that provides trainees with paid work in a local social enterprise and case management support. After one year, trainees graduate to mainstream jobs and permanent housing.

Ready to Work's methods ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness receive support and housing, while receiving training toward long-term career placement. Reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness also helps reduce expenses carried by local governments and healthcare systems.

The policy group is seeking funding for Bridge House through federal, state, and local sources. Congressman Jason Crow has requested \$1.5 million in federal funding for Bridge House, and the Littleton City Council has committed to allocating a portion of the city's American Rescue Plan Act funds toward the program.

Members of the policy group are researching potential locations for the facility in Littleton, Sheridan, and Englewood.

The effort meets a central goal of the policy group's action plan, to create partnerships with workforce programs.



## Meet Greet & Eat

There's just one Meet Greet & Eat event left this summer! Come to Berry Park at 3400 West Berry Avenue from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 24.

Meet Greet & Eat provides free pizza and ice cream (while they last), as well as activities for children and interactive nature displays from South Suburban Parks and Recreation. It's also a chance for residents to have conversations with city council members and staff about community issues.

## Like the news in the *Littleton Report*?

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All city offices will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

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## Mobile Command Center Being Built

The Littleton City Council approved the purchase of the new Mobile Command Center (MCC) for the Littleton Police Department using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. The city's previous command post has been in service for 20 years, and is outdated for technology such as Wi-Fi, body cameras, or drones. Walking through this older model command post, visitors will notice antiquated equipment such as VCRs and tube TVs. The vehicle's old generator system is loud, making conversation hard to hear in and around the command center. The overall footprint of the vehicle limits the number of people that can effectively be in the vehicle working on an incident.

The City of Littleton contracted with LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles of Wisconsin, to build the new MCC. LDV was picked due to its longstanding expertise in building command vehicles, as well as its competitive bid. LDV has built vehicles for the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. The MCC will provide the city with a secondary dispatch center along with state-of-the-art Wi-Fi communications and streaming capabilities that are necessary to handle emergencies. It will also have the ability to stream drone footage, body cameras, and computer usage on a multitude of screens and monitors. The new footprint of the MCC will allow for several people to meet in a common location.

This is just one of the many tools that can help save lives and property during emergencies like fast-moving fires, active shooters, major motor vehicle accidents, or other man-made or natural disasters.

## South Platte Renew Open House August 10

Save the date for the annual Open House at South Platte Renew, the Littleton/Englewood wastewater treatment plant. Stop in for demonstrations, giveaways, activities for kids, tours, and to learn more about renewable resources.

**When:** 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 10

**Where:** 2900 South Platte River Drive, Englewood

For more information contact [ebartlett@englewoodco.gov](mailto:ebartlett@englewoodco.gov) or call 303-783-6809.



## Livability.com Calls Littleton Among Best Cities for Families

Littleton ranked #4 on Livability.com's list of the Best Cities for Families in Colorado. According to the site, "Littleton offers families scenic beauty and an active lifestyle. Nestled in the foothills of the Rockies, Littleton boasts more than 1,400 acres of parks and open spaces and miles of hiking and mountain biking trails. The area also offers rock climbing as well as kayaking and fly fishing along the South Platte River. It's not uncommon to find residents biking to work and school, and with less than 20 miles to downtown Denver, commute times are low, leaving more time to spend enjoying the area's 300-plus days of sunshine."

## Historic Walking Tours Still Available

Just three chances remain to join a historic walking tour of Downtown Littleton in 2022!

Tour guides from Historic Littleton, Inc. share the stories of downtown's marvelous architecture and characters from the city's past.

Two tours will be held during Western Welcome Week Friday, August 19 at 5 and 6 p.m. The final tour of the summer will be held at 6 p.m. September 2. Tours meet on the steps of the Littleton Municipal Courthouse at 2069 West Littleton Boulevard. Tours are free, but donations are appreciated. Reservations are not required.

For more information, visit [hlinc.org](http://hlinc.org).



## Littleton Twilight Criterium Returns August 6

The Littleton Twilight Criterium presented by Audi Denver, returns to Downtown Littleton Saturday, August 6, bringing professional bicyclists from around the country for high-speed races on a tight course through downtown. The race is the eighth stop in the ten-race American Criterium Cup series, a new national criterium series formed in collaboration with USA Cycling.

The Criterium kicks off at 2:45 p.m. and offers excitement for all ages, including a beer garden, food trucks, and live music. Everyone is welcome to hit the course on their favorite bike, trike, unicycle, or bicycle-built-for-two during the Cruiser Ride at 5:25 p.m. Kids can bring their own bike (and a helmet!) and try the Strider Obstacle Course. There will be a deejay from 3 - 7 p.m. with live music courtesy of dance band Thumpin', on stage from 7 to 10 p.m.

Visit [LittletonCrit.com](http://LittletonCrit.com) for more information.

## Littleton Introduces Artwork Archive

City of Littleton staff developed and are excited to share a new public art catalog with the community: "Artwork Archive." Using Artwork Archive, a cloud storage software based in Denver, Cultural and Media Services staff are now able to document and share images and histories of public art, memorials and monuments, painted traffic boxes, and murals within the city limits. As part of the city's commitment to supporting and sustaining public art in Littleton, staff will update the catalog as artworks are added to locations all over the city.

This will ultimately help staff in answering queries from the public, as well as serve as a "one-stop-shop" for residents and visitors to see and learn about specific types of art, like murals or sculptures, and the latest acquisitions from the Fine Arts Board. For the purposes of this catalog, no artwork on private, residential property will be tracked.

For more information, email [arts@littletongov.org](mailto:arts@littletongov.org) or call 303-795-3954. To view the archive, go to [artworkarchive.com/profile/littleton](http://artworkarchive.com/profile/littleton).



## Colorado Parent Award

The Littleton Museum took home an award for Best Small Local Museum from *Colorado Parent Magazine*. The award reads: "This free museum is the ultimate excursion for curious, active kids. Spend a day on two 19th century farms, with a selection of homestead animals, a schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, orchard, and growing gardens, to feel what life was like in the early days of Littleton. Indoor exhibits, including a kids area, make great learning spots on a hot summer or cold winter afternoon."



## Biogas Project Earns Environmental Award

South Platte Renew's biogas capture project earned a Climate Protection Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, accepted by Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter.

The award honors successful local climate action changing how energy is used and produced in cities, resulting in reduced carbon use and emissions.

South Platte Renew, the wastewater treatment plant owned jointly by Littleton and Englewood, drew recognition for its Pipeline Injection Project, which captures biogas produced as a byproduct of wastewater treatment. The project converts the gas into renewable natural gas which is injected directly into Xcel Energy's natural gas pipeline.

The system produces roughly 700,000 therms of energy a year, enough to power 1,700 homes. Since the system went live in 2019, it has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 8,900 metric tons.

Officials from Littleton, Englewood, and South Platte Renew began working on the project in 2012, and the two cities split the cost to implement it. The system generates revenue through a federal fuel standard program and is on track for a four- to six-year payback period, faster than originally anticipated.

"The Pipeline Injection Project is an outstanding example of how cities can utilize wastewater treatment plants to positively contribute to their communities, foster regional partnerships, and improve sustainable practices," the award reads. "Capturing biogas eliminates odor, improves air quality through reduced local greenhouse gas emissions, and provides a new source of revenue for the participating cities. This overall effort demonstrates how collaboration among several entities and working together can create a complex solution for the benefit of their communities."

# LATE SUMMER 2022 LITTLETON EVENTS

TUESDAY  
**AUGUST 2**  
**National Night Out**  
*Ketring Park and  
TrailMark Park*  
4 - 8 p.m.



WEDNESDAY  
**AUGUST 3**  
**Museum Concert Series  
Dakota Blonde**  
*Littleton Museum*  
6:30-8 p.m.



SATURDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 3,  
OCTOBER 1**  
**Paris Street Market**  
*Aspen Grove*  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.



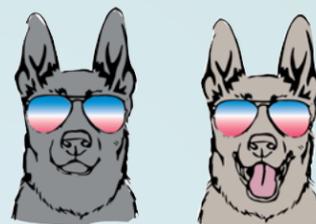
WEDNESDAY  
**AUGUST 24**  
**Meet, Greet,  
& Eat**  
*Berry Park*  
4-6 p.m.



SATURDAY  
**AUGUST 13**  
**Little Jam Concert  
Cowboy Dave Band**  
*Sterne Park • 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.*  
*Free!*



SATURDAY  
**AUGUST 6**  
**Audi Denver  
Littleton Twilight  
Criterium and Bike Fest**  
*Downtown Littleton*  
2:45-10 p.m.



WEDNESDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**Friends of Littleton K-9  
Two Dog Night - Beer Fest**  
*Fundraiser Benefitting  
Littleton Police K-9 Program*  
*Jackass Hill Brewery*  
2 - 10 p.m.

**NOW – OCTOBER 9**  
**Local Artist, Danielle SeeWalker  
Citizen of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe**  
**škhé: it is said**  
*Littleton Museum - Free*



SATURDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 24**  
**Little Jam Concert  
Petty Nicks  
Experience**  
*Sterne Park*  
6:30-9:30 p.m.  
*Free!*

**AUGUST 12-21**  
**Western  
Welcome  
Week Events**

**AUGUST 15 –  
SEPTEMBER 29**  
**Open Call to Colorado Artists  
Juried Exhibition**  
**Own an Original: Labyrinth**  
*Littleton Museum*



SATURDAY  
**AUGUST 20**  
**Grand Parade**  
*Main Street*  
10 - 11:30 a.m.



SUNDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 25**  
**Deep Creek, by Pam Houston  
Community Reading Event**  
*Bemis Public Library*  
Writing Workshop,  
Ticketed Reception,  
and Free Lecture



Find more information at:

**FRIENDS**  
Littleton Library  
and Museum  
SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 1**

**Friends of the Littleton  
Library & Museum**  
**51st Annual Craft Fair**  
*Ketring Park*  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Littleton Immigrant Resources Center Resumes Full Services

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC) at Bemis Public Library is back to full staffing and services, and staff say they are thrilled. The center provides low-cost legal services, and classes in civics and English, to legal immigrants. Though the center saw its funding cut during the COVID crisis, the Littleton City Council restored it to full funding this year.

Before the pandemic, the LIRC served upward of 500 students and clients with nearly 200 volunteers per year. Most of the center's services were halted in 2020 and 2021 amid deep budget cuts, but the center saw an outpouring of support from the community before funding was restored.

The center has returned to full capacity, hosting dozens of new students. Staff are connecting with immigrant communities in public schools, churches, and charity organizations.

LIRC staff provided the following testimonials from clients:

"LIRC is a big support for immigrants to feel part of a welcoming community," said Isabella from Colombia.

"It is a great learning space for international people...and I not only have the chance to learn, but also to express my love for my country," said Maria del Mar from Colombia.

"By providing the assistance and the tools that immigrants need, it creates an education channel to ensure that we are all an essential part of our society," said Annie from China.

Learn more at [littleton.gov/city-services/immigrant-resources-center](http://littleton.gov/city-services/immigrant-resources-center).

## Littleton Museum Debuts New Orientation Video, Accessibility Aids

The Littleton Museum debuted its new visitor video in its reopened orientation room.

The new orientation video walks visitors through what to expect at the museum, including an overview of the indoor galleries and living history farms. The video can also be played with Spanish subtitles.

The museum also offers accessibility aids for guests who benefit from low-sensory accommodations.

Guests can check out sensory backpacks containing the following items:

- Weighted lap pads for overstimulation
- Noise-cancelling headphones for auditory overstimulation
- Sunglasses for visual overstimulation
- Fidget toys, which help with focusing attention
- Communication cards for sharing feelings

Other new accessibility items include EnChroma glasses that reduce symptoms of color blindness, and a new lighter-weight and larger-capacity wheelchair, both available for checkout at the front desk.

Museum staff are seeking feedback on the new video and accessibility accommodations. To share feedback, call 303-795-3954.

## Calendar Photo Contest Deadline Approaching

Photographers! Can you capture Littleton's beauty? The submission deadline for the annual calendar photo contest is September 23! Read up on the guidelines at [littletonrocks.com/photo-contest](http://littletonrocks.com/photo-contest).

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022**

POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**4-8 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 2**

**LITTLETON MUSEUM**  
6028 South Gallup Street

**TRAILMARK PARK**  
8490 West TrailMark Parkway

Residents are encouraged to stop by the location that is the most convenient for them.  
There will be food trucks, games, and fun.

FRIENDS OF LITTLETON K-9 present

**TWO DOG NIGHT BEER FEST**

**Wed., 21-Sept. 2022 • 2PM - 10PM**  
Jackass Hill Brewery 2409 W. Main St, Littleton

\$30 per person includes:  
2 on-tap beers or non-alcoholic beverages + K-9 "swag bag"  
Parking at Reinke's Lot (6 - 10 PM, space permitting)

ADVANCE TICKET SALES:  
[www.friendsoflittletonk9.com](http://www.friendsoflittletonk9.com)  
All proceeds benefit the Littleton Police K-9 program

Friends of Littleton K-9 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit

## Accepting Vendors!

### LITTLETON CRAFT FAIR, OCT. 1

If you love crafting and craft fairs, we have the booth for you! Visit [littletoncraftfair.org](http://littletoncraftfair.org) to apply for a booth at the 51st Annual Littleton Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 1, at scenic Ketring Park. Nearly 20,000 visitors flock to this annual favorite to get a jump on holiday shopping and discover new treasures for their homes.

The Littleton Craft Fair helps raise funds for the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, which supports free concerts, speakers, supplies, and programs at Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum. Visit [friendslittleton.org](http://friendslittleton.org).

**DEEP CREEK:  
Finding Hope in the High Country**  
by Pam Houston  
author of *Cowboys are my Weakness*

**September 25, 6:30 p.m.**  
Author Reception 5:30 p.m.  
Bemis Public Library  
Tickets Available August 15



### South Suburban Fall Fitness Sale

South Suburban's Fall Sale runs from September 19 to October 2! It's the perfect time to try something new, or save money on favorite programs. 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.

Purchase Fall Sale deals at [register.ssprd.org](http://register.ssprd.org), or at any South Suburban recreation center.

### Annual Maintenance Closures

Each year, South Suburban closes its recreation centers to deep clean and make improvements. While local centers are closed, passes and punches may be used at any other South Suburban recreation center.

Buck Recreation Center will be closed August 15 to 19. Improvements include:

- New lobby furniture
- Upgrade facility PA system
- Replacement of SilverSneakers chairs
- Install new pool lighting
- Full pool drain and acid wash
- Facility painting throughout

Lone Tree Recreation Center: Closed August 1 to 5 (pool closed July 2 - early August)

Goodson Recreation Center: Closed August 29 to September 2 (pool closed August 22 to September 5)

### 2022 South Suburban Master Plan Update

South Suburban's Master Plan is getting an update to help shape the future of parks, trails, and recreation programs!

The 2017 Master Plan is largely complete, with many accomplishments including a new sports complex, playground updates, and additions of sports courts, picnic shelters, and trails. This is an opportunity to identify projects for the next five years and create a vision to guide South Suburban's focus and goals.

Visit [ssprd.org/Master-Plan](http://ssprd.org/Master-Plan) to learn more and stay tuned for news on the next steps in the 2022 Master Plan Update process.

### Pancake Stampede 5K Sunday, August 14

Work up an appetite for a deluxe breakfast at the Pancake Stampede 5K! The race takes place on the Mary Carter Greenway along the South Platte River and is part of the Western Welcome Week celebration.

# 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)

### Community Art Project

**August 2 or 6, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.—For Ages 16 & Up\***

The second annual community art project encourages citizens to see their place anew through the lens of a camera.

Join photographer Bob Coorsen for a lesson in planning and composing photographs. Participants

will be invited to submit their favorite photo to be printed, framed, and displayed at Bemis.



### September is National Library Card Sign-up Month For All Ages

Register for a new library card in September or share a favorite thing about having a library card. Pick up a button to show love of the library and enter to win fun prizes.

### Writing Workshop with One Book One Littleton Author Pam Houston

**September 25, 1–3 p.m.—For Ages 18 and Up\***

Join author Pam Houston for a writing workshop focusing on creating a sense of place and identity in your writing. \*Registration begins August 20.

### One Book One Littleton

**Author Reception and Lecture**

**September 25—For All Ages**

**Author Reception: 5:30–6:30**

**p.m.\***

**Lecture: 6:30–7:30 p.m.\***

Attend a special reception and lecture featuring Pam Houston, author of *Deep Creek: Finding Hope in the High Country*. \*Tickets are required for both events and will be available beginning August 15.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Summer Reading Possibilities Were Endless

Bemis readers dove into the Oceans of Possibilities

Summer Reading Program. Bemis Public Library wishes to extend its gratitude to those who donated and contributed to the success of the Youth Services program:

- Andy's Frozen Custard – 6985 South Broadway
- Applebee's Grill – 8292 South University Boulevard
- Colorado Rapids Soccer Club
- Culver's of Littleton – 7440 South Broadway
- Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steaksburgers – 111 West Mineral Avenue
- LaMar's Donuts & Coffee – 5350 South Santa Fe Drive
- Nevaria Juarez Snacks & Ice Cream – 1360 West Littleton Boulevard
- Old Santa Fe Mexican Grill – 1500 West Littleton Boulevard
- Skate City of Littleton
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation

And a special thank you to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. The Summer Reading Program wouldn't be possible without their support.

### LEGO Ocean Exhibit—For All Ages

**August 6, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and August 7, 1–5 p.m.**

Visit an interactive LEGO ocean exhibit in the Sophie's Place area of the library courtesy of the Denver LEGO Users' Group.

### Family Fun Water Day—August 9, 11 a.m.–noon

Dress to get wet and enjoy fun on the lawn of the library with water games, sidewalk chalk, and more.

### Sensory Story Time—September 13, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

**Caregivers & Children of All Abilities Are Welcome**

This inclusive and interactive story time is designed for children who are neurodivergent and/or have sensory needs. Light and sound are decreased. Sensory toys, fidgets, and noise canceling headphones are provided for anyone who needs them.

### Movie Matinee: *The Bad Guys*

**September 30, 2–3:45 p.m.—For Ages 3 and older\***

Kids under age 8 must attend with an adult. PG. 100 minutes. \*Registration begins September 16.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Teen Photography Workshop—For Grades 6–12

**August 13, 2–4 p.m.\***

Participate in the library's Community Art Project. Take photographs and submit them to be displayed at Bemis in September. Bring a smartphone or digital camera or borrow one of the library's.

### Tweensday—For Grades 5–12

- **August 17—Back To School—5–6:30 p.m.\***  
Explore tools to help with homework, projects, and studying. Learn about the library's online databases and web catalog.
- **September 21—Banned Books—5–6:30 p.m.\***  
Discuss why books get banned and write letters to favorite authors of banned books.

### Teen Anime Club—September 7, 5–6:30 p.m.

**For Grades 6–12**

Watch popular anime movies and TV shows. Enjoy snacks and anime-inspired crafts and activities.

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

### Tiny Kitchen Cuisine—August 3, 5–7 p.m.

**For Ages 14 and Up**

Get tips on how to use blenders, toaster ovens, and Instant Pots to make delicious food in tiny spaces.

### Mundo Místico—Venezuela

**August 5, 9:30–10:30 a.m.—For Ages 16 and Up\***

Each month, explore one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language.

### Senior Electronic Gaming Day—August 9, 1–3 p.m.

**For Ages 50 and Up**

Enjoy virtual bowling and other video games on the Nintendo Switch in the Conference Room.

### The Beer Archaeologist: Sipping on

**Stonehenge—August 9, 6–7 p.m.**

**For All Ages**

Historian Travis Rupp will discuss the role of beer and other fermented beverages in the daily life and rituals of the people who built Stonehenge.



### Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of

**Contemporary Art—August 11, 2–3:30 p.m.**

**For Ages 18 and Up\***

Join BMOCA Educator Melinda Laz for a hands-on workshop about BMOCA's current exhibition and create a piece of art inspired by the show.

### LEGO Club—For Ages 8–14

**August 13 and September 10, 3–4 p.m.**

Design and create LEGO creations. Build from a theme or make a brand-new creation.

### Gardening in Colorado—For All Ages

Presented by a Master Gardener with the Arapahoe County Colorado State University Extension Office 6–7 p.m.

- **August 16—Composting**
- **September 20—Common Plant Diseases**

### Outdoor Concert: Skanson & Hansen

**August 18, 6–8:30 p.m.—For All Ages**

Enjoy this toe-tapping concert on the library's front lawn. Bring a lawn chair, grab some dinner from the food truck, and celebrate Colorado summers.

### Trivia Night at the BARBOX at Aspen Grove

**August 19, 7–9 p.m.—For Ages 21 and Up**

Test knowledge of Colorado trivia at this event at BARBOX by Breckenridge Brewery next to the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema at 7301 South Santa Fe Drive.

### Crafts at the Library—For Ages 10 and Up\*

**11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 2–3:30 p.m.**

- **August 20—Break In A Bottle Craft**  
Soothe the stress of daily life with a sensory bottle to keep or give as a gift.
- **September 17—Banned Books Craft**  
Celebrate the freedom to read with crafts that stand against censorship. \*Registration begins August 20.

### Active Minds—2–3 p.m.—For Adults of All Ages

- **August 22—Queen Elizabeth I**  
Learn about the Queen's fascinating life and the era that would take her name.
- **September 26—Water in Colorado**  
Learn about Colorado's water history and what the future holds for use of this resource.

### Dungeons & Dragons—For Ages 10 and Up

• **August 24, 5–7 p.m.—For New Players\***

A special introductory session. Learn how to become a great Dungeons & Dragons player.

• **September 28, 5–7:30 p.m.\***

Players of all experience levels are welcome.

### Getting There Travel Training with DRMAC

**September 2, 9, 16, and 23, 9:30–10:45 a.m.**

**For Adults of All Ages\***

Learn how to use public transit and other alternative transportation systems in this four-part class provided by the Denver Regional Mobility & Access Council. \*Registration begins August 20.

### Beginner Genealogy Workshop with CGHS

**September 9, 1–2:30 p.m.—For Ages 18 and Up\***

Learn the basics of genealogy research. Fee for this workshop includes a one-year membership in the Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society plus workshop materials. Fee is \$35 per individual, or \$45 per family. \*Registration begins August 20.

### Legendary Ladies Present Extraordinary Women of

**the West—September 10, 2–3 p.m.—For All Ages**

The Legendary Ladies return to Bemis to portray six women who lived extraordinary lives.

### Sit and Fit—September 12, 2–3 p.m.

**For Adults of All Ages\***

Participate in a chair exercise class, presented by South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

### Cache La Poudre: the People, the Gunpowder and

**the River—September 13, 6–7 p.m.—For All Ages**

Historian Dave Lively will share the story of the Poudre Canyon and Cache La Poudre River.

### Banned Books Week

**September 18–24—For All**

**Ages**

Stand up for the right to read. Join the library for activities and conversations about book banning and censorship.



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



# COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## Cherry Cricket Restaurant Coming to Littleton Boulevard

Cherry Cricket, famous for its burgers, is moving ahead with plans to open a third location at the former Crestwood Restaurant at 819 West Littleton Boulevard. Parent company Breckenridge-Wynkoop LLC bought the building on Christmas Eve 2021 and hopes to begin construction on the building this fall with plans to open by early 2023. Cherry Cricket's first location has been a staple in Denver's Cherry



Creek North neighborhood since 1945, and the second location sits near Coors Field. Cherry Cricket has taken top honors in the Denver Burger Battle in three of the last five years. The menu also includes a wide selection of craft beer and Mexican food. For updates on construction, follow @TheCherryCricket on Instagram or check [cherrycricket.com](http://cherrycricket.com).



## Grant Will Support Growth of Littleton Business Chamber

The Littleton City Council has pledged \$277,500 of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds over three years to support the growth and programming of the Littleton Business Chamber (LBC).

Founded in 2018, the LBC's mission is to function as a non-partisan organization serving as the principal representative of businesses in Littleton, contributing to the success and prosperity of members, and promoting the economic and civic interests of the community.

Currently, the organization operates on an all-volunteer basis, but the federal grant will allow the LBC to hire a chief executive to institute a wide range of programs.

LBC's work plan includes objectives like hosting dozens of events and activities a year for local businesses and entrepreneurs, including leadership workshops, networking mixers, internship programs, philanthropy fundraisers, and women in business conferences.

The grant funding will help energize the LBC, which suspended dues from members for two years during the pandemic, said Littleton Economic Development Director Cindi Perry.

"This funding will help strengthen and focus the efforts of the chamber," Perry said. "It's a chicken and egg scenario – without seed money, they can't get the dedicated professional staffing they need to generate the value for businesses to create revenue and sponsorships. This money isn't in perpetuity, but it's a startup fund. This

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CINDI PERRY, DIRECTOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF LITTLETON

is an investment in a city-chamber relationship that will benefit local businesses and the community as a whole."

For more information visit [littletonbusinesschamber.org](http://littletonbusinesschamber.org).

## Lube & Latte Opens Later This Year

For those looking for a shot of espresso with their oil change, look no further than Lube & Latte. The Lakewood automotive repair and coffee shop will open a second location at 5600 South Windermere Street by the end of 2022. Founded in 2007, Lube & Latte seeks to provide a more pleasant car repair experience.

"There's no greasy plastic chairs and tire smell in our waiting room," said owner and Littleton native Dustin Olde. "Having a coffee shop makes for a more welcoming and less chaotic environment."

The shop will provide full-service car repairs, from oil changes and fluid check ups to full engine and transmission repairs. The shop will also service hybrid and electric vehicles. Lube & Latte mechanics seek to educate customers on how to maintain their vehicle.

Meanwhile, the coffee shop side will serve lattes, smoothies, and pastries – and customers don't need to have a car in for repairs to stop by for a cup of joe.



For more information, visit [lubeandlatte.com](http://lubeandlatte.com), call 303-274-0713 or email [info@lubeandlatte.com](mailto:info@lubeandlatte.com).



## Festa Sports Athletic Clothing for Women

Festa Sports offers high-quality athletic clothing for all body types. Owner and designer Anne Fanganello formerly worked as a fashion designer in New York City but returned home to Denver and found few choices in activewear for a variety of body types, inspiring the creation of the Festa Sports and Anna Festa clothing lines. Festa Sports also specializes in custom-made clothing. "No matter your size, you should have clothing that fits and



helps you keep healthy," Fanganello said. "I want you to look in the mirror and say, 'I feel awesome.'" Festa Sports will host "Festa Fiesta Week" in October, featuring tennis tournaments, charity fundraisers, and sales on clothes.

Festa Sports is located at 1218 West Littleton Boulevard and open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and on weekends and evenings by appointment. Call or text 917-757-9263 or visit [festasports.com](http://festasports.com).



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