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Weekends on Main Helped Downtown Businesses



Randy Parietti Photography

Weekends on Main, organized by the City of Littleton, was scheduled through the end of July and was a great success. Restaurants and retailers reported record numbers of diners and sales over seven weekends and are thankful to residents for supporting them.

Main Street was closed to allow al fresco style dining as 13 restaurants expanded their space into the street under the beautiful lights. Free parking was available on the side streets, at the Littleton Center, in the Reinke Brothers parking lot courtesy of the Littleton Business Chamber; and at Arapahoe Community College.

The city is considering continuing this event during certain summer weekends in future years.

17 City Employees Choose Early Retirement  
Expected Cost Savings of \$825,000 in 2021

Seventeen employees have chosen to accept an early retirement offer, resulting in an annual cost savings estimated at \$825,000 beginning in 2021 and in subsequent years. This program was developed in response to the budget shortfall created by COVID-19’s impact on sales and use tax revenues. The Leadership Team has reviewed many options to reduce costs and has already cut \$2.1 million through furloughs; freezing of seasonal and vacant positions; eliminating the employee market increases and 457 contributions; changes to temporary staffing levels; eliminating employee tuition reimbursement and reducing employee learning and education; putting several professional and consulting projects on hold; and reductions in parts, supplies, printing, and maintenance.

The City Manager’s Office and Human Resources partnered with department directors to develop transition plans and if needed, new operation plans, as the vacancies, with rare exceptions, will not be filled for a minimum of 2-5 years. Deputy City Manager Randy Young is among those who chose to retire and that is one of the positions that will not be filled. As a result, City Manager Mark Relph has reorganized the Leadership Team and is adding, among other changes, a new Ex-

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Littleton Police Train  
in De-escalation  
Techniques, Proper  
Use of Force

In July, the City of Littleton and the Littleton Police Department held a telephone town hall to address questions surrounding the issue of policing and social equality.

The Littleton City Council and staff share in the grief surrounding the homicide of George Floyd and support the peaceful protests that encourage care and concern for all. Racism of any kind is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in the city organization or in the community. “The city council and staff are committed to equality and inclusivity in every area of life and vow to listen, learn and do everything possible to ensure Littleton is welcoming to all citizens, businesses and visitors,” said Littleton Mayor Jerry Valdes.

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) is accredited by CALEA, the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. CALEA requires compliance with more than 380 national best practices and an annual review. Fewer than 10 percent of the country’s 18,000 law enforcement agencies achieve this accreditation. Chief Doug Stephens and his staff believe accreditation is a valuable tool to promote transparency and professionalism in the department.

Officers receive extensive training on anti-bias, implicit bias, community policing, de-escalation, and proper use of force. While Colorado requires law enforcement officers receive 24 hours of in-service training each year, Littleton officers receive in excess of 100 hours per year. Training is focused on reality-based, role-playing scenarios, where de-escalation techniques are emphasized to reduce the likelihood of the need to use force. Every member of the LPD completed specific training on implicit bias in April of this year, prior to the tragic incident in Minneapolis, and officers train regularly on community policing, ethics, and bias.

Littleton Police Officers work diligently to build and maintain positive and professional relationships with everyone in the city and are committed to treating all with respect. The LPD greatly values the bond it has built with the community and will continue to work to strengthen this partnership.



## Early Retirements

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ecutive Team comprised of Police, Museum/Library, Communications, Public Works, and the Assistant to the City Manager. The Executive Team will also include two new departments. The Administrative Services Department will include the internal services of Human Resources, Information Technology (IT), and Finance and be led by IT Director Ashley Bolton. The Community Services Department will join the departments of Economic Development and Community Development and be led by Kathleen Osher. Samma Fox, Assistant to the City Manager will lead the Municipal Court and the City Clerk's Office.

While retail and general use sales tax collected in May reflects a decrease of approximately 29 percent and 24 percent respectively, the combined reduction is 29 percent or approximately \$740,000 as compared to May 2019.

COVID-19 is having a significant impact on the city's short-term and potentially long-term financial picture. Seventy-eight percent of general fund revenues are generated from sales and use tax, which will be greatly reduced. Revenue from licenses and permits, charges for services, and fines and investment earnings, will also likely be affected. Potential general fund revenue losses in 2020 could range between 10 and 24 percent, or from \$4.6-\$9.6 million.

To prepare for possible future budget reductions, the Leadership Team reviewed their current budgets and identified structural changes to address the expected revenue reduction. These will be considered in developing the 2021 budget but could be implemented sooner if needed.

Staff will continue to monitor all revenues over the coming months. This will allow more time to be strategic regarding long-term impacts to both the community and employees.

## Littleton Post Office Receives Local Landmark Designation

The Littleton Post Office was listed on the National Register of Historic Places last year and on June 16, the Littleton City Council approved local landmark designation. The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects deemed worthy of preservation for their historical significance.

The recent designation of the Littleton Post Office will bring the number of locally-designated properties in the downtown neighborhood to 40. Designation of the Littleton Post Office will help protect the historic character and integrity of the structure for the enjoyment and appreciation of future generations.

Although properties owned by the federal government are not subject to local land use regulations, including the city's historic preservation requirements, landmark designation will serve to highlight the significance of the structure and raise awareness of its importance to the historic character of the community. The Littleton Post Office is located at 5753 South Prince Street in Downtown Littleton.

Littleton Post Office c. 1940



## Road Work on Federal and Bowles

Construction began at the intersection of Federal and Bowles during the last week of May and is scheduled to be completed in August. Voters approved the TABOR override in 2017, providing \$545,000 for upgrades. This was enough funding to move forward with safety improvements, but not enough for the ultimate intersection changes. The work implemented safety improvements for bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Federal and Bowles is the city's highest accident intersection not involving Santa Fe Drive. This location has a history of accidents related to sight lines for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists as well as a mix of arterial streets and recreational trails. The location carries 46,000 vehicles daily and in the last five years, 108 accidents occurred including three involving bicycles and pedestrians. The safety measures are designed to reduce the number of accidents.



## State Approves Expansions for Restaurants, Gyms, Houses of Worship and Malls



Gyms, restaurants, houses of worship and indoor malls will have more flexibility in use of their space due to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's June 29 approval of Arapahoe County's request for a variance. Approval was based on the low disease prevalence of 3.91 percent in Arapahoe County but could be modified or rescinded if the percent positive goes above five percent.

The maximum capacity for all indoor and outdoor spaces, in order to achieve six feet distancing, is 50 percent of the posted occupancy code ensuring a minimum of 28 square-feet per person not to exceed more than 175 people gathered in a confined indoor space at any given time, and not to exceed 250 people in an outdoor space.

Further information about the variance can be found at [arapahoe.gov/Civicalerts](http://arapahoe.gov/Civicalerts).

## Littleton Business Recovery Grants Phase II

The Littleton City Council approved Phase II of the Littleton Business Recovery Grant May 26. City staff revisited all remaining applications submitted during Phase I. Forty-nine additional business owners met the eligibility requirements and received \$2,500 to help alleviate the impact to their business due to COVID-19. Previously, Phase I resulted in 60 business owners receiving \$2,500 each. Both phases total \$272,500. The city has requested these grants be reimbursed under Littleton's allocation of the CARES Act.

City council and staff will review additional opportunities for business recovery grants through the CARES Act. For more information on the recovery grants or to see the list of businesses visit [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org).



## Shareback Funds Will Improve Harlow and Hamlet Parks

The City of Littleton received \$1.28 million in Shareback funds from Arapahoe County Open Space (ACOS). A total of \$15.7 million was distributed to 12 incorporated cities and towns to support parks, trails and open space projects.

In 2020, some of the more significant projects will include replacement of the Harlow Park asphalt tennis courts with post-tension concrete surfacing, upgrading the ball fields and adding concrete walks to the ball fields for ADA compliance.

Other improvements include replacement of the Hamlet Park playground and planning for upcoming projects including improvements at Berry Park, Ida Park, Southbridge Park, Jackass Gulch, Slaughterhouse Gulch and near Reynolds Landing. ACOS and Jefferson County Open Space funding also contribute to the maintenance and operational costs of South Platte Park and the Carson Nature Center. Funds from the quarter cent sales and use tax are allocated according to population.







## Black Lives Matter Solidarity March

Larry Thompson Sr., chair of Littleton's Next Generation Advisory Committee, addresses a crowd that marched from Sterne Park to the Littleton Municipal Courthouse for a Black Lives Matter rally June 18. The peaceful march was escorted to the courthouse by the Littleton Police Department, and was attended by members of the Littleton Public Schools Board of Education and the Littleton City Council.

## 92nd Western Welcome Week Looks Different, Yet Tradition Continues

While the 92nd Western Welcome Week (WWW) looks a lot different this year, there are still events to enjoy!



### WWW Family Pancake Breakfast

What's for breakfast? The Western Welcome Week Family Pancake Breakfast is moving to a new location – Geneva Park, 2255 West Berry Avenue.

On Sunday, August 9 from 7:30-11 a.m., enjoy a boxed pancake breakfast that includes three fluffy pancakes, three delicious sausage links, butter, maple syrup, and orange juice or coffee for \$5. Eat at one of the picnic tables in the park provided by South Suburban Parks and Recreation or take it home to enjoy.

For those who plan to eat at the event, be sure to reserve a time slot. Time slots are limited. Go to [form.jotform.com/WesternWelcomeWeek/www-pancake-breakfast-tickets](http://form.jotform.com/WesternWelcomeWeek/www-pancake-breakfast-tickets). Orders can also be delivered curbside in the designated pickup area.

### 61st WWW Craft Fair

The 61st Craft Fair is planned for Saturday, August 15 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in Downtown Littleton. Browse and shop booths of artisans, crafters, merchants, and home improvement vendors. Great gifts for early holiday shopping! Don't forget the shops in historic Downtown Littleton; part of the Original Shopping Districts.

### Brad & Mary Bradford Memorial Duck Race

Come and cheer on the ducks as they race down Little's Creek towards the Prince Street bridge. Come to the War Memorial Rose Garden, 5804 South Bemis Street on Sunday, August 16 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for fun for the whole family! Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Must be present to win.

Order ducks online at: [form.jotform.com/WesternWelcomeWeek/duck-race](http://form.jotform.com/WesternWelcomeWeek/duck-race) or purchase tickets at these locations through August 14:

- The WWW office – 5890 South Bemis Street
- Lewis & Cluck – 5664 South Prince Street
- Bradford Auto Body – 2659 West Main Street

Events are fundraisers for Western Welcome Week, a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

For a listing of all the events held during Western Welcome Week visit [westernwelcomeweek.org/events/](http://westernwelcomeweek.org/events/).

Event information may change, and all events are contingent on current COVID 19 restrictions.

### 92nd Western Welcome Week Grand Parade Canceled

After considerable discussion, both internally and externally, the Western Welcome Week board made the difficult decision to cancel the 92nd Grand Parade due to the impact of COVID-19. With social distancing protocols and public health orders that prevent large gatherings, this is the appropriate decision in order to keep both participants and the community safe. WWW looks forward to bringing the community the grandest Grand Parade in 2021!

The board and staff want to thank the sponsors and the community for their continued support and understanding.

## Updates for Downtown's Land Use Code and Zoning

City council adopted Phase I amendments to land use codes to address conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan relative to downtown development earlier this year. The council intends to further amend the land use codes to address additional issues including: open space and building height requirements, massing/step-backs, transition zones, front set-backs, sub-division of lots, and parking relative to downtown development. The draft amendments were reviewed and public comments received throughout the month of July. The next steps include the Planning Commission public hearing to consider the amendments on August 31. The first reading for city council's consideration of the amendments is scheduled for September 15, with second reading and public hearing October 6.

Concurrently, the city is following through on the priority recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan to update its regulatory framework by launching the transition to a Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) with consultants Kendig Keast Collaborative (KKC). The ULUC will replace Title 10, Zoning Regulations; Title 11, Subdivision Regulations; portions of Title 4, Building Regulations pertaining to Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks and Historic Preservation; and the Downtown Design Guidelines. The ULUC is an 18-month process of discovery that will continue through October 2021. A draft of the Unified Land Use Code is expected on June 1, 2021 for public comment and review.

## New Police Records Management System

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) has a new web-based Records Management System (RMS) to allow information sharing with other law enforcement agencies in Arapahoe County. LPD can now partner with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office; and Englewood, Greenwood Village, Glendale, Cherry Hills Village, and Sheridan Police. This web-based product also allows an officer to complete reports on the road, search for data within the system and has greater reporting capabilities.

LPD implemented a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system in 2018 that is shared among the same agencies. The CAD integrates with the new RMS allowing data sharing from the time a call is first received in one of the 911 centers to the case completion. A CAD call can be forwarded to another agency if needed or shared if there is a multi-agency response allowing the data entry obtained by the 911 center to be seen by the agencies in real time.

In 2019, a CAD to CAD link was put in place for the law enforcement agencies to share calls with South Metro Fire Rescue and vice versa allowing for quicker response times and alerting a 911 center that law enforcement is needed at a medical call, or if medical is needed at a crime scene location.

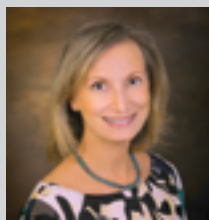
Each agency has the ability to limit views and determine the depth of the information sharing with other agencies. The CAD and RMS run on a secure network with redundancy within the Arapahoe County Emergency 911 network.



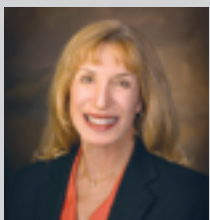
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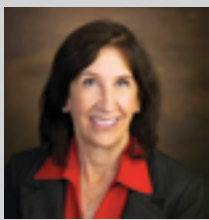
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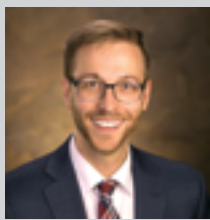
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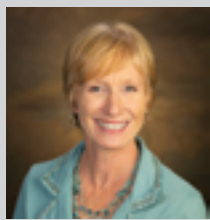
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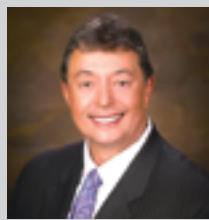
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## Littleton Restaurant Receives Grant

Littleton's GraceFull Foundation was awarded a \$10,000 COVID Relief Grant from the Colorado COVID Relief Fund. The grant's purpose is to raise and coordinate allocation of funds based on prevention, impact, and recovery needs of community-based organizations in Colorado.

The GraceFull Community Café is owned by the GraceFull Foundation and has a mission of feeding and strengthening the Littleton community one meal at a time. For more information visit the GraceFull Café website.

## Littleton Twilight Criterium Recognized

The Littleton Twilight Criterium was voted the "Best of the Best 2020" by readers of Colorado Community Media, parent company of the *Littleton Independent*. The event would have been held for the 8th year on the first Saturday in August in Downtown Littleton as it has since 2013. The 2020 Criterium has been canceled due to COVID-19 but is expected to be back in 2021.



## Ozone Season Is Here

Summertime ozone season officially began on June 1. Sign up for email or text Ozone Action Alerts at [simplestepsbetterair.org](https://simplestepsbetterair.org) and find out what Simple Steps can be taken to minimize ozone emissions.

## Vouchers for Electric Lawn Mowers

Gas-powered lawn mowers emit greenhouse gases and contribute to ground-level ozone pollution in the Front Range. In partnership with The Home Depot, the Regional Air Quality Council's Mow Down Pollution program is offering a limited number of \$150 vouchers for new electric mowers to residents who recycle their gas-powered mowers. Participants use an online application system and vouchers are redeemable at one of eight participating Home Depots. Program details can be found at [MowDownPollution.org](https://MowDownPollution.org).

## Hot, Dry Weather Leads to Higher Water Bills

Denver Water planners are buckling up for a long, hot summer and advising customers to keep a close eye on their water use. Water use typically rises in summer throughout Denver Water's service area, as customers are watering lawns, gardens and landscapes. The additional water use leads to higher monthly water bills, due to Denver Water's three-tier billing structure that's based on the idea that the more you use, the more you pay.



"Water use continues to be higher than normal due to hot, dry weather," said Ryan Shepler, one of Denver Water's water use planners. "Since May 1, the weather has been hotter and drier than 88 percent of previous years."

This year, water use among all residential customers in May was 22 percent higher than normal. Among single-family residential customers, water use was 32 percent higher than normal in May. Denver Water's summer watering rules, instituted in 2005, are in place until October 1. For more information about the watering rules and the Colorado drought monitor visit Denver Water's website.

## Two Exciting Shows at Town Hall Arts Center

**Almost Heaven- September 11-October 11**

*Almost Heaven* weaves together fan-favorite John Denver's songs to create a uniquely theatrical narrative that reflects upon the country during the late '60s and early '70s. Twenty-nine of Denver's songs – including "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine on my Shoulders," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," and more – are rediscovered and reinvented in this gorgeous musical tribute. The show is conceived by Harold Thau with orchestrations, vocal arrangements, and music by Jeff Waxman, and directed by Nick Sugar. For ticket information visit [townhallartscenter.org](https://townhallartscenter.org).

**Spotlight Series - *Almost Heaven***

Get in on the Spotlight Series discussion at Town Hall Arts Center (THAC) as it presents *Almost Heaven*. Join Arapahoe Community College Music Professor Charles Haarhues to talk about the legacy and impact of John Denver's music in Colorado and the western United States. Tickets are \$5 or free for students with school ID. Get tickets at [townhallartscenter.org](https://townhallartscenter.org) or call 303-794-ARTS ext. 5.

THAC is following state and local guidelines around the COVID-19 virus, as well as adhering to OSHA requirements. In addition, THAC is instituting new safety guidelines to help keep staff, students, and patrons safe. These preventative measures are intended to help prevent the spread, however there are no guarantees against this invisible foe. THAC will take all precautions it can to safely create theatre. Guests are asked to take this into account when making the decision whether to attend Main Stage productions. Masks are required upon entering the building.



## Floodplain Letters to Residents

The Mile High Flood District (MHFD) and the City of Littleton are sending letters to residents affected by the newly-adopted Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain revisions for Little's Creek.

In 2013, Littleton City Council adopted a revised MHFD floodplain delineation that is now incorporated into FEMA mapping. Some properties may be required to obtain flood insurance, while other properties, that were previously required to carry insurance, may no longer have to. For more information about MHFD and FEMA floodplain mapping visit the Mile High Flood District website.



## Big Dry Creek Floodplain Update

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is revising the one percent chance flood mapping and elevations for Big Dry Creek, as a result of a new floodplain study by the Mile High Flood District. Portions of Big Dry Creek are in Littleton, between Littleton Boulevard and Santa Fe Drive. In the city, the changes consist mostly of lower floodplain elevations and a smaller floodplain area. Owners of a home or business next to Big Dry Creek who would like to know more about the pending changes and how they might affect their property can contact the city floodplain administrator at 303-795-3836.





## Census Takers to Start Canvassing Neighborhoods

A little more than 70 percent of Littleton households have responded to the 2020 Census, and over 60 percent of Colorado households have responded. Those who haven't completed the census can expect a visit from a census professional at their residence. In-person census takers will begin canvassing neighborhoods August 11.

Between September 22 and September 24, the Census Bureau plans to send specially-trained census takers to count people at shelters, soup kitchens, regularly-scheduled mobile food vans, and locations previously identified by the Census Bureau where people are known to sleep outdoors and at all-night businesses. Complete the 2020 Census online now at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

## Sewer bill due in August

The city's annual sewer and storm drainage bill is due soon.

A single-family residence inside the Littleton city limits is \$274.29 per year for sewage treatment and maintenance of city sewer lines. For those who are in a sanitation district, the fee is \$208.17 per year.

A multiple-family residence inside the city limits is \$233.12 per dwelling unit for sewage treatment and maintenance of city sewer lines. For multiple family residences in a sanitation district, the fee is \$176.93 per unit.

A residence outside Littleton city limits for a single-family is \$249.80 per year for sewage treatment and maintenance of city sewer lines.

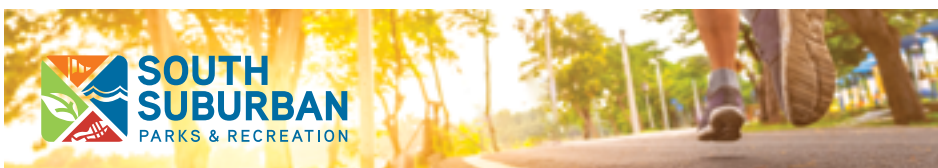
A multiple-family residence outside the city limits is \$212.31 per dwelling unit for sewage treatment and maintenance of city sewer lines.

The commercial rate for inside Littleton city limits is \$5.03 per 1,000 gallons of water used and for outside the city limits it is \$2.74 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

Storm drainage rates are applicable only to properties located inside the city limits. Single-family units are a flat \$47.73 per year and commercial properties are based on the impervious area of the property.

Payment is due by August 15. If payment is not received within five calendar days after the due date, a delinquent penalty of 15 percent of the balance due will be assessed. The city will be unable to accept payments after 5 p.m. October 15. Unpaid balances will be sent to the county for collection via property taxes. If any of these dates falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the payment due date will be extended to the next business day.

The city accepts cash, check, credit card and electronic fund transfers. For questions or inquiries, call 303-795-3772.



## South Suburban Parks and Recreation District News

### Slide into summer at the new Harlow Pool

Harlow Pool (5151 South Lowell Boulevard) has been completely rebuilt and is open for the summer. Enjoy a new 140-foot-long water slide, as well as new play features, bathhouse and shade structures. Learn more about pool hours, programs and pricing at [www.ssprd.org/Harlow-Pool](https://www.ssprd.org/Harlow-Pool).



### Sign up for summer camp

Several summer camps still have availability at the Buck Recreation Center. Whether it is swimming, sports or arts, there is something for everyone. Sign up today at [bit.ly/buckcamps](https://bit.ly/buckcamps).

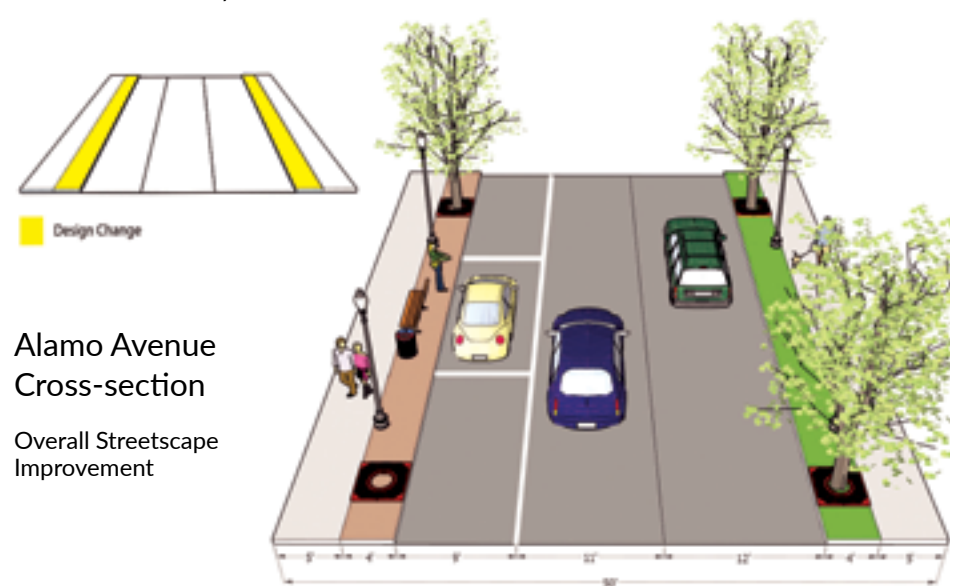
## Downtown Littleton Streetscapes

City of Littleton Planning and Engineering staff recently worked with two talented graduate students from the University of Colorado Denver's Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) program. The MURP directs students to complete a capstone project on behalf of a real-world client. Organizations and local governments are invited to submit capstone project proposals and students choose a project that suits their interests. The capstone project allows students to apply what they've learned in developing a final plan and set of recommendations.

Two MURP candidates, Jon Brachna and Gabby Masucci, chose to complete a capstone project for Littleton from January to May 2020. The focus was on imagining a new streetscape for Main Street and Alamo Avenue that would bring both streets into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and create a safe, beautiful, vibrant place for residents, workers, and visitors.

They were exposed to the different communication methods used among city departments to achieve common goals. Although COVID-19 restrictions prevented in-person public meetings, the students experienced a city government adapting to maintain public forums through remote means. The students attended a remote public engagement meeting and gave their final presentation to the Historic Preservation Board and Planning Commission using the city's Zoom capabilities.

Masucci learned about policies, regulatory documents, and the appropriate application of different streetscape improvements, which has deepened her interest in multimodal transportation planning. Brachna found the experience to be valuable for two reasons: he now has a better understanding of how a client-based project works in a local government setting; and has experience reimagining public spaces for both pedestrians and vehicle use in a unique setting. Both Masucci and Brachna said the time with the city was a valuable component of their education; it taught them the importance of flexibility and patience in a time of uncertainty.



Alamo Avenue Cross-section

Overall Streetscape Improvement

## Changes to Plan Review Fees and Collection Process

The City of Littleton Building Division is making changes to the collection of the plan review fee process. Previously, the city collected plan review fees at the time of permit issuance.

Effective June 15, fees are due at the time of application for a permit, and must accompany it in order to be processed. Plan review fees collected at the time of application will be based on project valuation, which may be adjusted during the review process. For more information visit the Building Division Policies web page.

**Littleton**

*2021 Calendar Photo Contest*



submission deadline is  
**SEPTEMBER 25**

enter at  
**Littleton ROCKS.COM**



## Town Hall Arts Center Nominated for Henry Awards

The Colorado Theater Guild has announced nominations for the Henry Awards, and Town Hall Arts Center received five nominations for the play *Cabaret*.

The nominations are for Outstanding Production of a Musical, Outstanding Direction of a Musical, Outstanding Musical Direction, Outstanding Supporting Actress and Outstanding Choreography. *Cabaret* was directed and choreographed by Nick Sugar, musical direction was by Donna Kolpan Debrececi and the supporting actress nominee is Annie Dwyer.

The Colorado Theatre Guild's 15th Annual Henry Awards took place online the evening of July 26. Congratulations to the Town Hall Arts Center.



## Littleton Museum opens *Vibrant Bounty: Chinese Folk Art from the Shaanxi Region*

*Vibrant Bounty: Chinese Folk Art from the Shaanxi Region*, opens August 14 at the Littleton Museum. The exhibit invites visitors on a journey through Shaanxi Province, one of the cradles of Chinese civilization. The capital city, Xi'an, was once the eastern terminus of the ancient Silk Road, and is famous for its extensive archaeological finds, most notably the Mausoleum of Qin Shi Huang and his Terracotta Army. In an area outside of the city's center lies Huxian (or Hu) County, where, since the 1950s, local artists have been producing objects similar to the 25 paintings and 14 objects found in *Vibrant Bounty*. This tradition has achieved great renown in China, culminating in the state Ministry of Culture awarding Huxian the honorary title of a "village of Chinese Modern Folk Painting" in 1988.

The artifacts included in this collection expose China's rural life and show, in detail, traditional Shaanxi customs. They range from children's clothing and toys to New Year's prints and decorative household items, often embroidered with lucky figures and animals. Not only are they carefully handmade and beautiful, they also hold symbolic wishes for good luck, good marriage, and good health. Both the art and the objects featured in this exhibition introduce a region of China, which, like so many parts of rural America, is dominated by agriculture and populated with hard-working people. Through these folk art paintings and the artifacts which accompany them, visitors gain a greater understanding of the customs, culture, and humanity of a people, who, despite great distances, share essential similarities. This exhibition was organized by ExhibitsUSA, a program of Mid-America Arts Alliance.

*Vibrant Bounty: Chinese Folk Art from the Shaanxi Region* runs through October 17. If the museum is closed due to COVID-19, the exhibit will be accessible virtually on the museum website and social media. Follow the Littleton Museum on Facebook and Instagram, or the Littleton Museum's webpage for updates.



## Littleton Plans Website

In an effort to consolidate resources, the City of Littleton is discontinuing the Littleton Plans website. All information is now available at [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) including Envision Littleton and all adopted plans.

## Online Permit and Development Review System

Due to COVID-19 and the need to do more business remotely, the City of Littleton has rolled out an upgrade to the Building Permit and Development Review System called eTRAKiT.

Phase I went live June 22 with new features that allow applicants and contractors to navigate the portal and check the status of permits, inspections, and projects. Applicants can also apply and pay for permits and projects online.

The eTRAKiT portal and digital services will continue to improve in the future as more features will come with Phase II. Watch for more information on the eTRAKiT Portal.



## Only Rain Down the Drain

With a few exceptions, illegal discharges and dumping to the storm drains, pipes, creeks or rivers are any substance that is not rainwater or snowmelt. Hazardous waste is just one example of an illegal discharge, but it is not the only thing prohibited from being dumped into storm drains. Report anything suspicious to the city stormwater hotline, 303-734-8299, or contact the Public Works/Engineering Department at 303-795-3836.

Remember: only rain down the drain!



## Walk for the Canal

Join the High Line Canal Conservancy's outdoor challenge to raise funds for tree planting and other improvements for the treasured High Line Canal. The challenge is to set a distance-based goal and walk, run, ride or roll over 71 days to complete it. Registration to complete the goal will be open from August 1 through October 10 at [highlinecanal.org/walk](http://highlinecanal.org/walk).

## LPSF Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The Littleton Public Schools Foundation (LPSF) and the City of Littleton are partnering for the 6th annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Littleton Public Schools. This four-person format will be held Friday, August 28 at the Lone Tree Golf Club.

The LPSF Charity Golf Tournament is a fun way to raise funds for innovative programs and extraordinary experiences that prepare LPS students for a lifetime of success while creating brand awareness in the community for different companies. For more details or to become a sponsor visit [LPSFoundation.com/get-ready-fore-golf](http://LPSFoundation.com/get-ready-fore-golf).



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# 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)

### Bemis Library and Littleton Museum Reopen

The Littleton Museum and Bemis Public Library reopened on a limited schedule in July. The two cultural facilities have been closed since March 14 as part of the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The library is open Tuesday-Friday, 1-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Capacity is limited to 60 people per hour. Patrons are admitted on a first-come-first-served basis; once the library's capacity has been reached, a policy of one-out-one-in will be implemented. Curbside service will continue on an as-needed basis during the library's hours of operations only; call 303-795-3961 to schedule an appointment. Computer sessions will be limited to one hour per person per day.

The museum is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Capacity is limited to 50 people per hour. Visitors must make a reservation by calling the museum at 303-795-3950. An email confirmation which contains the date and time of the reservation and information about the visit is sent by the museum prior to the visit. Visitors to both facilities are encouraged to limit their visit to 60 minutes.

Visitors must wear a mask or face covering while visiting any city building including the library and museum. Pets (with the exception of trained service animals), food, and beverages are not permitted in the museum or library.

### Summer Readers Imagined Great Stories

Despite stay-at-home orders, Bemis readers journeyed to incredible destinations through books this summer. Nearly 400 children, more than 120 teens and over 100 adults participated in the Bemis Summer Reading Programs! Don't miss out on the prizes. Readers must complete all summer reading requirements by August 9. Children can visit the library with completed reading logs to pick up their free books and prize packets.

Bemis Public Library wishes to extend its gratitude to those who generously contributed to the success of the Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program:

Applebee's Grill • Colorado Rapids • Culver's of Littleton • Enchanted Grounds • Papa Murphy's Take & Bake Pizza • Skate City of Littleton

Special thanks to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Dial-A-Story

For children missing the weekly story time at Bemis, try Dial-A-Story. Call 303-795-3960 anytime to hear a picture book read by a Bemis librarian.



### Wonderbooks are Here

Wonderbooks are hard-cover books with a read-aloud device attached inside to make listening easy and fun for young readers. No batteries, headphones or other

equipment are needed to listen to picture books, early readers, non-fiction or chapter books.

### Thumbs Up to New Story in the Park

Grayson Spencer gave a thumbs up to the new book posted throughout Gallup Gardens. *A Walk in the Park...With a Story* combines literacy and the outdoors at Gallup Park. Laminated pages from a book are attached to signs placed along a path. Start at sign #1 near the southeast corner of the Bemis parking lot. Follow the numbered signs along the path. Watch for a new story every few weeks.



### Bemis Library Kid's Corner Videos



Bemis children's librarians are busy creating videos which feature short story times, crafts, early literacy tips and puppet shows. New

selections premiere every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Watch the videos anytime in the Kids' Corner playlist on the Bemis Library YouTube channel by searching YouTube for the LittletonGov channel.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Teen Talk Tuesday

Every Tuesday, 4-5 p.m.\*

Hang out at the weekly Zoom meeting, talk with other teens and teen librarian Miss Emily. Play games, ask for help and get updates on what's happening at the library this week.



### Digital Talent Show

August 11, 5 p.m.

Watch the first-ever Digital Talent Show premiere on Facebook. Vote for favorite acts online.



## GENERAL PROGRAMS

### Senior Social Club

Fridays in August and September, 9:30-11:30 a.m.\*

Stay connected with Friday conference call chats. Join the call from a computer, smartphone, cell phone, or landline.

### Summer Safety Series\*

Staff from South Metro Fire Rescue will present a series of important senior safety workshops. Be sure to attend:

- August 4, 2 p.m.-Fall Prevention
- August 11, 2 p.m.-Fire Safety
- August 18, 2 p.m.-Senior Health and Aging Successfully
- September 1, 2 p.m.-Aging in Place

### Think 360 Arts Presents: Get Started Writing Your Memoir—August 6, 13 and 20, 2-3:30 p.m.\*

Learn how to transform the stories of your life into a memoir. This series of three workshops, will explore the different types, styles and techniques of writing a memoir. Participants will be guided in creating goals and a writing routine by instructor Andrea Ansali.

## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any virtual book club by going to the book club date in the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page, [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

- **Virtual Fiction Book Club**  
August 7, 1 p.m.  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- **Virtual Nonfiction Book Club**  
August 19, 1 p.m.  
*The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson
- **Happiness Book Club**  
August 29, 1 p.m.  
*The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

### Board Games @ Home

August 13 and September 10, 5:30-8:30 p.m.\*

Play virtual board games together online at this family-friendly event. No registration required. Open to all ages.



### America's Pastime: Baseball—August 17, 2 p.m.\*

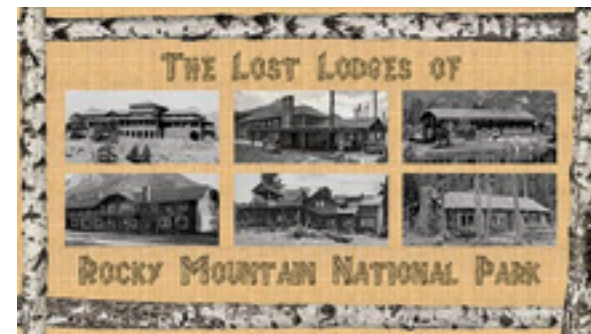


Hear a brief history and selected stories from the game of baseball during this webinar. Active Minds will trace the history of baseball from its disputed origins to the present day. Bring a favorite baseball story to share with the group.

### Fall in Love with Organics—August 19, 2 p.m.\*

Organics are becoming more and more popular, and rightly so. There are many reasons to love organics—pesticide-free, non-GMO, nutrient-dense, good for the planet and good for you. Don't miss this inspiring program presented by Natural Grocers.

### Lost Lodges of Rocky Mountain National Park August 25, 2 p.m.\*



Did you know there have been over 30 lodges in Rocky Mountain National Park? What happened to the camps and resorts that used to be in the national park? Hear the thought-provoking search for balance between wilderness and hospitality unique to America's first automobile-based national park.

### Eleanor Roosevelt with Active Minds

September 21, 2 p.m.\*

As the longest-serving First Lady of the United States, Eleanor Roosevelt was both outspoken and, at times, quite controversial. Join Active Minds for an examination of her life. Learn how Roosevelt had an impact on important causes such as human rights and the successful launch of the United Nations.



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





# COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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## Colorado Pinball Pub

The Colorado Pinball Pub is a new bar in Littleton for good friends, awesome pinball games and great drinks, located just south of Downtown Littleton and adjacent to Hudson Gardens at 6209 South Santa Fe Drive. The Colorado Pinball Pub boasts a prize selection of famous pinball game titles, including Medieval Madness, Twilight Zone, and The Addams Family. A full-service bar pours favorite wines, wells and drafts while featuring a fun selection of special pinball game-inspired drinks. Patrons can also soak up the sunshine this summer on a brand new deck next to the South Platte River. The Colorado Pinball Pub is locally owned by long-time pinball enthusiasts Dan and Holly Nikolich, who bring 17 years-running of experience with the annual pinball and arcade festival, Rocky Mountain Pinball Showdown and Gameroom Expo. The Colorado Pinball Pub has a laid-back Colorado vibe welcoming everyone to relax, meet friends, and enjoy. For more information visit [www.ColoradoPinballPub.com](http://www.ColoradoPinballPub.com).

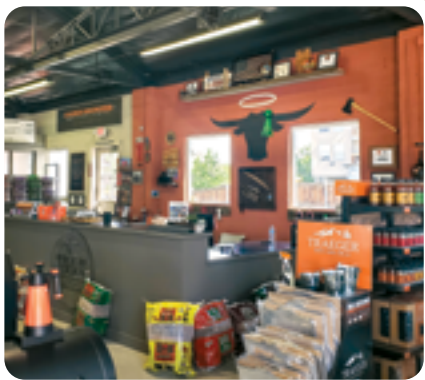


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## Proud Souls BBQ

Proud Souls Barbecue & Provisions believes that BBQ is so much more than just food, it is about stopping to enjoy and savor bites, friends, family and stories old and new. Proud Souls Barbecue has been happily doing just that for nearly three years at its Denver location and recently opened its second location at 5599 South Rio Grande Street in Downtown Littleton. The shop contains the most extensive selection of barbecue supplies and products in Colorado, all under one roof. Everything from smokers, grills, charcoals, woods, seasonings, sauces, accessories, and high-quality meats can be found there. They have a wonderful selection of Traeger Grills, Yoder Smokers, Napoleon's, Fire Magic, Memphis Grills, Big Green Egg – and many more to choose from.

Beyond all the BBQ and cooking products is a wealth of knowledge. With years of experience in their own backyards, professional Kansas City Barbecue Society competitions and catering, they are here to answer any and all questions. They even offer cooking classes. For more information stop by or visit [www.proudsoulsbbq.com](http://www.proudsoulsbbq.com).



## 9Round in Littleton

There is a new way to train in Littleton at 9Round, located at 7301 South Santa Fe Drive. 9Round is a 30-minute, no-contact, total body kickboxing workout that doesn't require prior boxing or kickboxing experience. The workout consists of nine, three-minute rounds with 30 seconds active rest in between each round, and is led by a trainer. There are no class times and the workout schedule is designed around the athlete. Plus, the workout changes every day so it is never boring. For more information or to sign up for a class visit [www.9round.com/fitness/littleton-co-s-broadway](http://www.9round.com/fitness/littleton-co-s-broadway).



## Armour Roofing & Exteriors Celebrates 10 Years

Armour Roofing & Exteriors is a family-owned roofing company located in the heart of Downtown Littleton. They opened their doors on April 1, 2010 with a goal of setting higher standards in the roofing industry. This year, owner and Colorado native Shane Knackstedt proudly celebrated the company's 10th anniversary. "We understand the customer is our biggest asset," says Knackstedt. "We have a proven track record, and because of this we have a wide referral base. We attribute our success to the fact that we operate with transparency and integrity. Our team offers the professionalism of a large chain, but with the courteousness and personal touch of a small business."

Fully licensed and insured, Armour boasts many accolades, including an A+ rating with the BBB and a proud membership with the Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants Association. For more information or to schedule a complimentary roof inspection, visit [www.armourexteriors.com](http://www.armourexteriors.com) or call 303-798-ROOF.

