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## Mineral Avenue Concrete Replacement and New Pedestrian Crossing

At the end of spring or early summer, the Littleton Public Works Department will start a concrete panel replacement project along Mineral Avenue from the Platte River to Platte Canyon Road. The concrete pavement of Mineral Avenue along this corridor was installed in the late 1980's and some panels are experiencing failures along the joints. This project will remove and replace the critically damaged panels to ensure a smooth ride for vehicles and further extend the life of the pavement. The existing pedestrian crossing and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at the intersection of Polo Ridge Drive will be relocated to the west. This will utilize the existing median to provide a two-stage crossing of Mineral Avenue and increase the visibility of crossing pedestrians to vehicles. The city estimates this project will take approximately three months to complete. During construction, Mineral Avenue will be reduced to one lane and left turning movements from side streets will be restricted. Nearby residents and businesses will receive additional notifications as the project gets closer. For updates visit [littletongov.org/pw-projects](http://littletongov.org/pw-projects).

## City Council Transitions To Hybrid Meetings

On March 2, the Littleton City Council held its first hybrid meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the council has been holding regular meetings and study sessions virtually using the Zoom platform since March 2020. This allowed council members, staff, and citizens to be able to participate in meetings while safely social distancing. The hybrid meeting setup combines the technology in the newly renovated council chamber with the Zoom platform, and allows council members and staff to either participate remotely or from the council chamber. Citizens are still asked to participate virtually by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the webinar ID located on the meeting agenda.



## Exploring Solutions for Littleton's Serious Revenue Problem

Longtime observers of Littleton politics and policy won't be surprised to know the city is facing a serious revenue problem. Due to a variety of factors, funding is inadequate to deal with many challenges ranging from public safety to road maintenance and building improvements. Capital projects have been deferred and the general fund over time is going to have less and less to manage the programs and services citizens have come to depend upon. But how many citizens are aware of these funding problems – and more importantly, how many appreciate how these problems will soon further affect the quality of life in Littleton?

While the council and staff have discussed the city's revenue problems for years, the council supported taking steps to find solutions after City Manager Mark Relph explained the diminishing fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) at the February 9 study session. "We have a demand of \$12.5 million annually and we have not been doing anything about it. We've created a deficit in capital projects. Fleet is the example where we know we have to spend on the magnitude of \$3 million annually and because of the crisis in the CPF, we spend less than \$300,000 annually. This is unsustainable and irresponsible if we do not address this. We owe it to our community to tell this story."

Answers to solving the city's revenue shortcomings will be explored during a new initiative undertaken this spring and summer. A five-month community engagement and research project has already started, led by experienced Colorado outreach and communications professionals.

Lead consultant Sean Walsh and his team of opinion research and communications experts will gather input and help disseminate information to residents about the city's financial difficulties, as well as gauge interest in different potential solutions. Ultimately, Walsh and his team will help inform a decision by city council whether to ask voters for permission to boost city revenue.

How citizens perceive the city's myriad financial challenges

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es, prioritize city services, and appreciate the near-term consequences of not addressing Littleton’s dire revenue challenges will be gathered via polling, social media platforms, town hall meetings (if possible), and old-fashioned one-on-one conversations with community leaders.

“Our job is to stimulate a conversation in the Littleton community that raises awareness of the city’s revenue problem and solicits input from the public on how these challenges might be addressed,” said Walsh. “With the team we have in place, along with the help of active citizen volunteers, we believe there’s sufficient time over the next several months to have that conversation and report the results to council,” he added.

During a March 2 study session during which Walsh and pollster Todd Vitale briefed council with an overview of their approach, council expressed a mixture of confidence, eagerness, and a willingness to be part of the process. “Where we are starting is at the beginning and we’re not committing ourselves until we do some very professional data gathering, that’s the right approach, and for me I’m very excited,” said Mayor Pro Tem Scott Melin. ‘I’m very encouraged to be taking a concrete step toward hopefully, and eventually, taking a very big bite out of a huge risk to our future city revenue situation.”

“There are certainly some real-world and immediate consequences that will affect the quality of life we have come to expect in Littleton if we don’t address these issues soon,” said Mayor Jerry Valdes after hearing from the consulting team at the study session. “As concerned as I am that we have a long and hard road ahead of us with regard to our financial situation, I’m confident we have the will on council and among citizen leaders to meet these challenges head on. We’ve already started the work and I’m excited to see the results,” he added.

# Tri-County Health Department Adds Operators to Call Center

To continue to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine equitably, Tri-County Health Department’s (TCHD) COVID-19 call center staff will now help people ages 60 and older, who do not have internet access or speak English, to register with COVID-19 vaccine providers. Staff will act as navigators during this process, entering basic contact information while working with the caller. Although the wait list of some providers asks for medical information during registration, call center staff will simply enter such information into the online form if needed but will not retain any personal information. The service is free, Spanish speaking staff are available, and other languages are available through a language line.

The TCHD COVID-19 call center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. Call 303-220-9200 for more information or for assistance with online registration. The state of Colorado’s call center can also help people register and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 1-877-268-2926.



# Santa Fe Planning Study Reaches Half Way Point

Littleton is continuing to partner with many other agencies as work continues on the Santa Fe Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. The Santa Fe PEL will identify the future of the corridor between C-470 and Alameda Avenue. The PEL is about half way through and on track to be completed in November of 2021.

The project’s initial outreach efforts in January and February 2020 included interviews with businesses along the corridor, interactive maps and a survey. The information gathered was incorporated into the development of alternatives.

The project team wrapped up initial options for the corridor in January 2021 by classifying the key elements to be considered. Those include roadway elements and classifications, intersection/interchanges concepts, multimodal treatments, and technology initiatives. At this time the focus is on developing and evaluating options that are location specific before moving into a further refinement to create corridor alternatives.

There will be another opportunity for community reaction to the alternatives over the summer. Visit [www.codot.gov/projects/santafepel](http://www.codot.gov/projects/santafepel) to find project and contact information.



# South Platte Renew Celebrates Earth Day with River Clean Up

South Platte Renew (SPR) is hosting a virtual river clean up. Between April 12 and 25 volunteers can join SPR and collect debris and trash from their neighborhoods, local rivers, lakes, or parks.

This year, SPR is encouraging a do it yourself approach and is expanding its focus to include the South Platte River and any parks, lakes, or other areas in the community that need revitalizing. Choose a location and help keep it looking great. Trash bags (limit one per person) will be available for pick-up at SPR.

The goal this year is to collect 100 bags of trash or recycling over the two-week period. SPR will share clean up progress online, and participants who register will be entered to win prizes!

To get involved with the 2021 river clean up visit [www.southplatterenewco.gov](http://www.southplatterenewco.gov) or call 303-762-2638 to register and learn more.



# Littleton Police Seek the Public’s Help in Unsolved Murder Investigation

New information has come to light in an ongoing murder investigation, and the Littleton Police Department (LPD) is seeking the public’s assistance. LPD held a press conference February 17 with partners from the FBI, Metro Denver Crime Stoppers, and the 18th Judicial District.

On January 27, 2002, three people were murdered at the AMF Broadway Lanes Bowling Alley in Littleton. The crime remains unsolved. LPD is seeking the public’s assistance and would like to promote community awareness and assure the victims’ families that the LPD is still actively working this case. Investigators are reviewing and retesting evidence, including items from the trash can in the men’s room as well as on the property. Technology not available at the time of the crime has allowed for development of new investigative leads. Advancements in fields such as genealogy and DNA analysis has led to resolution in many other cold cases.

Metro Denver Crime Stoppers is offering a \$30,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in this case.

There is a designated phone line and email address for anyone to share information. Call 720-913-STOP (7867) or visit the social media pages at [metrodenvercrimestoppers.com](http://metrodenvercrimestoppers.com).

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# GET YOUR HOUSE IN SHAPE

After months of drought across Colorado, we all need to be smart about water use. Indoor self-audits are an easy way to detect and repair leaks to ensure your home is using water wisely.



**WAIT**  
30 minutes




**Check the toilet:**  
Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait 30 minutes to see if the color appears in the bowl. If it does, the toilet might have a leaking flapper valve. Flapper valves are easy to install and are available at most hardware stores.

**RETROFIT**  
your faucet



**Check the bathroom sink:**  
To save water, retrofit your faucet with a low-flow aerator. They're inexpensive and easy to install.

**UP TO 20%**  
savings



**Check the bathtub and shower:**  
Replace old showerheads with WaterSense-labeled high-performance, high-efficiency models to save water.

For detailed indoor self-audit information, visit [denverwater.org/SelfAudit](https://denverwater.org/SelfAudit).





## Design the Next 'I Voted' Sticker

The Arapahoe County Elections Division is creating a new "Future Voter" and "I Voted" sticker and they need help. All elementary, middle, and high-schools students are encouraged to submit a design for the "I Voted" sticker contest. For more information on how to participate visit [arapahoevotes.com](https://arapahoevotes.com).

## National Crime Victim's Rights Week

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 18-24. The theme for 2021 is, *Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities*. Each year, communities across the nation renew their pledge to ensure that all victims have the rights and services they need to recover from crime. The Littleton Police Department (LPD) is committed to continuing to serve crime victims. If you or someone you know has been a victim of crime in Littleton and is seeking information or resources, contact the LPD Victim Services Unit at 303-795-3703, or email [victimassistance@littletongov.org](mailto:victimassistance@littletongov.org).

## Construction on Roadway Culverts on Little's Creek

Construction is underway on the roadway culvert on Little's Creek at the Gallup Street and Peakview Avenue intersection. To construct this project as economically as possible, the intersection will be closed to through traffic for approximately three months, with a detour for vehicles and pedestrians until the end of May. Through traffic will be detoured around the work area at major streets including Elati Street, Ridge Road, Windermere Street, and Caley Avenue. Access to residences near the construction site will be maintained.


The project will replace the small existing culverts with three box culverts and improve drainage pipes to reduce frequency of roadway and adjacent property flooding. All other roadways crossing Little's Creek already had culverts upgraded to address this flooding issue.

This project has been planned and designed over a number of years. It includes relocation of a number of water mains and other utilities.

For questions about the project, call 303-795-3836 or send an email to [pwcr@littletongov.org](mailto:pwcr@littletongov.org).



## Open Space Celebrates Partnerships



Many of Littleton's parks, trails and open spaces are funded by the voter-supported, quarter-cent Open Space Sales and Use Tax. In 2020, Arapahoe County Open Space distributed more than 62% of the tax revenues directly back to local agency partners, including Littleton, through the Shareback and Grants program. The City of Littleton received \$253,564 for construction of a direct trail connection from Slaughterhouse Gulch Park to Geneva Park via new trail underpasses at the railroad and Rio Grande Street. The city also received \$97,110 for planning of improvements at Reynolds Landing, and \$90,000 for work at Jackass Gulch, located near the High Line Canal Trail at Mineral Avenue. The funding makes critical projects possible and contributes to a high-quality life for residents.

## Prepare for Flood Season

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

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

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

- Potential flooding risk at a property
- FEMA floodplain and floodway maps, floodplain elevation information, and flood depths. Information can be retrieved based on an address.
- Mile High Flood District floodplain maps, elevations, and depths. Information can be retrieved based on an address.
- Flood insurance information.
- Ways to help reduce flood risk and financial assistance to do so.
- Special flooding situations or history of flooding.
- FEMA community number, map panel number, effective dates of the mapping, and the designated flood zone.
- Whether the property is located in a special natural area that should be preserved; wetlands, valuable habitat, etc.

Stay informed and stay safe!

The city website also contains a number of resources and information regarding floods. Visit [www.littletongov.org/city-services/city-departments/public-works/flood-information](https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/city-departments/public-works/flood-information).



## Illicit Discharges and Hazardous Waste Dumping



Help keep Littleton's water clean. With a few approved exceptions, illicit dumping or flow into storm inlets, drains, pipes, culverts, ditches, creeks, etc., includes any material that isn't comprised of rainwater or snowmelt. Hazardous waste is one especially dangerous type of illicit discharge but not the only substance that is illegal to dump into the storm drainage system.

Report anything suspicious to the city's hotline at 303-734-8299 or contact the Public Works Storm Water Manager at 303-795-3836. Visit [littletongov.org](https://littletongov.org) for more information.



## Littleton Main Street Historic Tours

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

The tours will be presented May 7, June 4, July 2, and September 3 at 6 p.m. There will also be tours available during Western Welcome Week August 19 at 5 and 6 p.m.

Meet at the Littleton Courthouse steps at 2069 West Littleton Boulevard.

The historic tours are presented by Historic Littleton, Inc. and the City of Littleton Historical Preservation Board. Visit [www.hlinc.org](http://www.hlinc.org).



## “Myths and Legends” Photography Exhibit Opens at Littleton Museum

The City of Littleton Fine Arts Board is proud to present the 55th Eye of the Camera thematic fine art photography competition at the Littleton Museum. From classic allegories to modern urban tales, the narratives of myths and legends are ideal for creating artistic imagery. These stories are often passed down generationally, through written text or orally.

A legend is traditional narrative that is regarded as historical fact; heroic historical figures are often at the center of legends. Myths, on the other hand, are stories about early histories, or ones that explain a natural or social phenomenon. Supernatural beings or events figure strongly in mythologies.

This year's exhibition was juried by John Barnabas Lake, Photo Area Coordinator and Interim Foundations Coordinator at the School of Art and Design and College of Performing and Visual Arts at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

“My photograph-based art practice involves creating and investigating artists books, installations, photo-sculpture, and traditional photographic practices,” said Lake. “My research interests include the everyday, urban visual and cultural studies, experimental geography, vernacular and archival photography, visual poetry, the intersections of social studies and photography, artistic process theory, and the psychology of art. I'm interested in the versatile and dynamic power of photography and how it can connect to multiple viewpoints, challenge and investigate ideas, and cause effective change.” For more information on the work of juror John Lake, visit his website, [www.johnbarnabaslake.com](http://www.johnbarnabaslake.com). For “Myths and Legends,” Lake selected 42 artworks from 24 artists which will be on display through Saturday, April 24, 2021.

The Littleton Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum is closed Sundays, Mondays, and major holidays. Masks are required for entry. Call 303-795-3950 for more information, or follow the Littleton Museum on Facebook and Instagram, or go to [littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum) for updates.

## Feedback Gathered for Carbone Park Improvements



The City of Littleton partnered with the Mile High Flood District (MHFD) to host a virtual public meeting regarding stream stabilization along Lee Gulch in Carbone Park.

The design is in the early stages, and the design team is working to gather input from nearby residents and users of the greenway and park. In addition to correcting the ongoing erosion of the stream banks, some of which is encroaching on private property, the project will involve re-alignment of the greenway trail and a larger single-bridge crossing of Lee Gulch. For questions and updates contact [croan@littletongov.org](mailto:croan@littletongov.org) or call 303-795-3836.

## See an issue? SeeClickFix it

Report non-emergency issues or concerns with SeeClickFix 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Submit issues such as potholes, icy or damaged sidewalk, graffiti, missing or damaged street signs, abandoned vehicles, weeds or trash, and other code violation concerns.



Littleton staff respond to reports Monday through Friday during business hours. Issues reported outside the Littleton city limits will be notified that the location is not within the city's boundary. Review the SeeClickFix Dashboard to track previously-submitted issues. For more information visit the SeeClickFix Littleton webpage at [littleton-gov.org/city-services/seeclickfix-littleton](http://littleton-gov.org/city-services/seeclickfix-littleton).

## City Provides Closed Captioning for Televised Meetings

To provide more accessible content for residents, all Littleton public meeting broadcasts now include closed captioning. These captions are available on Xfinity and CenturyLink Channel 8, as well as YouTube, Facebook and the Channel 8 website at [littletongov.org/my-littleton/littleton-8-tv](http://littletongov.org/my-littleton/littleton-8-tv).

In order to view the captions on Xfinity or CenturyLink, enable the closed caption settings configured on the cable box. To view captions during a live meeting broadcast on Channel 8's website click the “CC” button in the lower right corner, and click “CC1.” All Xfinity cable customers can now view Channel 8 in HD on channel 880.



## Littleton Public Schools Foundation 2021 Spirit Celebration

Join the Littleton Public Schools Foundation (LPSF) for the 2021 Spirit Celebration, a virtual event to benefit Littleton Public School (LPS) students. The event is free and will be live streamed April 29 from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Virtual attendees will see inspiring stories of student and teacher resiliency, hear messages of hope, learn how financial investment impacts students, bid on fantastic auction items, and laugh a bit with emcee Reggie Rivers.

Funds raised from the event will benefit LPS students, educators, and schools by providing above and beyond resources to support mental health, food assistance, internet connectivity, and educational programming and experiences that prepare children for life after high school.

Registration is free and all are welcome. Learn more and register at [spiritdinner.com](http://spiritdinner.com).



## Temporary Signage Modifications Extended

The City of Littleton will extend the modified requirements on temporary signage in an effort to continue to support local business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

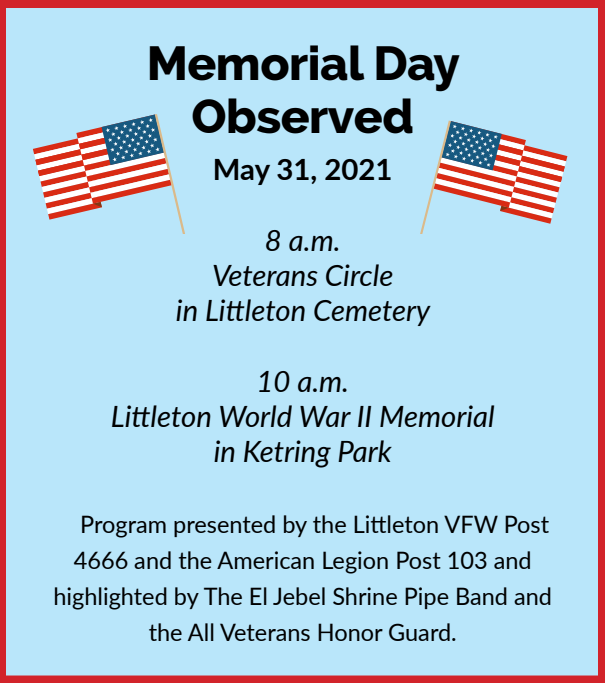
The modified guidelines include:

- Temporary sign permits are not required
- Extra temporary signage is permitted at each business
- Signage may be located anywhere on the property
- Signage shall be shorter than 4 ft. in height downtown
- A 6 ft. clearance of the sidewalk shall be maintained in Downtown Littleton
- Make sure signage is not creating a hazard to the public

The modifications will continue until the end of August. The permit fee will also be waived until the end of August. At that time the city will review the requirements for temporary signage.







## Volunteer with the Littleton Immigrant Resource Center

Volunteers are needed to work once a week and serve as one-on-one English tutors. Prior teaching experience is not required and the Littleton Immigrant Resource Center will provide training and resources.

Email [libeb@littletongov.org](mailto:libeb@littletongov.org) or call 303-734-8411 to learn more.



## Behind the Scenes at the Littleton Museum

Last summer while the museum facilities and historic buildings were closed due to the pandemic, a squirrel found its way into the historic Isaac McBroom cabin on the 1860s farm. In a panic to find its way out, the squirrel gnawed through the wooden windowpanes, damaging the windows beyond repair. Eventually, the rodent escaped, and staff noticed the damage to the two ground floor windows.

Longtime volunteer and master carpenter John Marchetti, under the supervision of Museum Facilities Technician Keith Wynkoop, undertook the project in stages, working on one section of window at a time. The original window was removed and was temporarily replaced with a large piece of acrylic. Then, the window was carefully measured and examined to see how it was originally built. The third step had John cutting and assembling new pieces of soft pine wood (either spruce or fir) in the same manner, all to match the window's historic look.

To see the McBroom cabin, visit the Littleton Museum Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum is closed Sundays, Mondays, and major holidays. Masks are required for entry. Call 303-795-3950 for more information.



## South Suburban Parks and Recreation District News

**South Suburban Outdoor Pools Open in May**

Warm weather is around the corner and the newly built South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) outdoor pools will open May 29. Three SSPR pools, Franklin, Harlow and Holly were rebuilt in 2020 and offer new amenities such as 100-foot slides and splash play areas. Visit [ssprd.org](http://ssprd.org) to learn more.

**South Suburban Parks and Recreation Summer Kids Camps**

South Suburban Parks and Recreation offers more than 100 summer camps for kids of all ages and interests. Whether it is BMX riding or learning to cook, there is something for everyone. Locations in or near Littleton include the Buck Recreation Center, Cornerstone Park, and Progress Park. For more information and to register visit [register.ssprd.org](http://register.ssprd.org).

**40th Annual High Line Canal 5K/10K Run**

Celebrate South Suburban Park and Recreation's longest tenured race celebrating 40 years of the High Line Canal 5K/10K run. The May 8 event is for all ages and abilities as it runs along the beautiful High Line Canal on crusher fine gravel. Enjoy post-race pancakes and a beer garden. Register by visiting [ssprd.org/raceseries](http://ssprd.org/raceseries).



## English Language Classes Available through Bemis Library

Online English language classes are available through the Littleton Immigrant Resource Center (LIRC). English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are offered mornings and evenings and cost \$50 for 10 weeks. Individual English tutors also available. Call 303-734-8411 or email [libeb@littletongov.org](mailto:libeb@littletongov.org) for more information.



## Arapahoe Rescue Patrol is Recruiting for Spring 2021

The Arapahoe Rescue Patrol is a search and rescue team based in Arapahoe County. The team is comprised entirely of young adults currently in high school. They are seeking recruits for spring 2021 training. The deadline to apply is April 21. Visit [arapahoerescue.org](http://arapahoerescue.org) for more information.



# 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](https://bemis.marmot.org)



Libraries connect, engage and transform communities. During this past year, libraries became more important than ever. Bemis invites the community to share how engaged they have been with the library, even when the library was closed. What has the library meant to you during the pandemic? All participants will be entered into a drawing for a gift card to a local merchant or restaurant. Share your story and enter the drawing online at the library's website [bemis.marmot.org](https://bemis.marmot.org). Click on the National Library Week 2021 button.

**Sixth Annual Six Word Story Contest—April 1–21\***  
Enter the sixth annual Bemis Public Library Six Word Story Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in three age categories: adult (age 19+), teen (age 12–18) and children (age 6–11). Winners in each category will receive:

- 1st Place—\$50
- 2nd Place—\$30
- 3rd Place—\$20

Enter online at the library's website [bemis.marmot.org](https://bemis.marmot.org). Click on the Six Word Story Contest button.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS



**Books & Blankets Outdoor Storytime\***  
**Thursdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m. For Kids of All Ages\***  
Storytime returns... outdoors on April 1. Bring the kids and blankets, weather permitting. Storytime will be held unless temperatures drop below 45° or in the event of high winds, snow or rain. Call the library to register. Space is limited.

**Grab & Go Craft Kits—For Kids Preschool–Grade 5\***  
On the first of each month, call the library to register for the monthly Grab & Go Kit that contains a fun activity for kids to work on at home. One kit per child, while supplies last.

**Bemis Book Buddies—For Kids in Grades 1–6\***  
Read anything and share it through a Zoom link with other book lovers your age. Visit the Children's Programs page at [bemis.marmot.org](https://bemis.marmot.org) for the Zoom link, dates, times and more information.

**Zoom Story Times—Mon., Wed., Fri., 10–10:30 a.m.**  
Children and their caregivers can log on for songs, stories and early literacy fun with a Bemis Children's Librarian. Visit the Children's Programs page at [bemis.marmot.org](https://bemis.marmot.org) for the Zoom link.  
**Mon., 10 a.m.—All Ages Story Time\***  
**Wed., 10 a.m.—Baby/Toddler Story Time—Under 3\***  
**Fri., 10 a.m.—Preschool Story Time—Ages 3 and up\***

**Tails and Tales 2021 Summer Reading Program**  
**For Ages Birth–12<sup>th</sup> Grade Begins May 24–July 31\***



Register at the library or online for a chance to win free books and other surprises. Visit [bemis.marmot.org](https://bemis.marmot.org) to register and learn about the summer reading program and activities.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

**May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be with You: Tween & Teen Craft**  
**May 4, 4–5 p.m.\***

Make a squishy Baby Yoda and learn what's happening on the Teen Deck for 5<sup>th</sup> graders going into middle school. For tweens age 10–11 in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and teens between grade 6–12.



**Teen Talk Tuesday—Every Tuesday, 4–5:30 p.m.\***  
Hang out, play games and stay connected in weekly Zoom meetings.

**Among Us—Apr. 8, 22/May 6, 20, 4–5:30 p.m.\***  
Teens will need access to the game Among Us on a computer or mobile device. *Registration required.*

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

**Writing from the Right Side of Your Brain**  
**April 1, 8, 2 p.m.\***

Join performance poet and storyteller SETH for two workshops exploring the fun of playing creatively with language.

**Board Games @ Your Home**  
**April 1, 15, 29/May 13, 27**  
**5:30–8 p.m.\***

No registration required.  
Open to all ages.



**Virtual Travel Training 102b—April 6, 2 p.m.\***

**Virtual Travel Training 103—April 20, 2 p.m.\***

Enhance RTD and public transportation skills with training sessions from Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council.

- **April 6, 2 p.m.**—Learn master tips to using RTD bike racks and finding support for accessibility.
- **April 20, 2 p.m.**—Learn about Lyft, scooter providers and other rideshare options.

**Money Challenges: Tactics For Now and Later with Canvas Credit Union—April 13, 2 p.m.\***

April is Financial Literacy Month. Hear practical tips to manage personal cash flow, saving, spending and borrowing now or when any money challenge comes your way.

**National Parks with Active Minds—April 19, 2 p.m.\***

Active Minds will discuss the development of the U.S. National Parks System and highlight notable parks and their stories.

**Creating a Healthy Home with Natural Grocers**  
**April 22, 2 p.m.\***

Kelly Andis from Natural Grocers will discuss tips and tricks to help create a healthier home.

**A Journey Through the Roots of American Popular Music—May 4, 2–3:30 p.m.\***

Musician and historian Jon Waterman will trace the evolution of American popular music through the decades and share how it reflects the changing society of each era.

**Fueling for Fitness with Natural Grocers**

**May 6, 2 p.m.\***

Learn how to support optimal energy levels and improve fitness and recovery time with food and supplements.

**Paz Poetry in Partnership with Museo de las Americas**

- **May 7: Argentina, 9:30 a.m.\***
- **May 21: Bolivia, 9:30 a.m.\***

Bemis is partnering with Museo de las Americas to present a series of engaging classes that will explore some of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as their official language. Each session will introduce vocabulary and gentle language practice while also exploring the culture, art and heritage of each country. *Registration is required beginning April 16.*

**Sisters of Courage—Tuesday, May 11, 2 p.m.\***

Hear local historian Dave Lively tell the story of the indomitable Harbison sisters who homesteaded a dairy ranch near Grand Lake in 1898. Their property later become part of Rocky Mountain National Park.

**Virtual Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art**

**May 13, 2 p.m.\***

Join BMOCA Educator Melinda Laz for an interactive online workshop featuring two of the artists in the BMOCA



exhibition, *From This Day Forward*. Participants will be provided with art supplies to create their own project. *Registration is required beginning April 26.* Image: Rochelle Johnson, *Future Gatherings*, 2020

**Pirates: Tales & Legends with Active Minds**  
**May 17, 2 p.m.\***

Active Minds will discuss the history, personalities and tales of pirates from swashbuckling privateers to modern day marauders off the coast of Africa.

**Author Talk: Jim Davidson**

**The Next Everest—May 18, 2 p.m.\***

The author will share how he survived the deadliest day in the history of Mount Everest and how embracing change, challenge and uncertainty can prepare anyone to face the "Everest" in their own life.



## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any virtual book club in the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](https://bemis.marmot.org).

- **Virtual Senior Book Group**  
**April 7, 1 p.m.\***  
*The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides  
**May 5, 1 p.m.\***  
*Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz
- **Virtual Fiction Book Club**  
**April 2, 1 p.m.\***  
*There, There* by Tommy Orange  
**May 14, 1 p.m.\***  
*The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson
- **Virtual Nonfiction Book Club**  
**April 14, 1 p.m.\***  
*The Weather Machine: A Journey Inside the Forecast* by Andrew Blum  
**May 26, 1 p.m.\***  
*Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover

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





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## Mac and Cheezary Opens

A new place for comfort food has come to Littleton. The Mac and Cheezary, located at 7961 South Broadway, features addicting creations that are a unique take on the classic macaroni and cheese meal. Try the Colorado Favorite, a dish offering macaroni, jack cheese, slow roasted pulled pork, green chili, and jalapenos. Or attempt the mac Pizza, with pepperoni, roasted red bell peppers, mozzarella cheese, and marinara sauce. There are options for everyone and the shop offers multiple delivery or pick up options. Stop by the store, call 303-797-3649 or visit [macncheezarylittleton.square.site](http://macncheezarylittleton.square.site) for more information.



## New Black Rock Coffee Shop

There is a new coffee spot in Littleton. Black Rock Coffee Bar features a patio and drive through located at 7961 South Broadway. Black Rock was originally founded in 2008 in Oregon. Black Rock now has locations across the United States and through its employee franchise program, employees have the opportunity to start their own locations. The store's mission is to strive for excellence in everything they do. The crafted drinks are a way to show respect for their customers and themselves. "This is my new spot," said Ruth C., a Yelp reviewer. "Can you say great coffee and fast drive thru service? That is what we experienced from our very first visit there."

Stop by the shop or visit [br.coffee](http://br.coffee) for more information.



## New Location for Willow and Tulaire

Willow, an Artisan's Market has partnered with Tulaire and has a new location at 2359 West Main Street in Downtown Littleton. Willow was founded in 2004 by Helen Rice and Donna Jaegers bringing fun, funky and original art to Historic Downtown Littleton. When it started, Willow featured about 30 artists, now the store represents over 200 artists, mostly from Colorado. Explore jewelry, pottery and glassware, garden art, greeting cards, clothing, paintings and prints, and accessories. It combines a gallery experience, but with useful items that create one-of-a-kind gifts for any and all. Over the years the store has won Westword's "Best of Denver" award and Channel 7's "A-List" as one of Denver's best gift shops. Stop by the shop, call 303-730-5521 or visit [willowandtulaire.com](http://willowandtulaire.com) for more information.

## McKinners Pizza Bar and Pho Real Create Patio Space

McKinners and Pho Real, located in Downtown Littleton, were forced to adapt during the pandemic. Like most restaurants, McKinners and Pho Real pivoted from serving sit-down dining to providing takeaway meals and delivery. With the halting of in-person dining, McKinners Pizza Bar owner Keven Kinaschuk used Arapahoe County CARES Act funding, combined with a City of Littleton Revitalization Incentive Grant, to create a brand-new back patio for McKinners and Pho Real customers. This new space created much-needed outdoor seating.

McKinners Pizza Bar is located at 2389 West Main Street, stop by or visit [www.mckinners.com](http://www.mckinners.com) for more information.



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