Unofficial Results of Littleton Special Election

Voters Approve All Five City-Initiated Questions

Littleton voters approved all five city-initiated measures in the November 8 special election along with a citizen-initiated question. "The city council and staff are pleased that voters approved all of the questions the city placed on the ballot," said Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter. "Even though there were many matters to consider, it is clear voters looked carefully at the issues and made informed decisions that will keep Littleton moving forward," he added.

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Winter Closures
All city offices will be closed December 23 at noon, December 26, January 2, and January 16.

American Criterium Cup Finishes With $100,000 Grand Prize
The American Criterium Cup wrapped up the 2022 series with the Bommarito Gateway Cup in St. Louis on September 4, with a total payout to winners of more than $100,000. Littleton was the 8th stop on the 10-stop national tour that saw the nation’s best bicycle racers compete for the cup. Maggie Coles-Lyster took the top spot in the women’s races, while Brandon Feehery took home the cup in the men’s races. The Littleton Twilight Criterium will return to Downtown Littleton August 5, 2023, bringing more family fun and high-speed racing action!

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Littleton Passes Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

The Littleton City Council unanimously approved an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO) November 1, becoming the sixth city in the Denver metro area to adopt a policy to establish and fund affordable housing. The policy, which took effect November 10, offers options to developers to help Littleton address its shortage of affordable housing. New residential developments of at least five units must now include at least 5% of them as affordable; or pay a fee-in-lieu of building the affordable units.

Those who choose to build affordable units instead of paying the fee will receive incentives, including a reduction in parking requirements, an increase in the units allowed per acre, and rebates on fees. Developers who choose to build majority-affordable developments — meaning at least 50% affordable or 25% “missing middle” housing types — will receive greater incentives, including a reduction in minimum lot size.

Fees-in-lieu collected from developers will be used to fund affordable housing development elsewhere, utilizing partnerships with agencies like South Metro Housing Options and Habitat for Humanity.

Littleton’s IHO was five years in the making, beginning with the city’s 2017 housing study and needs assessment, which found a deficit of housing attainable by Littleton’s workforce. The housing study’s recommendations, calling for the development of affordable housing, were incorporated into Littleton’s 2019 comprehensive plan.

A 2020 update to the housing study found affordability conditions were continuing to degrade, with housing prices increasingly uncoupled from wage gains, causing the number of young families in Littleton to decline.

Effects have been felt citywide, including the closure of several elementary schools, which Littleton Public Schools attributes in large part to housing affordability. Meanwhile, studies presented to the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group show that a shortage of affordable housing is a contributing factor to homelessness.

The City of Littleton convened the Housing Task Force in 2020, and city council unanimously approved the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) in fall 2020, enabling modern land use practices and policies. City staff collaborated with the Housing Task Force to develop the IHO beginning in spring 2022. Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter said the IHO is a crucial step toward keeping Littleton a vibrant place. “We’ve heard time and again that housing costs are one of the most important issues to our residents and businesses.”

Loretta Huffine Appointed Municipal Judge

The Littleton City Council selected Loretta B. Huffine to be Littleton’s Presiding Municipal Judge. Huffine was among 17 applicants for the position created by the retirement of Judge Ethan Feldman who announced his intention to retire in July. Huffine has been the deputy presiding judge for the Littleton Municipal Court since 2017.

Huffine’s exemplary judicial career has included roles as a municipal judge, prosecutor, deputy district attorney, and nearly a decade in private practice. Judge Huffine earned her juris doctor from the University of Denver and her bachelor’s degree with honors from the University of Maryland.

“I couldn’t be more pleased with the selection of Judge Huffine as Littleton’s next presiding judge. During her distinguished career she has proven to be an innovator in judicial processes while demonstrating compassion for those who appear before her,” said Mayor Kyle Schlachter. “The city council and I look forward to her leading our municipal court into the future,” he added.

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Carboy Winery Wins Best in Show in Colorado

Littleton’s Carboy Winery won Best in Show at the 2022 Colorado Uncorked wine tasting event. Of the 12 wines selected to comprise the 2022 Governor’s Cup Collection, Carboy Winery received the award for its 2020 Teroldego. Carboy has four locations across the state: Littleton is home to the original location, established in 2016, along with newer locations in Breckenridge, Paducah, and Denver.

This is the second year in a row that Carboy has received the Best in Show recognition, and the first time a winery has had the winning wine in back-to-back years. This year’s competition included 279 wine submissions from 38 local wineries – all of which were judged by a panel of sommeliers, writers, and wine experts from around the country in August.

Mural Program Launches With Town Hall Arts Center Project

Town Hall Arts Center is set to be the first beneficiary of Littleton’s new mural program, after the city’s Historic Preservation Board unanimously approved a plan to add a mural to the building’s alley-facing back wall. Invitations were sent to 35 notable Colorado muralists to submit designs for the mural, which will help spark more activation and beautification of alleyways downtown.

The Town Hall Arts Center mural will join 21 other murals in downtown, a number slated to grow in 2023 as the city’s mural program kicks off. City council allocated $20,000 for the program’s first two years which will help pay for artists and supplies.

The application process is expected to launch in early 2023. Property owners, artists, or community groups who would like to add a mural to an exterior wall should call 303-795-3954 or email arts@littletongov.org.

Around Town with Jim

Littleton is full of interesting and beautiful places to visit, and City Manager Jim Becklenberg is setting out to find them! “Around Town with Jim,” a new video series, Becklenberg interviews local experts about the places that make Littleton special. Jackass Hill and the Littleton Municipal Courthouse were first on the list, but there are lots of sites to see. Keep an eye on the City of Littleton’s social media pages and Cable Channel 8 and get ready to head “Around Town with Jim!”

Littleton local Channel 8 or 880

Littleton B is broadcast in HD to all Comcast Xfinity customers in Littleton on channel 880. The live stream and playback schedule are also available online at www.littletongov.org/channel8
Commercial and Residential Development Booming

Here’s a look at some of the significant developments around Littleton:

- **Littleton Village**: Norris Design submitted a Master Development Plan for the Littleton Village community at Broadway and Dry Creek Road, seeking to add a mixed-use building with over 300 residential units and ground-floor commercial property. The Master Development Plan will go before the Planning Commission, but is not yet scheduled.

- **Powers Place**: RPM Living has submitted a Master Development Plan for a site at Powers Avenue and South Delaware Street, on the south end of the Norgren property. RPM seeks to build approximately 312 residential units, including live-work units, and shared community space. The proposal is anticipated to go to a public hearing before the Planning Commission early in 2023.

- **Toll Brothers**: Following the acquisition of the south 77 acres of the former Ensor property in July, Toll Brothers plans to build 260 single-family attached units and an approximately 258-unit multifamily apartment complex on the site southwest of Mineral Avenue and Santa Fe Drive. Toll Brothers plans to utilize the site’s previously approved 1985 Planned Development zoning, meaning the proposal will not appear before Planning Commission. Additional development may follow in subsequent phases on other parts of the site.

- **Evergreen**: On the north 33 acres of the former Ensor property, Evergreen Develco submitted a preliminary plat to subdivide the property into four large development sites and provide right-of-way for the City of Littleton’s quadrant road project. The proposal is expected to be heard by the Planning Commission in early 2023. Eventually, Evergreen Develco plans to build mixed-use development featuring retail and roughly 250 residential multifamily units, assisted living, and a variety of commercial/retail projects.

- **Columbine Square**: Quartaerra submitted a Master Development Plan to build a mixed-use community of commercial space, approximately 348 apartment units, and roughly 157 age-restricted apartments on the site at the southwest corner of Federal Boulevard and Bellevue Avenue. O’Tool’s Garden Center, previously located on part of the site, may relocate within Littleton.

Reynolds Landing Improvements Ahead

Reynolds Landing, the park beside the South Platte River near Breckenridge Brewery, will become a better place to play thanks to plans approved by city council in October.

Following years of public outreach and planning, the plan for Reynolds Landing’s future focuses on four goals: connect people to water, river health and habitat restoration, trails and reduced conflicts, and diverse recreation.

Trail improvements will include a realignment of the Mary Carter Greenway to separate pedestrians from bicyclists, adding a riverside trail and pedestrian bridge, and providing viewing areas and river access.

Other amenities will include a new picnic shelter, outdoor gathering areas, expanded parking, sculptures and public art, and more shade trees.

River habitat improvements include terraces to reduce large drops, better safety and hydrology, and improved habitat for fish and riparian species. The riverfront will also include shallow wading areas, and rapids for kayaking and paddleboarding.

The plan’s long-term goals are anticipated to cost a total of $31.4 million, with significant contributions coming from partner agencies including South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Arapahoe County, the Mile High Flood District, and state and nonprofit grants. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2023.

Quad Road Feedback Appreciated

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When planning to improve this intersection first began in 2013, engineers recognized that building a grade-separated (free-way-style) interchange would likely provide the most mobility and safety benefits. However, the costs of such an improvement (estimated at $60 million in 2014; and over $100 million in 2020) make it nearly impossible to implement.

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The findings identified the quadrant roadway as the most feasible solution to the chronic congestion at this bottleneck location – taking a combination of those factors into account. This innovative solution meets the goals and objectives established in the city’s Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan, in which Santa Fe Drive was identified as a critical corridor. In addition, the Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT) Santa Fe Action Plan reaffirmed this solution, highlighting the quadrant roadway’s ability to meet the needs of the traveling public while limiting impacts to environmental resources, adjacent properties, and the city’s budget.

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City council and staff believe the quadrant roadway is the best solution to improve traffic movement through this intersection in conjunction with adjacent developments on the Aspen Grove and Ensor properties. These projects represent an opportunity to capitalize on the city council goal of Housing and Livability, especially transit-oriented development along major corridors, given their proximity to the Mineral Light Rail Station.

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**NO WIPES IN THE PIPES**

Even if your wipes say they’re flushable, they aren’t. Wipes, paper towels and tissues don’t break down in sewer pipes.
South Littleton Trail Detours Announced

The C-470 Trail and High Line Canal Trail are fully closed at Santa Fe Drive into 2024 as crews install new underpasses to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to pass safely under Santa Fe Drive.

The following detours will be in place for trail users:

C-470 Trail users crossing Santa Fe Drive will detour north onto the Highline Canal Trail to Railroad Spur Trail. Go east across Santa Fe Drive to the Mary Carter Greenway Trail and go south to the C-470 underpass to join the C-470 Trail.

Highline Canal Trail users will detour east on Crater Court to Division Street and turn south. From Division Street, continue to Town Center Drive and go east to join the trail.

Santa Fe Drive Action Plan to Improve Traffic Flow, Safety

Santa Fe Drive is slated to receive a host of upgrades in coming years, after Littleton and a coalition of state, county, and local governments completed the Santa Fe Drive Action Plan.

Built on more than two years of study, the plan provides a comprehensive look at improving traffic flow and mobility along Santa Fe Drive from C-470 to I-25.

Led by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the study identified critical issues, environmental, and community concerns along the 11-mile corridor, and developed recommendations to address them. The study’s focus was improving Santa Fe’s safety, operational performance, and multimodal connections.

The plan developed corridor-wide recommendations, including an adaptive traffic signal system to respond to changing conditions, enhanced pedestrian detection at stoplights, improved traveler information signs, and refreshed pavement markings.

The plan also identified numerous projects within Littleton’s stretch of Santa Fe Drive. Vehicular and roadway recommendations include numerous intersection and turn lane upgrades. Multimodal recommendations include widening, connecting, and paving bike and pedestrian trails along the corridor.

Early action projects for Littleton include adding an auxiliary lane from Vinewood Street to Bowles Avenue, improved turn lanes at Crestline Avenue, adding an auxiliary lane and bike lanes at Prince Street, and improving trail connections to the Downtown Littleton Light Rail station.

Longer-term projects include connecting Vinewood Street to Brewery Lane near Breckenridge Brewery, building and improving trail connections at the Downtown Littleton Light Rail station.

The City of Littleton will continue to vigorously seek outside partner funding for projects along Santa Fe Drive, including through CDOT, Arapahoe County, and federal agencies.

Annual Grease and Oil Takeback Event

Dispose of used grease and oil safely, for free! Residents within South Platte Renew’s service area, which includes the Cities of Englewood and Littleton, as well as 19 connecting sanitation districts, are invited to drop off up to 10 gallons of used oil and grease per household.

Cooking oil and automotive oil must be separated into different containers and be free from contaminants such as fuels, solvents, or water. Cooking oil should be liquid and free of food debris. Oil filters, antifreeze, or oil from commercial businesses will not be accepted.

When: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, December 3
Where: South Platte Renew, 2900 South Platte River Drive, Englewood
Questions? Email: SPRCCommunications@englewoodco.gov.

New City Websites Nearing Launch

The City of Littleton is gearing up to launch four new websites this winter! The city’s main website will also get a domain name change, to LittletonCO.gov.

The new sites, including the Littleton Museum, Bemis Public Library, and Littleton Police Department, will incorporate several important changes.

The sites will feature improvements for users with disabilities, and increased options for electronic payments, transactions, and event registrations. The sites will be translatable in six languages, be mobile and tablet friendly, and include improved content search engines.

Switching to the .gov domain will provide additional security, as the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency monitors all .gov sites for malicious activity.

Littleton Golf and Tennis Clubhouse Construction Update

Construction on the new Littleton Golf and Tennis clubhouse is underway. The new clubhouse at Federal Boulevard and Bowles Avenue will include six tennis courts, a pro shop, a larger kitchen and bar area, and outdoor seating. In the meantime, winter tennis programs are being held at the former South Suburban Ice Arena building. Visit ssprd.org/Construction-Detours for updates as this project progresses, and look forward to a new facility in 2023!

Detour Around Clarkson Closure in Greenwood Village

Denver Water began upgrading underground pumps along Clarkson Street in Greenwood Village in October, with work expected to last until May.

The intersection of South Clarkson Street and East Sunset Ridge Road will be closed for the duration of the project. A detour using East Belleview Avenue or East Littleton Boulevard to South Broadway is recommended.

Denver Water Rates Increase in 2023

The Denver Board of Water Commissioners adopted rate increases in October to help pay for upgrades, projects, and ongoing maintenance and repair to keep its system operating efficiently.

The new rates take effect Jan. 1, 2023. For typical single-family residential customers in Littleton, their average annual bill will increase by $47.26 to roughly $788, an increase of about $4 a month.

To ensure the system continues to reliably deliver safe, clean, and affordable water to its customers, Denver Water expects to invest $2.3 billion over the next 10 years in projects that will maintain, repair, protect, and upgrade the system and make it more resilient and flexible in the future.
City Grants Help Improve Neighborhoods

Dozens of uplifting neighborhood events got a boost from the City of Littleton's Neighborhood Grants program in 2022. Neighborhood grants encourage outreach and engagement. Approved projects are eligible for up to $500 and include start-up assistance for newsletters, block parties, and more.

Littleton issued 44 neighborhood grants so far this year, totaling $21,900. Grants paid for block parties, Oktoberfest celebrations, car shows, and more.

Littleton also offers Community Improvement Grants of up to $9,999, which assist neighborhood groups with physical improvements accessible to the public.

Two Community Improvement Grants have been approved in 2022, one to build a new toddler-friendly playground in the South Park neighborhood, and another to install low-water landscaping along Ridge Road.

For more information, search “Community and Neighborhood Grants” at LittletonGov.org.

Winter Sale at Recreation Centers

Score deals on fitness amenities, personal training sessions and more during South Suburban’s Winter Sale! Look in 2022 prices now to take full advantage of everything South Suburban’s recreation centers have to offer.

Discounted annual passes, punch cards, personal training sessions and Pilates Reformer sessions will be available for purchase online at register.ssprd.org or at any of South Suburban’s recreation centers starting December 1.

Deals at Buck Recreation Center:
- $50 off Youth, Senior and Adult Annual Passes
- $100 off Household Annual Passes*
- 10% off 20 Admission Punch Cards
- 10% off 10 Packs of Personal Training and Private Reformer packages

*Annual passes may be auto-debited over the course of three consecutive months.

Explore, Learn and Play at Winter Break Camps

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

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Nature Walk at South Platte Park

Start a new family tradition this holiday season! Join a naturalist on guided walks on Christmas Day, to enjoy the beauty of the natural environment. Learn more and sign up at register.ssprd.org. 9 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 25.

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Littleton Immigrant Resources Center

Here to Help

Littleton provides low-cost Immigration Legal Assistance through the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center, located in the lower level of Bemis Public Library. The center helps people applying for U.S. Citizenship, assistance with the Green Card renewal, Employment Authorization Cards, DACA, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence, TPS, Certification of Citizenship, and general immigration inquiries.

Need help? Call the LIRC office at 303-795-3968.

The 13 winners of the 2023 Littleton Calendar and Annual Report photography contest have been selected. The winners are:

- Cover: David Takahashi-Joyner
- January – Steve Clark
- February – David Skudadas
- March – Candice Herman
- April – Amy Reichardt
- May – Steven Petsch
- June – Maureen Ravnik
- July – Michael Griffith
- August – Champagne Singleton
- September – Richard Quaniners
- October – Bob Coorsen
- November – Bill Roes
- December – Greta Sternitzky

The calendar captures the city’s people, landscapes, and events. Members of the Littleton Fine Arts Board selected the winners from 163 photographs submitted by 65 photographers.

The 2023 Littleton Calendar and Annual Report should be delivered and distributed to sponsors and other locations by mid-December. They will be available at the Littleton Center as well as at Bemis Public Library, the Littleton Museum, the Littleton Municipal Court, and from numerous sponsor businesses.

Littleton Calendar Winners Announced

Littleton Museum Hosts Holiday’s Evening December 11

Join the Littleton Museum for Holiday’s Evening on the grounds of the museum’s 19th-century living history farm on Sunday, December 11. Guests will be transported back to the winter holidays of the 1800s, with wagon rides, cornbread and cookies, live music, and hot cider. Costumed historical interpreters will bring the past to life. Admission prices range from $3 to $10 when purchased in advance. Children under 2 are free. Tickets can be purchased by visiting LittletonGov.org/HolidayEvening.

When: 5:30 to 8 p.m., Sunday, December 11.
Where: Littleton Museum, 6028 South Gallup Street

Bemis Public Library’s Used Book Sale

Bemis Public Library’s used book sale returns just in time for the holidays! The sale runs during regular library hours until Friday, December 23. Great books on a variety of topics are available at great prices. All proceeds support the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. For more information, visit FriendsLittleton.org.

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**Sensory Story Time**
December 3 and January 10, 10:30–11:15 a.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 head-phones are provided for anyone who needs them. Story time includes songs, stories, and rhymes, with time to play and socialize at the end.

**Raptile Show**
December 27, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.—For Families with Children Ages 3 and Older
Canyon Critters will bring a selection of rescued critters and describe their characteristics and behavior. They also will discuss the importance of responsible pet ownership.

**Inspector Magic Happy Magic Bunny New Year!**
December 29, 11–11:45 a.m.—For Families with Children of All Ages
Inspector Magic encourages reading with his spellbinding illusions and comedy. His interactive adventures engage the whole family.

**‘Noon’ Year’s Eve Let’s Go Crazy Neon Party**
December 31, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.—For Families with Children of All Ages
Treats, dancing, door prizes, and the dropping of the “Noon” Year’s Eve Let’s Go Crazy Neon Party

**Tweensday**—5–6:30 p.m.—For Grades 5–12*
• December 21—Ugly Sweater DIY*
Bring your own sweaters, tee shirts, or fabric bags to add iron-on holiday decorations.
• January 18—Needle Felting*
Make critters using wool stabby needles.

**BOARD GAMES @ BEMIS**
Drop in after-hours for board games.

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**THE BEST OF SCIENCE MATTERS**
January 4, 11 a.m.–noon—For Families with Children Ages 3 and Older
Science Matters in Colorado will present a collection of favorite experiments which include a micro silo explosion, elephant toothpaste, a glowing pickle, and spectacular dry ice demonstrations.

**Top Hogs Show—January 6, 11–11:45 a.m.**
For Families with Children of All Ages
Join rescue pigs Johnny Ringo and Spanky in an action-packed, one-of-a-kind show as they perform incredible tricks from sports to impressions.

**TEEN PROGRAMS**
**Teen Takeover—For Grades 6–12**
Hang out and make something fun.
• December 7, 5–6:30 p.m.
Decorate cookies or make a holiday card. If you like, bring your own projects to work on. Snacks will be served.
• January 4, 5–6:30 p.m.
Play Mario Kart and make Nintendo paper-crafts. Or bring your own projects to work on and share. Fidgets will be served.

**Teen Advisory Group—For Grades 6–12**
• December 14, 5–6 p.m.
**Merch Cocoa-mas!**
Enjoy cocoa, snacks, and a holiday movie.
• January 11, 5–6:30 p.m.
Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, and have fun while earning community service credit. Snacks will be served.
Los Portales

This family-owned Mexican restaurant and longtime Englewood favorite opened a second location in Littleton in November. Founded in 2006 by husband-and-wife team Jose and Claudia Ursua, Los Portales reflects the cuisine of the couple’s home state of Colima, on Mexico’s Pacific coast. The menu includes a wide selection of seafood dishes, margaritas and cocktails, and several types of fajitas. Los Portales is located at 5350 South Santa Fe Drive, Unit D. For more information call 303-789-6066 or visit LosPortalesEnglewood.com.

La Rola Colombian Kitchen

La Rola Colombian Kitchen opened its first brick-and-mortar location this fall after five years in food trucks, food halls, and “ghost kitchens.” The Colombian eatery features traditional South American fare like empanadas, cheese-stuffed arepas, and signature specialties like the “Billionaire hot dog” – topped with crushed chips, pineapple sauce, and a quail egg. La Rola is also available for catering. La Rola is located at 5350 South Santa Fe Drive, Unit C. For more information call 720-487-0008 or visit LaRolaColombianKitchenCO.com.

Littleton Brewing Company

Littleton Boulevard east of downtown will get more lively next spring, with the opening of Littleton Brewing Company, a brewery planned at 1201 West Littleton Boulevard. The Beer family (yes, their real name!) plans to renovate a former mechanic shop into a two-story brewery, featuring a bar on the ground floor and another on a rooftop deck. The brewery will focus on lagers, stouts, pale ales and IPAs, and serve food including pizza and burgers. The location is just three blocks from where the former Crestwood Inn restaurant is being renovated into the third location of the Cherry Cricket restaurant.

SuperFly

Billing itself as an “urban country club,” SuperFly, a newly opened social club in the Vita Littleton complex, offers guests the opportunity to improve their golf swing the high-tech way. SuperFly’s slew of TrackMan golf simulators use radar and high-end optics to provide precision feedback and analysis. SuperFly also boasts a menu of beer, wine, and cocktails. Tee times start at $55 for an hour, with annual memberships available. SuperFly is located at 2100 West Littleton Boulevard, Suite C. For more information call 303-386-4146 or visit SuperFlyGolfLounge.com.