

What's Inside

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Voters to Elect Three Council Members in November


Registered voters in the City of Littleton will elect three council members to the seven-member city council in 2023. All are four-year terms.

Robert Reichardt is the only candidate running to represent District II, the city's northeast quadrant. The seat is currently held by Jerry Valdes, who is term-limited. Andrea Peters is the only candidate running to represent District IV, the city's southwest quadrant. The seat is currently held by Kelly Milliman, who declined to run for reelection. Challenger Chris Campbell will face incumbent Pam Grove for an at-large seat. Grove was elected in 2019.

Counties will begin mailing ballots to voters the week of October 16. Election day is Tuesday, November 7. For more information, search "2023 general election" at LittletonCO.gov.


UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

DISTRICT II




Robert Reichardt

DISTRICT IV




Andrea Peters


AT-LARGE CANDIDATES



Chris Campbell



Pam Grove



City Council Votes to Place Ballot Question 3K Before Voters

The Littleton City Council voted unanimously September 5 to place a question on the ballot that would allow the city to keep revenues already received and continue using them for critical street maintenance and other backlogged capital projects. This question is not a tax increase and would allow the city to utilize revenues already approved by voters.

In 2021, Ballot Issue 3A was approved by more than 59% of voters. These revenues are being utilized to complete many infrastructure improvements in the capital projects fund with more planned every year in the future including:

- 25 miles of neighborhood street resurfacing (2023)
- Improvements to the Santa Fe/Mineral intersection, the city's match is \$6 million (2024)
- Partnering with Centennial and Douglas County to widen County Line Road to four lanes from Broadway to University including a new traffic signal at Clarkson and noise walls on the north side to protect neighborhoods (2023-2025)


- Three new raised pedestrian crossings with flashing beacons to improve pedestrian safety in Downtown Littleton (2023)
- A new traffic signal at Mineral Avenue and Pennsylvania (2023)
- Repair of Hinsdale Avenue in Littleton Village (2023)
- Installation of fiber optics on Broadway from Powers to Arapahoe and upgraded traffic signals to make signal operations more efficient (2023)
- Removal, repair, and replacement of asphalt, damaged concrete, and drainage upgrades in the Aberdeen Village, Happy Homes, and Centennial Acres neighborhoods (2023)
- Future enhanced design, lighting, and landscaping in Downtown Littleton (2025)

The dedicated sales tax increase from 3A was estimated to generate \$10 million per year for the capital projects fund to improve the city's roads, bridges, sidewalks, and infrastructure. Ballot Issue 3A is actually

generating approximately \$11.1 million annually, \$1.1 million more than initially estimated. Overall revenues were \$4.8 million more than estimated. The economy has bounced back better than anticipated and the overage is attributed to a stronger economy (emerging from pandemic restrictions).

If voters turn Ballot Question 3K down, a refund will be required in 2023 and each year thereafter from the 3A capital improvement fund tax which will be reduced from approximately \$11 million to \$5 million annually. A refund of this amount would indefinitely delay nearly half of the planned 3A infrastructure work every year moving forward, unless or until approved by voters again.

City offices will be closed
Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24
in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday



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Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium Draws Record Crowds

The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium saw record-breaking crowds August 5, when an estimated 14,000 people came to Downtown Littleton to watch the nation's top cyclists compete in the American Criterium Cup series.

Kendall Ryan of the Los Angeles-based cycling team L39ION took first place in the women's elite race, while Jordan Parra of the American Cycling Group team won the men's elite race.

The Littleton race was the eighth stop in the 10-race American Criterium Cup series. The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium returns August 2024!

For more information visit LittletonCrit.com.



Littleton DDA Announces Downtown Cleaning Services and Snow Removal Pilot Program

The Littleton Downtown Development Authority (Littleton DDA) kicked off a pilot program this summer to provide cleaning and maintenance in the downtown area, part of efforts to keep downtown a safe and clean place to visit.

Starting at the end of August, uniformed crews from Consolidated Services Group (CSG) began monthly cleaning and maintenance services in the public right-of-way including removal of gum, spills, stains, weeds, cigarette butts, trash, and graffiti; pressure washing of sidewalks and alleyways where necessary, and cleaning and inspection of public amenities.

The pilot program will last five months, and if successful, the Littleton DDA will consider expanding the program's services and territory. The Littleton DDA will also start a snow removal pilot program this winter, with uniformed crews clearing snow and ice from sidewalks throughout downtown.

The Littleton DDA was established by voters in November 2022 to provide programs and financial incentives to encourage development within the district boundaries. The group's mission is to steer the economic vitality of the district through collaborative efforts that cultivate a vibrant community where businesses thrive, residents are actively engaged, and visitors are eager to return. Guided by community input, the Littleton DDA Plan of Development was approved by city council in 2023 and identifies five key priorities for the future work of the DDA. This includes creating a downtown that is clean and safe to improve the visitor experience and attract more businesses.

For more information, visit LittletonDDA.org.

Historic Properties Highlighted on Littleton Legacy List

Littleton's Historic Preservation Board and city staff created the Littleton Legacy List, an interactive map of buildings that meet the criteria of historic landmark status but are not formally protected.

Many buildings of historic importance but not legally protected are in danger of being lost. Only formally designated landmarks and properties within established historic districts are legally protected for future generations.

The Littleton Legacy List is intended to inform the public about the city's rich history, but also to inform property owners on the significance of their buildings. More properties will be added as they become eligible for protected status.

Certain historic properties in Littleton are qualified for inclusion on the city's Historic Landmark list and may be eligible for state and federal protection. Legally designated historic buildings can apply for historic restoration grants and tax credits.

For more information, search "Littleton Legacy List" at LittletonCO.gov.



Join Historic Downtown Walking Tours

There's one chance left this fall to travel back in time with a tour of Littleton's historic buildings, lives, and events on a one-hour walking tour of the Littleton Downtown Historic District with Historic Littleton, Inc.

The final tour of 2023 will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, October 6. Meet in front of the Littleton Municipal Courthouse at 2069 West Littleton Boulevard.

Tours are free, but donations are appreciated. Reservations are not required. For more information visit HLinc.org.

Project Downtown Seeks Feedback

Downtown Littleton is one of the city's crown jewels – a hub of small business, nightlife, and historic charm. Project Downtown is a new mobility and streetscape planning effort, which will guide future decisions regarding trees, parking, lighting, sustainability, wayfinding, and pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Project Downtown will work with residents, businesses, community organizations, and more to develop a well-rounded vision for the next 20 years.

The project's first community meeting was held August 30, drawing strong attendance and thoughtful feedback from residents.

Planners will offer many more opportunities for engagement and feedback in coming months. To learn more, search "Project Downtown" at LittletonCO.gov.

Ketring-Gallup Park Master Plan Seeks Feedback



Park planners are seeking feedback on ideas to improve Ketring Park, Gallup Gardens, and Gallup Park – the parklands surrounding Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum about a mile southeast of Historic Downtown Littleton.

This third phase of the Ketring-Gallup Park Master Plan project builds on public surveys conducted over the summer. Survey respondents shared what they love about these parks and why they are so special, as well as concerns about accessibility, connectivity, safety, and general upkeep. In the second survey, respondents shared their vision for the future of the parks by identifying priorities for specific improvements and additional park features.

Proposals and ideas will be available online for public review and commentary this fall. To find out more and to take the survey, visit the project web page at LittletonCO.gov/Ketring-GallupPark.

"...creating a downtown that is clean and safe to improve the visitor experience and attract more businesses."



Future City Council Members to Get Pay Raise in 2026

To help Littleton stay competitive with nearby cities in order to attract and retain high-quality council members, newly elected Littleton City Council members will get a bump in pay beginning in 2026 after council approved a compensation schedule in September. Council members have the responsibility to adopt the city's annual budget estimated at more than \$174 million in 2024, make policy decisions that affect the city's future; and hire and supervise the city manager, city attorney, and municipal court judge.

Council member pay was last adjusted in 2015. Currently, Littleton's mayor makes \$1,350 per month, the mayor pro tem earns \$1,225, and other council members make \$1,100 per month.

Beginning January 1, 2026, council member pay will be set based on the area median income (AMI) for the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood metropolitan statistical area, with the mayor making 30% of local AMI, the mayor pro tem making 25%, and other council members making 20%.

At current levels, that would mean the mayor would make \$2,173 a month, the mayor pro tem would make \$1,810, and other council members would make \$1,448 per month.

Council members will also have the option to participate in the city employee health care plan but would be required to pay 100% of premium costs.

Forum Seeks Collaboration Among Service Clubs

Service clubs in the greater Littleton area are invited to a forum to discuss how they can work together for a greater impact on the community. The Littleton Service Club Forum seeks to build on each club's unique perspective to move Littleton forward. The forum will allow representatives to introduce their organization, network, and discuss opportunities to coordinate and work together and with the City of Littleton.

Each club will get ten minutes to give a presentation of its goals, members, activities, and history. After the presentations, Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter and city staff will give an overview of the city's concerns, plans, and activities. Participants will then meet in small group sessions to discuss joint efforts before presenting them to the forum.

When: Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m. to noon
Where: Bemis Public Library, 6014 South Datura Street

Residents Invited to Community Meeting

Residents are invited to a joint community roundtable meeting with City Council Member Stephen Barr and Mayor Pro Tem Gretchen Rydin at the Littleton Family YMCA October 21. The informal meeting gives residents an opportunity to discuss current issues facing Littleton with local leaders. The meeting will begin with remarks from the council members, then guided discussion on current initiatives, followed by public comment.

Participants are asked to arrive early to check in at the front desk. RSVP by emailing Rydin at grydin@littletongov.org.

When: Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.
Where: Littleton Family YMCA, 11 West Dry Creek Court

Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative Identifies Navigation Center

The Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative, which works to address homelessness in Littleton, Sheridan, and Englewood, announced a partnership with a service provider to open a Navigation Center and overnight shelter.

The Navigation Center, run concurrently with the Bridge House Ready to Work program, will be housed at 4675 South Windermere Street in Englewood.

The center will provide 20 shelter beds, and intensive case management for individuals seeking to move beyond homelessness. By providing base services, shelter, and case management, the program is expected to place up to 60 individuals into stable housing per year.

The program was selected following a request for proposal that accepted bids by a committee with representatives from the three cities, the South Metro Community Foundation, a homelessness services provider, and an individual with lived experience of homelessness. The committee unanimously identified Bridge House to launch the center in the same facility that will house Ready to Work, a 48-bed residential workforce development program.

The City of Littleton provided \$78,750 to support the effort. Establishing the center is a major goal of the Tri-Cities Homelessness Action Plan. The center is expected to open in early 2024.

For more information, visit [TriCitiesHomeless.com](https://www.tricitieshomeless.com).



Love INC Offers Help to Those in Need

Love INC is a local nonprofit that functions as a hub to connect neighbors in need with organizations that can help.

Part of the Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative, Love INC keeps eyes and ears open for gaps in care, working with partner agencies to meet needs like providing diapers to parents or even furnishing a home for someone climbing out of homelessness.

Other offerings include the Connection Center, where calls are answered by volunteers who can direct people in need to sources of help; the IMPACT Ministry, which offers life skills classes to help people move away from a place of dependence; and Renewed Treasures, a volunteer-staffed second-hand store supporting Love INC's mission.

Learn more about Love INC by calling the Connection Center at 303-794-LOVE or visit [LoveINCLittleton.org](https://www.LoveINCLittleton.org).



South Platte Renew Hosting 7th Annual Grease and Oil Takeback

South Platte Renew (SPR) invites residents to bring used cooking grease and automotive oil to the 7th annual Grease and Oil Takeback event December 2.

The event is held just after Thanksgiving, encouraging residents to bring leftover grease from holiday meals for proper disposal. Holiday meals can leave gallons of unwanted, used cooking oil that shouldn't be poured down drains or pipes. Used cooking oil can congeal, resulting in clogs and blockages in homes and the public collection system.

In addition to cooking grease, SPR is accepting used automotive oil. Automotive oil in drains can cause dangerous conditions in pipes and the collection system.

The event is free and open to all residents in the South Platte Renew service area. Residents can drop off up to 10 gallons of cooking grease and automotive oil per household. The facility is unable to accept any oil filters, antifreeze, or oil or chemicals from commercial businesses.


When: Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. to noon
Where: South Platte Renew, 2900 South Platte River Drive, Englewood

For more information, call South Platte Renew at 303-762-2600, visit [SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov](https://www.SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov), or email sprcommunications@englewoodco.gov.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to noon
Saturday, December 2

WHERE: South Platte Renew
2900 South Platte River Dr.
Englewood, CO.

Littleton City Council

						
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Littleton Police K9 Rudder Starts School

The Littleton Police Department's (LPD) K9 Rudder joined students at Euclid Middle School for his first day of school August 15.

K9 Rudder, a black Labrador retriever, spent the summer in field training with his handler, School Resource Officer (SRO) Rick Redmond. Rudder was initially in training with Guide Dogs of the Desert to become a seeing-eye dog, but his trainers soon realized that he was just too social and too friendly, so his training was transitioned to become a therapy dog.

K9 Rudder will work alongside Officer Redmond, supporting students across the district. Officer Redmond has served as an SRO for the past eight years and says that Rudder has made a big difference in his ability to connect with students.

"I have had kids that have been in hard situations, and Rudder has been able to calm them down," Redmond said. "I can build relationships with students that would be impossible without him."

SROs from LPD or Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office serve in all middle and high schools in Littleton Public Schools.



Emerald Ash Borer Arrives in Littleton

Arapahoe County's first case of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been identified in north-east Littleton. The infestations of the invasive wood-boring insect are fatal to ash trees, which make up roughly 15% of Littleton's tree canopy. EAB was first discovered on Colorado's Front Range in 2013.

The larval stage of EAB feeds under the bark of trees, cutting off the flow of water and nutrients. Infested trees become structurally unsound and gradually die within a few years.

Determining the presence of EAB is often difficult. Symptoms include sparse leaves or branches in the upper canopy, vertical splits in bark with S-shaped galleries beneath, smaller leaves at branch tips, D-shaped exit holes on branches, and shoots growing from the main trunk or near the center of the tree. It is important to note that there are a variety of boring insects that produce exit holes in ash trees. These other pests (lilac ash borer, long horned beetle, etc.) leave a circular exit hole and are overall less detrimental.

Residents can take steps to protect healthy ash trees, but certain options such as insecticide treatments depend on the size and health of each tree. While residents can apply their own insecticides, those available to licensed arborists are far more effective.

Because EAB kills trees over a period of several years, trees that are not candidates for insecticide treatments will eventually need to be removed. Residents should follow guidelines for properly disposing of any infested wood.

For more information about EAB as well as a list of licensed arborists, search "emerald ash borer" at LittletonCO.gov.

Complete the City of Littleton's forestry survey to help identify local forestry needs and assist the city in planning and establishing long-term forestry goals. Search "forestry survey" at LittletonCO.gov.

SpaceX Rocket Coming to Littleton

Littleton will be home to an out-of-this-world display this fall after a 146-foot-long SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket booster is installed near Dish Network corporate offices at Bowles Avenue and Santa Fe Drive.

The rocket will be displayed horizontally on two pylons ten feet off the ground, straddling the Littles Creek Trail near its junction with the Mary Carter Greenway.

Funding for the project is largely provided by the Telluray Foundation, which offered a \$2.4 million grant to deliver and install the rocket. Dish Network will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

The rocket is intended as a draw for visitors and is the third such display of a SpaceX rocket in the country.



2024 Budget Emphasizes Public Safety

The City of Littleton's 2024 budget process is underway. The emphasis will be public safety following citizen feed back in the most recent resident survey. While Littleton remains a safe community, seven police officers, two dispatchers, one detective and expansion of the mental health co responder program are proposed to provide proactive public safety services. The city's department directors developed budget requests over the summer and conducted team discussions about priorities. The city manager presented the 2024 proposed budget to city council on September 9. City council reviewed the proposed budget in great detail with the leadership team.

The first reading of the 2024 Budget ordinance is scheduled for October 3 and the second reading, approval, and public hearing are scheduled for November 21. For questions about the budget process, contact Tiffany Hooten, finance director, at thooten@littletongov.org or call 303-795-3709.

County Line Road Widening Begins

Crews will begin a project to widen County Line Road from Broadway to University to four lanes this fall. The project is a cooperative partnership with Douglas County and the City of Centennial, and includes major drainage improvements at Lee Gulch, the addition of a traffic signal at Clarkson Street, and noise walls on the north side of the road adjacent to residential properties.

The project is scheduled to last into 2025, and will include intermittent lane closures. For more information visit BigThingsLittleton.com.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program Announced

Residents concerned about traffic issues in their neighborhood can now report problems to the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.

The program provides a streamlined and transparent method to report traffic issues and work with Public Works to address them.

Requests can be submitted online, where they will be evaluated to see if they fit the program's thresholds. City staff will work with residents to develop solutions, including temporary traffic calming measures like barriers or additional signage. Pilot projects that show success may be converted to permanent designs.

For more information, search "Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program" at LittletonCO.gov.



Australian Sister City Delegates Get Warm Welcome

Littleton welcomed 13 delegates from its sister city of Bega, Australia in August, the latest visit in an international friendship dating back to the 1950s. The Bega delegation was greeted with a reception at their namesake Bega Park August 10, featuring the singing of the Australian and American national anthems. The delegates stayed with host families during their visit, and were treated to local tours, a banquet, a Rockies game and more. The delegation also marched in the Western Welcome Week parade. Littleton will send a delegation to Bega in 2025.



South Littleton Property Could See Mixed-Use Development

The sprawling property at Mineral Avenue and Southpark Terrace that previously housed telecom and aerospace companies could become a mixed-use residential and business development, if a proposed rezoning of the property is approved.

The 63-acre parcel at 700 West Mineral Avenue has previously been home to a Gates Rubber division, an aerospace firm, Century Link, and finally Lumen Technologies, which vacated the site earlier this year.

Colorado-based Republic Investment Group has plans to purchase the site, with the intent to build commercial properties on the northern 45 acres, and a multifamily development of up to 380 units on the southern 18 acres. The commercial properties could include two "large format" retailers.

Because the proposal would require the property to be rezoned from "suburban business park" zoning to "corridor mixed use," it will be presented at public hearings before both the City of Littleton's planning commission and city council this fall.

Hearing dates have not yet been set. Search "planning commission meetings" or "city council meetings" at LittletonCO.gov.

Big Things Initiative Building Momentum

The City of Littleton's Public Works Department has been busy with many capital improvement projects, powered by voter approval of a sales tax rate increase in 2021 enabling the biggest slate of infrastructure upgrades in decades.

Here is a recap of some of the projects that have been completed or are near completion in 2023:

- Construction of three raised pedestrian crossings downtown
- Roughly 25 miles of pavement preservation
- Replacement of traffic signal systems at nine intersections along Broadway, Bowles Avenue, and Mineral Avenue
- Hot in-place asphalt recycling along County Line Road
- Mill and overlay in Happy Homes and Aberdeen Village neighborhoods
- Installation of fiber optic communication for traffic signal systems along Broadway between Powers Avenue and Arapahoe Road

These projects are just a snapshot of many of the "big things" underway or completed. The city is ramping up more projects – from park updates to street improvements. Here's a look at what's next.

Step into nature at Reynolds Landing Park

Design is underway for updates at Reynolds Landing Park. In partnership with the Mile High Flood District, Arapahoe County, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, and a private donor, this project includes over 10 acres of improvements, from restoring the South Platte River to making the park an immersive nature experience for visitors.

Phase I of the project is expected to start this winter, pending permit approvals. This phase will include river access updates, additional trails within the park, and improvements to the Mary Carter Greenway.

"These updates will help park visitors feel immersed in nature, just steps away from the city," said Kelsey Stansfield, manager of grounds, open space, and natural resources for the city. "Improvements to river access will include ADA accessibility and will allow families of all ages to explore the water safely."

A temporary trail will be installed during construction to ensure trail access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Other BIG THINGS starting soon

More projects will be kicking off this fall and winter, including:

- Reconstruction of the intersection of Church Avenue and Prince Street, including widening the sidewalk on the east side of Prince Street and striping dedicated bike lanes on both roadways
- Improvements to make the Mineral Light Rail Station more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists within one mile east of the station
- Pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety improvements at Platte Canyon Road and Mineral Avenue, and Platte Canyon Road and Bowles Avenue intersections
- Improvements along the Slaughterhouse Gulch Trail between Prince Street and Rio Grande Street

For a complete list of projects or to contact public works and engineering staff, visit [BigThingsLittleton.com](https://www.bigthingslittleton.com).



"BIG THINGS" UNDERWAY ACROSS LITTLETON

While preserving Littleton's charm, the city is also paving the way for important transportation upgrades, infrastructure investments, and innovation.

Thanks in large part to the sales tax increase voters passed in 2021, work is in progress to make much needed improvements across six different areas including:

- **Street improvements and maintenance**
- **Pedestrian and bike safety**
- **Storm drainage and sewer**
- **Facilities and fleet**
- **Parks and open space**
- **Technology upgrades**

The new revenue generated through the increased tax rate helped the city leverage about \$30 million in state and federal grants. For every \$1 the city spends, it brings about \$4 from outside the community that will help enhance the already high quality of life.

MAXIMIZING BENEFIT, MINIMIZING DISRUPTIONS

With any major infrastructure improvements, comes minor inconveniences. The city is serious about communicating with the residents and businesses about potential impacts, such as lane or street closures.

- Watch for outdoor signs, mailers, or flyers with important information about upcoming construction.
- Wherever you see the new "BIG THINGS" logo, pictured right, you'll know a local improvement project is in progress.
- Visit www.bigthingslittleton.com for project details, including the status, and to get in touch with public works staff.

The city appreciates your patience as it builds the future of Littleton.





LITTLETON MUSEUM EVENTS

Craft Fair

Get a head-start on holiday shopping at the Craft Fair, a sprawling market featuring unique hand-made gifts from more than 250 local artisans – no mass-product resale items allowed! Now in its 52nd year, the Craft Fair supports the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

When: Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Ketring Park, just north of the Littleton Museum
More information: LittletonCraftFair.org.

Harvest Festival

The Littleton Museum's annual Harvest Festival returns October 14! Enjoy wagon rides, a cider press, the 1890s Carnival, all in the ambiance of the museum's authentic 19th century living history farms. Buy Halloween pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch! No fee for admission, but some activities require tickets.

When: Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Below the Surface

Time is running short to visit "Below the Surface: How Mining Altered Colorado's Social and Cultural Landscape." The exhibit digs beneath the legends and myths regarding Colorado's gold and silver rushes, to tell the stories of the ways mining shaped Colorado's environment and politics, and the impact it had on the state's Indigenous peoples. The exhibit is open through Friday, October 27.

The Littleton Museum is located at 6028 South Gallup Street. For more information, visit LittletonMuseum.org.

Candlelight Walk Returns November 24

Littleton's holiday spirit will shine bright in 2023, as the Candlelight Walk returns for its 40th year November 24! The Candlelight Walk is Littleton's annual kickoff to the holiday season, held the Friday after Thanksgiving. Santa Claus is the guest of honor for a procession down Main Street that includes floats, music, and holiday entertainment.

Traditionally, Santa's magic lit up dozens of trees that lined Main Street since the 1980s. But many of the trees that once flanked Main Street are gone this year, removed this summer after city foresters discovered they were dying from an incurable fungal disease.

The City of Littleton, working with the Littleton Downtown Development Authority, and the Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants has plans for the Candlelight Walk that preserves traditional elements and introduces new fun. Working with a holiday lighting company, projected lighting displays will brighten downtown's historic buildings, with a special lighting display just for Town Hall Arts Center.

Old favorites will return including live reindeer, floats, free hot cider and cocoa, strolling carolers, and of course the candles that give the Candlelight Walk its name! The new lighting elements will stay in place until early 2024.

Entertainment will begin at 5:30 and the Candlelight Walk will begin at 6:30 p.m., Friday, November 24. For more information, visit LittletonCO.gov.





Final Public Hearing for 2024 Budget

South Suburban Parks and Recreation District residents are invited to learn more about the district's major goals for next year and provide input on projects and priorities at the final public hearing for the 2024 budget.

When: Wednesday, October 4, 7 p.m.
Where: Board Room, Sports Complex, 4810 East County Line Road, Highlands Ranch
More information: Visit SSPRD.org or call 303-798-5131

Play and Explore at Thanksgiving and Winter Break Camps

Kids can learn, play, and stay active during school breaks at South Suburban camps! Registration for all winter camps, classes, and programs opens Tuesday, October 17. 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:

Enchanted Forest

The forests have been enchanted once again! Take a stroll through South Platte Park unlike any other as the woods come alive with fairies, Celtic music, performers, and live birds of prey. Visit register.ssprd.org to buy tickets.

When: Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: South Platte Park, 3000 West Carson Drive

Pumpkin Plunge

Take a plunge to find a perfect pumpkin. Swimmers of all ages are invited to dive for pumpkins in the Buck Recreation Center pool and turn them into spooky masterpieces at the decoration station.

When: Friday, October 20, 5 to 7 p.m.
Where: Buck Recreation Center, 2004 West Powers Avenue

Hoofin' It Through the Hollows 5K

Runners beware, this race is scary fun! Head down for a Halloween celebration at the Hoofin' It Through the Hollows 5K. Dress to impress and participate in the pre-race costume contest, then stick around for the post-race beer garden and s'mores.

When: Saturday, October 21, 5 to 7 p.m.
Where: deKoevend Park, 6301 South University Boulevard, Centennial

Magic of the Jack O'Lanterns

Experience a glowing trail of over 7,000 magnificent, hand-carved pumpkins at The Hudson Gardens. A magical light show illuminates a nautical seascape, a pirate ship, dinosaurs, dragons, and so much more! Hot cocoa and cider for sale.

When: Multiple times and dates, September 22 to October 31
Where: The Hudson Gardens, 6115 South Santa Fe Drive
For more information or to buy tickets visit MagicOfTheJackOLanterns.com.





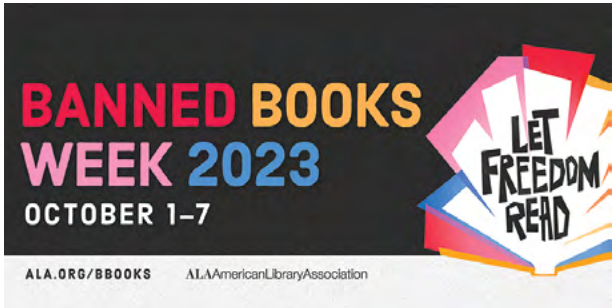
Join the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion for a Veterans Day ceremony at the Littleton World War II Memorial, including the unveiling of a plaque honoring veterans of all foreign conflicts.

When: Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.
Where: 6028 South Gallup Street

BEYOND BOOKS

EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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



Banned Books Week

October 1-7

Bemis Public Library is proud to join libraries across the nation in observing Banned Books Week.

Visit the library to:

- Learn about attempts to challenge and censor books
- Discover how libraries defend free access to ideas
- Participate in activities that celebrate intellectual freedom

Find out more at BannedBooksWeek.org.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Family Fun Dance Fitness October 1

3-3:30 p.m. Session for families with children of all ages, under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

3:45-4:30 Session for ages 13 and up

Exercise your mind and body through dance. Follow along as the instructor leads the group in simple moves and patterns, or dance to your own beat.

LEGO Club

October 7 and November 4, 3-4 p.m.

All ages, under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Design, construct, and make LEGO creations. Build from a theme or use the imagination.

Senior Social Club

Every Thursday 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Adults 50 and up

A weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library.

Medicare Update 101

October 10, 2-3 p.m. | Adults of all ages

Learn about the new changes regarding Medicare from an insurance professional.

Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art*

October 19, 2-3:30 p.m. | Adults of all ages

Join art educator Reid Portscheller for a hands-on workshop about BMOCA's current exhibition, and create a piece of art inspired by the show.

Active Minds

Adults of all ages

October 23, 2-3 p.m. | Topic: Colorado Ghost Stories

November 27, 2-3 p.m. | Topic: Tokyo

Ageless Grace Brain Health*

October 24, 2-3 p.m. | Adults of all ages

Stimulate the brain through physical movement. Exercises are done while seated. Great for people of any age or ability who want to stay physically active and mentally fit.

Board Games @ Bemis

October 4 and November 1, 5-7 p.m. | All ages

New day and location, same fantastic board game night! Stop by the Meeting Room for family-friendly fun. Pizza and snacks will be served.

Dungeons & Dragons*

October 25 and November 22, 5-7:30 p.m.

Ages 10 and up

Players of all experience levels are welcome. Pre-generated characters and dice are available to borrow.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Group

October 11 and November 8, 5-6:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, and have fun while earning community service credit. Snacks will be served.

Teen Takeover: Ceme-terrariums*

October 18, 5-6:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Create a spooky miniature world in a jar. Snacks will be served.

Teen Takeover: Electoral Eats*

November 15, 5-6:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12*

Taste-test a selection of treats and vote for the winner!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Levitate Jump Rope Team

Sunday, October 15, 3-4 p.m.

Families with kids of all ages

A high-energy performance by a competitive jump rope team, with an opportunity to jump in on the fun!

Hello Winter! We're Ready to Read Winter Reading Program

November 18-January 8 | Grade 5 and under

Warm up with a cool book! Pick up a reading log beginning November 18 and complete challenges. Finishers will receive a free book and other prizes.



Movie Matinee: Elemental

November 21, 3-5 p.m. | All ages

Watch a screening of the new Disney/Pixar film. Snacks will be served.

Paws to Read*

October 14 and November 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Grades K-5

Kids can practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society.



Annual Halloween Costume Parade

October 26 and 27, 11 a.m.

Show off your costume, enjoy Halloween songs and rhymes, and collect treats along the path.

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. | Walkers up to age 3

Must be accompanied by a caregiver

Thirty minutes of stories and songs to introduce the joy of rhythm, rhyme, and reading.

Books and Blankets

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Families with children of all ages

Bring kids and blankets for 30 minutes of stories and songs on the lawn, weather permitting.

LIRC PROGRAMS

International Conversation Circle

Every Thursday 11:15-12:30 p.m.

Meet people from other countries, practice English, or help others practice English in a social atmosphere.

Call for Volunteers

Work one on one with an immigrant in the community and help them on their path to citizenship. Receive free training and get more involved in the community you love!

For more information, email librzi@littletongov.org or call 303-795-3968.



Visit BemisLibrary.org for more information about everything happening at the library including book clubs, storytimes, technology classes, and more.

* Registration required.
Call 303-795-3961 or sign up through the Events Calendar at BemisLibrary.org/calendar





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COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



EPIC Campus

Littleton Public Schools opened its EPIC Campus in August, kicking off a groundbreaking new suite of educational pathways for high school students. The sprawling campus adjacent to Littleton High School is housed in a former car dealership, overhauled to host training programs in aerospace, business, computer science, construction trades, teacher training, health science, and natural resource management. Students will attend EPIC Campus classes part of the day, then return to their home high school, with transportation provided. EPIC (short for Explorative Pathways for Innovative Careers) programs use state-of-the-art, hands-on technology to meet industry standards for major local employers. Students can earn industry certifications, college credit, and work-based learning before graduating high school.

EPIC Campus is at 190 East Littleton Boulevard. Learn more at LittletonPublicSchools.net/schools/EpicCampus.



Wagmore Inn

Not far from Bemis Public Library, the Wagmore Inn is a new dog boarding facility that also offers dog training, daycare, and grooming. The boarding facility offers separate rooms for small and senior dogs and lots of add-on amenities – right down to massages and storytime tuck-ins. Daycare dogs are separated by size and activity level. Grooming services are available by appointment or as an addition to a boarding stay. Training sessions are force-free and reward based, taught by experienced trainers.

The Wagmore Inn is at 5767 South Gallup Street. For more information, call 720-577-6124 or visit WagmoreInn.com.



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Open Rewards ☆

Economic Development Launches Local Rewards App

Littleton thrives on the strength of its local establishments. Shop local to support the community's growth, vibrancy, and unique character. Additionally, use the app to earn 5% rewards on every purchase at listed businesses. Scan the adjacent QR code to visit bludot.io/rewards-littleton to participate.



Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter (front row center) joined hospital executives September 6 at the groundbreaking ceremony.

AdventHealth Littleton to Open Cardiology Tower

AdventHealth Littleton, formerly Littleton Adventist Hospital, broke ground in September on its new Heart and Vascular Tower. The three-story building will house a full spectrum of heart health services, including groundbreaking minimally invasive procedures, open heart surgery, cardiac catheterization, intensive care, and more. Specialists will have access to cutting-edge technology to treat even the most complicated cases. The new tower will be 97,739 square feet and include 24 cardiovascular ICU beds, 10 operating rooms, and is expected to serve 50 to 60 patients per day. The new facility will allow patients to get procedures they need without traveling outside the Littleton area. The \$105 million facility is expected to open in early 2025.

