

LittletonReport

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What's Inside

All meetings, programs, and events listed in this issue are subject to change or cancellation depending on health and safety considerations.







Voters Elect Council Members and Approve Ballot Question 3K

Littleton City Council — DISTRICT II		
	%	TOTAL VOTES
★ Robert Reichardt	100%	1,625
Littleton City Council — DISTRICT IV		
	%	TOTAL VOTES
★ Andrea Peters	100%	2,970
Littleton City Council — AT LARGE		
	%	TOTAL VOTES
Chris Campbell	38%	5,006
★ Pam Grove	62%	8,239
Littleton BALLOT QUESTION 3K		
	%	TOTAL VOTES
★ Yes	64%	9,632
No	36%	5,536

Littleton voters elected two new council members in uncontested races and returned At Large Council Member Pam Grove to a second term on the Littleton City Council. Vote totals are listed at left, as of the morning of Wednesday, November 13.

Ballot Question 3K will allow the city to retain revenues already received and continue using them for critical street maintenance and other backlogged capital projects. It was



approved by 64% of voters.

"I am thrilled that voters recognized the importance of passing Question 3K," said Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter. "When Ballot Question 3A was approved in 2021, voters spoke loud and clear that they want the city to focus on improvements to our infrastructure. Because we underestimated the amount of revenue the city would receive, we were in the predicament of going back to voters a second time to ask to spend the funds already collected. I am so appreciative that voters continue to support investing in our community."

Ballot Question 3K was not a tax increase and was endorsed by the Littleton Business Chamber and the Littleton Downtown Development Authority.

The results are unofficial until certified by the counties' boards of canvassers.

City offices will be closed

Mondays, December 25, January 1, and 15

Geneva Village Tenants Receive Relocation Help

Geneva Village, the ailing age-restricted apartment complex along Prince Street near Downtown Littleton, will be redeveloped in coming years into a greater supply of upto-date affordable housing. The City of Littleton is committed to relocation assistance for the remaining residents of Geneva Village.

Built in 1964 as low-cost housing for retired members of the International Geneva Association, the 28-unit complex came under City of Littleton ownership in 1975 as part of the land purchase for construction of the Littleton Center, Littleton's city hall. Geneva Village currently has 11 leased units.

The aging facility faces a variety of significant mechanical issues and other major repair needs, most of which require asbestos mitigation. Following an extensive facility assessment, city staff presented city council with several options for the facility's future, including rehabilitation estimated at \$5 million, or redeveloping the site to add more new affordable housing units.

In September, city council decided to redevelop the site, with an anticipated three- to five-year timeline. The redevelopment will be guided by community outreach and expertise in affordable housing, mobility, and economic development. Plans will also be guided by the vision outlined in the forthcoming Project Downtown planning effort, and likely in partnership with the Littleton Downtown Development Authority.

The redevelopment process will include discussions about how to best utilize the site. The parcels could be pulled into a land trust to preserve affordability and could include a mix of for-sale and rental units.

The City of Littleton has contracted with housing specialists at B-Konnected to assist residents in the process of finding new homes. Over the summer, residents participated in group sessions and one-on-one discussions with B-Konnected, providing vital insights into tentants' personal experiences, well-being, and available resources.

City council and staff are committed to addressing res-



idents' needs. Through B-Konnected, the city is providing residents with housing navigation, day-to-day support, relocation planning, and moving assistance. Where possible, tenants who would like to stay in Littleton are receiving assistance to do so.

City staff will present early next steps for Geneva Village at an upcoming city council study session. For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Kathleen Osher at kosher@littletongov.org.







Calendar Contest Winners Announced

Members of Littleton's Fine Arts Board selected 13 winners whose photographs will grace the 2024 Littleton Calendar and Annual Report. The contest received 161 photographs from 62 photographers who sought to capture Littleton's beauty.

The 2024 winners are:

- Cover: Corinne Leonard
- January: Adrienne Bivens
- February: Kristin McCormack
- March: Kristal Hoeh
- April: Allison Eaby
- May: Rebecca Kast

- June: Candyce Herman
- July: Stephanie Cook
- August: Lillian Fuglei
- September: Michael Gardinier
- October: Maureen Ravnik
- November: Peter Rondinone
- December: Carole Rudd

Winners are awarded \$25. Calendars are available at no cost at the Littleton Center, Littleton Museum, Bemis Library and other locations in mid December. Thanks to everyone who submitted photographs!

Littletown Downtown Development Authority Launches Website, Newsletter

The Littleton Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) has launched a new website and newsletter aimed at keeping residents and businesses informed on its efforts to improve Downtown Littleton.

LittletonDDA.org includes a business directory of downtown shops, restaurants, offices, and services. The calendar page covers both LDDA events and user-submitted events, while the news page offers updates on LDDA activities. Users can also sign up for an e-newsletter.

"We are excited to unveil our new website that captures the vibrancy of Downtown Littleton," said Jenny Starkey, the LDDA's executive director. "From its modern design to its mobile responsiveness, this site is our central hub for sharing important information, announcements, and news with the Littleton community and beyond."

The LDDA works to boost the economic vitality of Downtown Littleton through collabora-

tive efforts. The agency is guided by a Plan of Development focused on building a business-friendly and vibrant community, supporting businesses, and keeping everyone informed and engaged in district programs.



Project Downtown Looks to Next Steps

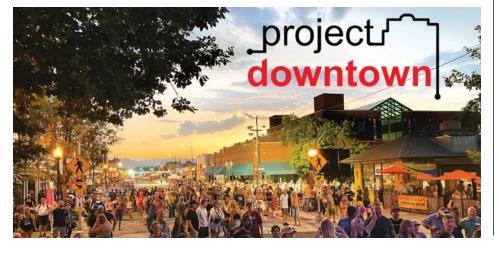
City planners are making strides with Project Downtown, an ongoing effort to guide the future of Downtown Littleton. More than 500 residents responded to the project's first survey.

The project will culminate in a long-term strategic plan to guide infrastructure improvements in downtown looking at elements like mobility, access, safety, sustainability, and resiliency.

New approaches to everything from parking to sidewalks to traffic control to benches and trees are on the table, all guided by the goal of making downtown a more enticing place to live, visit, shop, dine, or grow a business.

The project team will develop three concept alternatives based on the first community survey, which will be presented at a series of in-person and virtual public outreach meetings in early 2024.

For more information, including an email update list and a "story map" with major project milestones, search "Project Downtown" at LittletonCO.gov.



Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative Changing Lives

The Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative, a collaborative effort between Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan to address homelessness, continues to make strides towards helping neighbors – both housed and unhoused.

Dozens of community members gathered at the Littleton Center in July for a forum on strategies to address homelessness. The meeting, which included downtown business owners, local service providers, city staff, and more, discussed efforts to keep Downtown Littleton a vibrant and welcoming place for all.

Facilitators from the Iliff School of Theology conducted surveys and one-on-one interviews with downtown stakeholders to understand the impacts of homelessness. A report based on the interviews and surveys identified areas for improvement, including better communication and ongoing evaluation of progress. The report is available by searching "Downtown Community Forum: Homelessness" at LittletonCO.gov.

City of Littleton agencies are taking steps to compassionately address homelessness. Beginning last summer, Littleton Police increased foot patrols downtown, drawing positive feedback from businesses, residents, and visitors.

AllHealth Network's Mobile Response Unit expanded its territory to Littleton this year. The van is staffed by a nurse practitioner and mental health clinician, capable of providing a treatment-based, trauma-informed response to calls for service involving mental health concerns. The service joins the Littleton Police Department's full-time co-responder service provided by AllHealth's PATH Outreach Team, which provides mental and behavioral health care and ongoing case management.

If residents encounter someone in need and the situation is non-threatening, they are encouraged to call Littleton Police's non-emergency line at 303-794-1551. Illegal habitation can be reported via the SeeClickFix service – search "SeeClickFix" at LittletonCO.gov. Dangerous or threatening situations should be reported by calling 911.

As 2024 dawns, the Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative is poised to implement major elements of its Action Plan.

Bridge House Ready to Work will open its workforce development facility in Englewood, a 48-bed facility for individuals enrolled in a program to find stable employment and housing. The facility will also host a navigation center that will connect unhoused people with services and resources.

The Built-for-Zero program, which partners with Tri-Cities to find housing with a focus on veterans, is expanding to include housing single adults.

For more information about progress in addressing homelessness, visit TriCitiesHomeless.com.



East Community Center Off to Strong Start

The transformation of the former East Elementary School into a community center is off to a strong start, with Littleton Public Schools welcoming numerous community-focused tenants to the building at Fairfield Street and Bannock Street.

In 2021, the Littleton Public Schools Board of Education decided to merge East Elementary and Ralph Moody Elementary onto a separate campus at the former Moody site now called Little Raven Elementary. East Elementary School closed in May 2023. A public outreach effort identified a variety of potential uses for the space:

After school and youth groups
Childcare
Community market (food bank)
Community space and garden

Educational classes
Resource navigation
Small business support
Sports and recreation
Wellness (mental and physical health)

The \min of new tenants reflects several of these goals:

- North Littleton Promise, which assists children from immigrant families.
- St. Andrew Community Market operates a free food market each Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 5 to 7 p.m. The group also hosted a school supply drive in August.
- Break Bread offers free to-go meals every third Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. from a pop-up food tent.
- All Health Network provides a therapist who serves Littleton Public Schools staff.
- Littleton Optimist Club weekly meetings.

Future potential tenants or guests include the Littleton Police Department, Rooted 303, GraceFull Café, and the YMCA.

The center's coordinator is Joe Cardenas who has extensive experience in family services and mental health, most recently at the Tennyson Center for Children.

While the center will have a dedicated website launching soon, residents can find more information by searching "East Community Center" at LittletonPublicSchools.net.





Volunteer for City Boards, Authorities, Commissions

Want to play a greater role in city decision-making? The Littleton City Council invites residents to apply for vacancies on the city's authorities, boards, and commissions. Service on a city board helps ensure that city council hears the voices of many citizens as it considers future policies and programs.

There are 14 volunteer citizen boards, which generally meet monthly. Citizen boards make decisions on topics ranging from zoning and land use to public art and sustainability.

Applications are open in December and close January 31. Applicant interviews will be scheduled in February. Terms will begin April 1, 2024.

To learn more or to apply, search "Authorities, Boards, Commissions" at LittletonCO.gov.

Co-Responder Program Bolstered by Opioid Settlement Funds

The city will use its first round of opioid lawsuit settlement funds to bolster its co-responder program, giving mental health care providers more resources to continue assisting people battling mental illness or addiction.

Littleton stands to receive more than \$1.2 million over 18 years as its share of a nationwide settlement against drug manufacturers found liable for worsening the opioid crisis. The funds must be used for addiction prevention, drug treatment, recovery, criminal justice, or harm reduction.

Littleton has so far received just over \$77,000 of its total share. The initial allocation of \$40,000 toward the co-responder program will help pay for mental health care providers who accompany Littleton Police Officers on calls involving people in crisis. Future allocations will be determined by city council.

Join Discussion on Civility at Documentary Screening

Join Littleton City Council Member Gretchen Rydin for a screening of The Abortion Talks, a documentary about leaders in the pro-choice and pro-life movements bridging the chasm of ideology to find common ground to prevent violence and promote civility.

Following the screening, Rydin will host an interactive workshop on how to talk about difficult and contentious issues with loved ones, colleagues, and neighbors.

- When: 2 to 4:15 p.m., Saturday, January 13
- Where: Bemis Public Library, 6014 South Datura Street

To RSVP, email grydin@littletongov.org or call 720-507-5401.

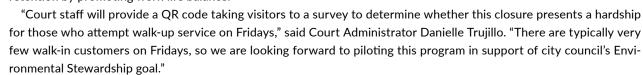
New Municipal Court Hours Will Save Time and Emissions

Beginning January 2, 2024, the Littleton Municipal Court building will be open to the public Monday through Thursday and will be closed on Fridays. Staff will continue to work remotely on Fridays. The change will save almost \$32,000 per year in security costs, remove approximately 3,250 pounds of carbon emissions from the air, reduce

"...we are looking forward to piloting this program in support of city council's Environmental

Stewardship goal." - Court Administrator Danielle Trujillo

facility cleaning costs, and promote enhanced employee retention by promoting work-life balance.



For more information, contact the Court at 303-795-3837.

Littleton Completes First Water Resources Plan



City of Littleton engineers presented Littleton's first-ever Integrated Water Resources Plan this fall, compiling a groundbreaking assessment of the city's water rights portfolio. The city has also undertaken an irrigation modernization plan that focuses on managing the water uses at city facilities and greatly enhancing resource conservation.

The city is also exploring supplemental projects with Denver Water and other agencies to provide new programs to support citizen efforts to reduce water use, complete turf conversions, and assist community members in managing their water use. These programs are in development and should come to fruition over the next

For more information, search "Integrated Water Resources Plan" at LittletonCO.gov.

Littleton Community Retreat, Littleton Leadership Academy Return in 2024

Both the Littleton Community Retreat and the Littleton Leadership Academy will return in 2024, building on a nearly 50-year legacy of inspiring bold new ideas and local leadership.

Founded in 1975, the Littleton Community Retreat is a two-day program focusing on a matter of importance to the community. Previous retreats resulted in big ideas for Littleton, including Town Hall Arts Center, the Littleton Immigrant Resource Center, and Historic Littleton Inc.

Following a hiatus during the pandemic, the Littleton Community Retreat will return in September 2024, with a focus on sustainability. For more information, visit LittletonCommunityRetreat.org.

The Littleton Leadership Academy is another big idea born from the Littleton Community Retreat. Operated independently from 2017 to 2019, the 10-month civic affairs boot

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter. The once-a-month sessions allow attendees to engage with civic leaders, organization and socioeconomic issues affecting the city.

Halted during the pandemic, Arapahoe Community College revived the program and will kick off the 2024 session in January. Applications are due by December 15 and can be found by searching "Littleton Leadership Academy" at Arapahoe.edu.



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A New Vision for Powers Park

Northeast Littleton's Powers Park could see big upgrades in coming years, as the South Metro Land Conservancy spearheads an effort to overhaul the neighborhood park into a true gem. The park at Huron Street and Powers Avenue is built around a floodwater retention pond, and lacks some of the grander amenities of other Littleton parks.

After an intensive process of community outreach and landscape design, the Conservancy is working with South Suburban Parks and Recreation, the City of Littleton, and other local agencies to bring the vision to fruition. Plans call for terraced areas for picnicking and outdoor play, natural areas to connect visitors with nature, and an overhauled playground. For more information, visit SMLC.land.



Littleton Committed to Bicyclist, Pedestrian Safety

The City of Littleton is committed to cyclist and pedestrian safety. In light of community concerns following the tragic death of a bicyclist hit by a vehicle near Euclid Middle School in October, the Littleton City Council is eager to work with the community to ensure strong progress is being made on the 2019 Transportation Master Plan.

The plan includes 77 bicycle and pedestrian-related capital projects, 34 of which are funded and at some stage of planning, design, or construction. City council will work with staff to review the plan's progress, and recommend a process for increased community engagement around future projects.

Pedestrian safety is one of the city's top priorities, especially near schools. The city is partnering with Littleton Public Schools on a Safe Routes to School grants, mapping and signing designated bicycle and pedestrian routes to and around schools. A Traffic Safety Team was created in 2018 which includes police, transportation, and city manager's office staff who specifically respond to safety and accident issues. Since adoption of the Transportation Master Plan in 2019, several million dollars have been spent on pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

The Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program launched in September 2023 provides a streamlined and transparent way for citizens to report neighborhood traffic safety concerns and work with staff to address these concerns. For more information, search "Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program" at LittletonCO.gov. Residents can also report non-emergency concerns through the SeeClickFix app 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at LittletonCo.gov/SeeClickFix.

Stay tuned for information about a pedestrian/bicycle community forum after the first of the year.

SpaceX Rocket Lands in Littleton

Littleton is now home to an out-of-this-world installation, after DISH Network installed a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket booster straddling the Littles Creek Trail beside its building at Bowles Avenue and Santa Fe Drive. Costs of the \$2.4 million project were covered by the Telluray Foundation, while DISH will be responsible for ongoing maintenance. Visitors can check out the rocket on foot or bicycle by accessing the Mary Carter Greenway Trail or the Littles Creek Trail.



Littleton Development Updates

Littleton's community development specialists are working with applicants on more than 60 active development projects. Here are some highlights.

700 West Mineral Avenue (Lumen property): Republic Investment Group and Embrey are planning a total redevelopment of the 60+ acre site, with proposals for 370 apartment homes and significant retail space. Tentatively scheduled to go before city council December 19.

Columbine Square/O'Toole's master development plans: Quarterra and James Properties are planning 180 age-restricted apartments and 363 unrestricted apartments on the 20-acre properties. The age-restricted master development plan is scheduled for planning commission consideration in December.

Aspen Grove site plan: in its first step to add a residential component to the Aspen Grove mall, Gerrity Group has a 376-unit mixed-use building under review with a significant retail component on the ground floor. The proposed building includes a parking garage and is located at the south end of Aspen Grove near the Mineral Avenue light rail station.

Powers Place site plan: RPM Living has a site plan under review for 325 apartments (including 17 affordable units under the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance) south of the Norgren property between Delaware and Bannock on West Powers Avenue.

AMLI Littleton Village administrative plat: after having its master development plan approved, AMLI is moving forward with plans to develop a 310-unit mixed-use building on the north side of Village Park Drive between Broadway and Sherman Avenue. In Littleton Village, staff is also processing site plans for entertainment venue No. 38 and an El Pollo Loco restaurant.

Denver Water Rates Increasing

Denver Water announced an increase in water rates in October aimed at paying for repair, maintenance, and upgrades to the water delivery system.

The new rates take effect January 1. Typical single-family residential customers will see an average increase from \$1.60 to \$2.30 per month.

"Denver Water is at a pivot point," said CEO Alan Salazar. "These are historic times and we'll be affected, just as the communities we serve will be affected, by climate change, population growth, variability in the economy, inflation, and supply chains. Water is a crucial resource that supports all of us. You can't have civilization without it. Continuing to maintain and invest in the system that supports our water supply will ensure we — Denver Water as well as our customers — are ready for what lies ahead, while keeping rates as low as good service will allow."

Denver Water expects to invest \$1.9 billion over the next decade in projects that will maintain, repair, protect, and upgrade the system and make it more resilient and flexible in the future.

Nonprofits, Arts Programs, Youth Activities Get Boost From City Grants

Numerous nonprofits and community organizations will get a boost from City of Littleton grant programs, after city council named dozens of grant recipients in October.

Stadium District Grants are one-time funding from Littleton's inclusion in the Metropolitan Football Stadium District, the entity that owns Empower Field at Mile High, due to the recent sale of the Denver Broncos. Funding must be used for youth programs. City council awarded more than \$750,000 from this fund, with \$200,000 going toward the Littleton Public Schools East Community Center. Other recipients included the YMCA, Littleton Lions Baseball, Samba Colorado, and North Littleton Promise.

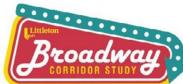
Local Partnership Grants support organizations that serve Littleton residents. Council awarded more than \$70,000 from this fund, including grants to AllHealth Network, Break Bread, Nourish Meals on Wheels, Cycling Without Age, the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley, and DIRT Coffee.

A 5% tax on lodging approved by voters in 2022 created a new pool of grant funds, earmarked to support arts and culture, tourism, and visitor promotion in Littleton. Nearly \$250,000 was awarded from the fund, including grants to the Littleton Learning Lab, Tell Me More Tours, the Arapahoe Philharmonic, Littleton Youth Ballet, Western Welcome Week, and the Littleton Fine Arts Guild.

For more information, search "Local Grants & Incentives" at LittletonCO.gov.

Last Chance to Participate in Broadway Corridor Study

City planners are conducting the last round of public engagement for the Broadway Corridor Study that will establish a cohesive vision for the corridor's future between I-25 and Highlands Ranch Parkway. In December, residents can learn more



about the proposed improvements and conceptual designs and provide their feedback online or at a pop-up event. For details, search "Broadway Corridor Study" at LittletonCO.gov.



Littleton Celebrates Grant Funding at Arapahoe County Shareback Awards

The City of Littleton joined local municipalities September 26 to celebrate the distribution of nearly \$25 million to cities, towns, and partner agencies as part of Arapahoe County's Open Spaces Shareback and Grant Awards Ceremony.

Fifty percent of the annual Open Space Sales and Use Tax revenue is distributed directly back to participating cities and towns across Arapahoe County through the Shareback program. Funds are allocated according to population and contribute to the life and health of Arapahoe County residents via trail, playground, and park im-

provement projects. Littleton received almost \$1.6 million for parks and open space. Among the grants Littleton received from the program in 2023:

- \$562,500 to pave and widen a portion of the Mineral Trail to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists.
- \$135,000 to support a feasibility study for a potential underpass of the High Line Canal Trail at Mineral Avenue.
- \$80,000 to support a master plan for Ketring and Gallup Parks.







Big Things: Traffic Technology Gets Upgrades

Thanks to voter approval of Ballot Question 3A in 2021, the City of Littleton is working on its biggest slate of infrastructure upgrades in recent memory. Although peak construction season has come to a close, Littleton's public works department has completed significant upgrades that will improve the operation of traffic signals and provide more reliable communication between traffic signal systems.

Broadway fiber optics

This \$1.1 million project installed fiber optic cable to connect eight traffic signal systems on Broadway between Arapahoe Road and Powers Avenue, aimed at easing congestion along the corridor. In addition, this project begins the backbone of a future regional system envisioned to connect traffic communications for Littleton, Englewood, Centennial, Greenwood Village, Arapahoe County, and other partner agencies. A similar project on Broadway from Arapahoe Road to County Line Road is planned for 2026.

Traffic signal replacement

Informed by a 2019 assessment, the city has replaced deficient traffic signal poles and equipment at eight major intersections. Some intersections saw replacement of all four poles, while others only needed one or two replaced. This project cost \$2.8 million. The list of intersections is below:

- S. Broadway and Powers Avenue
- S. Broadway and Orchard Road
- S. Broadway and Broadway Estates
- S. Broadway and Easter Avenue
- Bowles Ave. and Coventry LaneBowles Ave. and Middlefield Road
- Mineral Ave. and Southpark Terrace
- Mineral Ave. and Pennsylvania Street

For more information on these projects and other "Big Things" happening around Littleton, visit www.BigThingsLittleton.com.

Littleton Draws More Awards, Recognition

Littleton was named Colorado's best city for retirees by World Atlas, which called Littleton "an enticingly vivacious small town whose suburban feel and outdoor attractions make it a perfect retirement destination."

Topping a list that also included resort towns like Estes Park and Breckenridge, Littleton was praised for its downtown, trails, plethora of healthcare facilities, and proximity to mountain scenery.

Littleton also ranked third among five Colorado cities listed in WalletHub's 2023 "Best Small Cities in America" ranking, with high marks for quality of life.

The awards come on the heels of a long list of accolades for Littleton, including being named one of Colorado's best mid-range and small cities by MovingFromTo.com, among the "2022 Top 100 Best Places to Live" by Livability.com, the "Best Places to Live in Colorado for Families" by Citytistics, and a recipient of the "Tree City USA Growth Award" from the Arbor Day Foundation. The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium took home the "Best Event Award in the 2023 Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence," presented by Downtown Colorado, Inc.



Public Safety, Customer Service Needs Addressed in 2024 Budget

The City of Littleton's 2024 budget features a strong emphasis on public safety, following resident feedback in recent community surveys.

The budget for the coming year includes funding for an additional seven police officers, two dispatchers, a detective, expansion of the mental health co-responder program, and additional upgrades to the police fleet and radio equipment.

The budget also provides funding for additional positions to meet resident needs citywide, including a public works engineer, forestry technician, budget manager, and a records management technician.

Thanks to funding from a lodgers tax approved by voters in 2022, the Littleton Museum and Bemis Public Library will receive additional staff including a public art administrator and a dedicated staff member for the Bookmobile.

Learn more and read the full budget by searching "City Budgets and Financial Reports" at LittletonCO.gov.

New Plaque Unveiled at Littleton

World War II Memorial

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter joined leaders from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion on Veterans Day to dedicate a new plaque at the Littleton World War II Memorial honoring those who served in foreign conflicts since 1945. Dozens of veterans, their families, and others gathered at Ketring Park November 11 to honor the sacrifices of those who answered their country's call.



South Platte Renew Hosting 7th Annual Grease and Oil Takeback

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

For more information, call South Platte Renew at 303-762-2600, visit SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov, or email sprcommunications@englewoodco.gov.





LITTLETON MUSEUM

EVENTS

Holiday's Evening at the Littleton Museum Sunday, December 10, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Ring in the holidays with this outdoor, evening event on the grounds of the museum's living history farms. Guests will be transported back to the winter holidays of the 1800s by costumed interpreters bringing the past to life with demonstrations of life in early Littleton.

Enjoy a wagon ride, snack on cornbread and cookies, enjoy live music, and look up at the stars while sipping hot cider.

Tickets available at LittletonMuseum.org. All activities and refreshments are included in the ticket cost.

Art exhibit: Thoughtful Intuition

Open through January 7

Thoughtful Intuition is a solo exhibition featuring abstract monoprints, paintings, and installations by Denver-based artist Taiko Chandler. The exhibition explores approaches to art making, from careful outlining and planning to intuitive approaches without a fixed outcome in mind.

Visit LittletonMuseum.org for more information.

Littleton Business Chamber Sees Big Growth in 2023

The Littleton Business Chamber (LBC) made big strides in 2023! Now headed by a paid executive director and boasting a new website, downtown office, and a slew of events, the organization is doing more than ever before to boost Littleton's business community.

Founded in 2017, the LBC rebranded in 2023, developing a new strategy for growth, improvement, and challenging the norms. It remains guided by its mission: "to serve as a principal representative of business, contribute to its members' success and prosperity, and promote the economic and civic interests of the community."

Among the chamber's accomplishments in the past year:

- $\bullet\,$ A restructuring of the Board of Directors with requirements to be more engaged and active.
- Improved and increased collaboration between LBC board members, city council, and city leadership.
- Becoming a strong advocate for responsible community development.
- Providing monthly opportunities for networking and collaboration for local businesses.
- Committee-led collaboration and increased membership strength and numbers.

The chamber held a variety of events in 2023:

- The Restaurant Committee hosted the first annual Littleton Restaurant Week in September, drawing nearly two dozen participating restaurants. The second annual Restaurant Week will be held September 6-15, 2024.
- The Health and Wellness Committee hosted an event at Western Welcome Week Festival Day and is planning a Health and Wellness Conference for the summer of 2024.
- The Women in Leadership Committee hosted monthly networking events and is planning a half-day Women's Conference in April 2024 focusing on women leaders in the community.
- The chamber will raise money for community causes at the annual Philanthropic Gala in December.

Other partnership and growth highlights:

- Furthered the partnership with the Littleton Public Schools EPIC Campus and the Business and Entrepreneurship Pathway.
- Created the Young Professionals Group (under 40) to encourage leadership and succession strategies for businesses and the community.
- Developed member-directed training programs that will begin in January.
- As 2024 dawns, LBC leaders expressed gratitude for everyone who trusted and joined it in this adventure and is excited to see what the new year brings.

For more information, visit LittletonBusinessChamber.org.



SOUTH SUBURBAN

WINTER SALE AT RECREATION CENTERS

Save on favorite fitness amenities, personal training sessions, and more during South Suburban's Winter Sale!

Ring in the new year with an affordable fitness routine. Discounted annual passes, punch cards, personal training sessions, and Pilates Reformer sessions are available online at register.ssprd.org or at any of South Suburban's recreation centers from December 1 to January 3.

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.

PLAY AND EXPLORE AT WINTER BREAK CAMPS

Have fun and learn something new during winter break at South Suburban camps! Activities at full-day camps include games, crafts, swimming or ice skating, depending on location. Campers can also explore their favorite activities or discover new interests at specialty sports, nature, arts, or enrichment camps. Full-day licensed camps are available at Buck and Goodson recreation centers, Family Sports Center, and the Sports Complex from December 26 to 29 and January 2 to 5. Visit register.ssprd.org to view a full list.

LITTLETON GOLF AND TENNIS CLUBHOUSE IS OPEN!

Littleton's new clubhouse and tennis facility opened its doors in October. Patrons are enjoying the new, modern, 54,000-square foot facility that includes an expanded pro shop, six indoor tennis courts, and outdoor seating. The open-concept Centennial Grill features an expansive bar that caters to the casual golfer, plus the ability to host special events. The grill boasts impressive mountain views, large TVs, a casual menu, and full-service bar for a perfect social setting

Avid tennis players can enjoy an improved user experience with upgrades in lighting and year-round temperature control. Accessibility and landscape improvements make the Littleton Golf and Tennis Clubhouse a regional destination.

The links at Littleton Golf and Tennis feature a par-63 executive 18-hole course. The title may say executive, but the challenge of the course will put even expert skills to the test. It features two par-5s, five par-4s, a grass driving range with water targets, and a practice putting green.

Classes and leagues for all ages and abilities are offered at this family-friendly public course. To learn more, visit golf.ssprd.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hudson Holidays: November 24 to December 31 Light Up the New Year: January 2 to 28

Experience two brand-new holiday light shows this season at Hudson Gardens. Partnering with Scarlett Entertainment, the events promise to dazzle and excite visitors of all ages. The first show, Hudson Holidays, offers a sense of winter drama and includes appearances by Santa. The second show, Light Up the New Year, will feature an entirely new and immersive light display. Tickets and more information at HudsonGardens.org/holidays.

Holiday Nature Walk at South Platte Park December 25

Start a new family tradition this holiday season! Join a naturalist on a guided walk on Christmas Day to enjoy the beauty of the natural environment. Learn more and sign up at register.ssprd.org.

Cocoa and Donuts with Santa at Buck Recreation Center December 2

Santa is visiting Buck Recreation Center to share goodies and holiday cheer! This event is sponsored by the Littleton Rotary, and includes snacks, cocoa, and photos with Santa. Register at register.ssprd.org.





BEYOND BOOKS EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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





Bemis Public Library Welcomes Guest Artist Ellen Moershel

Bemis Public Library is pleased to welcome this year's guest artist, in partnership with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA).

Ellen Moershel studied fine art at the University of Oklahoma and currently lives in Denver. Her work is inspired by plants and gardens. The exhibition will include paintings created specifically for Bemis Library, interactive programs with the artist, and opportunities to create and participate in the process. The program will run from November through March.

Bemis Library has been partnering with BMoCA since 2019 as part of the library's ongoing commitment to foster a vibrant, collaborative, and creative Littleton where arts and culture are defining features of the community's identity and unique character.

"Curiosity is probably the biggest force behind why I make paintings. The avoidance of rules or guidelines when it comes to making my artwork, allows me to prioritize experimentation and embrace accidents. I can create imagery that goes beyond what I can see in my mind. Inspired by observing houseplants and gardens, watching how plants grow in seemingly erratic directions informs my practice, patterns and color palettes."

- Ellen Moershel



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Group: Merry Cocoa-mas *December* 13, 5–6:30 p.m | *Grades* 6–12

All teens are welcome to join in the annual holiday event to enjoy warm drinks, festive snacks, build blanket forts, and play games.

Teen Takeover: Winter Container Gardening*

December 20, 5-6:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Plant winter flower and vegetable seeds using recycled materials. Care for them through the cold and bring them back to add to the new Teen Community Garden in the spring!

Teen Advisory Group

January 10, 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. Participants are invited to exclusive programs like Laser Tag and holiday events. Snacks will be served.

Teen Takeover: Folding Frenzy*

January 17, 5-6:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Plentiful paper party with stations for origami, popup cards, and garlands.



GENERAL PROGRAMS

Holiday Used Book Sale

November 25-December 21

Browse a huge selection of like-new, vintage, and collectible books suitable for gifting, all at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.



The Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble

December 2, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. | All Ages

The Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble celebrates 40 years of making music with a special holiday concert.



Gingerbread House Contest* December 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. | All Ages

Create festive edible architecture. Basic supplies will be provided. Bring any additional building materials you'd like (must be edible). Houses will be displayed through December 23 for public vote. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(Unless otherwise noted, these programs are for families with children of all ages)

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 Nov. 18.

Finishers will receive a free book and other prizes.

Preschool Information Fair

December 8, 10-11 a.m.

For parents and caregivers of preschool-aged children

Many preschools begin Fall 2024 registration as early as January. Learn about the Universal Pre-Kindergarten benefit from the Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council, then meet representatives from local preschools.

Puppet Tales Presents How to Catch an Elf

Tuesday, December 26, 11-11:45 a.m.

Based on the best-selling book by Adam Wallace and Andy Elkerton, the show features Magic Dave in a desperate attempt to catch one of Santa's little helpers. Filled with magical illusions, adorable puppets, and hilarious mayhem, this presentation is sure to delight.

Super-Sized Science

Thursday, December 28, 3-4 p.m.

Cool Science presents experiments that can easily be performed with materials you already have at home — super-sized for even more excitement!

"Noon" Year's Eve Party*

December 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Get a jump on 2024 a day early! Treats, dancing, door prizes, and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball at 12 o'clock noon on the 30th will all be part of the fun. A hilarious performance by Bryce Jackman followed by a family dance party will mark the countdown to the New Year.

Winter Magic and Enchantment

Wednesday, January 3, 11 a.m.

Freya the Winter Faerie will enchant and inspire the imagination with her astonishing magic show full of frosty tales, enchanting mysteries, and abundant audience participation.



Righteous Reptile Rescue

Friday, January 5, 11 a.m.

Get up close and personal with a variety of rescued reptiles and amphibians.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

(begins January 11)

Toddler Storytime *Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.*

All Ages Storytime Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m

Weekly storytimes will take a two-week hiatus after December 21 and return January 9



LIRC PROGRAMS

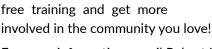
International Conversation Circle

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity

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



For more information, email Robert Little at librzl@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

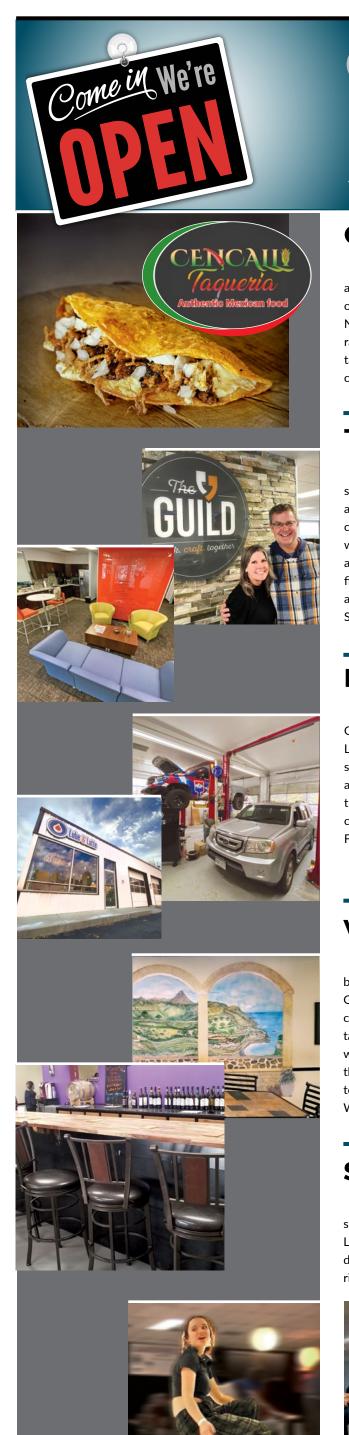


Immigrant Resources Center

Littleton

BemisLibrary.org/calendar





COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Cencalli Taqueria

Downtown Littleton's spiciest new addition is Cencalli Taqueria, offering a mouth-watering menu including quesabirria tacos, enchiladas, tortas, quesadillas, fajitas, nachos, and more. Owners Zoe Romero and Andres Venalonzo also operate Colonna's Pizza & Pasta in Centennial but felt inspired to bring authentic Mexican food to Littleton. Cencalli, a Nahuatl word meaning family, is fitting, as the couple hopes to teach their three children life skills through the restaurant. Cencalli plans to host fundraiser nights for local schools and nonprofits, while the walls will be adorned with rotating art by local artists. Cencalli Taqueria is at 2389 Main Street. For more information, visit Cencalli Taqueria.com, or call 303-353-8290.

The Guild

If working from home means too much time looking at the same four walls, check out The Guild, a new coworking space in south Littleton. The Guild offers dedicated or a la carte workspaces, from desks to private offices, starting at \$100 per month. The location is the second for co-owners Laura and Dudley Callison, who also run another Guild coworking space in Englewood. The Guild draws entrepreneurs, freelancers, and other work-from-home professionals who may not have space for an office at home or are looking to ease loneliness. The Guild also helps foster connection and collaboration across industries, and offers a lower-cost, turn-key way for growing companies to have their own office space without the hassle of leases and utility payments. Happy hours, lunch-and-learns, "wine-down Wednesdays," and a fully-stocked kitchen create a fun and supportive environment. The Guild is located at 7851 South Elati Street, Suite #100. For more information, visit WorkingAloneSucks.com or call 303-997-0322.

Lube & Latte

It's a coffee shop! It's an auto repair shop! It's Lube & Latte, now open on South Windermere Street. Owner Dustin Olde said he wanted to elevate auto repair beyond "dirty waiting rooms, scalded cheap coffee, and grungy restrooms." Littleton's shop is the company's second, after another location in Lakewood. Lube & Latte offers the full gamut of repair services, everything from oil changes and tire rotation to timing belts and full engine replacements. The shop also offers a full suite of services for hybrid and electric vehicles, and mechanics take pride in teaching customers how to maintain their cars. On the coffee side, Lube & Latte offers a menu including espresso, chai, tea, pastries, and smoothies – and customers don't need to have a car in the shop to stop in for a cup. Lube & Latte is at 5600 South Windermere Street. For more information, visit LubeAndLatte.com or call 720-440-9132.

Water 2 Wine

For those looking to expand their sommelier skills, look no further than Water 2 Wine. The "neighborhood winery" blends, oaks, and ferments dozens of varietals of wine on-site, starting with grapes sourced from vineyards worldwide. Guests can come in for a wine tasting, buy a bottle – or make their own batch of wine with a personalized label. Guests can pick their own grape must, pitch the yeast, and get the fermentation process started. The shop's wine-making team takes over the rest of the production, and in six to eight weeks, guests can come back to taste, fill, cork, and label their wine. Water 2 Wine's one-of-a-kind wines are low-sulfite, low-histamine, and without heavy preservatives – no wonder they have taken top honors in wine competitions around the country. The winery is available for private parties and team building activities. Water 2 Wine is located at 311 East County Line Road, Suite A-20. For more information, visit Water 2 Wine com or call 720-489-9463

Skate City

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter strapped on his roller skates to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Skate City, Littleton's only roller skating rink. Dating back to the disco days, Skate City still offers a fun, old-school roller rink experience, with rentals, food, and party packages



available. Skate City is located at 5801 South Lowell Way. For more information, visit SkateCityColorado.com or call 303-795-6109.





Shop Local, Get Cash Back

Shopping and dining local comes with its own rewards – finding unique items or eating great food while supporting Littleton businesses. Now, shoppers can get cash back for shopping local with the Open Rewards app. Get 15% cash back at participating retailers and restaurants through January 8! Search "Open Rewards: For Shoppers" at LittletonCO.gov to sign up.