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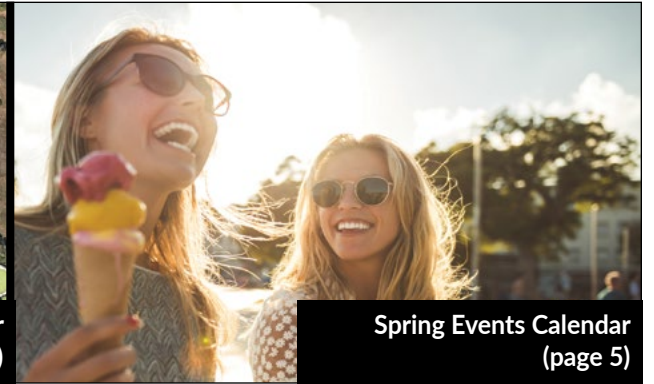
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Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Vision of 'Safer Streets Littleton'

The City of Littleton continues implementation of Safer Streets Littleton, an ambitious effort to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety through an accelerated pace of infrastructure upgrades, increased traffic enforcement, and public education.

In November, city council articulated a new and bolder vision for a higher standard of bicycle and pedestrian safety on Littleton's streets. Council reaffirmed this commitment February 6, giving approval to a plan by Littleton's traffic and safety engineers to speed up implementation of numerous safety measures and traffic calming methods.

The number of pedestrians and bicyclists hit by drivers in Littleton has climbed in recent years. In the past year Littleton has seen two pedestrian or bicyclist deaths, including a young bicyclist near Euclid Middle School in October.

Pedestrian and bicyclist deaths have surged in Colorado and across the country. Pedestrian deaths increased 77% nationwide between 2010 and 2021, hitting a 40-year high in 2023, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association. In Colorado, pedestrian deaths have doubled in the past decade and hit an all-time high in 2023, according to the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Safety experts point to a convergence of factors, includ-

ing an increase in vehicle size and speed, climbing rates of distracted driving, all coming together on a suburban landscape originally built primarily for cars.

While the city has a strong tradition of bicycle and pedestrian safety infrastructure projects, city officials agree urgency is needed to protect those who travel on foot or by bike. Safer Streets Littleton is a multi-pronged effort to proactively address the issue, building on years of citywide safety improvements.

City council has directed the Public Works Department to prioritize and accelerate related projects. City officials are coordinating with Littleton Public Schools to ensure effective implementation of traffic safety measures. Public Works will add two new positions in 2024 to help address the increased pace of work.

Public Works launched the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program in 2023, allowing residents to bring concerns about traffic safety to the attention of city engineers and planners. Crews installed 10 pilot projects identified by the program in 2023. The program will shift into a more proactive stance in 2024, with traffic engineers and planners evaluating and installing traffic calming infrastructure in numerous locations.

Public Works is also undertaking dozens of actions city-wide in 2024, including:

- New crosswalks at 20 locations surrounding schools (Centennial Academy of Fine Arts, Little Raven Elementary and Runyon Elementary Schools; Goddard, Euclid, and Powell Middle Schools; Littleton Preparatory Charter School, and St. Mary's Catholic School).
- The installation of numerous speed feedback signs within school zones to alert drivers of the school zone and to capture speed and traffic volume data.
- Numerous bicycle safety pilot projects, including buffered or protected bike lanes on several miles of city streets in five locations (Pennsylvania Street/Phillips Avenue, Sheridan Boulevard/Tule Lake Drive, Irving Street, Windermere Street between Layton Avenue and Belleview Avenue, Belleview Avenue west of Lowell Boulevard).
- Four trail crossing pilot projects, identified in the Littleton Linkages Trail Study.
- Eight improved crossings on TrailMark Parkway.
- The addition of Safe Routes to School wayfinding signage near schools.
- Evaluation and maintenance of school zone infrastructure including locations, flashers, signage, and pavement markings.
- Evaluation of existing traffic calming measures city-wide.
- Non-infrastructure projects will include corridor studies to plan future infrastructure efforts; and numerous planning, design, and development projects all focused on future upgrades.
- More than \$8 million in projects - with \$5 million coming from grants focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety - are already earmarked for 2024. These include several intersection improvement projects, fiber optic upgrades to traffic signals allowing better timing for pedestrians and future bicycle signals, pedestrian safety improvements on Mineral Avenue on either side of Santa Fe Drive, and new shared-use paths and off-street bike lanes.



Littleton Police to Increase Staffing on Special Enforcement Tactics Team

Thanks to increased funding for public safety in the 2024 budget, the Littleton Police Department (LPD) will expand its community engagement and proactive policing unit from four to six officers.

The Special Enforcement Tactics Team, or SET Team, focuses on community engagement and relationships, proactive safety campaigns, partnerships with local groups, and response to issues like mental health and homelessness in partnership with co-responders from AllHealth Network.

Additionally, SET Team duties include:

- Proactive community patrol in downtown, in parks, and along trails.
- Partnerships with the Make a Wish Foundation, the Special Olympics, the Littleton Business Chamber, local HOAs, and more.
- Meeting regularly with partner agencies to brainstorm new ideas in community policing.
- An ongoing relationship with Littleton Public Schools (LPS).
- Working with the city and LPS to collectively launch the Safer Streets Littleton bike and pedestrian safety campaign.

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LPD INCREASED STAFFING

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Staff increases will also allow LPD's Traffic Unit to be fully staffed, enabling traffic officers to focus on proactive education and enforcement in priority areas: school zones, construction zones, bike/ped lanes, and areas of community concerns.

LPD officers have a strong working knowledge of the city, enhanced by information from the department's crime data analyst, who identifies patterns of criminal activity.

Community engagement and proactive policing is an ever-evolving concept. LPD's goal is to not only keep Littleton safe, but to build a lasting relationship of trust, compassion, and rapport with the residents they serve.



Youth Programs Supported by Stadium District Funds

Youth programs in Littleton got a boost from \$761,000 in grant funding thanks to Stadium District Funding, a one-time payment to the City of Littleton related to the purchase of the Denver Broncos Football Club.

The grants help build a stronger future for Littleton's youth through partnerships with local organizations.

Grant recipients:

- Bemis Public Library: \$5,700
- Binning Family Foundation (technology and outdoor education): \$29,300
- Calvary Baptist Church of Littleton soccer camp: \$4,500
- Dr. Shawn Stein/Littleton Public Schools (no-cost physical fitness and sports camp): \$62,000
- Littleton High School Chess Club: \$300
- Littleton Lions Baseball: \$54,300
- Littleton Public Schools/LPS Foundation East Community Center Project: \$200,000
- Littleton Public Schools/LPS Foundation EPIC Campus Summer School and Camps: \$85,850
- Littleton Public Schools/LPS Foundation East Community Center Youth Activities: \$137,150
- North Littleton Promise: \$48,150
- Samba Colorado Funding Managed by Boulder County Arts Alliance: \$3,000
- The Littleton Chorale dba Voices West: \$1,950
- Littleton Town Hall Arts Center: \$19,200
- YMCA of Metro Denver: \$110,000

Re-Learning Civility Focus of Movie Screening

In a politically polarized climate, can people on different sides of the aisle find ways to talk about difficult issues with civility and respect? Littleton City Council Member Gretchen Rydin will team up with *Denver Post* columnist Krista Kafer – who ran against her in the 2021 city council election – for a screening and discussion of *The Abortion Talks*, a powerful film about bridging political divides.

The film follows leaders in the pro-life and pro-choice movements who teamed up to prevent further violence following a series of abortion clinic shootings.

"Our political rhetoric has become so extreme that some people are avoiding engaging all together, which just furthers the divide," Rydin said. "My goal in screening this documentary is to see how one group of passionate people figured out how to talk with one another, and then to actually practice doing it ourselves. Being civil isn't just a natural talent, it's a skill we all can learn."

Kafer said re-learning civility can help heal the nation. "If we want our voice heard, we must first listen," Kafer said. "Productive engagement humanizes and clarifies even as it creates space for disagreement. Today's 'yell louder, yell harder' mode of conflict is tearing our nation apart. We can model a better way."

WHEN: 2 to 4:15 p.m., Saturday, April 27

WHERE: Bemis Public Library, 6014 South Datura Street

No charge. RSVP by emailing Rydin at grydin@littletongov.org or call/text 720-507-5401. Candy and popcorn provided.

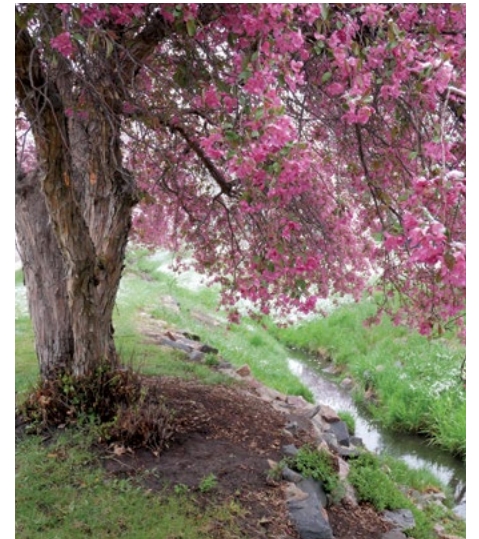
All City of Littleton facilities will be closed
Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday

Get Help Planting, Treating, or Removing Trees with Forestry Subsidy Program

Littleton residents can apply for the Forestry Subsidy Program, offering reimbursement up to \$500 for approved tree work, including planting new trees in low-canopy neighborhoods, hazardous tree removal, or matching funds toward protecting ash trees against emerald ash borer.

The City of Littleton's forestry division is committed to "tree equity," helping ensure all residents can experience the health benefits and beauty associated with tree cover. This means preserving canopy in tree-dense neighborhoods, increasing tree cover in low-canopy areas, and assisting those in need with the cost of removing dead or dangerous trees.

Search "Forestry Subsidy Program" at LittletonCO.gov.



South Platte Renew Hosting Annual River Clean-Up Event in Celebration of Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day with neighbors by cleaning up trash along the South Platte River and Mary Carter Greenway. South Platte Renew, the region's wastewater treatment agency, will host its annual River Clean-Up Day April 27.

Picking up discarded trash and recyclables helps keep green spaces and waterways looking great and improves public health and the environment by preventing pollution from seeping into vital water sources.



Littleton's meet-up spot is the Riverside Downs parking lot, near Pedal Bike Shop. Participants must register ahead of time at SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov.

For those unable to attend the April 27 clean-up day, South Platte Renew coordinates a virtual clean-up from April 14-27, 2024, inviting groups to clean up an area important to their community and send photographs and the number of bags of trash and recycling collected to SPRcommunications@englewoodco.gov. The virtual clean-up can be conducted anywhere worldwide and will count toward the clean-up goal of 350 bags!

City to Bridge Funding Gap for Littleton Downtown Development Authority

The City of Littleton will support the Littleton Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) with \$193,517 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in 2024 after missing a filing deadline to certify the LDDA's mill levy in December.

Approved by voters in 2022, the LDDA is a quasi-governmental agency supported by property taxes collected via a mill levy within the district's boundaries surrounding Downtown Littleton.

In a presentation to city council February 6, City Manager Jim Becklenberg said city officials believed the LDDA was responsible for submitting its mill levy certification to the county, but in discussions with city and county legal counsel determined the responsibility falls on the city government.

Becklenberg said allocating ARPA funds to cover the equivalent in expected tax revenue to the LDDA would allow the district to continue providing services like power washing, snow removal, marketing events, and other efforts to support downtown businesses and visitors. Supporting the LDDA in 2024 is also important as the city gears up to invest in a variety of infrastructure and streetscape efforts as part of Project Downtown, Becklenberg said.

Sewer/Stormwater Bills Due by August 15

The City of Littleton's annual 2024 Sewer and Storm Drainage Utility bills were mailed in late February. Payment is due to the City of Littleton by August 15. Late payments will incur a 15% penalty added to the remaining balance and a past-due notice will be mailed in late September. Cash, check, credit card, and Bill Pay are accepted.

For more information, search "Sewer and Storm Drainage Payments" at LittletonCO.gov or call 303-795-3772.

SAFER STREETS LITTLETON

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Littleton has made strides in recent years to address pedestrian and bicyclist safety in high-traffic areas:

2020: Added bike lanes and widened sidewalks along Windermere Street from Littleton Boulevard to Bellevue Avenue and added safety improvements at the intersection of Federal Boulevard and Bowles Avenue.

2021: Constructed pedestrian signal and signage at Federal Boulevard and Berry Avenue and installed a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon and additional signage on Mineral Avenue at Polo Ridge increasing visibility for pedestrians.

2023: Replaced aging traffic signals at eight intersections and added three new raised pedestrian crossings in Downtown Littleton.

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) has increased traffic enforcement around schools, with added patrol officers during commuting times focused on speeding, obeying traffic signals; and careless, reckless, or distracted driving.

LPD will also host educational events for youth, with plans for summer kick-off events where youngsters can have their bikes inspected and can learn how to ride safely.

Other public education campaigns will focus on drivers, encouraging motorists to slow down, stay focused on the road, and obey traffic control devices.

Pedestrian and bicyclist safety measures will continue to unfold in coming months and years. The public's input will be vital as Littleton's City Council, LPD, and Public Works staff work to make Littleton a safer place to travel by foot, bike, or car.



Littleton Updates Economic Development Strategy

Littleton's Economic Development team unveiled its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in March, a community-led effort to guide the city's economic future.

Built on months of outreach to hundreds of businesses and thousands of community members, the CEDS identifies economic strengths and weaknesses to grow employment, diversify the economy, and spur economic growth. When a CEDS is completed, the city is eligible for federal funding to help implement the ideas and strategies.

The report found Littleton's corridors are ripe for reinvestment, with Littleton Boulevard high on the list for economic growth and development with an eye toward preserving the corridor's "midcentury modern" character. An economic conditions analysis component found Littleton loses potential sales tax revenue to surrounding cities due to a lack of large retailers selling big-ticket items, a condition that could be somewhat alleviated with anticipated commercial development at the former Lumen site in south Littleton.

Throughout the CEDS process, housing affordability emerged as a pressing concern. High housing prices and low supply reflect Littleton's desirable nature, but present a challenge to continued economic growth. Ensuring a range of housing options and affordability for Littleton's workforce is fundamental for the health of the business community.

Littleton's CEDS, the first in 12 years, found the city is a desirable place to live with a thriving economy. Littleton boasts a family-friendly orientation, an accomplished school district, and a strong transportation network. Littleton's commercial real estate market remains more stable than many communities following the pandemic. Unemployment is low, and the city offers many professional jobs. Littleton also offers a broad array of cultural and recreational opportunities.

The CEDS identified opportunities to continue Littleton's positive trajectory. The report recommends policies that nurture Littleton's strong local business culture, develop local workforce talent, leverage Littleton's historic assets and small-town charm, support business with modernized infrastructure, and increase collaboration with neighboring communities and the broader region.

To read the complete CEDS report, search "CEDS" at LittletonCO.gov.

Residents Invited to Community Meeting April 6

Littleton residents are invited to a community meeting hosted by At Large Council Member Pam Grove and District IV Council Member Andrea Peters. The meeting will review information on city projects and include time for open dialogue.

WHEN: 10 to 11:15 a.m. Saturday, April 6

WHERE: Downstairs meeting room, Bemis Public Library, 6014 South Datura Street.

There is no need to RSVP. For questions, contact Council Member Grove at pgrove@littletongov.org or Council Member Peters at apeters@littletongov.org.

Council Plans Goals at Annual Retreat

The Littleton City Council set its priorities and goals for the next several years at its annual retreat February 9 and 10. Several issues emerged as priorities:

- Improving bike and pedestrian safety through the Safer Streets Initiative, which focuses on public education, traffic enforcement, and infrastructure upgrades.
- Moving streetscape improvements from planning to design in Downtown Littleton to ensure the first phase of Project Downtown construction launches within the next three years.
- Reducing the impact of homelessness through partnerships with the Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative and Change the Trend.
- Focusing on environmental sustainability through efforts including preserving Littleton's tree canopy.

City council is guided by five "outcome categories," or goals for council decisions:

- Vibrant community with a rich culture
- Sustainable community with natural beauty
- Robust and resilient economy
- Safe community
- High-quality governance

City council is scheduled to revisit its priorities and goals that emerged from the retreat at the May 7 council meeting.

Council Bans Retail Pet Sales

City council passed an ordinance March 5 banning the retail sale of pets within the city limits, particularly dogs and cats. The sale ban does not apply to breeders selling pets raised in their homes, nor does it apply to animal rescue organizations or their partners.

The move follows years of concern from animal welfare advocates, who argue retail pet sales are often sourced from high-volume or high-capacity facilities like "puppy mills," where animals are treated inhumanely and may develop health or behavioral issues.

Littleton does not currently have any retail pet stores within the city limits. Other Colorado municipalities that have passed similar ordinances include Aurora, Alma, Breckenridge, Dillon, Eagle, Minturn, Superior, and Vail.

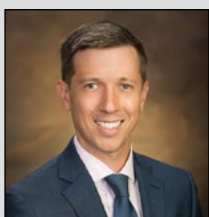
The ordinance also increased the number of permitted household pets from three to five dogs, cats, ducks, or rabbits.

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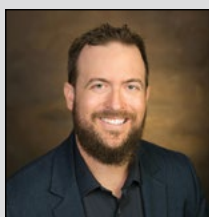
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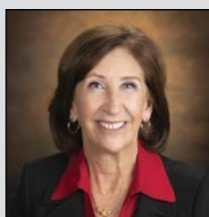
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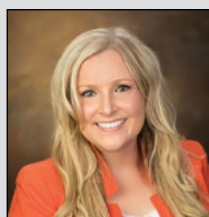
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Development Underway at Mineral and Santa Fe

Work is underway on a pair of developments at Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue that will bring new housing and retail to Littleton.

Formerly called the “Ensor” site for its former owner, midcentury developer K.C. Ensor, the 110-acre site is being transformed into a pair of master-planned developments by Toll Brothers and Evergreen Devco.

Santa Fe Park, the southern portion of the site under development by Toll Brothers, will largely be residential, featuring approximately 400 units of attached single-family homes, and a 243-unit apartment complex. Toll is in the process of grading land and installing infrastructure for 260 homes at the western edge of the site.

Though originally slated for demolition, Toll opted to save a historic 1918 barn on the site. The unique “bank barn” has been moved from its original location near Santa Fe Drive to a more centralized spot in the development, where it will be incorporated into a common area for residents.

RiverPark, the northern portion of the site being developed by Evergreen Devco, will incorporate mixed uses, including sites for multi-family residential, restaurants, retail, and a possible restaurant/event venue.

The northern portion of the site will also incorporate a portion of the new “quad road” interchange meant to alleviate traffic congestion at Santa Fe and Mineral. Improved bicycle infrastructure and pedestrian crossings will connect the development to the RTD Mineral Station on the north side of Mineral Avenue.

Development of the 110-acre site is expected to continue for several years. Meanwhile, the Gerrity Group, which owns the Aspen Grove shopping center north of the RTD station, is in the planning stage for a mixed-use retail and residential development at the southeast portion of the site.

Increasing Littleton’s housing supply is an important goal identified in the Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan, in the face of sharply climbing housing prices that have put a strain on Littleton’s families and workforce.



Bellevue Avenue Traffic Safety Project Nears Completion

Crews are in the final stages of a project to improve traffic and pedestrian safety along Bellevue Avenue between Federal Boulevard and South Prince Street.

The \$1.9 million project by the Colorado Department of Transportation includes installing raised medians along Bellevue, as well as signal replacement to improve motorist and pedestrian direction, curb ramp upgrades to meet ADA standards, curb and gutter replacement, erosion control, signage, striping, and drainage modifications.

For more information, search “Bellevue Avenue Traffic Safety Project” at codot.gov.

Littleton Resident Survey Invitations Coming Soon

Keep an eye on the mailbox: 6,400 randomly-selected households will receive an invitation this spring to participate in the 2024 Littleton Resident Survey.

Conducted every two years, the Littleton Resident Survey helps guide city council decision making and resource allocation by understanding resident concerns and gauging the effectiveness of city programs and policies.

A separate Open Participation survey open to the general public will be promoted via the City of Littleton’s social media platforms and other channels in April.

Public Works Has More “Big Things” Ahead

Littleton’s Public Works department will undertake big efforts to upgrade infrastructure this year, part of the voter-supported “Big Things” initiative.

Here’s a look at some of the items on the docket in 2024:

- Work will begin on a multi-phase effort to construct a new multimodal trail along Slaughterhouse Gulch, ultimately connecting the Mary Carter Greenway to the Community Trail, beginning with the segment in Geneva Park between Prince Street and Rio Grande Street.
- Intersections on Platte Canyon Road at Mineral Avenue and Bowles Avenue will receive pedestrian, bicycle, and transit safety improvements, signal equipment replacement, and vehicle capacity improvements.
- Construction will begin on pedestrian and bicyclist safety projects on Mineral Avenue east of Santa Fe Drive, including safe crossings, paved multi-use trails, and buffered bike lanes.
- Reconstruction of the intersection of Prince Street and Church Avenue, including new concrete pavement, traffic signal replacement, widening the sidewalk across the Prince Street bridge, and installation of bike lanes on Prince Street from Lake Avenue to Alamo Avenue.
- Bowles Avenue and Bell Flower Drive will receive ADA-focused crossing improvements and signal replacements.
- Church Avenue will receive buffered bike lanes, improved pedestrian crossings, and ADA ramp upgrades between Rapp Street and Nevada Street, in coordination with Prince Street upgrades.
- Construction will begin in partnership with Douglas County and the City of Centennial on the widening and reconstruction of County Line Road from Broadway to University Boulevard, including sidewalk additions, noise walls, and a new traffic signal at Clarkson Street.
- Construction to begin on the “quad road” intersection redesign at Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue, to improve safety and capacity by rerouting left-turn movements.
- Road surfaces in Aberdeen Village will be regraded and repaved.
- Damaged concrete infrastructure will be removed and replaced at numerous locations citywide, preparing for a project to mill and overlay asphalt road surfaces in 2025.
- Mill and overlay work in the Arapaho Hills neighborhood.
- Deficient joints on the Mineral Avenue bridge over the South Platte River will be replaced, smoothing the roadway for motorists.

For a complete list of projects and updates, visit BigThingsLittleton.com.



Littleton Museum Welcomes New Oxen

The Littleton Museum’s living history farms welcomed two new oxen this year, with Abe and George joining the team.

The American Shorthorn oxen weigh more than a ton each. Their breed was a popular choice for settlers because they were well-suited for both pulling wagons and working the land.

Trouble telling them apart? Abe is copper-colored like an Abe Lincoln penny, and George has a white spot the color of George Washington’s wig. See them in action at the Littleton Museum. Visit LittletonMuseum.org for information.



GraceFull Foundation Manager to Lead Change the Trend

GraceFull Foundation Manager Julie Hall is the new leader of Change the Trend, a group of more than 50 agencies working to address homelessness in Littleton, Sheridan, and Englewood.

Change the Trend is a consortium of nonprofit agencies, faith leaders, elected officials, and law enforcement working to coordinate efforts to help lift people out of homelessness, closely aligned with the Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative.

GraceFull Foundation is the nonprofit arm of GraceFull Café, a Littleton restaurant offering pay-what-you-can meals in an inclusive atmosphere.

“It’s been exciting to see the impact a coordinated effort can make, and we look forward to increasing that impact through subgroups that are targeting specific action around issues like food insecurity,” Hall said.

Read more about Hall under the “In Their Words” tab at TriCitiesHomeless.com.





Littleton Events

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2024

APRIL

- NOW-MAY 5** TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER *"Raisin"*
townhallartscenter.org
- 05** LITTLETON SYMPHONY *Latin Inspiration*
Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura St.
Doors open 7 p.m. | Performance begins 7:30 p.m.
littletonsymphony.org
- 12** LPS FOUNDATION. *The Spirit Celebration 2024*
6 - 10 p.m. | tickets and sponsor info at spiritdinner.com
- 21** 3RD ANNUAL *Earth Day Community Event*
Juniperseed Mercantile, 5641 S. Nevada St.
All Day | Music, Vendors, Shopping
- 21st** DOWNTOWN LITTLETON *Mural Crawl*
28 1 - 3 p.m. | Free | Tours begin at the Littleton Center
tellmemoretours.com
- 21** SSPRD RACE SERIES *Rockin' on the River 5k*
Hudson Gardens | 9 a.m. | ssprd.org/raceseries
- 24** *Women's Leadership Conference*
noon - 5 p.m. | littletonbusinesschamber.org
- 25-MAY 5** Aspen Grove *Venardos Circus*
noon - 5 p.m. | aspengrovecenter.com
- 25-MAY 5** TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER. *"Red"*
townhallartscenter.org



MAY

- 03** LITTLETON SYMPHONY. *40th Season Finale!*
Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura St.
Doors open 7 p.m. | Performance begins 7:30 p.m.
littletonsymphony.org
- 04** LITTLETON MUSEUM. *Sheep to Shawl*
10 - 3 p.m. | Shear, Spin, Knit, Wear
museum.LittletonCO.gov/Events-Programs
- 05** DOWNTOWN LITTLETON *Mural Crawl*
1 - 3 p.m. | Free | Tours begin at the Littleton Center
tellmemoretours.com
- 15** CITY OF LITTLETON'S ANNUAL. *State of the City*
Hudson Gardens Bloom Room | 7:30 - 9 a.m.
Tickets at LittletonStateoftheCity.eventbrite.com
- 16** Downtown Littleton *Ladies Only Sample Tour*
Bracelet sales and info at ladiesonlysampletour.com
- 24** LITTLETON FINAL FRIDAYS
Summer Sidewalk Studios - Cityscape Artists
Main Street, Downtown Littleton, 5 - 8 p.m.
littletondda.org/events
- 25** LPS *High School Graduations*
- 27** *Memorial Day Ceremonies*
8 a.m. - Flag pole, Littleton Cemetery
10 a.m. - WWII Memorial, Ketring Park
- 30** LITTLETON MUSEUM. *Future Fabulist*
Exhibit opening reception 5:30 - 7 p.m.



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LITTLETON MUSEUM

The Littleton Museum is one of Littleton's premier cultural destinations. The museum features two authentic living history farm sites, with costumed interpreters portraying life in early Littleton. The museum building includes a permanent exhibit focusing on Littleton history, and two rotating galleries.

The museum is at 6028 South Gallup Street. There is no charge for admission, but donations are accepted. Find out more at LittletonMuseum.org.

SPRING EVENTS:

Sheep to Shawl | Saturday, May 4 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

See how sheep are sheared, and how wool is transformed from fleece into yarn and beautiful handmade items. No fee or tickets required.

Jodi Stuart: 'Future Fabulist' Opening Reception | Thursday, May 30 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Jodi Stuart's 'Future Fabulist' exhibit explores the aesthetic of the digital technologies that saturate modern life, in relation to tactile and sensory experience. Her woven sculptural forms are made using plastic filaments intended for 3D printers. Stuart replaces the computer with the human hand, subverting the materials of high-tech culture in a nostalgic gesture towards the handmade. Exhibit dates: Friday, May 31 to Sunday, August 18.

Divine Bovine | Saturday, June 1 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn about the importance of cattle and their roles providing milk, muscle, and meat in 19th century Littleton. Activities, games, and living history demonstrations. No fee or tickets required.



2024 SUMMER CATALOG

The South Suburban Summer 2024 Catalog opens for registration April 9, and the printed version will hit homes in mid-April. View and register for favorite summer programs at register.ssprd.org.

Annual War Memorial Rose Garden Pruning Workshop

WHEN: 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 27

WHERE: War Memorial Rose Garden, 5804 South Bemis Street

Join South Suburban, certified Master Gardeners, Denver Rose Society, and other gardeners for a fun-filled and educational day at the annual Rose Pruning Workshop. The workshop will be held at the War Memorial Rose Garden at 5804 South Bemis Street on Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required. Learn more at ssprd.org.

Dive into Summer with a Splash Pass

Enjoy unlimited admission to Harlow, Holly, Franklin, and Cook Creek pools this summer with a Splash Pass! Splash Passes for youth, adults, seniors, and households are available for purchase starting May 1 at ssprd.org/Passes, or at any South Suburban pool or recreation center.

Active Adult Healthy Living Expo

WHEN: 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 1

WHERE: Buck Recreation Center, 2004 West Powers Avenue

Take advantage of health checks, enjoy interactive demos and learn about local resources at the Active Adult Healthy Living Expo! More than 50 exhibitors will offer a variety of services and support to help older adults live happier and healthier. Free, no registration required.

SOUTH SUBURBAN RACE SERIES

To learn more and register for races, visit ssprd.org/raceseries.

Rockin' on the River 5K

WHEN: 9 a.m., Sunday, April 21

WHERE: Mary Carter Greenway at Hudson Gardens, 6115 South Santa Fe Drive

Take in the view along the beautiful South Platte River for this annual 5K, which starts and ends at the Hudson Gardens and Event Center.

Upcoming Shows at Depot Art Gallery

Littleton's Depot Art Gallery will host two upcoming shows:

Anniversary Show, April 5 to May 18: For 62 years, the Littleton Fine Arts Guild has presented their best work for this show. Celebrated Littleton arts and culture writer Sonya Ellingboe will be honored at the opening reception, 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, April 5.

Best of Colorado Show, May 21 to July 6: Competition open to all Colorado artists. \$1,500 in cash prizes. Call-for-entry forms available by searching "Depot Art Gallery" at CallForEntry.org. Opening reception: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 24.

Depot Art Gallery is at 2069 West Powers Avenue. For more information visit DepotArtGallery.org.

Historic Littleton Tours Resume in May

Take a stroll through Littleton history with a one-hour walking tour of downtown with Historic Littleton Inc. (HLI). Knowledgeable tour guides share stories of local architecture and colorful characters from the past.

Tours are free, but donations are graciously accepted. Participants will receive a free 2024 membership to HLI. No reservations or tickets required.

WHEN: 6 p.m. First Fridays: May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, and October 4. Two tours will be held Thursday, August 15, during Western Welcome Week, at 5 and 6 p.m.

WHERE: Meet at Depot Art Gallery, 2069 West Powers Avenue.

For more information, visit HLinc.org.

New Authority, Board, and Commission Members Appointed

The Littleton City Council approved changes to the city's Authorities, Boards, and Commissions in March, merging some boards with similar mandates to increase efficiency. The Arts and Culture Commission merged with the Fine Arts Board to create the Arts and Culture Board, which will continue to support arts and culture in Littleton. The Building Board of Appeals was merged with the Board of Adjustment to become the Appeals and Adjustment Commission, which will fulfill all obligations of the previous bodies.

City council also reduced the number of seats on the Next Generation Advisory Committee from 15 to 7 to reduce the wide variation in membership, and the group's name was changed to the Next Generation Advisory Board.

In February, city council interviewed 57 qualified applicants for 42 vacancies. City council is grateful to all citizens who graciously volunteer their time to provide the city with valuable input. Current and retiring authority, board, and commission members will be recognized at a dinner in June.

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| Arts and Culture Board | | |
| Emily Abell | Roy Bartee | |
| Katie Caron | Michelle Cyran | Kate Eckel |
| Tim Fuglei | Joseph Haynes | Joni Lieb |
| JD McCrumb | Denise Weed | Noah Welshans |
| Appeals and Adjustment Commission | | |
| Jeff Eaby | Timothy LeVier | Phil McCart |
| Wiley Smith | Carolyn Wolvin | |

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| Downtown Development Authority | | |
| Catharina Hughey | Bryan Morrow | |
| Election Commission | | |
| Jack Daniel | | Carl Mikesell |
| Environmental Sustainability Committee | | |
| Kelsea Dombrovski | Andrew Toth | |
| Historical Preservation Commission | | |
| Robert Hoene | Elizabeth Ritter | Paige Alcorn Jason Smith (Alternate) |
| Licensing Commission | | |
| Pete McClintock | | Jacob Roland |
| Next Generation Advisory Board | | |
| Mackenzie Fleck | Jack Haag | Khaki Fleck Ricky Jackson |
| Planning Commission | | |
| Erin Roethlisberger | Sherri Almond Andrew Goodman (Alternate) | Craig Coronato |
| South Metro Housing Options | | |
| Aubrey Ebbs | | Jake Spratt |
| Transportation Mobility Committee | | |
| David Evans | Kelly Honecker | Derrik Mills |

BEYOND BOOKS

EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

GENERAL PROGRAMS



April is National Poetry Month

Bemis Public Library is celebrating National Poetry Month throughout April. Discover fun activities, free events, and let your inner poet shine.

Life Savors Guided Storytelling

April 2 and May 7, 1-2 p.m. | Adults of all ages

Join facilitator Daniel Martinez the first Tuesday of each month to savor and share life stories in a positive environment. Find common experiences and unique perspectives with others in the community. Each month will feature a new theme to guide the process.

Spring Plant Swap

April 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Garden Gang present the third annual Bemis Plant Swap. Bring cuttings, seedlings, transplants or houseplants that need a new home, and take some new-to-you plants in exchange.



A Visit with Edgar Allen Poe

April 23, 6-7 p.m.

Edgar Allan Poe is legendary for his eerie tales. Join re-enactor Kurtis Kelly for a spellbinding hour in remembrance of this literary icon. Hear about his tumultuous life and the events that influenced his writing, then enjoy a performance of "The Bells," "The Fall of the House of Usher," and "The Raven."

Sisters of Courage

May 14, 6-7 p.m.

Sisters Kittie and Annie Harbison established a homestead at what is now the entrance of Rocky Mountain National Park. Dave Lively presents their story of courage, grit, and determination. Discover what Colorado life looked like more than a hundred years ago for ordinary women who lived extraordinary lives.



Drive-in Movie Matinee

April 19, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Families with children of all ages

Children can decorate a cardboard box as a car, then park it in front of the big screen to watch the Disney movie *Cars*. Snacks and drinks will be served. Rated G.

Littleton Youth Ballet Presents Excerpts from *The Wizard of Oz*

April 21, 3-3:45 p.m.

Families with children ages 3 and older



Dancers from Littleton Youth Ballet will present a free showcase featuring excerpts from their recent production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Volunteer Opportunity

Are you comfortable using technology? Do you enjoy teaching others? Bemis Public Library is seeking volunteers to help patrons use smartphones, computers, and other basic devices. In as little as two hours a week, meet new people, develop useful skills, and make a significant contribution to the community. Visit BemisLibrary.org or call 303-795-3961 for more information.

Doorstep Delivery

Bemis Public Library delivers books, audiobooks, movies, and other materials to residents of Littleton who are unable to visit the library. To apply for this service, email BemisDelivers@littletongov.org.



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 involved in the community. For more information, email Robert Little at librzi@littletongov.org or call 303-795-3968.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Group

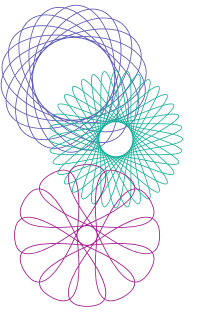
April 10 and May 8, 5-6:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, and have fun while earning community service credit. Participants are invited to exclusive programs like Laser Tag and holiday events. Snacks will be served.

Teen Takeover: Spiral Art*

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

Make physics fun in this process-art celebration of spiral shapes! Drip-paint using pendulums and play around-and-around with other geometric drawing tools.



Teen Takeover: Paper Maché Volcano*

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

Build Paper Maché volcanoes for the summer display in the library, and one to take home.

Laser TAG*

May 18, 5-6:30pm | Grades 6-12

Laser tag in the library after-hours. Participants of Teen Advisory Group from the 2023-2024 school year have sign-up priority. Registration and permission slip signed by parent/guardian is required.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Thirty-minute sessions with stories and songs tailored for different age groups. All children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays in April at 9:30 a.m.

All Ages Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Featured in May:

Community Helper Storytime

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, and 21, 9:30 a.m.

A special storytime series for all ages featuring a different guest community helper each week.



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



COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Charming Clicks

Any parent can attest how fleeting but transformational pregnancy and childhood are. Photographer Mariah Carmichael of Charming Clicks Photography specializes in immortalizing the profound eras of parenthood with custom maternity, baby, milestone, and family photo sessions. A mother of four, Carmichael takes pride in producing photos destined to become family heirlooms, offering not just digital versions but wall art prints. Carmichael has drawn some big-name clients: former Denver Bronco Russell Wilson and wife Ciara picked Charming Clicks for a photo shoot with their newborn daughter Amora Princess. Charming Clicks offers outdoor photo shoots in scenic spots around Littleton, or in Carmichael's in-home studio. For more information, visit CharmingClicks.com.



Restaurants, Breweries Thriving in Littleton, Articles Note

Littleton's hot dining and brewery scene is drawing regional attention, according to recent articles in *5280 Magazine* and the *Denver Post*.

New arrivals like Denver Beer Co. are seeing the allure of Littleton, the *Post* noted.

"As craft breweries look for opportunities for growth amid a market downturn, they're often finding themselves in the suburbs south of Denver where development is booming and residential communities are flourishing," the *Post* wrote.

Littleton's welcoming business culture is wooing restaurants like Cherry Cricket and Cencalli Taqueria, *5280* noted. The article cited forward-thinking policies like the City of Littleton's small business revitalization grants, and outreach from the city's economic development team.

"The momentum is only building," *5280* said.



Grande Station

Grande Station is under new ownership, enlivening one of Downtown Littleton's favorite eateries. Eric Hyatt, who co-founded and co-owned Angelo's Taverna and Carboy Winery before leaving those roles last year, took the helm of Grande Station last fall with his wife Rachel. The Hyatts upgraded the menu, partnering with fellow Main Street mainstay La Vaca Meat Company to offer burgers and steaks with Colorado Angus beef. Other updates include a wide-ranging brunch menu, Italian dishes like chicken parmesan, and \$11 pasta specials on Mondays. Big on entertaining, the Hyatt's have added events like visits from Frank Sinatra impersonators, themed pop-up bars, live music on Thursdays, and "dine-back" Tuesdays where a portion of sales is donated to local schools. Grande Station is at 2299 Main Street. For more information, visit GrandeStation.com or call 303-942-0662.

Business Briefs

- Downtown Littleton's The Lazy Greyhound cocktail bar got a shout-out in *5280 Magazine's* list of "The 23 Best Bars in Denver," which noted the classy joint's "adventurous sips such as the Raspberry Beret, a concoction of vodka, raspberry honey, curaçao, cream, lemon, and egg white that tastes just as delicious as it looks." 2570 Main Street #100. Visit TheLazyGreyhound.com.
- An athlete who trains in Littleton took home a big win in January when Raquel Pennington of Colorado Springs clinched the UFC World Championship Title. Pennington trains at Pound 4 Pound Muay Thai, which offers everything from Jiu Jitsu to MMA to kick boxing and more for all skill levels. 5302 South Federal Circle Suite C. Visit P4Kickboxing.com.
- Head to Downtown Littleton the last Friday of every month in 2024 for Final Fridays, where merchants and eateries will offer extended hours and special deals and events. Participants include Elsewear Collective, Spell Books, Dirt Coffee, PlayForge, and many more. Visit LittletonDDA.org for more information.
- The Littleton Business Chamber will host the Women's Leadership Conference April 24, featuring keynote speaker Melissa Levack, a noted heart surgeon. Other speakers include Littleton City Council Member Gretchen Rydin. Arapahoe Community College President Dr. Stephanie Fujii will be recognized. For more information visit LittletonBusinessChamber.org.
- Check out VisitLittleton.org for the latest on everything Littleton has to offer, including events, arts and culture, recreation, shopping, dining, breweries, nightlife, and lots more.



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