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 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.

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 All-Health 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.
- 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.
### 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:
- Binning Family Foundation: $5,700
- 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

### 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.

### 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 prevents further violence following a series of abortion clinic shootings.

The film is free and open to the public. Rydin and Kafer will discuss the film prior to the screening at 6:30 p.m. and afterward from 7-9 p.m. at the South Platte Renew building, 6117 S. Broadway. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, search “Sewer and Storm Drainage Payments” at LittletonCO.gov.
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, the report stresses the importance of protecting and enhancing the character of the corridor.

Safety is another area emphasized in the report. 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 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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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.
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 242-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" intersection 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.

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.

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 Cafe, 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

NOW – MAY 5

TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER . . . . . . . . . . . “Raisin”
townhallartscenter.org

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

LPS FOUNDATION . . . . The Spirit Celebration 2024
6 – 10 p.m. | Tickets and sponsor info at spiritdinner.com

3RD ANNUAL . . . . Earth Day Community Event
Juniperseed Mercantile, 5641 S. Nevada St.
All Day | Music, Vendors, Shopping

DOWNTOWN LITTLETON . . . . . . . . . . . . Mural Crawl
1 – 3 p.m. | Free | Tours begin at the Littleton Center
tellmemoretours.com

SSPRD RACE SERIES . . . . . . Rockin’ on the River 5k
Hudson Gardens | 9 a.m. | ssprd.org/raceseries

Women’s Leadership Conference
noon – 5 p.m. | littletonbusinesschamber.org

Aspen Grove . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Venardos Circus
noon – 5 p.m. | aspengrovecenter.com

TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER . . . . . . . . . . . “Red”
townhallartscenter.org

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LITTLETON MUSEUM . . . . . . . . . . . Sheep to Shawl
10 – 3 p.m. | Shear, Spin, Knit, Wear
museum.LittletonCO.gov/Events-Programs

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CITY OF LITTLETON’S ANNUAL . . . . . . State of the City
Hudson Gardens Bloom Room | 7:30 – 9 a.m.
Tickets at LittletonStateoftheCity.eventbrite.com

Downtown Littleton . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ladies Only Sample Tour
Bracelet sales and info at ladiesonlysampletour.com

LITTLETON FINAL FRIDAYS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Summer Sidewalk Studios - Cityscape Artists
Main Street, Downtown Littleton, 5 – 8 p.m.
littletondda.org/events

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LPS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
High School Graduations

Memorial Day Ceremonies
8 a.m. - Flag pole, Littleton Cemetery
10 a.m. - WWII Memorial, Ketring Park

LITTLETON MUSEUM . . . . . . . . . . . Future Fabulist
Exhibit opening reception 5:30 – 7 p.m.

VisitLittleton.org
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.

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**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 Ellingsoe 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 for first place. ForEntry.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.

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**2024 SUMMER CATALOG**

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

**Annual War Memorial Rose Garden Pruning Workshop**

WHERE: War Memorial Rose Garden, 5804 South Bemis Street

WHERE: Buck Recreation Center, 2004 West Powers Avenue

**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 ssrd.org/Passes, or at any South Suburban pool or recreation center.

**Active Adult Healthy Living Expo**

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

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**Rockin’ on the River 5K**

WHERE: 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.**

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**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.

**Historic Littleton Tours**

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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.

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.

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.

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- 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 kickboxing and more for all skill levels. 5302 South Federal Circle Suite C. Visit P4Pkickboxing.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 Fuji 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.