

What’s Inside

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Joel Zink Appointed to Fill City Council Vacancy



Joel Zink became the newest member of Littleton City Council January 21, after he was appointed to fill the vacancy created when Council Member Gretchen Rydin stepped down following her election to the Colorado State Legislature.

Zink will fill the remainder of the term in the at large seat, which expires in November 2025.

Zink is a Chief Deputy District Attorney on the vehicular homicide and hate crimes teams in the 18th Judicial District, and also serves on the Board of Directors for the

Arapahoe County Bar Association.

“I’m proud to take on this role and serve the people of Littleton,” Zink said. “This is a one-of-a-kind community, full of history and promise, and I’ll do my part to keep it safe and welcoming for everyone who calls it home. I’m ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work on what matters most to folks — keeping our neighborhoods safe, helping local businesses thrive, and making sure Littleton is set for the future.”

As a member of city council, Zink said he is passionate about community safety, affordable housing, infrastructure, and offering supportive mental health services.

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter said Zink stood out.

“I want to thank all the residents who applied for the vacant council position,” Schlachter said. “We had an extremely impressive group of people from which to select and it was a difficult decision. Joel was very thorough and thoughtful answering the questions council presented and explaining why he was best suited to serve in this role. We are excited to welcome Joel to work with us for the next 10 months and then the voters will choose who will represent the city for four more years.”

The City of Littleton received 21 applications to fill the council vacancy. In addition to Zink, city council interviewed six other finalists: Keely Quinn, Curt Samuelson, Josh Stewart, Merrill Stillwell, Jesse Stommel, and Denise Weed.

Neighborhood Housing Opportunities Ordinance Postponed

Littleton City Council voted to indefinitely postpone consideration of an ordinance related to the types of housing allowed in residential zone districts throughout the city at its January 7 meeting. The vote was 6-1 in favor of postponement, with Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Barr in opposition.

The ordinance, known as “Neighborhood Housing Opportunities,” would have amended the city’s Unified Land Use Code to allow for “missing middle” housing types, such as accessory dwelling units (ADUs), duplexes, and multiplexes, to be built in all residential zoning districts throughout the city. Through this ordinance, city council’s goal was to increase both the city’s housing stock and the types of housing available to homebuyers in the city.

At the meeting, city council members said they received feedback on the issue from hundreds of residents in recent weeks. Council members pointed to residents’ comments that the process felt rushed, the limited opportunity for input, and that the ordinance was too wide-ranging as reasons for supporting the motion to postpone.

City council directed staff to draft a new ordinance pursuing more incremental progress towards increasing the

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Downtown Littleton Pipe Replacement Project Begins in February, Watch for Updates

Denver Water will begin a pipe replacement project in Downtown Littleton in February. This project must be complete before any streetscape or mobility enhancements are made as part of Project Downtown.

Starting in early February, Denver Water plans to replace more than 3,300 feet of pipe along several streets in the downtown area. Work will include lead service line replacements, hydrant replacements, and pipeline connections. Improvements to the pipe network will minimize risk of future emergencies.

Work will occur in phases along Main Street, Rapp Street, Alamo Avenue, Curtice Street, Nevada Street, and Prince Street. The project is expected to be complete in Summer 2025.

Work will typically occur overnight Sundays through Thursdays, to minimize disruption to businesses, traffic, and water service. Road closures and detours will be in place overnight, and roads will be re-opened every morning. Businesses along impacted streets will remain accessible, with signage indicating access points.

Water outages will occur overnight as part of the work, typically lasting six to eight hours. As work progresses, residents and businesses in the construction zone will receive notifications from Denver Water with information about

specific impacts they may experience.

For the latest information about this project, visit Denver Water’s project page at [DenverWater.org/Littleton](https://denverwater.org/Littleton).



SAFER STREETS – A CLOSER LOOK

Overview: Safer Streets Looks Ahead

The City of Littleton is embarking on the second year for Safer Streets Littleton, an ambitious effort to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety through infrastructure and culture change. In 2025, the program will be focused on increasing education and engagement around bicycle and pedestrian safety, bolstering the partnership with Littleton Public Schools (LPS) and other dedicated partners, and continuing the implementation of quick-build and pilot projects. Things to look forward to include:

- **Finalization of the Traffic Calming Evaluation** This assessment will guide the creation of best practices for traffic calming measures, and recommendations for potential future traffic calming locations around the city.
- **Revamp of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program** The findings of the Traffic Calming Evaluation will be incorporated into the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program to help guide future resident-driven infrastructure improvements.
- **Implementation of the School Zone Safety Evaluation** Based on the results of the evaluation, city crews will continue to install modifications to school zones throughout the city. Additionally, the city is planning a second annual School Safety Summit with LPS administration and school staff to discuss safety challenges and partnership opportunities.
- **Euclid Avenue Reconstruction** Utilizing a complete street approach, W. Euclid Avenue from S. Elati Street to the High Line Canal will be reconstructed to include improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities and traffic calming in coordination with LPS bond-funded work at Euclid Middle School.
- **Quick-build and pilot projects** The city will continue with installation of identified quick-build protected bike lanes throughout 2025. Additionally, pilot projects installed in 2024 will be analyzed for effectiveness and will be revisited for possible modifications based on the results from the Traffic Calming Evaluation and the pilot project survey. Potential new pilot project locations identified in the survey may be installed.
- **Elati Street Corridor Study** The study aims to develop a vision and plan for the corridor to transform S. Elati Street into a multimodal roadway that encourages more people to walk and bike. Community input is a crucial element to this project – stay tuned for upcoming engagement opportunities.
- **Safer Streets events** The city is planning a variety of events throughout 2025 focused on safety and encouraging walking and biking. More information to come on specific events.

Learn more at LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets.

In Focus: School Zone Safety Measures

Littleton's public works crews will continue improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety around schools this winter following the publication of the groundbreaking School Zone Safety Evaluation in November.

Part of the Safer Streets Littleton initiative, the evaluation conducted by Y2K Engineering focuses on ensuring that all students can come and go to and from school safely, regardless of mode of transportation. By aligning with national best practices and adopted regulations, this evaluation seeks to establish consistent, safe environments across school zones in Littleton.

The report is based on months of evaluation of school zones surrounding 12 schools within Littleton city limits. Y2K Engineering collaborated with Littleton Public Schools and evaluators from David Evans and Associates, who are conducting an evaluation of traffic-calming measures citywide.

The process started with examining existing conditions including crosswalks, traffic control devices, street signs, school zone flashers, traffic-calming measures, schools' start/end times, and enrollment. The next step was to observe operations and circulation during morning arrival and afternoon departure around each school, looking at vehicles, bicycles, pedestrian flow and crossing behavior, parking, queueing, staff involvement, visibility, and safety measures.

The project team met with each school's staff to share assessments and obtain input and feedback, then developed recommendations to standardize school zones throughout the city, applying industry best practices to create consistency for drivers and safer conditions for students and school staff. The project team met with each school again to share the findings of the evaluation and discuss the modifications recommended for immediate implementation at each school, along with potential long-term adjustments to circulation and operations.

The implementation process started last fall and will continue over the next several months. City crews will be implementing the agreed-upon modifications one school at a time throughout the city until work at all 12 schools has been completed. Be patient and cautious as crews complete the rest of the elementary schools, charter schools, middle schools, and then high schools through the next several months.

Learn more about Safer Streets Littleton at LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets.

In Focus: Evaluating Pilot Projects

Throughout much of 2024, Littleton's public works team was hard at work on more than a dozen "pilot projects," a multi-faceted effort to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The city is utilizing a variety of methods like temporary curbs, reflectors, and bollards to test safety methods and materials at street crossings and priority corridors.

In the program's first several months, public works evaluated the effectiveness of these methods in numerous ways:

- A pilot project survey surpassing 200 responses;
- Ongoing data gathering, including traffic counts, speed data, and maintenance implications;
- Consultation with traffic safety experts, partner agencies, and Littleton Public Schools.

Additionally, the city is working with David Evans and Associates to conduct a citywide analysis of traffic calming devices installed over the last several decades and make recommendations for the future. A final report is expected this winter.

Going forward, public works planners and engineers will compile the survey results, resident feedback, traffic data, consultations with experts, and recommendations from the School Zone Safety Evaluation to guide future decisions about pilot projects.

Materials, components, or placements of pilot projects may be reconfigured to ensure safe use by bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. Additionally, city staff is working to ensure adequate levels of service and clearance for emergency vehicles, street sweeping, and snow plowing at these pilot projects.

Learn more about Safer Streets Littleton at LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets.



Housing Ordinance Postponed

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availability of “missing middle” housing types. Mayor Kyle Schlachter said he anticipates council will vote on the new ordinance later this year in order for the city to be in compliance with a new state law mandating the allowance of ADUs in residential zone districts.

City Manager Jim Becklenberg said the issue would appear on the agenda for an upcoming city council study session. Becklenberg also noted the need for a more robust communications plan for what the policy options are moving forward and what the new ordinance would contain.

Hundreds attended the January 7 city council meeting.



City Email Addresses Changing in April

City of Littleton email addresses will change domains this April, switching from “@littletongov.org” to “@littletonco.gov.” The change brings city email addresses in line with the City of Littleton’s website, LittletonCO.gov, which launched in 2022. Emails sent to the older domain name will be forwarded to new addresses for the near future.

Affordable Housing Ordinance Yielding Results

Now in its third year, Littleton’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO) is producing results toward affordable housing.

So far, the City of Littleton has secured agreements to produce 123 affordable housing units: 73 from market-rate developments, and 50 through South Metro Housing Options.

Additionally, the city has collected \$1.9 million in fees in lieu of affordable units from housing developers, all of which had projects in progress at the time the IHO was adopted, qualifying them for a 75% reduction. Future developments will be expected to pay full fee-in-lieu rates if not building affordable housing units.



Finance Director Tiffany Hooten Departs



Littleton’s Finance Director Tiffany Hooten left the City of Littleton staff on January 17 to pursue a new opportunity as the Director of Finance and Administration for both the Highlands Ranch Metro District and Highlands Ranch Water organizations.

Hooten worked for the city for 21 years, serving as Finance Director since 2017. During that time, Hooten said she is most proud of her work on the merger of Littleton Fire Rescue with the South Metro Fire and Rescue and the passage of the sales tax increase in 2021.

“I am truly grateful for the 21 years I have been with the City of Littleton,” Hooten said. “I am proud to have been part of so many great pivotal moments for this community. I will truly miss the relationships built over the years and experiences that have cultivated my professional and personal growth. As I look forward to the next chapter and the opportunity to serve the community of Highlands Ranch, of which I have been a resident for over 20 years, I will cherish the memories of being with Littleton.”

City Manager Jim Becklenberg thanked Hooten for her exemplary work and leadership, pointing to her guidance on countless budget and audit presentations, rate studies, and assurances of confidence to city council. He also noted the respect and credibility Hooten has earned within the city, always listening and helping departments and individuals achieve their goals.

“Tiffany has been one of my closest policy partners in my time with Littleton and I will miss her professionalism, policy smarts, support for our policy initiatives, and can-do attitude,” Becklenberg said.

Adrienne Burton, the City of Littleton’s Manager of Innovation and Performance Excellence, will step in as interim director. Consultant Maria Ostrum will fill in as interim finance manager. A recruitment process for a permanent director is underway.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All city offices and facilities including the Littleton Center, Bemis Public Library, the Littleton Museum, and Littleton Municipal Court will be closed **Monday, February 17** in observance of Presidents Day.

Affordable Apartments Available at Powers Circle

Affordable residential units are available for lease at Powers Circle Apartments in northeast Littleton, managed by South Metro Housing Options.

Powers Circle offers clean, updated apartment homes with options for studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom units. The property is conveniently located close to downtown Littleton, and one block from W. Littleton Boulevard with easy access to public transportation, shops, and services.

Amenities include full kitchen appliances, large windows, secure entrances, laundry facilities, and off-street parking. Powers Circle is made affordable through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program. Housing Choice Vouchers are also accepted.

Learn more about Powers Circle Apartments at SMHO.co/Powers-Circle.



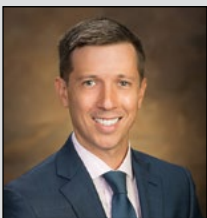
Council Members to Host Community Meeting April 12

Littleton residents are invited to attend a community meeting hosted by Council Members Pam Grove and Andrea Peters. The meeting will review information on current city projects, followed by open dialogue for concerns or questions. Light refreshments will be served.

- When: 10 to 11:15 a.m., Saturday, April 12
- Where: Downstairs meeting room, Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura Street

No RSVP necessary. Questions? Contact Grove at pgrove@littletongov.org or Peters at apeters@littletongov.org.

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Storm Drainage and Sewer Bills Arriving Soon

Be on the lookout for the City of Littleton's 2025 sewer and storm drainage utility bills to be mailed February through April.

2025 SEWER RATES

Single family residential:

- Inside city limits: \$343.40;
- Inside city limits, with a sanitation district: \$260.63;
- Outside city limits: \$312.73.

Multiple family residential:

- Inside city limits: \$291.87 per dwelling unit;
- Inside city limits, within a sanitation district: \$221.52 per dwelling unit;
- Outside city limits: \$265.80 per dwelling unit.

Commercial:

- Inside city limits: \$6.30 per 1,000 gallons (minimum \$141.48);
- Outside city limits: \$3.43 per 1,000 gallons (minimum \$169.74).

2025 STORM DRAINAGE RATES

Storm drainage rates are applicable only to properties located inside Littleton's city limits. Single-family units are a flat \$118.61 per year, and commercial and multiple family properties are based on the acreage and impervious area of the property.

The city accepts cash, check, credit card, and bill pay. Check the back of bills for information including payment deadlines.

For more information, search "Sewer/Storm Drainage Rates" at LittletonCO.gov. Questions? Call 303-795-3772 or 303-795-3778.

Revitalization Grant Can Help Beautify Businesses

Littleton's Revitalization Incentive Grant (RIG) is an incredible opportunity to make improvements to businesses and commercial properties with funding assistance. The program encourages private investment in business storefronts to improve the aesthetics of the community.

The grant review committee looks for projects that result in substantial upgrades to private property that help to improve the quality and attractiveness of the built environment in Littleton.

Eligible improvements include architectural and engineering design costs, building façades and/or additions, landscaping, parking area hard surface when combined with other improvements, exterior lighting, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) exterior improvements, and signage when proposed with other improvements.

Littleton City Council approved \$100,000 for the 2025 RIG to be administered by the Economic Development Department. Applications are open from February 21 to May 30. For more information visit LittletonCO.gov/Revitalization.



Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative Showing Progress

The Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative, which works to address homelessness in Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan, is making strides toward its goal of helping vulnerable people get back on their feet.

Veteran homelessness has been significantly reduced, thanks to the "Built for Zero" framework that allows care providers to track and support the cases of veterans facing homelessness. Veterans are fast-tracked for housing through the program, with case numbers down to single digits in the second half of 2024. "We're approaching 'functional zero' in terms of veteran homelessness," said Jessica Diani-Cox, the Tri-Cities Homeless Services Coordinator.

The Bridge House Ready to Work facility in Englewood is on track to open this spring, offering one year of paid employment in Bridge House-owned social enterprises, dormitory-style housing, and case management support as a pathway to independence. The new Ready to Work Englewood Program will accommodate up to 50 adults at any given time. The site will also host a Navigation Services Center where centralized services and resources will be offered to all people who are unhoused.

At a joint meeting in December, Tri-Cities partners showed at least 57 people have received housing placement through the Tri-Cities initiative.

"These numbers show we can address homelessness, and we're making a real difference in people's lives," said Littleton Deputy City Manager Mike Gent.



Celebrate Arbor Day with Littleton's Spring Tree Program

The City of Littleton is celebrating Arbor Day by continuing its annual tree-planting program with 21 tree species available this year. Trees provide clean air, shade, summer cooling, wildlife habitat, beauty, and more. The goal of this program is to increase the canopy density and diversity of Littleton's urban forest.

- Online ordering begins Saturday, February 1
- Online ordering ends Monday, March 24
- Pick-up: Saturday, April 19 at 1800 W. Belleview Avenue
- Cost: \$50 per tree
- Limit: no more than three trees per household

Order trees through Littleton's secure online form on the city website starting February 1. Trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

City staff will distribute 250 trees to participating residents on Saturday, April 19. Participants should arrange to pick up trees between 8 a.m. and noon. All purchased trees must be planted within the Littleton city limits.

Search "Spring Tree Program" at LittletonCO.gov for ordering, payment, tree photos, planting instructions, tree care requirements, and more.

City of Littleton Permit Center Has New Operating Hours

Littleton's Building Permit Center has new operating hours and process for inquiries. These are the only times that walk-ins will be accepted. The new hours are:

- Mondays: 1–4:30 p.m.
- Thursdays: 8–11:30 a.m.

In-person appointments with city planners and development engineers may be reserved through the city's online scheduling system. Scheduled meetings are the only way to meet face-to-face with these staff members. Available appointment times are:

- Mondays: 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m.
- Thursdays: 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

A new online form is available for simple inquiries into permits, planning questions, or engineering questions that do not require an appointment.

For more information, search "Permits, Review Guides, and Requirements" at LittletonCO.gov.

Special Girl Joins LPD for a Day; Captures the 'Bad Guy'

Littleton Police provided an unforgettable experience to Marlee, a local five-year-old girl facing a terminal illness.

After a corporal with the Littleton Police Department (LPD) was made aware of Marlee's condition and her extreme love for everything police, especially SWAT, LPD partnered with Littleton Public Schools, South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR), and the Colorado Army National Guard to give Marlee a one-of-a-kind day.

Marlee was "sworn in" as an officer, then called out by dispatch to pursue a "bad guy." Marlee, working with the help of her mom and her sisters Oakley and Charlee, made friends with the Littleton SWAT team, Air Force helicopter pilots, and SMFR firefighters. In the end, she made an arrest, locked up the bad guy, and saved the day.

Marlee even received a special thank you and recognition from Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter, who presented her with a key to the city.



2025 City Grant Recipients Announced

Dozens of Littleton organizations will be getting support from the city, after the Littleton City Council approved the 2025 Local Partnership Funding, Stadium District Funding, and Lodgers Tax Funding grant awards at its November 19 meeting.

Local Partnership Funding grants are awarded to organizations that serve Littleton residents, and can be used for operations, one-time special purposes, or event sponsorships. A total of \$71,850 was awarded to 21 organizations for 2025, including groups like Break Bread, a nonprofit that provides free community meals; Homelessness Awareness and Action Task Force, a nonprofit working to address homelessness; and the Littleton Merchants Association. The city also awarded eight in-kind event sponsorships.

Money for the Stadium District Funding (SDF) grants comes from a one-time payment of about \$1.2 million the city received as part of its inclusion in the Metropolitan Football Stadium District, the entity that owns Empower Field at Mile High. SDF grants may only be used to support youth activity programs in the community.

This year, the city awarded \$352,500 in SDF grants to 14 organizations. The largest recipients included YMCA of Metro Denver, the Littleton Public Schools Foundation, and North Littleton Promise. The city still has some SDF funds available to distribute next year, although it may be the last year SDF grants will be available.



Lodgers Tax Funding (LTF) grants are funded by the 5% Lodgers Tax on hotels, motels, and short-term rentals that was approved by voters in 2022, and must be used to support arts, culture, tourism, and visitor promotion. City council approved \$750,000 in LTF grant awards for 2025, split across four tiers.

Tier 1 recipients are the city’s “big four” cultural assets — Bemis Public Library, Hudson Gardens, the Littleton Museum, and Town Hall Arts Center — and each received \$100,000. The Tier 2 award of \$213,000 was divided among more than 30 local cultural organizations, such as the Littleton Symphony Orchestra, Depot Arts Center, and Arapahoe Community College. The Tier 3 award of \$100,000 was given to the city’s communications and marketing department to support the Visit Littleton tourism initiative, and the Tier 4 award of \$35,000 was presented to the city’s mural program and culture and art partners.

A Look at the Future of the High Line Canal

The Littleton City Council heard a presentation on the new ownership status of the High Line Canal at its December 10 study session.

In June 2024, Arapahoe County took ownership of 45 miles of the High Line Canal from Denver Water. The canal is currently in a “transition period” that will last through 2026, during which Denver Water will continue its existing maintenance and management roles, and Arapahoe County and its partners will work on developing management plans to guide the canal’s operations and maintenance going forward. Other partners tasked with maintaining aspects of the canal, and the trail that runs alongside it, include the High Line Canal Conservancy, the Mile High Flood District, and South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

Full maintenance and management of the canal will be handed over to the county and its partners, including the City of Littleton, by January 1, 2027. Once that happens, the city will be responsible for maintaining the canal itself and the surrounding vegetation within city limits. It was



noted during the study session that the city will need to allocate funding in future budgets to cover the associated maintenance costs.

Arapahoe County and the High Line Canal Conservancy are currently assessing the condition of the canal and working to fill in the gaps in the information about the canal’s assets and condition provided by Denver Water. In the future, they hope to undertake several improvement projects along the canal and trail, including pedestrian bridges, additional benches and signage, amenity areas, and underpasses at intersections with major roads.

Arts & Culture Grant Supports Creativity



Arts and cultural organizations that would like to play a bigger role in the cultural scene can apply for the Arts & Culture Grant, offering up to \$30,000 to support stabilization funding, collaborative programming, matching funds, capital improvement projects, or staffing.

Supported with revenue from the Littleton Lodgers Tax, this grant program aims to build a vibrant, collaborative, and creative Littleton where arts and culture are defining features of the community’s identity and unique character.

Applicants must:

- Be a registered nonprofit located within the Littleton city limits;
- Have a minimum of three consecutive years in operation;
- Offer publicly-accessible programming to Littleton residents.

The grant application window runs from February 28 to April 11, with funding available in January 2026. Search “Arts & Culture Grant” at LittletonMuseum.org.

Mural Program Adds a Splash of Color

Help beautify Littleton! The city’s Mural Program offers funding for works of art visible to the public on exterior walls, part of efforts by the City of Littleton Arts & Culture Board to expand art in public places.

Murals are an important and highly visible form of public art and contribute to the creativity of the community. Murals play a role in creating a strong sense of place and help make Littleton a town that people are proud to call home.

Applications are open through February 28. Search “Mural Program” at LittletonMuseum.org.



Upcoming Shows at Depot Art Gallery

February/March shows at Depot Art Gallery:

- “Fall Season” through February 23;
- “Fantasy” from February 25 to March 23;
- Littleton High School Baccalaureate Art Show from March 24 to 30.

The Depot Art Gallery is located at 2069 W. Powers Avenue and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. More information at DepotArtGallery.com.



Reynolds Landing Redevelopment Begins

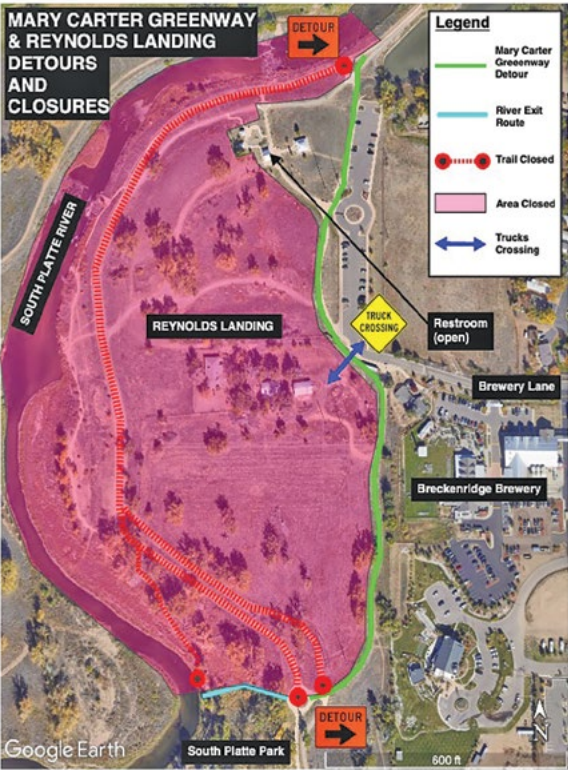
Following years of planning, the first phase of redevelopment at Reynolds Landing along the Mary Carter Greenway began this winter. The full project is anticipated to continue through Spring 2027.

A detour of the Mary Carter Greenway trail will be in place throughout construction. The South Platte River through Reynolds Landing will also be closed to recreation, including fishing, wading, tubing, kayaking and other water sports, for the duration of the project.

The overall goal of the project is to provide a place to gather, play, and explore the waters of the South Platte River.

Highlights of the project include river access trails, low-hazard, in-river features to accommodate river recreation, a land bridge for cyclists to bypass the busy hub of the park, interactive art/sculptures, more parking and trees, improving fish passages and habitat, and much more.

The project is the culmination of years of coordination between Mile High Flood District, the City of Littleton, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Arapahoe County, Army Corps of Engineers, and Colorado



Water Conservation Board.

Learn more at GamePlan.SSPRD.org and NaranjoCivil.com/Reynolds-Landing.



LITTLETON MUSEUM EVENTS

The Littleton Museum is one of the region's premier cultural destinations. It 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 located at 6028 S. Gallup Street. There is no charge for admission, but donations are accepted. Find out more at LittletonMuseum.org.

Exhibit: "Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed"

Friday, January 17 through Sunday, April 6
This exhibit explores the bones and fossils of these giant creatures that once roamed the Earth. Guests can get up-close looks at fiberglass molds and foam models of skulls, arms, feet, and everything in between. The exhibit features six life-size skeletal molds of well-known dinosaurs like Triceratops, Tyrannosaurus Rex, and Velociraptor.

Exhibit: "Running West"

Friday, January 31 to Saturday, April 19
This contemporary art exhibition by artist Chuck Brenton delves into the profound experience of navigating mountain landscapes while capturing the essence of memory and the visceral impact of nature. The exhibition features a collection of polished and painted hybridized bronze works, ranging from two to five feet in height.
Opening Reception: Thursday, January 30 | 5:30 p.m.
No RSVP required. All ages welcome. Light refreshments served.

Artist Talk with Chuck Brenton

Thursday, February 27 | Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; talk begins at 6 p.m.

History Adventures Day Camps

Registration for Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum members starts Tuesday, March 4 | Open registration begins Tuesday, March 11
History Adventures helps young explorers understand the experiences of people from the past who have called Colorado home through hands-on activities and instruction from expert historical interpreters.
Day camp dates:
June 17-18, July 1, July 15, August 5. More information at LittletonMuseum.org.

Snowplow Naming Contest
Winners Announced

Littleton's snowplows have new names! This winter, dozens of Littleton Public Schools students submitted their names for Littleton's seven snowplows and one mini-plow. Littleton's public works crews voted on the entries, and winners received \$25 gift cards to Inside Scoop Creamery and a photo with the plow they named!

WINNING SNOWPLOW NAMES:

- **Snowbi-Wan Kenobi** — Laine W., 7th grade, Goddard Middle School
- **Sir Plows-A-Lot** — Owen P., freshman, Littleton High School
- **SnowBob PlowPants** — Jackson E., 4th grade, Wilder Elementary School
- **Snowstradamus** — Dominic Z., 7th grade, Goddard Middle School
- **Frost 'n Furious** — Finley F., 8th grade, Littleton High School
- **Snow Nix** — Harper L., 7th grade, Goddard Middle School
- **Plowzilla** — Ellis B., 2nd grade, Wilder Elementary School

WINNING MINI-PLOW NAME:

- **Li'l Snowstroyer** — Aidan R., junior, Littleton High School

Thanks to everyone who entered!



Hudson Gardens Vision Plan

South Suburban invites the community to "cultivate the future" of The Hudson Gardens & Event Center by sharing their ideas for this beloved scenic space. The public is encouraged to complete an online survey available at GamePlan.SSPRD.org.



2025 Spring Catalog & Summer Camps

The *South Suburban Spring 2025 Catalog* will hit mailboxes in early February. Summer camp registration is open, so secure spots now! Also view and register for favorite spring programs at Register.SSPRD.org.

Spring Sale at Recreation Centers

Save on favorite fitness amenities, personal training sessions, and more during South Suburban's Spring Sale! Discounted punch cards, personal training sessions, and Pilates Reformer sessions will be available for purchase online at Register.SSPRD.org or at any of South Suburban's recreation centers from March 10 to 23.

Spring Sale Deals at Buck Recreation Center

- Buy a 20-pack of admission punches, get 5 free.
- Buy a 10-pack of 1-hour Personal Training, Group Training or Private Reformer packages, get 1 free.

Share Your Knowledge at Hudson Gardens

Interested in teaching a class at Hudson Gardens? Business owners or teachers with an idea for a class or program are invited to reach out. Email programs@HudsonGardens.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Super Sunday Fun Run 5K

Sunday, February 9 | Reynolds Landing Park
Bring the whole family to run or walk before the big game and enjoy a post-race party at Breckenridge Brewery Farmhouse. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome for this event along the Mary Carter Greenway. Show team spirit and wear favorite team jerseys or attire. Learn more at SSPRD.org/raceseries.

Hudson Gardens Wedding Showcase

Sunday, March 30 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Registration required at HudsonGardens.org.
The perfect opportunity for couples to explore a wide array of wedding services and inspiration, as well as those hosting all types of events from corporate gatherings and nonprofit functions to birthday celebrations and memorial services.

Visit Littleton's historic Town Hall Arts Center for...

Laugh-out-loud comedy!

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike
Jan. 17 - Feb. 09
A comedy by CHRISTOPHER DURANG

'night, Mother
A drama by MARSHA NORMAN
Feb. 28. - March 09

And thought-provoking drama.

TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER

Tickets and more: TownHallArtsCenter.org | 303.794.2787

BEYOND BOOKS

EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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



One Book One Littleton Coming in March

One Book One Littleton is an annual community-wide reading event. Each year, Bemis Public Library selects a title and encourages all members of the community to read the same book. The library provides opportunities to discuss the book and engage with the topics it raises through programming and events.

In 2025, Littleton residents and library patrons are invited to read *Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers* by Ralph Moody.

Little Britches is an engaging read for the whole family. The book is an autobiographical account of Ralph Moody's early life near Littleton, Colorado in the early 1900s.

Throughout the month of March, the library will offer a variety of programs for all ages inspired by the book and its themes, including creative, informative and fun activities.

Visit the library to borrow a copy of the book and discover more about this piece of Littleton lore.

BOOK CLUBS AT BEMIS

Afternoon Book Club

Wednesday, February 5, 1 p.m.
Trust by Hernan Diaz

Wednesday, March 5, 1 p.m.
Bright Young Women by Jessica Knoll

Right to Read Book Club

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.
New Kid by Jerry Craft and/or
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.
Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes and/or
The Speed of Dark by Elizabeth Moon

Evening Book Club

Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.
Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers by Ralph Moody
Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.
Malas by Marcela Fuentes



FEATURED PROGRAMS

Active Minds: Frederick Douglass
Monday, February 24, 2 p.m.

Born into slavery in Maryland, Frederick Douglass escaped to Massachusetts where he rose to prominence as an eloquent writer, orator and leader of the abolitionist movement. Join Active Minds for an exploration of the life and times of this pivotal figure.

An Evening with Louis Armstrong
Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.

Historical re-enactor Marvin Jefferson brings to life jazz musician Louis Armstrong, one of the most influential musical artists of the 20th century. Presented in partnership with Colorado Humanities' Black History Live Tour.



Heritage Irish Stepdancers
Sunday, March 16, 3 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Heritage Irish Stepdancers. The show features colorful costumed members performing a variety of foot-tapping, high-energy routines accompanied by traditional Irish music.

**One Book One Littleton:
Water is for Fightin'**
Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.



In *Little Britches*, Ralph Moody recalls the threat of violence and conflict he witnessed in the early 1900s during a dry season, when neighbors turned against each other over water. Join Professor Michael Welsh to learn about 150 years of water law in Colorado, and how it continues to define Colorado's policies and future.

Active Minds: Water in Colorado
Monday, March 24, 2 p.m.

Water may well become the most disputed natural resource of the 21st century. Join Active Minds to understand the current challenges, including the drought in California, and what the future holds for the use of this precious resource.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Takeover: X the Studio
Wednesday, February 19, 5 p.m.

Learn the basics of using the video and audio recording equipment in the library's makerspace.



Teen Takeover: Build a Box Fort
Wednesday, March 19, 5 p.m.

Work as a team to design, build and decorate an enormous cardboard structure.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Drive-In Movie Matinee*
Friday, February 14, 10 a.m.

Children can decorate a cardboard box as a car then park it in front of the big screen to watch *PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie*. Snacks and drinks provided.

**Floating Friends
Drop-In Craft**
Friday, March 7,
9:30-11 a.m.



Drop in to the Cloud Forest to make and decorate a floating monster toy. These cute little friends will be fun for water play and bath time.



Sewing for Tweens*
Grades 4-6
Tuesday, March 25, 2:30 p.m.

Learn machine and hand sewing basics while making a microwavable hand warmer. No experience needed.



**Puppets & Things on Strings
with Ventriloquist Mark
Hellerstein**
For families with children
of all ages
Wednesday, March 26, 11 a.m.

Enjoy a full-stage marionette puppet production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* narrated by Willy the Bookworm.

**Canyon Critters
Reptile Show**
Friday, March 28, 3 p.m.

Canyon Critters began as a way to support rescued and abandoned creatures, and this reptile show educates as well as amazes. The characteristics and behavior of each critter will be described as participants get to touch them. Responsible pet ownership will also be discussed.



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

Stay Informed through City Channels

- Want to stay informed of what’s going on in Littleton? Here’s a look at the many ways the City of Littleton shares information:
- **Littleton Report** print edition: published six times a year and sent to all mailing addresses within the city limits.
 - **Littleton Report Online:** email newsletter sent to subscribers every two weeks. To subscribe to the newsletter, search “Subscribe to City News” at LittletonCO.gov.
 - **Comcast Channel 8 and 880:** the national award-winning government access channels available to all Comcast Xfinity subscribers in Littleton. Channel 8 is a standard-definition channel while Channel 880 is high-definition. The channel broadcasts live meetings from city council and city boards and commissions, public service announcements, and short programs produced by the City of Littleton, other government-access stations, and partners of the city. A video bulletin board includes information about city services, programs, events, and traffic cameras.
 - **Channel 8 Online:** watch the live stream of Littleton Channel 8 anytime at LittletonCO.gov/Channel8.
 - **@LittletonGov on YouTube:** many short programs, documentaries, and promotional videos produced by the City of Littleton available on demand.
 - **@LittletonChannel8 on YouTube:** live and recorded broadcasts of city council and boards and commissions meetings.
 - **X.com:** @CityOfLittleton
 - **Facebook:** Littleton, CO – Government
 - **Instagram:** LittletonGov
 - **Nextdoor:** City of Littleton



Gyros Town Grill

Everyone has been there — when that craving for gyros hits, it’s got to be satisfied. Gyros Town Grill has got those cravings covered, and then some. Like so many of the Denver area’s culinary delights, Gyros Town Grill started in a food truck, then moved into its first brick-and-mortar store on Colorado Boulevard in Denver. Owner Mohammad Alissa added a Littleton location last fall, taking over the location long held by Damascus Grill. The menu at Gyros Town Grill extends well beyond the namesake rotisserie-cooked lamb served in a pita: shawarma, falafel, kabobs, and decadent desserts like baklava and kunafeh. Got picky kids? Fear not, Gyros Town has a kid’s menu with chicken nuggets and fries. The restaurant also offers catering for events large and



small. Gyros Town Grill is at 1399 W. Littleton Boulevard. For more information, visit GyrosTownRestaurant.com or call 303-797-6666.



Manning's Steaks and Spirits

Manning’s Steak and Spirits is now open in Littleton, offering a down-home spot for a hearty feast. The menu includes a full array of steaks, from buffalo tomahawk to ribeye. Also on deck: a wide selection of seafood, including king crab, shrimp scampi, and salmon piccata. Try inventive sandwiches and burgers like the Béchamel Steak Sandwich, topped with roasted peppers, arugula, garlic aioli, and béchamel cheese sauce.

Nothing pairs better with a good meal than a good drink, and Manning’s offers

plenty: a thoughtful wine list, ample beer selection, and cocktails that run the gamut from classic to adventurous. Stop by during Happy Hour from 2 to 5 p.m. for deals on drinks and appetizers.

Manning’s is a “Colorado casual,” come-as-you-are type place, according to owner Mike Manning, adding the menu has a range of price points allowing for easy weeknight dinners to special celebrations.

The location is the second for Manning’s, building on the success of their location in Lakewood, and taking over the spot formerly held by the Dirty Pit (and Marie Callender’s, for Littleton old-timers). Manning’s Steaks and Spirits is at 51 W. Dry Creek Court. For more information, visit ManningsSteaksAndSpirits.com or call 303-635-6934.



QuikTrip

Littleton has welcomed lots of great eateries in the last few years, but one of the newest ones might come as a surprise: a gas station?

Oklahoma-based chain QuikTrip opened its first Littleton location in January, at the southwest corner of W. Belview Avenue and S. Santa Fe Drive. It offers 16 pumps, each with gasoline, no-ethanol gas, and diesel.

But inside is the real surprise: try made-to-order sandwiches, pizzas, wraps, mac and cheese, and lots more.

Breakfast offerings include egg scrambles, breakfast sandwiches, and biscuits and gravy.

QuikTrip’s drink options are another surprise. Dozens of thirst-quenchers are on tap, including 12 frozen slush flavors, a half-dozen smoothies, fresh-ground coffee, and enough sweet teas to satisfy any Southerner.

Got a hankering for dessert? QuikTrip rounds out the menu with soft-serve ice cream, milk shakes, and loads of fresh-baked pastries.

QuikTrip is at 2338 W. Belview Avenue. For more information, visit QuikTrip.com or call 720-920-4078.



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