

What's Inside

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There's a Race for Everyone at the 2025 Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium

The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival returns to historic Downtown Littleton Saturday, August 2, and it's better than ever with a full day of family entertainment!

Now in its 12th year, the Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival is a celebration of cycling and community. The event centers on a tight 0.8-mile racecourse through Downtown Littleton, where professional bicycle racers compete in a series of competitions throughout the afternoon and evening.

Everyone can get in on the fun, with bike waves for all ability levels, including a "family cruiser" ride. New this year is the Unified Ride, an inclusive and accessible bike wave open to all abilities and types of non-electric bicycles, including adaptive.

The Arts Festival, also debuting this year, is a



new way to support local while cheering on the racers, featuring artisans, vendors, food, beer, and music.

Other attractions include the Kid Zone, with prizes and games for little ones, and a Pop-Up Practice

Park where youngsters can hone their biking safety skills.

For more information and to register for any of the races, visit the Littleton Criterium website at LittletonCrit.com.

Paving the Way to Better Streets: Littleton's Pavement Management Program Pressing Ahead

Thanks to voters, Littleton's public works team is moving ahead on the city's Pavement Management Program this summer, with eight lane-miles slated for repair this year and dozens more lane-miles planned to be repaired or resurfaced over the next few years.

The City of Littleton's street network consists of approximately 360 lane-miles, with both concrete and asphalt streets. Street conditions are impacted by factors including precipitation and temperature, the weight and volume of vehicle traffic, and the age of the pavement or concrete. Littleton uses several

maintenance and preservation strategies to keep the street network in optimal condition.

Street condition is determined by observations, data collection, analysis, and input from the community. This data helps inform which streets will be repaired when, depending on funding and staffing.

For asphalt streets, pavement treatments vary from chip sealing, patching, and slurry sealing to filling in cracks and potholes, to more significant roadwork such as mill and overlay where the top layers of

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Monday, September 1

in observance of the Labor Day holiday

Paving the Way...

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the street are removed and replaced with new asphalt. A new asphalt recycling machine purchased by the city in 2024 is helping to bring down street repair costs. For concrete streets, repair treatments typically involve replacing damaged concrete panels.



Eight lane-miles will receive mill and overlay treatment this summer, in the Bow Mar, Hamlet, and Howarth Farms neighborhoods. Another four lane-miles will receive surface sealing. Current plans call for about 40 lane-miles of mill and overlay and 45 lane-miles of surface sealing in 2026 and 2027.

In addition to pavement management, Littleton’s public works team is working on other capital projects along streets and trails. Crews are nearing completion of the initial phase of the Euclid Avenue Reconstruction Project, which will implement a “complete street” design focused on pedestrian and bicyclist safety along Euclid Avenue from Elati Street to the High Line Canal. The city’s Safer Streets team is also installing the city’s first-ever protected bike lanes this summer. The public works team looks for opportunities to implement and upgrade even more bike lanes throughout the city as streets are resurfaced or paved.

Meanwhile, the city’s street maintenance division consistently fills potholes throughout the year, many of which are reported by the public via the SeeClickFix app. Report concerns about street conditions or other issues at SeeClickFix.com/Littleton.

Find more information about traffic impacts from public works projects at LittletonCO.gov/ConeZone.

Learn more by searching “Pavement Management Program” at LittletonCO.gov.

‘Quad Road’ Construction Kicks Off This Year

After years of planning, Littleton’s public works team plans to embark this fall on the first phases of the Santa Fe and Mineral Improvements Project, commonly called the “quad road” at Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue.

This intersection is the most congested location in the City of Littleton, resulting in long delays and safety concerns. To reduce congestion and improve safety, a new quadrant roadway will be constructed in the southwest parcel of the intersection. The quadrant road concept will remove left turning movements from the intersection and reroute vehicles onto the quadrant road.

This project will provide new traffic signals, new lane configurations, traffic signal re-timing, and mobility improvements at this intersection and the surrounding areas.

Work is scheduled to begin this year on land southwest of the intersection. Traffic impacts will be posted to the Cone Zone page at LittletonCO.gov/ConeZone. Total construction is expected to take roughly two years.

For more information, search “Santa Fe and Mineral Improvements Project” at LittletonCO.gov.



Stay Updated on Public Works Projects

Thanks to voters, Littleton’s public works team continues to make progress on several major transportation infrastructure improvement projects throughout the city this summer and into fall.

Improvements include intersection reconstruction, upgrades to sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails, and road surface improvements. Projects are underway or planned on Mineral Avenue, Euclid Avenue, Platte Canyon Road, Prince Street, Santa Fe Drive, Broadway, and within neighborhoods. Together these projects will result in a safer, upgraded, and more connected and accessible multimodal transportation network for all users.

For the latest information on traffic impacts and detours, visit the Cone Zone webpage at LittletonCO.gov/ConeZone. For more details about the infrastructure projects, visit BigThingsLittleton.com.



Safer Streets: Protected Bike Lanes On the Way



The City of Littleton is committed to making streets safer for everyone, whether they walk, bike, roll, or drive. As part of the Safer Streets Littleton initiative, the city will install four protected bike lane projects this year, totaling four lane-miles:

- Phillips Avenue from County Line Road to Clarkson Street;
- Belleview Avenue from western city limits to Lowell Boulevard;
- Windermere Street from Layton Avenue to Sheri Lane;
- Pennsylvania Street from Mineral Avenue to Phillips Avenue.

These will be the first protected bike lanes installed in Littleton, adding physical barriers between riders and traffic — a step up from “buffered” bike lanes which use paint striping to demarcate a wide area between traffic lanes and bike lanes. These projects will allow planners and engineers to test different types of barriers and how they impact not just rider safety, but maintenance needs like street sweeping, snowplowing, and drainage. These locations were chosen based on their ease to implement, and the city is working on creating connected multimodal networks through future planning and infrastructure projects.

The first protected bike lanes along Belleview Avenue and Phillips Avenue will be installed this summer. Crews will install the protected bike lane along Windermere Street and Pennsylvania Street as part of pavement improvement work in the fall.

Find more information about projects, materials, and other impacts such as parking at LittletonCO.gov/PilotProjects.

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

Prepare for Flood Season



In Littleton, the typical flood season is from mid-April to mid-September, due to spring rains or high-intensity summer thunderstorms. The Public Works Department engineering staff can provide information about whether a property is located in a floodplain or has other flood risks including:

- Potential flood risk at a specific property;
- FEMA floodplain and floodway maps, floodplain elevations, and flood depth information can be retrieved based on provided addresses;
- Mile High Flood District floodplain maps, floodplain elevations, and flood depth information can be retrieved based on provided addresses.
- Flood insurance;
- Ways to help reduce flood risk at a property, and financial assistance to do so;
- Special flooding situations or history of flooding;
- FEMA community number, map panel number, effective dates of the mapping, and the designated flood zone;
- Whether the property is in a special natural area that should be preserved such as wetlands, valuable habitat, etc.

Stay informed and stay safe! Call 303-795-3865 and ask for the floodplain administrator.

The City of Littleton’s website also has a number of resources and information regarding floods. Search “Flood information” at LittletonCO.gov.

Making Progress on Broadway Culvert Replacement

Littleton’s public works team is making progress on a project to replace a deteriorating culvert below Broadway at Jamison Avenue, which will also allow the addition of a pedestrian underpass to connect the Lee Gulch Trail — a project that has been desired since the 1970s. The project will require extended lane closures on Broadway.

Though originally scheduled to begin in spring, the project has seen schedule changes due to the complexity of subsurface utilities in the area. Crews have begun work to stabilize the slope on either side of Broadway. Traffic impacts are expected to begin in late summer and last into 2026.

Council Approves Two ULUC Amendments

The Littleton City Council approved two ordinances amending the city’s Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) at its June 3 meeting. The amendments were required in order to be in compliance with new state laws.

The first ordinance was focused on changing regulations for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), removing restrictions on certain design standards and parking requirements, and allowing for the construction of ADUs in more zoning districts.

The second ordinance contained several other ULUC amendments, including changes related to parking minimums in certain high-frequency transit corridors, nonfunctional turf, and occupancy limits.

ULUC updates are also guided by Littleton’s strategic plan long term outcomes, including building a vibrant community with rich culture. Supporting efforts to broaden housing options helps ensure Littleton meets the needs of all residents.

Budget Process Continues

The 2026 city budget process is underway. Here are important dates:

- Week of September 8: 2026 Proposed Budget distributed to city council and the public;
- September 13: city council budget workshop;
- October 7: first reading of proposed budget before city council;
- October 21: second reading and public hearing before city council;
- First week of December: final budget available to the public.

Learn more by searching “City Budgets and Financial Reports” at LittletonCO.gov.

Don’t Send Soap into the River

As summer continues, be mindful of where soapy water ends up when washing cars! Cars washed in driveways can send soapy water into storm drains, and eventually the South Platte River, harming water quality and aquatic life. Residents are encouraged to use local car wash businesses, which are equipped to properly capture soapy water. Learn more about local water quality at SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov.

Sewer/Storm Drainage Bills Due by August 15

Payment for Littleton’s 2025 Sewer and Storm Drainage utility bill is due 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. Not sure about the status of a bill or payment? Contact the City of Littleton Finance Department at 303-795-3772 or 303-795-3778, or email utilityrates@LittletonCO.gov.

Cash, check, credit card, and Bill Pay are accepted. Payments by phone are not available.

For more information, search “Sewer and Storm Drainage Payments” at LittletonCO.gov.

Property Tax Relief for Seniors Available

Since 1977, the Littleton City Council has annually renewed its Senior Refund Program, providing eligible senior residents with financial relief. The program is available to both renters and property owners who have paid their property taxes.

For property owners, the refund is based on the property’s assessed valuation, with amounts ranging from \$10 to \$100. Renters may receive refunds ranging from \$10 to \$30.

Property owners whose property is held in a trust or other legal entity for estate planning purposes may still be eligible for a refund. Eligibility is based

on the property’s assessed valuation, and applicants must provide documentation showing they are the grantee or grantor of the trust.

To qualify, applicants must be 65 years of age or older on or before December 31 of the previous year and must have resided within the Littleton city limits for the entire previous year.

The deadline for 2025 is October 31. Find an application and more information at LittletonCO.gov/senior-refund. To request assistance with the online application, or for other questions, call 303-795-3764.

Littleton Accepts Climate Protection Award for Tri-Cities Sustainability Partnership

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter, along with Mayor Othoniel Sierra of Englewood and Mayor Tara Beiter-Fluhr of Sheridan, proudly accepted a 2025 Mayors’ Climate Protection Award from the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors June 19, recognizing Littleton’s partnership with Sheridan and Englewood to advance sustainability efforts among local businesses.

The award honors the Sustainable Business Partnership, a city-led regional extension of the Colorado Green Business Network. This program provides technical assistance, educational outreach, and state-wide recognition opportunities for business and organizations looking to increase their environmental sustainability in Littleton, Sheridan, and Englewood — the “Tri-Cities.”

To maximize the impact of this state-developed program, the Tri-Cities collaborated to hire a full-time green business coordinator to help this program have an exponential impact on businesses and organizations. The program is

funded by revenues from fees on retail plastic bags, earmarked for sustainability issues.

Dozens of businesses and organizations from these three communities enrolled in the Colorado Green Business Network in the first year. The Sustainable Business Partnership has helped the commercial sector document current practices, set goals for improvement, and decrease environmental impact.

The partnership is increasing awareness of each city’s shared environmental stewardship goals, enhancing regional quality of life, and supporting business resiliency to climate change.

“This honor not only affirms our cities’ commitment to environmental stewardship, but also highlights the power of partnerships to build a better future for our community and region,” Schlachter said.

Increasing environmental sustainability is a top goal of the Tri-Cities. Learn more about the Sustainable Business Partnership by searching “Green Business Program” at LittletonCO.gov.



Four City Council Seats Open in 2025 Election

Interested in serving on Littleton City Council? Registered voters in the City of Littleton will elect four council members in 2025. All are four-year terms.

- District 1
- District 3
- At Large
- Mayor (At Large)

Littleton citizens interested in becoming a candidate should contact the city clerk’s office at 303-795-3780. Nomination petitions for candidacy will be

available from the city clerk’s office Tuesday, August 5, 2025. All completed petitions must contain 50 valid signatures and shall be provided to the city clerk’s office no later than Monday, August 25 at 5 p.m. Prior to obtaining a nomination petition, interested persons must first submit a Candidate Affidavit Form.

Find more information, including the 2025 Candidate Guide, at LittletonCO.gov/election25.



Littleton City Council



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Littleton Hosts Naturalization Ceremony for New Citizens

Littleton welcomed some of America’s newest citizens June 24, when 34 people from 24 countries took the Oath of Allegiance in the council chamber at the Littleton Center. The oath was administered by Elizabeth Smith of the Denver field office of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

“Our country is better off because you are here,” Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter told the group. “Our country was built on immigrants. Our diversity is our strength.”

Littleton is the home of the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC), which offers low-cost English classes, English and Citizenship individual classes and tutoring, and immigration legal assistance.

Isaura Bernal, who previously achieved American citizenship with the help of the LIRC, addressed the group of new citizens.

“Never doubt yourself and what you can achieve, because with a little determination and discipline, you will reach your goals,” Bernal told the group.

Remembering Bruce Stahlman

The City of Littleton honors the memory of Bruce Stahlman, who passed away May 7 following a long battle with cancer. Stahlman served Littleton as a city council member from 2007 to 2015, serving as Mayor Pro Tem from 2011 to 2013. Stahlman also served as liaison to Littleton Fire Rescue, and helped guide the department toward its unification with South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR). Stahlman served on the SMFR board from 2023 to 2025.



Stahlman served in many other capacities including on the City of Littleton’s Fine Arts Board, Historic Preservation Commission, and Planning Commission, as well as board president of the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. From 2006 to 2023, Stahlman was CFO of Arc Thrift Stores, which supports people with disabilities.

“Bruce was one of the kindest and most caring individuals that I had the pleasure of knowing,” said Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter. “He was the epitome of a public servant. My sincere condolences go out to his lovely wife and the rest of his family. Littleton is a better place today because of Bruce’s commitment to our community in so many ways.”

Weaver Family Named Western Welcome Week Grand Marshals

Western Welcome Week (WWW) is honored to recognize Tim and Cathy Weaver, along with their son Jake, as the 2025 Grand Marshals. All three are employees of the City of Littleton, and have contributed significantly to the success of Western Welcome Week.

WWW is Littleton’s annual celebration of hometown spirit, featuring a variety of events, including the WWW Grand Parade and Craft Fair.



Each year, the WWW Board selects a Grand Marshal who embodies the spirit of the celebration through their service and dedication. Fittingly, this year’s theme is “The Spirit of Generosity” — a quality the Weaver family exemplifies in both action and heart.

As longtime Littleton residents, the Weavers have demonstrated a deep commitment to their community and to Western Welcome Week through decades of involvement.

Learn more about the Weavers’ recognition as Grand Marshals at WesternWelcomeWeek.org.

Word on the Street: Elsa Fuglei

Word on the Street is a series focusing on the people who walk, bike, or roll in Littleton.

Elsa Fuglei: “I’m 14, and I’ve lived my whole life in the neighborhood near Kettering Park. My family has always gone on walks in the neighborhood, but when I turned 11 my parents got me a phone and started letting me walk to Euclid Middle School on my own. It was really exciting — I met up with a group of my friends, and it just felt really freeing. I love walking to school, because I see so much more than in a car. I see a lot of wildlife, and sometimes even deer. My route to school includes some of the new crosswalks the city installed. Cars go a lot slower on Elati Street now. It’s what a lot of the neighbors wanted.

I just got back from a trip to New York City, which everybody thinks of as a big walking city, but it felt way less safe than Littleton. A lot fewer cars follow the traffic laws. I nearly got hit by a van.



I can’t wait to get my driver’s license when I turn 16, because my friends and I will be able to go anywhere. But I think my experience walking will make me a much more careful driver. I’ll probably still walk a fair amount — it’s good exercise, and you don’t have to focus as much as when you’re driving. It gives me a lot of time to bond with my friends, and it keeps us from sitting inside playing with our phones.”

Celebrate Community at ‘Longer Tables Littleton’ September 24

Littleton will hold a culinary celebration focused on community connectedness September 24 at 6 p.m., to unite as many as 5,000 neighbors at an event dubbed Longer Tables Littleton.

Imagine the tantalizing aroma of wood-fired cuisine wafting through downtown Littleton as thousands of neighbors break bread together at a mile of community tables.

John Jaramillo, President of the Hispanic Restaurant Association, and up to 30 volunteer chefs will transform Main Street into Colorado’s most ambitious neighborhood dinner experience. A “Flavors of Colorado” feast will showcase locally-sourced ingredients from Colorado farms, ranches, and bakeries.

A mile of tables will stretch from the Melting Pot restaurant to Bega Park, creating a spectacle designed to combat what health experts call a public health concern: loneliness and social isolation.

Community members interested in joining as diners, volunteers, or sponsors can sign up at LongerTablesLittleton.com.

Final 2025 Meet Greet & Eat August 20

Join the Littleton City Council for the last of three Meet Greet & Eat events this summer!

Meet, Greet, & Eat events are a great opportunity to meet neighbors and greet city council and staff members. The events are held at a different park around the city each month, and feature displays from city departments, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, and other government organizations. Volunteers and staff will be on hand from many organizations to answer questions. Attendees can munch free pizza and enjoy frozen custard (while it lasts), and there will be plenty of activities for children.

The final 2025 Meet Greet & Eat will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 20 at Charley Emley Park, 2301 W. Briarwood Avenue.

Western Welcome Week Returns August 8-17

Western Welcome Week (WWW), Littleton’s signature community celebration, returns for its 97th year August 8 to 17 — and it’s up to the community to make it great!

Founded in 1928, Western Welcome Week is a ten-day extravaganza celebrating Littleton’s community spirit with dozens of family-friendly events and activities. WWW is a wonderful way to meet neighbors, have fun, and deepen appreciation for Littleton’s friendly spirit. Many events are free to attend.

The festivities kick off with the Opening Night Concert with Little Jam and WWW Drone Show at Sterne Park on Friday, August 8. Events continue throughout the week, including a kids’ fishing derby, pancake breakfast, duck race, craft fair, car show, pig roast, and art exhibits. The Grand Parade, the celebration’s main event, steps off at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 16.

WWW is a 501(c)3 nonprofit relying on the generosity of donors and volunteers who work hard to keep Littleton’s hometown spirit alive. Residents and businesses who want to see this hometown tradition continue to thrive are invited to take part!

For more information, visit WesternWelcomeWeek.org.



Littleton Events LATE SUMMER 2025

REPEAT EVENTS

- Aspen Grove Farmers Market** Aspen Grove | 10 AM–2 PM | Every Friday through September
- Downtown Littleton Farmers Market** Nevada St. north of Main St. | 9 AM–2 PM | Every Sunday through September
- A Paris Street Market** Aspen Grove | 8 AM–2 PM | First Saturday of the month through October
- Music in the Burbs Free Concerts** Aspen Grove | 5–8 PM | Fridays through September
- Final Fridays** Downtown Littleton | Stores stay open late | Last Friday of every month

AUGUST

- 1** **Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Littleton**
Meet at Depot Art Center, 2069 W. Powers Ave. | 6 PM
- 2** **Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium**
Main Street | 1–10 PM
- 8** **Western Welcome Week Concert & Drone Show**
Sterne Park | 5–9:30 PM
- 9** **Littleton Artisan Fair**
Arapahoe Community College | 10 AM–3 PM
- 10** **Pancake Stampede 5K**
Hudson Gardens | 8–10 AM
- 13** **Taste of Western Welcome Week & Silent Auction**
Littleton Center | 6–8:30 PM
- 16** **Western Welcome Week Parade & Craft Fair**
GRAND PARADE 10 AM–noon | MAKER/CRAFTER FAIR 8 AM–4 PM
Downtown Littleton
- 16** **Luau Horizons: Journey through the Islands**
Hudson Gardens | 5–9 PM
- 24** **Affordable Arts Festival**
Arapahoe Community College | 9 AM–3 PM



SEPTEMBER

- 5** **Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Littleton**
Meet at Depot Art Center, 2069 W. Powers Ave. | 6 PM
- 5–14** **Littleton Restaurant Week**
Various locations
- 6** **Walk the Chalk**
Downtown Littleton | All day
- 12** through October 19 **Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story**
Town Hall Arts Center | Various times
- 13** **Littleton Artisan Fair**
Arapahoe Community College | 10 AM–3 PM
- 13** **Little Jam Free Concert: Dance Machine**
Sterne Park | 5:30–8:30 PM
- 24** **Longer Tables Littleton**
Main Street | 6 PM



VisitLittleton.org

For the full list of concerts and events, scan the QR code.





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

Delayed Opening Saturday, August 16

Littleton Museum will open at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 16 to accommodate the closure of Gallup Street during the Western Welcome Week Parade. Normal hours resume Sunday, August 17.

Exhibit: "No Longer, Not Yet"

Friday, September 12 to Sunday, January 11

Opening Reception Thursday, September 11, 5:30 p.m.

"No Longer, Not Yet" is a collection of layered encaustic works by Anne Feller examining moments of being caught in an intermediate state of existence. All together, the exhibit bears witness to the quiet passage of time and what unfolds in the moments in-between.

2025 Littleton Craft Fair

Saturday, October 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop over 250 booths of hand-crafted items in Ketring Park! Buy breakfast or lunch from nonprofit stands. Booth fees support the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. More information at LittletonCraftFair.org

Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Buy Halloween pumpkins and enjoy wagon rides, 1890s carnival games, and other fun, family-friendly activities. Enjoy musical performances and photo opportunities. Admission is free; games, refreshments, and wagon rides require tickets, which can be purchased at the event.

Shutterbugs Needed for Littleton Calendar Photo Contest

Time again to start thinking about fun and beautiful photos for Littleton's annual calendar photo contest! Winners will see their photos included in the 2026 *Littleton Calendar and Annual Report*, distributed citywide in December. Each photographer may submit up to five photos.

Winners receive \$25, ten calendars, and publicity via news releases and distribution of approximately 9,000 calendars to the community. The deadline is Friday, September 19. For more information, search "Annual Calendar Photo Contest" at LittletonCO.gov.

Explore the New Littleton Parks and Recreation Mapping Application

The City of Littleton has more than 1,470 acres of parks and open space, as well as over 75 miles of trails and more than 30 miles of bike lanes. Many of these parks and trails are maintained by South Suburban Parks and Recreation. Residents and visitors can now easily explore recreational opportunities in the city and determine maintenance responsibility for facilities with a new mapping application. Search "Parks and Trails" at LittletonCO.gov.



National Night Out Returns August 5

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) will participate in National Night Out (NNO) Tuesday, August 5.

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The goal of NNO is to create a sense of community and to promote crime prevention and safety awareness. This is also a great opportunity to meet neighbors, get to know local law enforcement officers, and work together to make the Littleton community a safer place.

Neighborhoods are encouraged to plan and host community block parties or cookouts, then register their event with LPD so officers can attend local events.

For more information, search "National Night Out" at LittletonPolice.org.



South Suburban Parks and Recreation Play Your Way!

There are so many ways to play at South Suburban! Recreation opportunities are all around, whether it's a morning walk on a trail, a child's swim lesson, or a weekend round of golf. These moments of play enrich your life, support your well-being, and bring us closer together. Explore everything South Suburban has to offer at ssprd.org and join the conversation on social media by sharing how to #PlayYourWay!

Registration Open Now for Fall Classes, Events and Leagues

Sign up today for fall favorites! Learn something new in classes for youth and adults, have a blast at festive events, and much more. There are also spots available in a variety of fall break and Thanksgiving break camps, ranging from licensed full-day camps to specialty arts, science, and sports camps. Visit register.ssprd.org to learn more and register, or call the registration office at 303-347-5999.

Public Hearings for SSPR's 2026 Budget

Get involved and learn more about South Suburban's major goals for 2026. District residents are invited to provide input on projects and priorities at public hearings for next year's budget. The public meetings will be held in the Board Room at the South Suburban Sports Complex, 4810 E. County Line Road, on August 13, September 10, and October 8.

For more information, call the South Suburban Administration Office at 303-798-5131.

Annual Maintenance Closures at Buck Recreation Center

Each year, South Suburban closes its recreation centers to deep clean and make improvements. Passes and punches are eligible to be used at any of the South Suburban facilities during the week-long closures.

Buck Recreation Center will be closed August 11 to 15. Improvements include:

- Boiler replacement
- Fitness sound system replacements
- Flooring replacement
- Interior renovations
- Moveable wall replacement
- Gym lighting replacement
- Gym and aerobics flooring refinishing

Fall Sale

Try something new and save money on favorite classes during South Suburban's annual Fall Sale. Score deals on recreation center admission and programs from September 15 to 28. Buy a 20-pack of admission punches and get five free, or buy a 10-pack of personal training or private Reformer sessions and get one free. Purchase Fall Sale deals beginning September 15 at register.ssprd.org, or at any South Suburban recreation center.

Pancake Stampede 5K

Sunday, August 10

Work up an appetite for a deluxe breakfast at the Pancake Stampede 5K! The race takes place on the Mary Carter Greenway along the South Platte River and is part of Littleton's Western Welcome Week celebration.

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

BEYOND BOOKS

EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

FEATURED PROGRAMS

Open Makerspace

Every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.

Visit the makerspace to use a sewing machine, take product photos for your online business, use the Cricut Maker, digitize old photos, create a pin-back button, and more.

Book Speed Dating

Tuesday, August 5, 6:30 p.m.

Meet the perfect book (or three) to finish your summer reading Bingo card. Each book is around two hundred pages for a quick read and is guaranteed to fulfill at least two squares on the bingo card.

Western Welcome

Week Concert:

The Constant Tourists

Thursday, August 14, 6 p.m.

The Constant Tourists feature a unique blend of vocals, guitar, trumpet, accordion, bass, and drums to create a fun sound. The band plays originals that showcase lyrical writing and sound shaped by a love of exploring music from across genres. Bring a chair, bring a picnic, bring a friend!



An Immigrant Experience

Tuesday, August 19, 6:30 p.m.

Join Bemis Library and Colorado Refugee Connect for a conversation with Maryam Abdilah, who lived as a refugee in Turkey before coming to the United States. She is passionate about writing stories with true-to-life messages. She recently published her first book and is working on the second.

International Film Series: Argentina

Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m.

Anita is the story of a young woman with Down syndrome who lives a happy, routine life in Buenos Aires. One tragic morning, everything changes when Anita is left alone, confused and helpless after the deadliest bombing in Argentina's history. As she wanders through the city she learns to care for herself and touches the lives of those around her. Presented in the original Spanish with English subtitles.

Active Minds

Monday, August 25, 2 p.m.: Hawaii

Monday, September 22, 2 p.m.: Winston Churchill

Healthy Political Engagement

Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.

Colorado State Representative Gretchen Rydin is a skilled mental health professional and former Littleton City Council member. She will bring her expertise and insight to lead an interactive conversation on staying grounded, connected and resilient in today's uncertain times. Get ideas and inspiration for practical actions you can take to make a difference in the community and your own life.



Legendary Ladies

Saturday, September 27, 2 p.m.

Join the Legendary Ladies for an afternoon with some of the women who made history through their daring and colorful ways. Meet Annie Prairie Rose Henderson, Mary Rippon, Mary Madeline "May" Bonfils Stanton, Georgia O'Keeffe, Merle Eagan Anderson, and Heddy LaMarr.

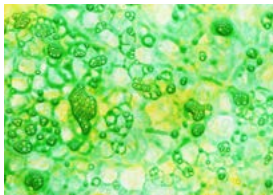
TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Takeover:

Bubble Painting and Bilateral Drawing*

Wednesday, August 20, 5 p.m.

Try out two meditative art activities to practice self-regulation at the start of the school year.



Teen Takeover: Return of the Slime*

Wednesday, September 17, 5 p.m.

Make some good ol' goop, now with add-ins!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Family Fun Foam Fest

Monday, August 4, 10 a.m.

Enjoy an end-of-summer foam party on the lawn with Ann Lincoln's Foam on the Range. Wear swim clothes or shorts, bring some towels and get silly in the suds!

Touch a Truck

Friday, August 8, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Stop by the library parking lot to explore City of Littleton, Police, Utilities, and South Metro Fire vehicles. Get up close and personal with a variety of trucks and heavy equipment while staff answer questions.



Costume and Dress-up Swap

Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.

Donate gently used costumes and dress-up clothes at the Children's Desk September 20 through 26. Come to the swap on Saturday, September 27 between 10 and 11:30 a.m. Each child and teen will get a ticket for one costume or outfit from the swap. Donations are not required to participate.

STORYTIMES

Books & Blankets

Every Wednesday and Thursday in August 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Bring your children and blankets for 30 minutes of stories and songs shared outside on the lawn at the library, weather permitting.

Toddler Storytime

Every Tuesday in September, 9:30 a.m.

All Ages Storytime

Every Wednesday in September, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Every Thursday in September, 9:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime

Every Thursday in September, 10:30 a.m.



Thank You!

Bemis Public Library wishes to extend its gratitude to those businesses who donated and contributed to the success of the 2025 Youth Services Summer Reading Program:

- Capitol Pizza
- Colorado Rapids Soccer Club
- Daddy's Chicken Shack
- Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakhouses
- LaMar's Donuts & Coffee
- Pirates Cove
- Red Robin
- Skate City of Littleton
- South Suburban Parks and Recreation
- Texas Roadhouse
- We Knead Donuts
- WingStop
- Yogurtland

And a special thank you to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. The Summer Reading Program wouldn't be possible without their continued support!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bemis Public Library is now accepting applications for volunteers. Make a significant contribution to the community, gain new skills, meet new people and make a positive difference in Littleton.

- Technology Tutors: Provide one-on-one assistance with basic devices and applications
- Home Delivery: Deliver materials to patrons who cannot visit the library
- English Tutors: Help English language learners practice and study
- Circulation Aid: Organize and shelve books and materials

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

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





COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Disability Innovation Hub

People with disabilities have an exciting new place to connect and grow at the Disability Innovation Hub, a co-working membership space offering a place to explore their passions, build skills, and explore employment while experiencing community belonging.

The disability and neurodivergent communities face unique challenges, including isolation, unemployment, and navigating complex human services systems. Though the nonprofit Hub does not offer direct services, it hosts partnerships with service providers, offering an alternative self-directed learning setting for those for whom school or day programs are not a good fit. The Hub's calendar is loaded with fun events and outings. The Hub also serves as a site for resource fairs, and a support center for families and caregivers. Private offices are available too.

The Disability Innovation Hub is at 5894 S. Prince Street #101. For more information, visit DisabilityInnovationHub.org or call 720-819-5647.



Outlanes Pinball Lounge

How cool is this: Downtown Littleton is now home to a pinball arcade! Outlanes Pinball Lounge opened on Alamo Avenue this summer, boasting 30 pinball machines and counting. Outlanes offers something for everyone from casual drop-in players to hardcore pinball wizards, including tournaments and leagues. Private events are available too, for those looking for a one-of-a-kind birthday or company team-building day. Got the pinball bug? Outlanes offers memberships, with privileges like voting on new games and discounts on merchandise. Oh, and that lounge part? Outlanes has beer and wine for sale too! Outlanes Pinball Lounge is at 2555 W. Alamo Avenue #100. For more information, visit OutlanesPinball.com or call 303-635-6542.



Colore Italian Restaurant

Nothing satisfies like a hearty Italian meal. Save room for dinner at Colore, Littleton's new Italian-American restaurant. The location is the second for Colore, following the longtime locals' favorite operating in Englewood since 2009. Colore features a lengthy dinner menu featuring steak, seafood, salads, pizza, and of course a wide variety of pasta dishes. Add a well-curated wine list, classic cocktails, and decadent desserts from tiramisu to peach bread pudding, and Colore has the makings of an unforgettable evening. Stay tuned: Colore anticipates adding lunch hours soon. Colore is at 5950 S. Platte Canyon Road. For more information, visit ColoreItalian.com or call 720-572-4442.



Bistro 36 Drinkery & Eatery

Bistro 36 Drinkery & Eatery, Littleton's newest casual dining spot, offers an exquisite array of French-inspired delicacies. Owner Michael Cote draws inspiration from his grandmother's home cooking, complemented by an impressive selection of wines, cocktails, and more. The dinner menu is sure to please even the most discerning gourmand, featuring classic dishes such as salade Lyonnaise, Boursin-stuffed chicken, and shrimp Provençal. Try the build-your-own charcuterie board, which includes chef-selected seasonal accompaniments. The restaurant also hosts a delightful weekend brunch, featuring endless mimosas and Bloody Marys, alongside a new breakfast cocktail list and hearty options like French toast, eggs Benedict, and steak and eggs. Bistro 36 is located at 2620 W. Belview Avenue. For more information, visit Bistro36Eatery.com or call 720-510-9439.



Try Something New During Littleton Restaurant Week September 5-14

Restaurants, breweries, and more will offer special menus and discounts during the third annual Littleton Restaurant Week, hosted by the Littleton Business Chamber. Participating restaurants include Chicken Salad Chick, Grande Station, Romano's Italian Restaurant, Colorado Pinball Pub, and many more. Visit LittletonBusinessChamber.org for more information.



Snarf's Sandwiches

Prime rib and provolone. Eggplant parmesan. French dip and Swiss. Getting hungry yet? That's just a peek at the menu at Snarf's Sandwiches, now open in Downtown Littleton. Founded in Boulder in 1996, the Littleton Snarf's is location number 50 for the fast-growing chain, joining Chipotle and Noodles & Co. on the list of Colorado-born eateries remaking the world of fast-casual dining. Snarf's sandwiches are made-to-order using premium meats and cheeses, crisp veggies, an in-house blend of giardiniera peppers, and their signature oven-toasted bread. Snarf's also offers fresh salads with homemade dressings, rotating soups, kid-sized subs, vegetarian options, desserts and a full catering menu. Snarf's is at 2700 W. Bowles Avenue, Suite B (next to Sushi Basho). For more information, visit EatSnarfs.com.