

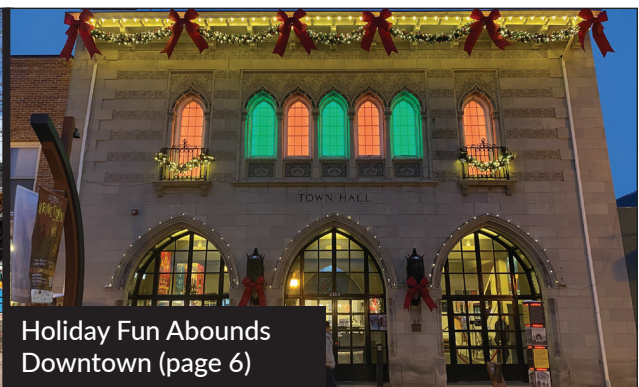
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Santa Fe and Mineral Intersection Improvements to Begin

Construction will begin this winter on the Santa Fe and Mineral Improvements Project, a long-planned upgrade to the most congested intersection in Littleton.

The intersection of Santa Fe Drive and Mineral Avenue will see major improvements aimed at reducing traffic delays and improving safety. With as many as 60,000 vehicles per day on Santa Fe and 30,000 on Mineral, drivers can currently experience delays of up to 20 minutes during peak times.

To address these issues, the city is constructing a new quadrant roadway in the southwest corner of the intersection. This innovative design will reroute left-turning traffic onto a separate roadway, freeing up green-light time and improving overall flow.

The project includes new traffic signals, lane configurations, and timing adjustments, along with other mobility and safety upgrades in the surrounding area.

Construction is expected to begin this winter and will take approximately two years, with completion anticipated in fall 2027. Work is scheduled to start on land southwest of the intersection.



Traffic impacts will be posted to the Cone Zone page at LittletonCO.gov/ConeZone.
Learn more at LittletonCO.gov/SantaFeMineral.

Voters Elect Mayor, Council Members, Approve Ballot Question 3A

Littleton voters decided the race for mayor and three council seats, and approved the citizen-initiated Ballot Question 3A on November 4. Vote totals as of the afternoon of Friday, November 14:

Mayor
Kyle Schlachter: 9,824 (58%)
Patrick Driscoll: 7,185 (42%)

At Large
Joel Zink: 9,319 (56%)
David Carlton: 7,215 (44%)

District 1
Merrill Stillwell: 2,537 (65%)
Darren Lemorande: 1,392 (35%)

District 3
Amanda Henderson: 2,798 (57%)
Curt Samuelson: 2,144 (43%)

Ballot Question 3A
Yes: 9,487 (54%)
No: 7,983 (45%)

Ballot Question 3A will add a provision to the Littleton City Charter limiting land use within several residential zoning districts to uses permitted as of January 1, 2025, and requiring notification of comprehensive zoning amendments by first-class mail. The results are unofficial until certified by the counties' boards of canvassers. Learn more about Littleton's 2025 election at LittletonCO.gov/Election25.

Phase 1 of 'Project Downtown' Moving Forward

A brighter future for Downtown Littleton is taking shape.

In November 2024, city council adopted the Project Downtown Concept Plan, a community-driven vision that reimagines the future of Littleton's historic core. Built on years of collaboration with residents, businesses and the Littleton Downtown Development Authority, the plan laid the groundwork for reinvestment in downtown infrastructure, mobility and public spaces.

Following a city council study session in September 2025, the council directed staff to advance Phase 1 — the Main Street Improvements — into design. This milestone marks the beginning of translating the community's vision into detailed plans to replace aging infrastructure, improve safety and accessibility, and celebrate downtown Littleton's distinctive character.

The Main Street Improvements will modernize

downtown infrastructure while preserving the area's historic charm — restoring trees and additional green infrastructure, enhancing safety, walkability, accessibility and the overall experience for residents, visitors and businesses alike.

Throughout the preliminary design process, there will be opportunities for the community to share input on design concepts and help shape a districtwide parking and curbside management strategy. These efforts will guide how downtown can best serve everyone who lives, works and plays in Littleton.

Project timelines are still being developed. Stay tuned for more information in early 2026 on how to get involved as design work progresses and engagement opportunities are announced.

Learn more at LittletonCO.gov/ProjectDowntown.

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Littleton Police Announce 'Blue Envelope' Program for Those with Communication Needs

The Littleton Police Department is pleased to announce the implementation of the Blue Envelope Program, a new initiative designed to improve communication and understanding between law enforcement and community members who have autism spectrum disorder or other communication differences.



The Blue Envelope Program provides participating drivers with a bright blue envelope to store their driver's license, registration, and insurance card. If stopped by law enforcement, the driver can hand the blue envelope to the officer, signaling that the individual may have unique communication needs or sensory sensitivities.

Learn more about the Blue Envelope Program, including how to pick up a packet, at LittletonPolice.org.

Keep Up on Traffic Impacts with the Cone Zone



Capital project, construction, detours, oh my! There's a whirlwind of work going on around Littleton as crews improve local infrastructure, thanks to voter support.

Find the latest information on traffic impacts around Littleton with the city's Cone Zone page! Visit LittletonCO.gov/ConeZone.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City of Littleton offices and facilities will be closed the following dates:
Christmas Eve, December 24, beginning at noon
Christmas Day, December 25
New Year's Day, January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19

2026 Calendar Photo Contest Winners

Volunteer judges from the Arts & Culture Board faced tough choices when they made their picks from among 144 wonderful entries in the city's annual Calendar Photo Contest. Judges picked 13 winning photos to be featured in the 2026 Littleton Calendar and Annual Report.



Winners receive a cash prize, 10 calendars, and publicity via the distribution of approximately 9,000 calendars to the community. Calendars will be available to the public at City of Littleton facilities and participating local sponsors in mid-December.

The winning photographers are:

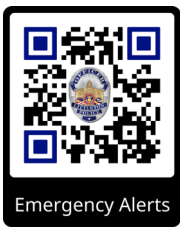
- Cover: "Fall Foliage Reflection" by Bob Linhart
- January: "Goose Breath in the Cold Morning Air" by Stephanie Cook
- February: "A Chilly Spring Morning" by Karla Nuzman
- March: "Common Snapping Turtle" by Mike Ley
- April: "Spring Snowfall at Littleton Post Office" by Candyce Herman
- May: "Gosling" by Bill Rees
- June: "Full Rainbow Reflected in Lake" by Rebecca Kast
- July: "Learning to Blacksmith" by Douglas Huner
- August: "A Bee Visits a Sunflower" by Larissa Croll
- September: "Kids Fish (With a Friend)" by Amy Reichardt
- October: "Walking Through the Pumpkins" by Thomas Johnson
- November: "Winter Sunset" by Steve Clark
- December: "Christmas at Coventry" by Sharon Johnson

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts with ArapAlert

ArapAlert, Arapahoe County's emergency notification and 9-1-1 enhancement system, is getting an upgrade.

ArapAlert allows residents to receive timely alerts about wildfires, evacuations, hazmat incidents, shelter-in-place orders, and other emergency situations via phone call, text message, email, and mobile app push notification. The upgraded system now allows first responders to target alerts to specific neighborhoods or even individual streets, reducing confusion, improving communication, and helping to ensure faster, safer evacuations.

All residents — including those previously registered — must opt in again to continue receiving alerts and access the platform's new features.



Learn more about and register for the updated ArapAlert program at Ace911.org/Arap-Alert.



Safer Streets: 2025 in Review

Safer Streets Littleton racked up some big wins in its second year, making progress to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety through collaboration, data-driven decision-making, infrastructure improvements, and culture change. Major program milestones include:

- Completion of Phase 1 of the Euclid Avenue Complete Street Project.
- Installation of Littleton's first protected bike lanes along Belleview Avenue, Philips Avenue, and Church Avenue.
- Installation of the Practice Park at East Community Center.
- Ongoing implementation of the School Zone Safety Evaluation recommendations.
- Participation in numerous events, including hosting two Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day events and Bike to Work Day stations.

Upcoming work:

- Development of the Safer Streets Strategic Plan to guide future progress and priorities.
- Development of a comprehensive Crash Report to inform data-driven decisions and provide transparency.
- Completion of the Elati Street Corridor Study Report with community-informed recommendations for future improvements.
- Finalization of the Traffic Calming Evaluation and Toolbox to provide a more consistent and updated approach to traffic calming measures city-wide.
- A refresh of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program to provide a simpler and clearer means for residents to request assistance.
- Revisions to five traffic calming pilot projects installed in 2023 and 2024.
- Ongoing collection of bike lane/pilot project survey responses for public input on safety materials and configurations.
- Design for three other protected bike lanes (Irving Street, Pennsylvania Street, and Windermere Street) to be installed in 2026.

Learn more at LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets.



Snowplow Crews Ready for Winter

As winter approaches, Littleton’s snowplow crews are ready to keep the city’s streets clear!

Littleton has six snowplows and one mini-plow that hit the streets, following the Snow Priority Route Map. The city’s protected bike lanes are plowed after the clearing of adjacent streets to avoid re-covering the lanes with snow and ice.

For more information about Littleton’s snow plowing procedures, visit LittletonCO.gov/SnowPlowing.

Clear Sidewalks Keep the Community Safe

When winter weather hits, it’s important for everyone to do their part to keep sidewalks safe and passable. City ordinance requires property owners and occupants to remove snow and ice from sidewalks (including RTD bus stops) within 24 hours after snowfall has stopped.

Clearing sidewalks promptly helps prevent slips, falls, and injuries for neighbors, delivery drivers, children walking to school, and anyone else using neighborhood walkways. If ice forms and cannot be removed, sand, salt, or another suitable material should be applied to improve traction.

Failure to clear sidewalks within the required time frame may result in a code violation and fines. More importantly, it puts neighbors at risk!



Join Council Member Peters for ‘Office Hours’ at Bemis Public Library

Got questions or concerns about Littleton? Littleton City Council Member Andrea Peters, who represents District 4, holds weekly “office hours” at Bemis Public Library, where members of the public can drop by to chat about civic matters.

When: 9 a.m. to noon, every Friday.

Where: Front study room, Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura Street

Contact: APeters@LittletonCO.gov or 720-935-1958

Council Member Pam Grove to Hold Community Meeting March 7

Littleton residents are invited to attend a community meeting hosted by Council Member Pam Grove. There will be information on topics relevant to the city, an interactive group discussion, and time for questions and answers.

When: Saturday, March 7, 2026, 10-11:15 a.m.

Where: Littleton Museum meeting room, 6028 S. Gallup Street

Contact: PGrove@LittletonCO.gov

Word on the Street: Connie Cantrall

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

I’ve lived in Littleton for almost all my 72 years. I’m still driving, but I have an eye issue — my brain and eyes don’t always connect. There will come a point I can’t drive anymore. I’ve become an advocate for public transit — I’ve been attending Transportation Mobility Board meetings to speak about it.

For now, I still drive, although now I meditate before I do — I get so frustrated with congestion and how fast people drive.

I’ve started using the Omnibus, going with a friend to King Soopers. I walk to the Woodlawn shopping center and the Buck Recreation Center.

I went on a bus tour with the board to see some of the improvements Littleton is making. I learned things I had no clue about: the East Community Center and the new Practice Park, for instance.

We saw some of the improvements the city is doing with bike lanes and crossings with Safer Streets. It’s amazing.

Being able to get around means freedom. During COVID, many seniors went into their homes and



they didn’t come back out. They’re isolated, and they’ve lost independence. The number one trick to longevity is community.

Littleton is a city of very different types of people with very different abilities. Helping all those types of people be able to get around is key to keeping our independence. We live in a society built around motor vehicles, and it’s nice to have your own car, but circumstances of age and finances and environment can change all of that. And we need to be open and accommodating to all those changes.

Charter Review Committee on Track for Spring Recommendations

Littleton’s Charter Review Committee (CRC) is making progress as it conducts the first comprehensive review of the city charter in more than a decade, with plans to develop recommendations for updates this spring.

The Littleton City Charter calls for city council to periodically convene a CRC to perform a comprehensive review of all charter sections and make recommendations to council for amendments and deletions. The last CRC was held in 2013 and 2014.

Committee members are tasked with reviewing existing charter sections and recommending revisions to city council based on best practices in similar municipalities, any adopted legislation that now makes a

section or sections contradictory, or other clean-up as needed. The charter is like Littleton’s Constitution — it defines the organization, powers, functions, and essential procedures of city government, and can only be changed by a vote of the people.

Members of the public may attend CRC meetings, which are held in the Community Room of Littleton Center, or watch them at LittletonCO.gov or the Littleton’s Channel 8 YouTube page (youtube.com/littletonchannel8) following the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15. The CRC is scheduled to make its final recommendations to city council in February 2026.

Littleton’s 2026 Budget Approved

The City of Littleton’s 2026 budget maintains healthy reserves, sustains current service levels, and funds strategic priorities aligned with the Horizon 2027 Strategic Plan.

The total proposed budget is \$166 million, including \$66 million in the General Fund that supports daily city operations such as police, streets, and general government services.

Highlights include:

- Two new positions focused on community engagement and communications for major city projects.
- Continued investment in economic development, including the popular Open Rewards program and seed funding for small business loans through the Colorado Enterprise Fund.

- More than \$75 million in funding for capital improvements, including projects supported by the voter-approved Sales Tax Capital Projects Fund, and planning for potential Certificates of Participation (COPs) for large-scale community projects.
- Support for employees, including salary increases, training, and new project management and technology tools.
- The voter-approved Sales Tax Capital Projects Fund is projected to receive \$12.6 million in revenue and help fund \$19 million in projects, including improvements at Santa Fe and Mineral Avenue.

The city’s five-year financial forecast (2026–2030) uses fund balance strategically to maintain services through economic changes while preparing for new retail growth.

Learn more at LittletonCO.gov/Budget.

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City Manager’s Message

2025 was a big year in Littleton, as the city took numerous steps to achieving many of its long-term goals. I’m very proud of the work that we’ve accomplished and I’m excited about the possibilities for the future as our community continues to grow and evolve. We value the ideas, suggestions, and collaboration of all Littleton residents, and I hope you join me in continuing to work hard to make our city a wonderful place to live.



Sincerely,
Jim Becklenberg
Jim Becklenberg,
Littleton City Manager



The City of Littleton is guided by the five outcomes identified by the Envision Littleton long-term comprehensive plan. Check out the progress made toward those goals in 2025!



Safe Community

Eight lane-miles of roadway were repaired in 2025 as part of the Pavement Management Program. Crews protected Littleton’s streets through methods including chip sealing, patching, slurry sealing, and mill and overlay. Cracks and potholes are filled on a continuous basis by the city’s streets team. Dozens more lane-miles are slated for repairs in 2026 and 2027.

The Littleton Police Department implemented the Blue Envelope Program, designed to improve communication and understanding between law enforcement and those with autism spectrum disorder or other communication differences.

Littleton’s Safer Streets team is working on updates to traffic calming pilot projects, and adding more installations guided by lessons learned from the first round. The projects use a variety of materials and methods to test the effectiveness of pedestrian and bicyclist safety measures.

The Safer Streets team installed Littleton’s first protected bike lanes, adding physical barriers between riders and traffic — a step up from “buffered” bike lanes which use paint striping.

Euclid Avenue received Littleton’s first-ever stretch of “complete street” design. Roadway upgrades include a 12-foot-wide shared-use path along the north side of the corridor, widened sidewalks along the south side, raised pedestrian crossings, curb extensions at intersections, and other traffic-calming elements.

Youngsters in Littleton have a new place to learn the way of the road at the Safer Streets Practice Park at the East Community Center. Laid out across an expanse of asphalt, the Practice Park is a network of miniature streets complete with traffic lanes, roundabouts, crosswalks, and bike lanes.



High-Quality Governance

The new “Cone Zone” page on the city’s website provides residents with the latest news on traffic impacts, detours, and construction projects throughout the city. Check it out at LittletonCO.gov/ConeZone.

Littleton’s engineers made the most of a tricky situation when they discovered an aging metal culvert beneath Broadway needed to be replaced, using the opportunity to add a pedestrian underpass connecting east and west segments of the Lee Gulch Trail that had been sought since the 1970s. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2026.

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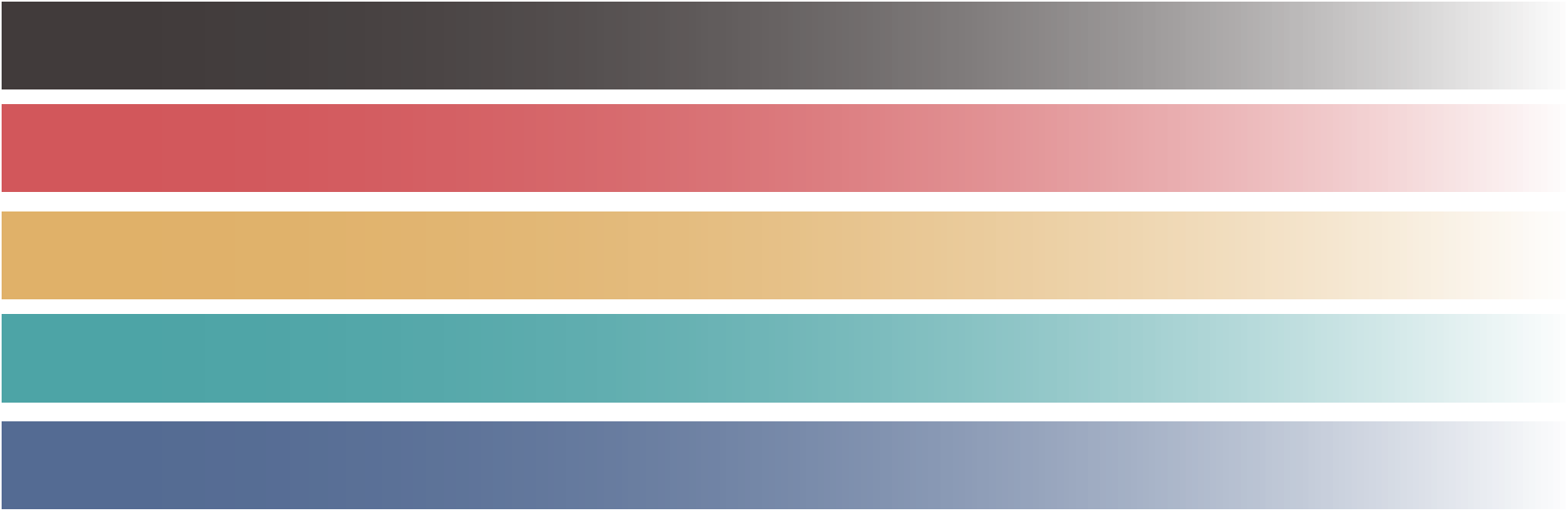
Robust and Resilient Economy

South Metro Housing Options, the city’s housing authority, broke ground on Montview Flats, a 50-unit affordable apartment complex on Rapp Street. The city provided \$900,000 from Inclusionary Housing Ordinance funds to help make housing accessible to people at all income levels.

Littleton joined its partners in the Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative to celebrate the opening of the Bridge House Ready to Work program and Navigation Center in Englewood. The Ready to Work program offers long-term support and job training for people experiencing homelessness, while the center offers services such as housing assistance, medical care, counseling, meals, and more.

Littleton was named Colorado’s Medium-Sized City of the Year by the Economic Development Council of Colorado, in recognition of recent major strides in economic development.

City officials completed entitlement and permitting for the Mineral Place retail and residential communities that will provide new shopping, dining, and housing opportunities as well as revenue to support basic city services.



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Sustainable Community with Natural Beauty

The first phase of redevelopment at Reynolds Landing along the Mary Carter Greenway broke ground. The goal of the project is to provide a place to gather, play, and explore the waters of the South Platte River. Construction is anticipated to continue through Spring 2027.

City council adopted the Root & Renew Vision Plan, providing an outline for the future of the city's parks, open spaces, and trails. The plan is based on two rounds of community engagement conducted in 2023 and 2024.

Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan drew a Mayors' Climate Protection Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors for the Sustainable Business Partnership, a program providing technical assistance, educational outreach, and state-wide recognition opportunities for business and organizations looking to increase their environmental sustainability.

South Platte Renew, the region's wastewater treatment plant, fully recovered the \$7.8 million startup costs of the Renewable Natural Gas system installed in 2019, which Littleton and Englewood both paid into. It is now generating positive revenue that will help offset sewer treatment rates, while reducing carbon dioxide emissions by about 3,700 metric tons per year.

Littleton completed its first comprehensive greenhouse gas inventory, a major milestone identified in the 2024 Environmental Stewardship Action Plan. The inventory establishes a baseline for emissions across both the community and municipal operations, and will help Littleton set climate goals and guide strategies for emissions reduction, resilience, and adaptation.

Littleton joined partners in Centennial, Englewood, and Sheridan to adopt the South Metro Waste Diversion Plan, a first-of-its-kind analysis of how waste is handled in the region that spells out long-term goals and strategies for more cost-effective recycling, compositing, and waste collection.



Vibrant Community with Rich Culture

City council adopted the Arts and Culture Strategic Plan, a guiding document to establish five-year goals for Littleton's arts and culture scene developed with input from the city's Arts and Culture Board, representatives from arts and culture organizations, and community members.

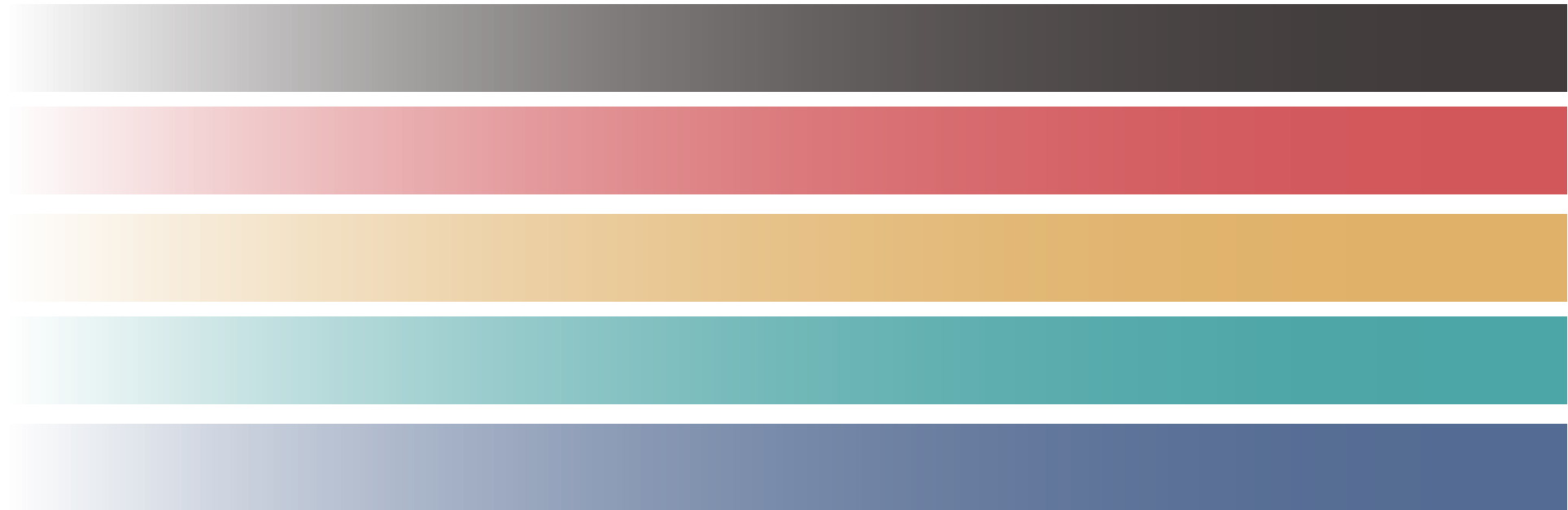
The Littleton Museum continued to host unique and engaging exhibits, such as "Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed" and "Kate Ferretti: The Life of a Colorado Hat Maker." The museum also highlighted the works of local artists with exhibitions including "Running West," "Port de Banana," and "No Longer, Not Yet."

"One Book One Littleton" returned at Bemis Public Library. Residents were invited to read *Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers* by Ralph Moody, an autobiographical account of Moody's life near Littleton in the early 1900s. The library hosted several programs for all ages inspired by the book and its themes.

The city once again hosted the Little Jam concert series and Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium bike race, providing family fun for thousands. The city also partnered with community organizations to bring new or revived events to town, including the Downtown Littleton Block Party and the Longer Tables Littleton community dinner.

The Safer Streets team helped foster culture change around biking and walking through programs including trail stations on Bike and Walk to School Day, Bike to Work Day, and other events.

Public art will get a boost thanks to the "percent for public art" ordinance passed by city council, allocating 1% of funding from city-led capital improvement projects toward public art either as part of the project or a payment into a citywide art fund.





UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LITTLETON MUSEUM

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. Learn more at LittletonMuseum.org.

Holiday's Evening

Sunday, December 14 | 5 to 8 p.m.

Ring in the holidays with this outdoor, evening event on the grounds of the museum's living history farms. Guests will be transported back to the winter holidays of the 1800s by costumed interpreters bringing the past to life with demonstrations of life in early Littleton. Enjoy a wagon ride, snack on cornbread and cookies, enjoy live music, and look up at the stars while sipping hot cider. Tickets available at LittletonMuseum.org. All activities and refreshments are included in the ticket cost.

Museum Holiday Hours

Wednesday, December 24: Closed at noon, last entry 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 25: Closed

Wednesday, December 31: Closed at 3 p.m., last entry 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 2026: Closed

Monday, January 19, 2026: Closed

Nominations Open for Arts & Culture Award

Nominations are open for Littleton's third annual Arts & Culture award! The award honors an individual, group or organization that has made meaningful contributions to the Littleton community through arts and culture. Any current or former community member is eligible. The awardee will be honored at the annual State of the Arts event. Nominations are due by February 15, 2026. Learn more at LittletonMuseum.org/StateOfTheArts.

South Metro Waste Diversion Plan Moves Forward

City council recently reviewed and approved the South Metro Waste Diversion Plan, a regional effort developed in partnership with the cities of Centennial, Englewood, and Sheridan. The plan outlines high-level strategies to reduce waste and improve recycling over the next decade, based on extensive research including waste composition and baseline studies.

Adopting the plan does not commit the city to any specific actions at this stage. Future initiatives will return to council for consideration with details on implementation, feasibility, and costs.

Suggestions for Littleton include introducing community-wide composting programs, improving data collection from waste haulers, and improving access to recycling for all residents.

The plan supports Littleton's long-term sustainability goals by promoting environmental stewardship, reducing landfill use, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and identifying opportunities for cost savings and regional collaboration.

Read the full report at SouthMetroWasteDiversion.com.

Severe Weather Shelter Information

With severe weather on the horizon, it's crucial everyone in the community stays safe — especially those without homes.

In Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan, HAAT Force and Movement 5280 provide overnight shelter during severe winter weather. HAAT Force is the main shelter provider for the region, offering voucher-based emergency housing in local motels. Movement 5280 serves as an overflow overnight shelter.

Numerous daytime warming centers are available as well.

Learn more at TriCitiesHomeless.com or call the hotline at 720-483-7864.

Catch the Holiday Spirit in Downtown Littleton

The Littleton Downtown Development Authority invites everyone to catch the holiday spirit in Downtown Littleton! Step into a real-life Hallmark movie on Littleton's beautifully decorated streets, featuring twinkling holiday trees sponsored by local businesses.

Pick up a free Sparkle & Stroll card at participating Downtown businesses and collect stamps when shopping or dining downtown through December 31. Turn in completed cards at Town Hall Arts Center for a chance to win gift card packages worth up to \$500!

The Original Dickens Carolers will spread holiday cheer with live performances throughout Downtown Littleton, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through December 21.

More holiday happenings and a full event calendar at LittletonDDA.org



Winter Sale at Recreation Centers

Score deals on favorite fitness amenities, personal training sessions and more during South Suburban's Winter Sale! Ring in the new year with an affordable fitness routine. Discounted annual passes, punch cards, personal training sessions and Pilates Reformer sessions will be available for purchase online at register.ssprd.org or at any of South Suburban's recreation centers throughout December.

Deals at Buck Recreation Center

- \$50 off Youth, Senior and Adult Annual Passes
- \$100 off Household Annual Passes
- Buy 20 Admission Punch Cards, Get 5 Free
- Buy 10 One-hour Personal Training or Private Reformer Sessions, Get 1 Free

Holiday Restaurant Gift Cards Available

Seeking the perfect gift for golfers? Golf and restaurant gift cards are available for purchase at Littleton Golf and Tennis and all South Suburban golf courses.

Play and Explore at Winter Break Camps

Have fun and learn something new during winter break at South Suburban camps! Depending on location, activities at full-day camps include games, crafts, swimming or ice skating. Campers can also explore their favorite activities or discover new interests at one of our specialty sports, nature, arts or enrichment camps. Register for programs at register.ssprd.org or by calling the SSPRD Registration Office at 303-347-5999.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hudson Holidays

Hudson Holidays is back and brighter than ever! Enjoy sparkling wrapped trees, light displays, warm beverages, selfies with Santa and more through January 4. Tickets and more info at HudsonGardens.org/holidays.

Cocoa and Donuts with Santa | December 6 at Buck Recreation Center

Santa is visiting Buck Recreation Center to share goodies and holiday cheer! Snacks, cocoa and photos with Santa. Sponsored by the Littleton Rotary. Find more information and register at register.ssprd.org.

Santa's Workshop | Various dates at South Platte Park

Visit with Santa, make nature-themed crafts, play games and enjoy refreshments at South Platte Park's cozy winter workshop. Learn more and register at register.ssprd.org.

Littleton Completes First Greenhouse Gas Inventory

The City of Littleton is making strides toward its sustainability goals with the completion of its first comprehensive greenhouse gas inventory, a major milestone identified in the 2024 Environmental Stewardship Action Plan. The inventory establishes a 2023 baseline for emissions across both the community and municipal operations. Findings were presented to the Environmental Stewardship Board on July 2 and city council on October 21.

Key results show that community-wide emissions totaled about 465,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2023, with the largest sources coming from commercial energy use (33%), transportation (32%), and residential energy (27%). Municipal operations accounted for approximately 18,500 metric tons, with most emissions linked to water and wastewater treatment facilities.

The inventory will help the City of Littleton set measurable climate goals and guide strategies for emissions reduction, resilience, and adaptation. Focus areas moving forward include energy efficiency, transportation, municipal operations, and community engagement.

Read the full report at LittletonCO.gov/Sustainability.



BEYOND BOOKS

EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

FEATURED PROGRAMS



Virtual Author Talks

A Bemis Public Library card offers free access to live-streamed talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders. Enjoy new events each month plus access to the full catalog of previously recorded presentations. Find upcoming talks on the Bemis events calendar or visit LibraryC.org/Bemis.

Tuesday, December 2, 12 p.m.

Scheming Wives and High-Stakes Hilarity with Sue Hincenbergs, author of *The Retirement Plan* and award-winning television producer.

Tuesday, January 13, 12 p.m.

The Creative and Compassionate Art of Seeing Others Deeply with David Brooks, leading cultural and political commentator and bestselling author of *The Road to Character*.

Tuesday, January 20, 12 p.m.

Nature, Art, and Service as Medicine with Journalist Julia Hotz, award-winning author of *The Connection Cure*.

Wednesday, January 28, 5 p.m.

Secrets and Second Chances with Liz Moore, New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of *The God of the Woods* and *Long Bright River*.

Active Minds

Monday, December 22, 2 p.m.
Buddhism

Monday, January 26, 2 p.m.
Artificial Intelligence



Puzzle Swap

Saturday, January 24, 2 p.m.

Bring your gently used puzzles (no missing pieces, please) in the original box and take home new-to-you puzzles to enjoy. Puzzles for all ages and of all sizes are welcome. Drop off your puzzles at the Information Desk or Children's Desk starting January 18, or bring them the day of the swap.

BOOK CLUBS

Afternoon Book Club

First Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Right to Read Book Club

Second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Evening Book Club

Third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS



Teen Advisory Group:

Merry Cocoa-mas

Wednesday, December 10, 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy hot chocolate, blanket fort building, and a movie at the Teen Advisory Group's annual holiday celebration. Snacks will be served. For grades 6-12.

Teen Takeover: Clay Mosaic Trays*

Wednesday, January 21, 5:30 p.m.

Use air-dry clay with mosaic and letter-stamping techniques to create trays, coasters, and other fun objects inspired by the art and techniques of Maya Buffett-Davis's exhibition *Books are Machines* currently on view at the library.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby Garden

Mondays beginning

January 12, 10 a.m.

Enjoy a relaxed and baby-focused environment for babies 0-12 months in the storytime room during this baby playtime and caregiver social hour. Do tummy time on a giant soft playmat and play with some favorite toys. Coffee and tea provided for caregivers, bottle warmer available for baby refreshments. Take home a goodie bag with book for baby on first visit.



Children's Art Showcase

Young artists are invited to drop off up to three creations at the Children's Desk any time during the month of January to be displayed in the Children's Room display case during the month of February. All items may be picked up the first week of March.



Highlights from

The Nutcracker

Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m.

The Littleton Youth Ballet will present a short performance of scenes from the holiday favorite.



It's A Reading Wonderland Winter Reading Program

November 22-January 5

For birth through high school

Pick up a reading log, complete challenges, and win a free book and prizes.

Puppet Tales with Magic Dave presents *The Greatest Gift*

Monday, December 22, 11-11:45 a.m.

A heartwarming holiday story about trying to find the perfect gift with some hilarious failures and finally discovering what truly makes the season special. Inspired by the book: *Love Is...* by Diane Adams.

Ice Cream Science with Cool Science

Monday, December 29, 11 a.m.

Welcome winter with a super cold science show featuring demonstrations with dry ice and liquid nitrogen, followed by Dippin' Dots ice cream!

"Noon" Year's Eve Party*

Wednesday, December 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Celebrate the new year without losing sleep!



Families with children of all ages are invited to enjoy an interactive show, a family dance party, treats, door prizes, and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball at 12 o'clock noon.

Music for Kids with Eric West

Monday, January 5, 11 a.m.

Eric West's *Music for Kids* is a fun participatory music show. With his guitar, banjo, and antique trunk filled with unusual instruments, puppets, and dancing lumberjacks, Eric gets the audience to sing and play along to his original and traditional songs.

Instrument Petting Zoo presented by Symphony of the Rockies

Sunday, January 11, 3-4:30 p.m.

See, hear and touch instruments from the orchestra. This fun and interactive event introduces youngsters to rich sounds and rhythms up close while inviting curiosity and a joyful appreciation of the many ways music connects us all. For families with children ages three and older.

STORYTIMES

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

All Ages Storytime

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

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.



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



Littleton Named 'Medium City of the Year' with Economic Development Award

The City of Littleton was selected as this year's Medium Community of the Year by the Economic Development Council of Colorado for the EDIE Awards for Excellence in Economic Development. This award recognizes outstanding economic development achievements including long-term planning. Littleton's award recognizes the unanimous approval of Littleton's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) by city council, adoption of the Economic Partnership Incentive Policy, and approval of the Mineral Place incentive agreement. These accomplishments have allowed Littleton to stand out statewide. Learn more about Littleton's Economic Development department at LittletonCO.gov/EconDev.

Cutting Edge Awards

Congratulations to the first winners of Littleton's Cutting-Edge Award!

The Cutting-Edge Award was created this year to celebrate Littleton businesses that demonstrate innovation, creativity, sustainability, and community involvement. There are four winners, one in each city council district:

District 1 – Town Hall Arts Center

Town Hall Arts Center was recognized for its role as a cultural cornerstone in Littleton. With more than 35,000 visitors annually, Town Hall drives economic activity, partners with local schools and businesses, and fosters community engagement. Their continued innovation and resilience, now entering their 43rd season, make them a leader in arts and downtown vibrancy.

District 3 – AdventHealth Littleton

AdventHealth Littleton earned recognition for redefining cardiac care with its new Heart & Vascular Institute, which will bring advanced procedures and cutting-edge technology to the region. As one of Littleton's largest employers, AdventHealth continues to grow jobs, expand care, and invest in sustainability, while remaining a trusted healthcare and community leader.

District 4 – Ted's Montana Grill

Ted's Montana Grill was recognized for more than two decades of innovation in sustainable dining. Their efforts have reduced plastic and food waste, supported bison conservation, and advanced farm-to-table practices. With over 1,000 Littleton residents employed since opening and more than 2 million guests served, Ted's has made a lasting economic and community impact. AdventHealth.com

DIRT Coffee Bar

DIRT has new digs. The coffee shop cut the ribbon on its new home on Alamo Avenue in October, offering a lot more space than its old location on Rapp Street. DIRT, which stands for Divergent Inclusive Representation Transforms, offers not just coffee, drinks, and food, but robust workforce training programs for neurodivergent people. The new location, housed in an old home built in 1901, offers more seating in the coffee shop — and an entire second floor devoted to the workforce center, featuring a computer lab fully decked out with assistive technologies. The menu includes a wide array of coffee, espresso, sodas, burritos, paninis, pastries, beer, and wine. DIRT also still operates its mobile coffee truck, and opened another brick-and-mortar location in Denver in 2022. DIRT Coffee Bar is at 2506 W. Alamo Avenue. For more information, visit DirtCoffee.org or call 303-635-6674.



Hearth Bakery & Cafe

Quality is the key at Hearth Bakery & Cafe, Littleton's new coffee shop on Curtice Street. Taking over the space formerly home to GraceFull Cafe, Hearth offers quality artisan sourdough breads, pastries, and coffee. Founder Matt Quinlisk sources the shop's grain and produce from the Rocky Mountain region, and coffee beans from Denver-based Tablón Coffee. The location is the fourth for Hearth, following spots in Denver's RiNo, Uptown, and Highland neighborhoods. Hearth is at 5610 S. Curtice Street. For more information, visit HearthDenver.com or call 720-573-8947.

Boost Ebikes

A heck of a lot of e-bikes have rolled out of Boost Ebikes in the Woodlawn Center since the store relocated to Littleton last year, and owner Eric Knight expects the rush to continue before a state rebate shrinks at the end of 2025. E-bikes offer electric assistance, meaning riders can go faster and farther without worrying about Colorado's hilly landscapes. Boost specializes in brands like Lectric, Urtopia, and Velotric. Colorado's rebate knocks \$450 off the price of an e-bike for all Colorado residents, but come January 1, that rebate will shrink to \$225, meaning this holiday season might just be the time to zip home on an e-bike. Boost recommends appointments to test out e-bikes, although walk-ins are welcome, too. Boost services everything they sell as well. Boost Ebikes is at 1500 W. Littleton Boulevard, Unit #110E. For more information, visit BoostEBikes.com or call 720-737-9159.



District 2 – Doctors Care

Doctors Care was honored for its commitment to delivering affordable, high-quality healthcare to underserved populations. For over 35 years, they have supported the health and stability of Littleton's workforce, children, and families. Their programs help residents navigate complex healthcare systems, ensuring access and well-being for all.

