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Residents and Engineers Work Together with Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

Residents can help shape the safety of local streets after the relaunch of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program, featuring new tools that make it easier to report concerns and see how the city is responding.

As part of Safer Streets Littleton efforts, the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program aims to reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety on local streets by installing traffic calming measures.

The Public Works Transportation team has updated the program with enhanced communication tools and a data-driven approach to prioritizing communi-

ty concerns. A new interactive map allows residents to explore the status of requests, view existing pilot project locations, and see vehicle speeds and volumes throughout the city.

Residents can submit traffic safety concerns through the program's online portal, ensuring their priorities drive the city's work and that traffic calming investments respond directly to neighborhood needs.

This listening-first, data-driven approach reflects the city's commitment to making decisions hand-in-hand with the public. Learn more or submit concerns at LittletonCO.gov/TrafficCalmingProgram.

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

Got a request that doesn't fit the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program? Submit it to SeeClickFix at SeeClickFix.com/Littleton.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Littleton Museum and Bemis Public Library will be closed on Sunday, April 5, for Easter Sunday.

All City of Littleton offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

Staying Connected: Littleton Launches New Engagement Tools

Littleton is expanding how residents can learn about, engage with, and provide input on city initiatives with two new communication tools: a refreshed e-newsletter, Littleton Links, and a new major projects and engagement hub, LetsTalkLittleton.org.

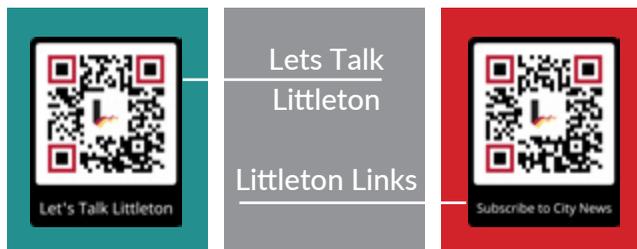
Both of these tools launched in February, offering flexible, accessible ways to connect – whether residents want to ask questions, follow project updates, or understand how individual efforts fit into the city's larger story.

Littleton Links replaces the city's old e-newsletter, the Littleton Report Online. It has a fresh new look with dedicated sections for council updates, community events, and more. Residents can sign up to re-

ceive the newsletter in their inbox every two weeks at LittletonCO.gov/Subscribe.

Let's Talk Littleton offers a "one-stop-shop" for community engagement, where the public can weigh in on surveys and planning efforts, and see the latest information about city projects. The site launched with pages for Phase 1 of Project Downtown and the Santa Fe and Mineral Improvements Project, with more to come as additional projects get underway later this year.

Together, these new tools reflect the city's commitment to meeting people where they are and ensuring community voices remain part of the conversation of Littleton's future.



LPD Special Enforcement Tactics Team Introduces Updated Uniforms

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) is pleased to announce updated uniforms for members of the Special Enforcement Tactics (SET) Team. The changes reflect the team's ongoing commitment to proactive policing, visibility, and meaningful community engagement.

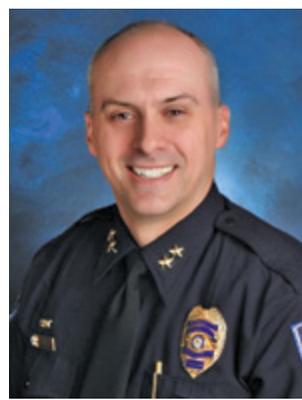
The SET Team is comprised of community engagement officers who focus on addressing quality-of-life concerns, special assignments, and building positive relationships throughout the community. While their new uniforms have a refreshed appearance, they remain fully sworn, uniformed officers of the LPD. They carry police identification and equipment and have the same authority and responsibilities as other sworn officers in the department.

The LPD remains committed to innovative strategies that strengthen public safety and build community trust, and to continuing to serve and engage with the community in meaningful ways.



Gene Enley Named Interim Littleton Police Chief

Littleton City Manager Jim Becklenberg has appointed Littleton Division Chief Gene Enley as Interim Chief of the Littleton Police Department (LPD), effective April 4. Enley is expected to serve in this role for approximately two to three months while the city begins the process of identifying its next permanent police chief.



Chief Enley brings more than three decades of law enforcement experience, including 28 years serving the Littleton community. Over the course of his career with LPD, he has advanced through the ranks in multiple leadership roles. This marks his third appointment as Interim Chief, reflecting the confidence the organization places in his leadership during times of transition.

"I am thankful that Gene has accepted this interim responsibility," Becklenberg said. "His deep understanding of the Littleton community and the respect he commands within the police department give me great confidence that we will be in good hands throughout this transition. His steady leadership will provide important continuity as we begin the process to select our next permanent chief."

Enley began his law enforcement career in 1994 and has dedicated the majority of his professional service to the Littleton community. His background includes both patrol and specialized assignments, as well as executive-level leadership training.

A longtime member of the Littleton community, Gene and his family have built their lives in the city he serves. His commitment to public safety is rooted in professional experience and a personal dedication to the community.

The City of Littleton is thankful for the service and the commitment of Chief Doug Stephens, who is retiring in April. Since joining the LPD in 2013, Chief Stephens has made an indelible mark on the organization. His leadership, compassion, and personality have created a positive and lasting influence on the community and on each of the officers and individuals who have had the honor of serving under him.

Additional information about the police chief selection process will be shared as it becomes available.

Littleton Police Department to Participate in 2026 National Night Out

The Littleton Police Department (LPD) will participate in National Night Out (NNO), an annual community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, on Tuesday, August 4.

The goal of NNO is to create a sense of community and to promote crime prevention and safety awareness. It's 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.

This year, the LPD is continuing with the traditional NNO format. Neighborhoods are encouraged to plan and host community block parties or cookouts. Neighborhoods can then register their event with LPD and officers will attend the separate neighborhood events. Additionally, the City of Littleton has a program that provides grants up to \$500 for neighborhood get-togethers. The grant money is first-come-first-serve, so register for an NNO event and apply for a Neighborhood Grant at LittletonCO.gov/LocalGrants.



Santa Fe and Mineral: Construction Update

Crews are making progress on the Santa Fe and Mineral Improvements Project. Upcoming work this spring includes utility installations (underground conduit, fiber optic, and electrical wiring), street light construction, and stormwater drainage work. Future work on curb, gutter, and pavement reconstruction will begin following approval of temporary traffic configurations.

In the new quadrant road area, crews are continuing stormwater drainage work and finishing subgrade preparation before constructing curb, gutter, concrete pavement, and lighting.

This intersection carries up to 60,000 vehicles daily on South Santa Fe Drive, and 30,000 on West Mineral Avenue, with traffic expected to nearly double by

2040. The project builds a new quadrant roadway in the southwest corner that moves left turns out of the main intersection, improving traffic flow, reducing delays, and increasing safety.

The improvements include new traffic signals, updated lane configurations, safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists, and better transit access. These upgrades will support River Park, the mixed-use development southwest of the intersection, as it moves forward.

Construction began in late 2025 and is expected to finish in 2027. Timing of work depends on weather and other factors.

Traffic impacts are posted at LittletonCO.gov/ConeZone. Learn more and stay informed at LetsTalkLittleton.org.

Littleton to Celebrate Historic Sesquicentennial Anniversary July 24

Main Street will come alive this summer for Central Bank's Illuminate Littleton presented by The Diamond Reserve, a one-of-a-kind event bringing the community together to celebrate the America 250/Colorado 150 anniversaries.

Come to historic Downtown Littleton Friday, July 24 from 6 to 10 p.m. for an evening filled with art, food, live performers, and luminous art installations along Main Street. The event is free to attend and culminates with a spectacular drone show.

Many restaurants will extend their dining space onto Main Street, allowing visitors to eat and drink right in the middle of the entertainment. Make a reservation at a downtown Littleton restaurant for dinner or grab bites from a variety of pop-up stands hosted by local eateries.

Bring the little ones to enjoy hands-on activities and interactive exploration. The evening culminates in a dazzling drone show honoring Littleton's selection as a host city for the milestone anniversary.

Guests can unlock the VIP Experience and make it a staycation by booking a room for the night of July 24 at Staybridge Suites in Littleton, which includes access to the VIP viewing lounge for the magical drone show with small bites and bubbly plus a curated welcome gift basket.

With volunteer support powered by Lift Up Littleton and Main Street businesses extending dining spaces, illuminating their storefronts, and staying open late, Illuminate Littleton is a true community partnership — bringing nonprofits, businesses, and residents together while driving foot traffic and energy into the heart of downtown.

This event is made possible by these generous sponsors:

- Title Sponsor: Central Bank
- Presenting Sponsor: The Diamond Reserve
- Glow for Health Sponsor: AdventHealth Littleton
- Little Luminaries Sponsor: Redstone Bank
- VIP Experience Sponsor: The Melting Pot



- Signature Wine Sponsor: Carboy Winery
- VIP Viewing Lounge Host: Shift Workspace
- Accessible Transportation Sponsor- Mobility Auto Group
- Media Sponsor: KDVR and KWGN-TV
- Hotel Sponsor: Staybridge Suites Littleton

City Council Approves \$1 Million in Funding for Affordable Housing Project

The City of Littleton is investing in the future of affordable housing by providing \$1 million for renovations and preservation work at more than 60 affordable housing rental units in the city. City council approved the funding request from Grovewood Community Development at its February 17 meeting.

The units are at three apartment complexes: Lara Lea Apartments on South Elati Street, Fox Street Apartments on South Fox Street, and Regal Apartments on South Delaware Street. Work includes sustainability and major building system upgrades, unit reconfigurations, and the addition of ADA-accessible units.

The funds come from the city's Affordable Housing Fund, which is funded by the fee-in-lieu paid by housing developers under Littleton's 2022 Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. The Affordable Housing Fund cur-



rently has about \$1.7 million available and is expected to receive more than \$800,000 later this year.

Investing in affordable housing helps support Littleton's workforce for years to come and aligns with the Horizon 2027 Strategic Plan initiative to cultivate a favorable environment for housing development across all income levels.

Cut Water Bills, Grow Great Gardens with Resource Central

The City of Littleton is excited to once again partner with conservation nonprofit Resource Central to help residents save on their water bills.

Swap grass for a yard that is beautiful and built to thrive. Resource Central's Lawn Removal team takes care of removing and hauling away thirsty turf. Crews operate from late May through late summer, weather dependent, with appointments open on a rolling basis.

Additionally, grow pollinator-friendly plants with beautiful, waterwise "Garden In A Box" kits. Professionally designed for Colorado yards, these kits can help save more than 1,000 gallons of water every year compared to a traditional grass lawn. Two windows for pick up and planting are available — one in May and June, and one in August and September.

Learn more about both programs at LittletonCO.gov/ResourceCentral.

Time for a Glow-Up: Applications Open for 2026 RIG Program

The 2026 Revitalization Incentive Grant (RIG) program is now accepting applications. Each year, the RIG program supports Littleton businesses looking to invest in improvements to their storefronts. The grant makes revitalization efforts affordable and helps improve the aesthetic of the entire community.

Littleton City Council approved \$100,000 for the 2026 RIG to be administered by the Economic Development Department. Applications will be accepted through April 30. Learn more at LittletonCO.gov/LocalGrants.

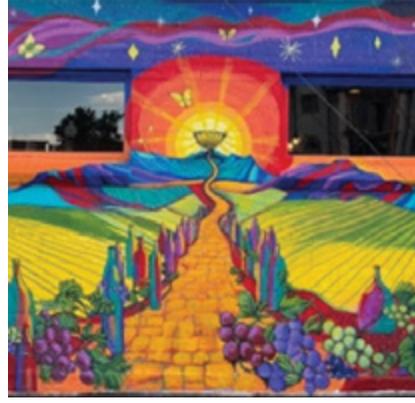


It's Back! The 2027 Littleton City Calendar Photo Contest is Now Open!

Each year, the city produces a calendar featuring photos of life in Littleton submitted by the community. The contest is open to everyone. Each photographer may enter up to five photos, but only one photo per photographer may win.

Members of the city's Arts & Culture Board select the 13 winning photos — one for each month, plus the cover — to be featured in the calendar. Winning photographers receive \$25 cash, 10 calendars, and publicity via news releases and the distribution of approximately 9,000 calendars to the community.

For more information and to enter, visit LittletonCO.gov/Photo-Contest.



Downtown Littleton Block Party Returns This Summer

The Downtown Littleton Block Party returns to Main Street the evening of June 13, with dazzling performances, live music, fiery spectacles, and a fireworks finale that is sure to be an unforgettable night under the stars.

This event is produced by the Littleton Downtown Development Authority, with support from the City of Littleton. Learn more at VisitLittleton.org.



Littleton Business Chamber hosts Third Annual Women in Leadership Conference

Join the Littleton Business Chamber for their third annual Women in Leadership Conference.

This year's theme, "Together We Will," celebrates the power of collaboration, courage, and collective impact. Designed for professionals who want to build, engage, and better the community, the conference brings together leaders from across industries for a morning of inspiration and connection.

Attendees will hear from three dynamic speakers and participate in engaging, interactive activities intentionally crafted to spark meaningful conversations, strengthen professional networks, and accelerate leadership growth.

- When: Wednesday, April 22, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Where: Arapahoe Community College, 5900 S. Santa Fe Drive

Individual tickets are \$65 per person and breakfast is included. For more information, visit LittletonBusinessChamber.org.



Open Rewards Nominated for Award



The City of Littleton has been nominated for Downtown Colorado's 2026 Downtown Excellence Partnership Award for its Open Rewards program.

The Open Rewards program is an app where shoppers can earn 5% cash back on purchases at participating Littleton businesses. Just download the app, set the location to Littleton, and upload receipts within seven days of making a purchase to start earning rewards. Rewards are sponsored by the City of Littleton to incentivize local spending.

Downtown Colorado, Inc. is a statewide organization advocating for vibrant, economically strong downtown districts. The Downtown Excellence Awards celebrate innovation, collaboration, and impact in Colorado's downtown districts. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on April 2.

Learn more about Open Rewards and download the app at VisitLittleton.org/Open-Rewards.



Eyes on the Horizon: Major Projects and Community Engagement in 2026

From upgrading aging infrastructure to shaping the future of key corridors, the City of Littleton is advancing multiple planning efforts this spring that will strengthen the community for decades to come. These projects, ranging from the Belleview Service Center building replacements and climate resilience planning to transportation improvements and utility system upgrades, reflect the city's commitment to planning ahead, maintaining reliable services, and ensuring residents have a voice in shaping what comes next.

Pressing Ahead: Pavement Management Program Picks Up the Pace

Dozens of miles of Littleton streets will see repairs and upgrades this year thanks to an \$8.3 million investment in the Pavement Management Program, part of addressing critical infrastructure needs citywide.

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. 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 the street are removed and replaced with new asphalt.

More than 10% of the city's lane-miles will be addressed in 2026:

- 16 lane-miles of mill and overlay;
- 38 lane-miles of surface sealing;
- 1.5 lane-miles of reconstruction;
- Completion of the second phase of the Euclid Avenue Complete Street Project.



Meanwhile, the city's street maintenance division consistently fills potholes throughout the year, many of which are reported by the community via the SeeClickFix app.

Littleton's roadwork is getting noticed — the City of Littleton and contractor Chavez Construction won a "Best in Colorado" award from the Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association for the 2025 Street Rehab and Reconstruction Program. This \$1.2 million project in the Bow Mar South neighborhood included both mill and overlay and eight inches of full depth reclamation, followed by five inches of new asphalt, with total quantities of 8,300 tons.

The Pavement Management Program will continue its accelerated pace in 2027, with dozens more lane-miles slated for repair and upgrades.

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.

Building Resilience Below the Surface: Sewer and Stormwater Rate Study Moving Ahead

The City of Littleton is conducting a comprehensive study to update sewer and stormwater rates. These updates are essential to funding critical repairs and maintaining the infrastructure that protects Littleton homes and businesses, public health, and the South Platte River. The city's 129 miles of sanitary sewer and 53 miles of storm drains operate 24/7, and many parts of the systems are aging. Proactive upgrades will

prevent service disruptions and address public safety concerns.

Sewer and stormwater bills directly fund essential infrastructure improvements and proactive maintenance. Over the next ten years, the city plans to repair or replace 24 miles of sanitary sewer, replace 15 miles of storm drains, and work with partners to modernize the South Platte Renew wastewater treatment facility. Addressing these needs now avoids the significantly higher costs and public safety risks associated with emergency repairs.

To ensure fairness and accuracy, the city is partnering with an independent consulting firm, Raftelis, to conduct a comprehensive rate study. The study will align sewer and stormwater bills with the actual cost of service, including upgrades to critical infrastructure and regular maintenance, and ensure the city can continue to provide reliable service. Rates were last adjusted in 2021.

The project team is scheduled to present the results of the rate study at a city council study session on May 12. When the study results are available, updates will be shared at LetsTalkLittleton.org. The city will also host community meetings to provide updates on new rates, their impacts on utility bills, and how they will support long-term reliability in Littleton.

Charter Review Committee on Track for April Recommendations

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.

Littleton's Charter Review Committee (CRC) is on track to present its findings this spring, following the first comprehensive review of the city charter in more than a decade.

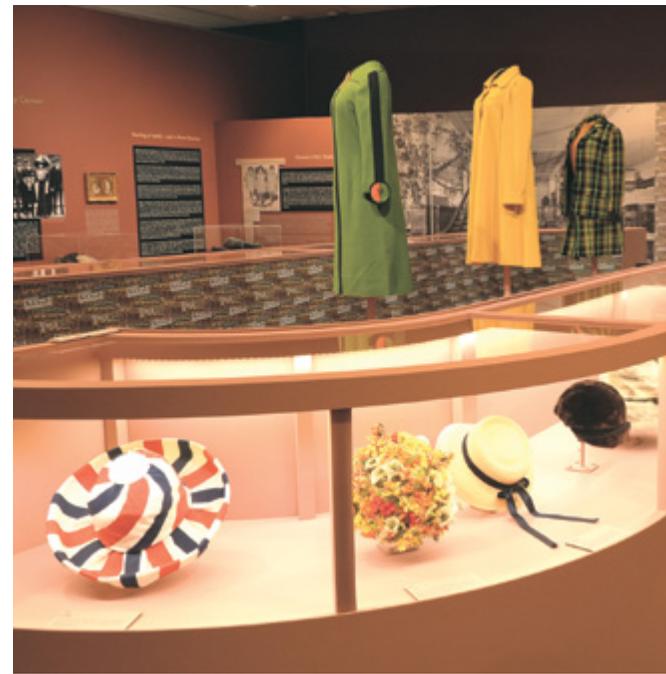
Committee members are tasked with reviewing existing charter sections and recommending revisions to city council based on best practices in similar municipalities, adopted legislation that now makes a section or sections contradictory, or additional clean-up as needed. Completing this review helps ensure Littleton has high-quality governance under a fair and effective charter.

The CRC is currently scheduled to make its final recommendations to city council at the April 14 study session. Keep an eye out for a rundown of the committee's recommendations in upcoming editions of the Littleton Links e-newsletter, or the next issue of the Littleton Report. Subscribe to Littleton Links at LittletonCO.gov/Subscribe.

Street Smart: Littleton Boulevard Subarea Plan Kicks Off

How should one of Littleton's key corridors evolve? The Littleton Boulevard Subarea Plan will kick off with an open house this spring, part of many upcoming opportunities for the community to build a vision for the future.

The plan will guide preservation, mobility, and reinvestment along this vital east-west



corridor. The plan will focus on enhanced safety and accessibility for all users and evolve land use and design strategies to support future economic vitality, while acknowledging the corridor's unique mid-century modern architectural heritage.

The plan will be developed over the next year and a half, with a final version anticipated for presentation at the end of 2027. Throughout the process, the project team will work closely with the public and stakeholders to ensure the outcomes reflect community needs.

Phase 1 will launch this spring and will focus on identifying assets and issues, and exploring what makes Littleton Boulevard unique. Community members can expect questions like "What do you love about Littleton Boulevard?" "What is working?" "What is not?"

Want to weigh in? The project page will be launched this spring on LetsTalkLittleton.org, or residents can attend the upcoming open house meeting on Thursday, April 9 from 4 to 6:30 p.m at the Littleton Public Schools EPIC Campus at 190 E. Littleton Boulevard.

City Moving Forward with Transportation Master Plan

Littleton is moving forward with the first steps of updating its Transportation Master Plan (TMP), the long-range roadmap that guides how people move safely and comfortably around town — whether they walk, bike, drive, roll, or ride transit.

First adopted in 2019, the TMP set a bold direction for making Littleton's streets safer and more welcoming for everyone. Since then, the city has launched Safer Streets Littleton, expanded neighborhood traffic calming, and completed several key corridor and safety studies. With new data, new tools, and a changing community, it's time to refresh the plan and look ahead to the next decade.

The city published a solicitation for a consultant for the project in March, with an anticipated project kickoff coming in August or September. The update process is expected to take about 18 to 20 months to complete.

Community input will be at the heart of every stage. Residents, businesses, and schools will be invited to share their experiences, identify trouble spots, and react to draft recommendations. Engagement will include in-person meetings, online surveys, and opportunities to weigh in on the project.

To make participation easy and accessible, the city will use its new tools, including Let's Talk Littleton, the online home for major city projects, as well as Littleton Links, the city's e-newsletter.

The updated TMP will help the city prioritize safety investments, support vibrant businesses, coordinate with land use and development decisions, and make the most of limited transportation dollars. Together, these efforts will help Littleton be a place where it's easy to get around, connect with neighbors, and enjoy the places residents and visitors love.

Stay updated by subscribing to Littleton Links at LittletonCO.gov/Subscribe and explore LetsTalkLittleton.org to discover ways to get involved.

Resident Surveys to Guide City Decision-Making

Littleton residents are invited to share their priorities through the 2026 Littleton Resident Survey. Conducted every two years, the survey helps ensure the city is planning with the community by gathering feedback on services, amenities, and overall quality of life.

Community input from past surveys has directly informed city priorities and investments, shaping decisions that reflect what matters most to residents.

Residents will have multiple opportunities to participate, with more information on how and when to take the survey coming soon. Survey results will be shared publicly to help guide future planning and resource decisions.

Planning for the Future: Belleview Service Center Update

City leaders are working with a consultant team to develop a Basis of Design (BOD) for the future replacement of Buildings 2 and 3 at the Belleview Service Center, which supports many of the City of Littleton's core public works operations.

The Belleview Service Center is home to facilities and vehicles that keep Littleton running — maintaining streets, managing utilities, responding to storms, and supporting public safety. Many of these buildings have served the community for decades, some since shortly after World War 2.

A BOD is an early planning and technical framework that helps define what is needed before detailed architectural design begins. This phase focuses on understanding how city staff currently deliver services, and identifying what a future facility will need to support those operations. Early planning work ensures city leaders understand operational needs before making major investment decisions.

Over the coming months, the project team will be meeting with staff across multiple divisions to document operational needs, equipment requirements, and opportunities to improve efficiency and safety in a new facility. The goal of this effort is to ensure that any future investment in the Service Center is carefully planned, cost-effective, and designed to support the community's needs for decades to come.

This approach reflects the city's commitment to addressing infrastructure renewal thoughtfully and proactively, rather than waiting for failures that can be more disruptive and costly. By planning ahead together, the City of Littleton can ensure future facilities support modern operations, safeguard taxpayer investments, and continue delivering reliable services residents depend on.

Protecting Littleton's Cultural Treasures: Museum HVAC Upgrades

The Littleton Museum is beginning critical upgrades to its heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems — work that protects both the museum's collections and its ability to bring world-class exhibitions to the community.

Much of the Museum's mechanical equipment dates to the building's 2004 expansion and has now reached or surpassed its expected service life. System failures began occurring nearly constantly in 2023, prompting initial work to rebuild the chiller and internal air handling units. Remaining work includes replacement of equipment critical to maintaining museum standards year-round. Engineering evaluations project the new equipment will reduce energy consumption by 27% for electricity and 29% for natural gas, resulting in significant long-term utility savings.

The museum's standing as a Smithsonian Affiliate and its accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums requires strict environmental standards. This investment prevents emergency failures, expands exhibition opportunities, and demonstrates responsible stewardship of community assets while ensuring Littleton can continue offering high-quality cultural programming and safeguarding the permanent collection for future generations.

Learn more about the Littleton Museum at LittletonMuseum.org.



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, as well as two rotating galleries. Learn more at LittletonMuseum.org.

"America 250 - Colorado 150"

The Littleton Museum is proud to present "America 250 - Colorado 150," a selection of objects from the museum's collection of historic artifacts that celebrate both the 150th anniversary of Colorado's statehood as well as the 250th anniversary of the founding of the nation. This temporary exhibit will be on display through the end of 2026.

Sheep to Shawl: Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
See wool transformed from freshly shorn fleece into woolen clothing at the Littleton Museum's Sheep to Shawl on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No fee for admission. Fun for all ages!



2026 Spring Catalog and Spring Break/Summer Camps

The *South Suburban Spring 2026 Catalog* is now online, and the printed version will arrive in mailboxes early February. Spring break camps will be held at Buck, Goodson and Lone Tree recreation centers, as well as at Family Sports Center, and are open for registration. Summer camp registration opens February 3. View and register for camps and 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 March 9 through 22.

Deals at Buck Recreation Center

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

Find South Suburban Planning Updates on Game Plan

South Suburban planning updates and public input opportunities are available at Gameplan.SSPRD.org. Ex-

plore the site to view ongoing construction projects, learn about future plans, and share feedback.

Register Now for 2026 Summer Camps

Registration for 2026 summer camps is now open! Registration for additional summer programs will open on April 14 with the release of the South Suburban Summer Catalog. Explore and register for camps and programs at Register.SSPRD.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Enchanted Evening Earth Day at South Platte Park

Friday, April 24, Carson Nature Center
Celebrate Earth Day with a magical night filled with live music, fireside s'mores, moonlit walks, and an artist-led activity. The Carson Nature Center will also be open late with special spring-themed activities. Learn more at Register.SSPRD.org.

Annual War Memorial Rose Garden Pruning Workshop

Saturday, April 25, War Memorial Rose Garden
Join South Suburban, Master Gardeners, Denver Rose Society and other gardeners for a fun-filled and educational day at the annual Rose Pruning Workshop. This event is free, but registration is required. Registration and more information are available at Register.SSPRD.org.

South Suburban Race Series

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

Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum Announce Membership Upgrades

The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum is introducing a new website and new membership tiers to make joining the organization easier, more meaningful, and more connected to the experiences Littleton loves. The new membership tiers are designed to better reflect the incredible community impact that the members make possible – from summer reading and free concerts to farm festivals and blacksmith demonstrations.

The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum is a nonprofit membership and service organization that provides financial support, volunteers, and advocacy for Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum. For more than 60 years, Friends members have kept learning accessible, history alive, and free for everyone.

Visit FriendsLittleton.org to join or renew membership.



Upcoming Events

Spring Fling Bag Sale

Help the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum's Used Book Store clear out inventory.
When: March 27 through April 4 during Bemis Public Library regular hours
Where: Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura Street
Fill a provided bag for just \$10! Cash is preferred.

South Platte Renew River Clean-Up

Help keep waterways, including the South Platte River, and green spaces clean and healthy.
When: Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. to noon
Where: Mary Carter Greenway Trail, Riverside Downs parking lot (near Pedal Bike Shop)
More information about this event can be found at SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov/RiverCleanUp.

Littleton is for Locavores Earth Day Celebration

Celebrate Earth Day at Littleton's fifth annual "Littleton is for Locavores!" event.
When: Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: 5641 S. Nevada Street

Littleton Blvd. Scavenger Hunt

Explore mid-century landmarks along the Littleton Boulevard corridor and learn how this era shaped the growth and character of the community.
When: Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Arapahoe County Plaza, 1690 W. Littleton Boulevard

Historic Downtown Littleton Walking Tours

Learn About Littleton History: Take a Downtown Historic District Walking Tour
When: Friday, May 1, 6 p.m.
Where: Meet at the Depot Art Gallery, 2069 W. Powers Avenue.

Railroad Depot Birthday Celebration

Travel back in time with a tour of Littleton's historic buildings, lives, and events.
When: Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.
Where: 5790 S. Prince Street
For a full list of events, scan the QR code or go to VisitLittleton.org.



BEYOND BOOKS

EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | [BemisLibrary.org](https://www.bemislibrary.org)



FEATURED PROGRAMS

BIG IDEAS LECTURE SERIES

The Big Ideas Lecture Series brings faculty from the School of Arts, Culture, & Society at Arapahoe Community College (ACC) into the community to share fresh insights around questions connected to the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Each talk is free, public, and designed to spark thought and conversation.

"The Search for the Biology of Gender" with Dr. Kelley Harmon (Psychology)

Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m.

Explore the biology of gender by looking at how the brain, body, and identity develop — sometimes in ways that don't align neatly. Using examples from neuroscience, developmental psychology, and animal research, Dr. Kelley Harmon, Psychology faculty at ACC, examines how biological processes may help explain why gender identity often feels deeply rooted, including experiences of gender incongruence.

"Bleeding Hearts: The Risky Business of Depicting Romance for the Strong, Independent Woman" with Dr. Allison Palumbo (English)

Thursday, May 7, 6 p.m.

How do film and television portray romance for strong, independent women? Why should we care? This multimedia presentation explores a facet of the larger arguments Dr. Allison Palumbo, English faculty at ACC, makes about sexual politics onscreen in their book, *Love and the Fighting Female: A Critical Study of Onscreen Depictions*.

Gourd Birdhouse Building Contest*

Saturday, April 11, 2 p.m.

Sign up as a group or individually to create a unique natural birdhouse using a dried gourd. Gourd bases and decorative supplies will be provided. Birdhouses will be displayed through May 16 for public vote. The birdhouse with the most votes will win \$25.



Digital Discovery: eBooks*

Thursday, April 23, 2 p.m.

In this Digital Discovery workshop series for seniors, participants will explore a variety of free library resources and learn hands-on skills to integrate technology into their daily lives. The topic for this workshop is accessing eBooks using Bemis Library resources. Bring any preferred reading device — smart phone, tablet, or laptop — and learn how to access content in Libby and Hoopla in this informative, hands-on class. Registration is required and is limited to 10 seats to ensure each attendee has time to ask questions.



Spring Plant Swap

Saturday, April 25, 10 to 11 a.m.

Bemis Public Library presents the fifth annual Spring Plant Swap. Bring cuttings, seedlings, transplants or houseplants that need a new home, and take some new-to-you plants home in exchange. Participants of all ages can also learn how to make a newspaper pot and plant a seed to take home.



Seed Starting Workshop with a Master Gardener*

Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.

An expert from CSU Extension will lead this fun, informative seed-starting workshop. Participants

will plant a seed in pot and take it home to watch it grow. Great for kids 8+ and their grownups.

Active Minds

Fourth Mondays, 2 p.m.

- April 27: Pompeii
- May 18: Greenland

New! First Friday Open Arts Studio

Friday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring a project to work on and connect with like-minded people at an informal drop-in studio for adults and seniors. Personal supplies are welcome, or materials available on site may be used. Open to all. No instructor provided.



BEMIS BOOK CLUBS

Afternoon Book Club

First Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

- April 1: *This is Happiness* by Niall Williams
- May 6: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhorn

Right to Read Book Club

Second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

- April 14: *Milk and Honey* by Rupi Kaur
- May 12: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

Evening Book Club

Third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

- April 15: *Running with Sherman* by Christopher McDougall
- May 20: *Pelican Girls* by Julia Malye

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Arcade*

Second Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Teen Arcade brings something new and exciting every month! From Mario Kart tournaments and retro game spotlights to interactive, life-size gaming experiences, there's always something fresh to discover.

- April 8: Smash Bros. Tournament
- May 13: Nintendo 64 Classics



Teen Art Lab*

Third Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

- April 15: Pendulum Painting
- May 20: Bigger Bubble

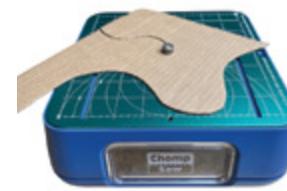
Teen Laser Tag*

Saturday, May 16, 4:45 p.m.

A special after-hours laser tag event. Signed permission form and waiver are required and must be turned in before the event. For grades 6-12



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Pre-K ChompSaw Class: Cardboard Flying Toys

Friday, April 24, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Drop in to the Cloud Forest for a special introduction to the ChompSaw, a kid-safe power tool for cutting cardboard (safety rated ages 3 and up) available for use in the library's makerspace. Create a cardboard flying toy and decorate it as a bug, bird, plane, or anything else!

STORYTIMES

Through May 14

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

All Ages Storytime

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

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.



Weekly Storytimes will take a two-week hiatus after May 14 and will return June 3 as an all-ages weekly Books & Blankets Outdoor Storytime.

Visit [BemisLibrary.org](https://www.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](https://www.bemislibrary.org/Calendar)





COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Melting Pot Celebrates its 30th Birthday

Dip into something special at the Melting Pot's 30th birthday celebration all through April. The elegant fondue restaurant housed in Littleton's historic Carnegie Library building is ringing in the landmark anniversary with a bevy of specials: enjoy a special 30th birthday four-course menu, get nostalgic favorite menu items and bottles of wine at a 30% discount, or enter to win a "30 Years of Fondue" grand prize. On April 15, the restaurant's official birthday, enjoy a slice of a giant 30th birthday cake.

The Melting Pot is at 2707 West Main Street. Learn more at MeltingPotLittleton.com or call 303-794-5666.

Littleton Announces New Loan Program for Small Business Owners

Littleton is introducing a new loan program for small businesses this year, investing in the community to help build small businesses, drive community development, and create and retain jobs.

The program is in partnership with the Colorado Enterprise Fund (CEF). CEF will manage a community revolving loan fund to help small businesses access capital more easily. As loans are repaid, funds are reinvested into new Littleton small business loans, sustaining the program for years to come.

The CEF is a nonprofit small business lender dedicated to supporting undercapitalized entrepreneurs start or grow their businesses. Since 1976, CEF has disbursed over \$441 million in capital to 9,800 businesses statewide. Learn more at ColoradoEnterpriseFund.org/Community-Loan-Funds.

Celebrate National Small Business Week with Open Rewards

Support Littleton businesses during National Small Business Week May 3-9. Cash back from participating local shops and restaurants will be boosted to 10% via the Open Rewards app. Learn more and download the app at VisitLittleton.org/Open-Rewards.



Sweet Sundaes Ice Cream

There's a new challenger in the robust list of great ice cream shops in Littleton: Sweet Sundaes Ice Cream, operated by the owners of Colorado Pinball Pub next door to the shop.

Sweet Sundaes features award-winning Bonnie Brae ice cream and hand-rolled waffle cones, available in traditional, chocolate-dipped, or dipped with sprinkles or peanuts. Other great menu items include banana splits and elaborate sundaes like the Cherry Garcia, topped with Nutella, Bordeaux cherries, Enstrom Almond Toffee and whipped cream.

Want to step up a celebration? Sweet Sundaes also hosts birthdays, anniversaries and social events.

Sweet Sundaes Ice Cream is at 6205 South Santa Fe Drive. For more information, go to SweetSundaesIceCream.com or call 303-598-4391.



Call Your Mother Deli

Bagel lovers rejoice: Call Your Mother Deli is operating a new food truck location at the Aspen Grove shopping center. Founded in 2018, the East Coast chain is spreading like shmeat along Colorado's Front Range. The Aspen Grove location is housed in the "Lil Deli," a cutesy bright pink food truck done up like a real cottage.

Call Your Mother's bagels are baked fresh daily, inspired by the shiny, malt-boiled exterior of New York-style bagels and the Montreal-style sweetness achieved by adding a hint of honey. All bagels feature a chewy inside, a crispy exterior, and a smaller hole to hold more toppings.

The Aspen Grove location will feature the full food lineup of fan favorites like The Bacon Sun City, a sandwich featuring bacon, egg, American and cheddar cheeses, and spicy honey on an everything bagel; and The Jetski, a sandwich featuring brisket, pastrami, sofrito, and jalapeno plus American and cheddar cheeses on a cheddar bagel. Other items include house-made schmears, babka muffins, and a limited beverage menu featuring coffee, bottled drinks, and canned cold brew. Call Your Mother Lil Deli is parked at the Aspen Grove shopping center at 7301 South Santa Fe Drive. For more information, visit CallYourMotherDeli.com.

The Diamond Reserve

When only the finest jewelry will do, check out The Diamond Reserve on Main Street. Operating by appointment only, The Diamond Reserve offers premium natural and lab-grown diamonds, and a selection of antique pieces. The space offers two private offices for bridal appointments and custom consultations.

Littleton's location is the third for The Diamond Reserve, following the original showroom in Cherry Creek and another in Austin, Texas.

This year, The Diamond Reserve is also the presenting sponsor of Illuminate Littleton, the exciting new summer event arriving on Main Street Friday, July 24.

The Diamond Reserve is at 2569 West Main Street. For more information, visit TheDiamondReserve.com or call 720-667-1593.



Vision Comics & Oddities

Heads up, oddballs: Littleton is now home to Vision Comics & Oddities, an eclectic emporium of comics, collectables, unique art and lots more. The store spent its first decade in Sheridan and moved to Littleton this winter. Goths, punks, and geeks will find lots to love, from vast collections of classic and rare comic books, to life-size Star Wars memorabilia, to ghoulish and gruesome decor. Don't overlook the shop's collaborations with local artists.

Vision Comics & Oddities is at 5809 South Broadway, Suite A. For more information, search "Vision Comics & Oddities" on Facebook or call 303-273-2800.