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“Honored and Humbled:” Gene Enley Named Littleton Police Chief

City Manager Jim Becklenberg has appointed Gene Enley as chief of the Littleton Police Department.

Enley brings more than 31 years of law enforcement experience, including 28 years serving the Littleton community. Throughout his career with the Littleton Police Department, he has risen through the ranks as officer, sergeant, lieutenant, commander, division chief and now chief. His appointment follows three previous terms serving as interim chief, demonstrating the organization’s confidence in his leadership during periods of transition.

“Gene has dedicated nearly three decades to serving the Littleton community with integrity, professionalism and an unwavering commitment to public safety,” Becklenberg said. “Through the recruitment process and his time as interim Chief, Gene demonstrated leadership in new ways and articulated a vision for the Police Department that will help ensure we preserve

our core culture while embracing emerging community and workforce expectations. I am excited about the future with Gene’s leadership.”

Enley’s career includes extensive experience in patrol, investigations and specialized operations. He served as an undercover officer with the South Metro Drug Task Force and spent 18 years with the Littleton SWAT team, serving as an operator, tactical team leader and commander. He is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, and the FBI National Academy.

“I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as Littleton’s police chief,” Enley said. “This department and this community have been my professional home for nearly three decades. I look forward to working alongside our dedicated employees, strengthening our partnerships with the community and

continuing our commitment to providing exceptional public safety services.”

Enley’s connection to Littleton extends beyond his career. He and his wife, a Littleton Public Schools teacher, have built their lives in the community and raised their family here. His longstanding commitment to public service and to the Littleton community continues to guide his leadership as chief.



June 2026 sidewalk failure on the east side of S. Elati Street.

New Sewer and Stormwater Rate Structure Slated to Be Part of Budget Adoption Process

As part of the 2027 budget process, the City of Littleton is moving forward with a new utility rate structure for sewer and stormwater services. City staff and its consultant, Raftelis, have presented information to city council twice this year, with another presentation tentatively scheduled for August. If approved as part of the budget adoption process later this year, the new rates would take effect in January 2027.

The city’s Sewer and Stormwater Rate Study, which began last year, is evaluating the appropriate rates for residential, multifamily, and commercial customers. Currently, Littleton customers receive one annual utility bill with separate charges for sewer and stormwater services. These utilities manage the wastewater that flows from homes and businesses, as well as the rainwater and runoff that drain from streets, roofs, and

driveways. Changing the frequency of billing, as well as how tap fees are calculated, is also considered as part of the study.

Utility rates fund the operation, maintenance, and replacement of Littleton’s sewer and stormwater infrastructure. The rate study calculates the actual cost of providing these essential services by evaluating infrastructure needs, day-to-day operations, future capital improvements, and the demands different types of customers place on the system. This approach helps ensure rates are equitable, support necessary investments, and provide long-term financial sustainability.

Like many communities across the country, Littleton faces significant infrastructure needs. Over the next 10

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Caring for One of Downtown Littleton's Most Recognized Trees

Visitors to downtown Littleton know the large spruce tree in Bowles Plaza, beside the Melting Pot restaurant, as a centerpiece of the city's annual holiday celebration. Each year, Santa Claus lights the tree at the conclusion of the Candlelight Walk and holiday parade, making it a cherished part of the community's traditions.

Recently, city forestry staff discovered that the spruce had been attacked by ips engraver beetles. Unfortunately, the infestation had already killed the upper half of the tree before it was detected. Because dead portions of conifer trees cannot recover, the top of the tree will be removed later this summer.

Instead of removing the entire tree, public works has chosen to preserve the remaining healthy portion for as long as possible. Although the tree will no longer have its familiar conical shape, the living section is expected to remain healthy following treatment and pruning.

While the Bowles Plaza spruce will look different in the future, preserving the tree allows it to continue serving as an important part of downtown Littleton's landscape and holiday traditions. Staff is exploring lighting additions to keep Bowles Plaza as a notable ending point for the Candlelight event.

Forestry crews have treated the Bowles Plaza spruce and surrounding spruce trees with a preventative chemical treatment that provides approximately two years of protection. Staff will continue monitoring nearby conifers

to identify any future infestations as early as possible.

Ips engraver beetles are native to Colorado and are generally less aggressive than mountain pine beetles. They typically attack trees already weakened by drought, root injury, or other environmental stress.

Residents can help protect their own conifer trees by watering regularly — including during winter months — fertilizing once or twice a year, avoiding soil compaction around roots, and monitoring the tops of trees for signs of browning or dieback. If decline is noticed, contacting a licensed arborist offers the best opportunity for successful treatment.

On a related note, forestry staff has been busy this summer treating 130 city-maintained ash trees to protect them from emerald ash borer (EAB). Treatment is on a three-year cycle. For more information on how you can care for your ash trees, visit the Emerald Ash Borer page at LittletonCO.gov/EAB.



Your Voice Can Help Shape Littleton's Climate Resilience

Littleton residents have an opportunity to guide the city's long-term planning by participating in the Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA), an initiative that will help city leaders better understand how changing weather patterns could affect the community and identify ways to strengthen resilience for years to come.

The CRVA examines how climate-related hazards such as extreme heat, flooding, wildfire, drought, severe storms and high winds may impact Littleton's people, infrastructure and essential services. Community feedback is a critical part of the process, helping the city understand how residents experience these challenges in their daily lives.

Anonymous survey responses will help inform future planning and investment decisions. The survey takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. To encourage participation, everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a monthly raffle featuring gift cards and prizes from local Green Business Network businesses. June participants were entered to win a gift card from Littleton Meats, and additional raffle drawings will be held for survey participants during the summer.

The city will also host in-person community conversation events in August and September, where more detailed project information will be presented. Residents can learn more about the CRVA and complete the survey by visiting LittletonCO.gov/Climate or LetsTalkLittleton.org.



Major Summer Construction Projects Underway

Phase 2 of the Euclid Avenue Multimodal Improvements project began construction in July. The project will create a safer and more accessible route along the W. Euclid Avenue corridor between S. Elati Street and South Broadway and improve connectivity to Euclid Middle School, Options Secondary Program, High Line Canal Trail, and South Broadway.

As part of the Littleton Linkages Trail Study and the Safer Streets Littleton initiative, W. Euclid Avenue from S. Elati Street to South Broadway was identified for upgrades which will support safer pedestrian and bicycle travel and promote traffic-calming measures for vehicular traffic. Additionally, portions of W. Euclid Avenue have been identified as having poor quality pavement in need of rehabilitation.

This project will also implement Littleton's first "complete street." Complete streets provide high-comfort bicycle and pedestrian facilities and create safer access to trails, schools and amenities. The safety of pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, children, elderly, those with disabilities, and other vulnerable roadway users throughout the city is critical to a healthy city and transportation network.

The Euclid Neighborhood 2026 Street Reconstruction project will reconstruct several streets (S. Euclid

Avenue, S. Cedar Street, S. Datura Street, S. Elmwood Street, W. Arapahoe Road, and Carlson Drive) in the Sterne Park and Ketrang Park neighborhoods. The project includes removal and replacement of roadway asphalt to create stronger and smoother driving surfaces. Curb and gutter will also be removed and upgraded along several areas to improve surface water flow and containment. The project will include installation of new sidewalk as well as ADA-compliant curb ramps at several intersections to create safer and more accessible routes for pedestrians. The project is funded through the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund. Construction is anticipated to begin this summer following the selection of a construction contractor.

The Prince Street Link project will provide safety and accessibility improvements along S. Prince Street between W. Lake Avenue to W. Alamo Avenue including reconstruction of the S. Prince Street and Church Avenue intersection. The enhancements will improve access and connections to several key area destinations including Downtown Littleton, Arapahoe Community College, Colorado Center for the Blind, and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Downtown Littleton Light Rail Station.

Search each project name at LittletonCO.gov for more information.



Littleton Police Department Welcomes New Therapy Dog

Meet Thistle, the newest therapy dog with the Littleton Police Department (LPD).

Thistle may sound like he comes with a warning label, but that's the joke: despite his name, there's absolutely nothing prickly about him. He's all comfort, calm, and quiet presence. The kind of dog who doesn't just sit with you but somehow settles the whole room. Just a guy with big paws, a lot of drools, vibes, fur, and a whole lot of healing.

Thistle will be joining School Resource Officer Atkinson at Heritage High School. Welcome to the LPD family!

Sewer and Stormwater

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years, the city expects to invest more than \$256 million to rehabilitate and replace aging sewer infrastructure, and approximately \$72.4 million in stormwater improvements. These investments will help protect public health, reduce flooding risks, meet regulatory requirements, and ensure reliable utility service for years to come.

The city recognizes that any rate increase may be a concern for customers. Under the proposed rate struc-

ture, however, some customers may be able to lower their bills by reducing the amount of wastewater they send to the sewer system. Water conservation measures — such as installing low-flow toilets and showerheads, running full loads of laundry, and reducing overall indoor water use — could help some households save money while also reducing demand on the system.

The city will host two public engagement opportunities to share the study's findings, explain the proposed rate structure, and answer questions about how it

could affect utility bills:

Open House:
Wednesday, August 26, 4 to 6 p.m.
at the Littleton Center 2255 W. Berry Avenue

Informational Webinar:
Thursday, September 3, 5:30 p.m.

To learn more, register for the webinar, or view additional engagement opportunities, visit LetsTalkLittleton.org/Sewer-Stormwater-Rate-Study.

Prepare for Flood Season

In Littleton, the typical flood season is from mid-April to mid-September, due to spring rains or summer high intensity thunderstorms. In a follow-up to the flood article in the last issue, here is some additional information about city services:

Information about whether your property is located in a floodplain or has other flood risk, is available from the Public Works Department/Engineering staff. Contact 303-795-3865 and ask for the floodplain administrator. The following information and assistance are available:

- Potential flooding risk at the property
- FEMA floodplain and floodway maps, floodplain elevation information, and flood depths. Information can be retrieved based on the address
- Urban Drainage and Flood Control District floodplain maps, elevations, and depths. Information can be retrieved based on the address
- Flood insurance information
- Ways to help reduce flood risk at the 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 located in a special natural area that should be preserved; wetlands, valuable habitat, etc.

Stay informed and stay safe! The city website contains a number of resources and information regarding floods. Visit LittletonCO.gov/Flood.

Senior Refund Program Returns for 2026

Since 1977, the Littleton City Council has annually renewed its Senior Refund Program, providing the city's senior residents with a partial refund of their property taxes. The program is available to both renters and property owners. For property owners, the refund is based on the property's assessed valuation. Refund amounts range from \$10 to \$100. Refunds for renters range from \$10 to \$30. To be eligible for a refund, applicants must be 65 years or older on or before December 31 of the previous year, and reside in the Littleton city limits for the entire previous year. The deadline to apply for the 2026 refund 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.

Connect with City Council at Office Hours

Get to know members of city council and chat about issues impacting Littleton during City Council Office Hours at Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura Street, most Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Upcoming dates:

July 24, 31 • August 7, 14, 28

September 4, 11, 18, 25 • October 2, 9, 16, 23

Broadway at Lee Gulch Project Reaches Major Milestone

The Broadway at Lee Gulch Culvert Repair and Underpass Project reached an exciting milestone earlier this summer. In July, Broadway reopened to its normal two-lane configuration in each direction, marking the completion of the project's most significant traffic impacts.

Over the past several months, crews have completed the first phase of construction, replacing a critical section of the aging storm sewer 30 feet beneath Broadway while maintaining traffic through the work zone. Reopening all travel lanes improves traffic flow for drivers and represents an important step toward completing this essential infrastructure project.

Construction will continue through late fall 2026, but much of the remaining work will take place away from the roadway as crews complete trail connections, build a 10-foot flood wall, construct multiple retaining walls, install a pedestrian underpass and finish other site improvements. Motorists may still encounter occasional shoulder or lane closures, but the extended traffic shifts that have been in place during the initial phase of construction are ending.

When complete, the project will not only replace aging underground infrastructure but also provide a

safer, more convenient connection for people walking and biking along the Lee Gulch Trail by allowing pedestrian travel beneath Broadway instead of crossing at the busy intersection. The east sidewalk will open as soon as the adjacent grading operations are complete.

The City of Littleton appreciates the community's patience as this important investment in Littleton's infrastructure and trail system continues. For more information, visit the project webpage at LittletonCO.gov/Broadway-Lee-Gulch.



Littleton's Newest Affordable Housing Complex Opens

Celebration was in the air June 30 at the ribbon cutting for Montview Flats, the new affordable housing development in Downtown Littleton – built by South Metro Housing Options with help from Littleton's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO).

The new 50-unit complex on S. Rapp Street will serve households with incomes ranging from 30% to 70% of the area median income. The complex features one- and two-bedroom units, meeting and office space, a fitness room, and an outdoor patio and play structure.

Montview Flats is just steps from Arapahoe Community College, RTD Light Rail, the Littles Creek Trail, and a variety of restaurants and retail.

Funding for the development came in part from Littleton's IHO, which requires developers to include affordable units in multifamily developments, or pay a fee-in-lieu into an affordable housing fund.

The development bolsters Littleton's goal of providing housing across all income levels, including supporting the local workforce.

Learn more, including how to apply for the housing waitlist, at SMHO.co.

Sewer and Storm Drainage Utility Bills Due

The payment deadline for the 2026 Sewer and Storm Drainage Utility Bill is quickly approaching. Full payment is due by August 15 before a 15% late penalty is applied.

A reminder letter was mailed out in early July to accounts with outstanding balances as of June 22.

If a resident did not receive their bill or is not sure if payment was received, they should contact the City of Littleton Finance Department at 303-795-3772 or 303-795-3778, or by email to UtilityBilling@LittletonCO.gov.

The city accepts cash, check, credit/debit card, e-check, or BillPay; additional fees apply when paying by credit/debit card or e-check. Check the back of the bill for more information, including fees and payment deadlines.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All City of Littleton offices and facilities will be closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.

Stay Updated on Blueprint Boulevard

Keep up on the latest with Blueprint Boulevard, the community-driven plan to envision the future of Littleton Boulevard.

The project team is working with the community to create a shared vision focused on mobility and transportation, land use and development, historic and cultural preservation, and green infrastructure and public spaces. Learn more at www.LetsTalkLittleton.org/LittletonBlvd.



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Celebrating Littleton: *Events and Culture Bring History to Life*

Littleton is a dynamic place. It’s a city of ambitious, forward-thinking people — and it has been for a long time. This summer, as America celebrates its 250th anniversary and Colorado celebrates its 150th, here’s a look at Littleton’s unique past, how its heritage is alive today, and how it’s evolving to meet the future.

Loving Littleton Through the Years

In honor of America’s 250th anniversary and Colorado’s 150th, take a journey through Colorado history in Littleton, where blacksmiths still hammer on anvils, Main Street is lined with grand architecture, and neighborhoods teem with lovingly restored homes dating to the days of buggies and butter churns.

Littleton has its origins in the Colorado Gold Rush, developed into a thriving agricultural hub, and today it is one of Colorado’s most cherished small cities. Littleton’s well-preserved historic charm still shines amid a thriving modern vibe. As residents and local leaders work together to shape Littleton’s future, they can draw from the ambitions and resilience of the past.

The earliest inhabitants of what would eventually become Littleton were Paleolithic big-game hunters who used the valley of the South Platte River for hunting and camping roughly 20,000 years ago. By the time of Euro-American settlement in the mid-1800s, Littleton was the homeland of indigenous people including the Arapaho, Cheyenne and Ute.

Littleton’s modern history began two years into the Colorado Gold Rush in 1861, when Richard Sullivan Little, an engineer from New Hampshire, was recruited to complete the stalled City Ditch irrigation project. Little soon filed for a homestead and became the father of the city. Just 245 residents called Littleton home when the city incorporated in 1890. Electricity came to town in 1903. In the years before World War II, the local economy remained largely agricultural, with the town being the central hub to support area farming families.

The Downtown Littleton Historic District boasts dozens of historic buildings in striking styles, including the iconic Italianate/Renaissance Revival facade of Town Hall Arts Center. Boutique galleries and cozy restaurants abound in former theaters, liveries, and saloons. Downtown is bookended by two architectural gems: the 1907 Mission Revival-style courthouse, and the 1917 Beaux-Arts-style Carnegie Library, now home to the Melting Pot fondue restaurant. Historic walking tours are available in the summer months — check HLinc.org for details.

Downtown side streets and nearby historic districts are worthy of a visit to see marvelously preserved Craftsman and Victorian-style homes.

Littleton began its transformation into a modern city after World War II, with the arrival of the Martin Marietta aerospace and defense company (today’s Lockheed Martin), and other companies including Marathon Oil, which brought thousands of new residents. Littleton saw a staggering 300% population growth rate in the 1950s, with the population leaping from almost 3,400 in 1950 to more than 13,600 in 1960. Reflecting this growth, Littleton reorganized as the City of Littleton in 1959, with a city manager form of government. The following year, a professional fire department replaced the old volunteer department.

But Littleton’s historic offerings don’t stop in the horse and buggy era — Littleton Boulevard is lined with dozens of modernist-era buildings, in a stretch dubbed the Mid-Mod Mile for its plethora of Mad Men-style buildings. From the flamboyant Googie-style jutting roof beams of Taco House to striking International-style facades, the corridor is home to a variety of hidden gem shops and restaurants in a unique setting.

Nowhere is history more alive than the free Littleton Museum, home to two fully func-

tional living history farms where costumed interpreters portray life in early Littleton. The museum features a menagerie of livestock, including sheep, cows, chickens, pigs, donkeys, turkeys, and more. Real-live blacksmiths pound out iron creations on a roaring coal forge. Interpreters demonstrate a wide variety of pioneer skills, from cooking over open fires to creating captivating handicrafts.

Today, as it was decades ago, Littleton’s character is protected by community participation. Residents and visitors can experience the civic pride that makes Littleton special at Meet Greet & Eat events, farmers markets, and Western Welcome Week.

Colorado’s history is close at hand in Littleton! Find inspiration and education through tours, events and more at VisitLittleton.org.

Celebrate Hometown Spirit During Western Welcome Week

The best hometown celebration on the Front Range returns in August, as Western Welcome Week kicks off its 98th year of fun, food, and community spirit — and it’s up to the community to make it great!

Founded in 1928, Western Welcome Week is a nine-day extravaganza celebrating Littleton’s community spirit with dozens of family-friendly events and activities. Western Welcome Week is a wonderful way to meet neighbors, enjoy family activities, and deepen appreciation for Littleton’s friendly spirit!

Many events are free to attend. The festivities kick off with the WWW Opening Night with Little Jam, a concert and laser show at Sterne Park Friday, August 7, featuring the Petty Nicks Experience.

Events continue throughout the week, including a kids’ fishing derby, the Stick Horse Rodeo, pancake breakfast, car shows, plays, concerts, dinners, a pig roast, and art exhibits.

Festival Day, the celebration’s main event, is Saturday, August 15, and includes the Grand Parade, a delightful old-school parade down Main Street featuring floats, marching bands, horses, performers, and much more.

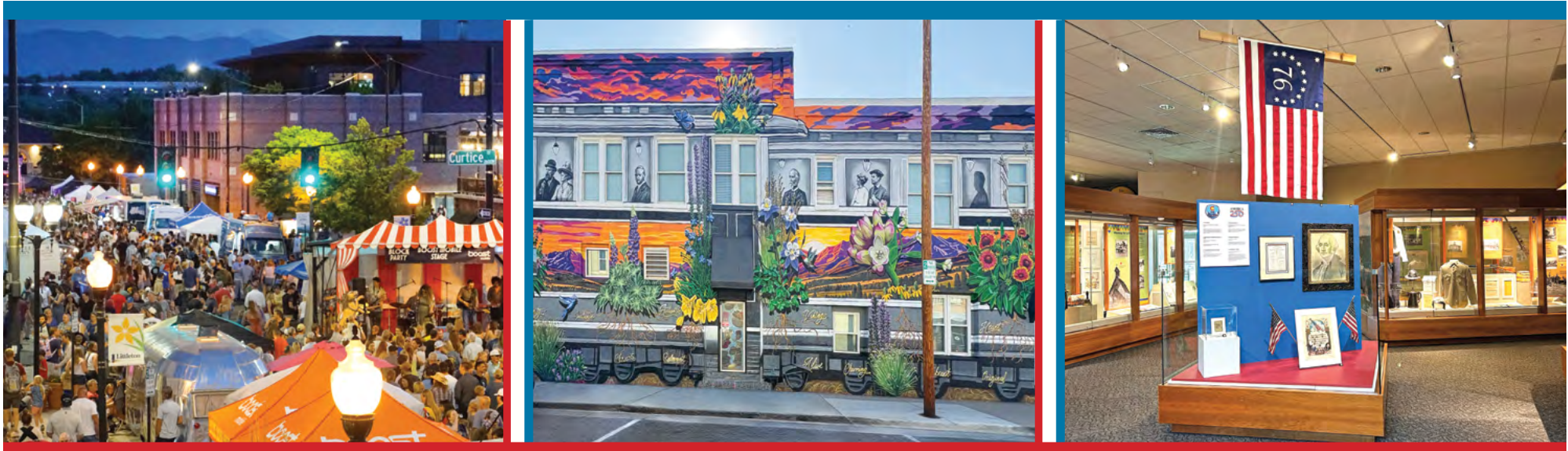
The theme for 2026 is “Colorful Colorado 150 Years!” recognizing Colorado’s 150th birthday as a state.

This year’s Grand Marshal is Littleton legend Bob “Mohawkamania” Bagnall, instantly recognizable for his towering Mohawk hairdo that he decorates with creative designs including American flags — or one-of-a-kind advertisements. Bagnall is a true-blue supporter of Littleton, including through numerous charity events.

Western Welcome Week owes much of its modern success to the longtime leadership of executive director Cindy Hathaway, who first sat on the board in 1996 and took over as executive director in 2000. Hathaway was honored with the 2025 Littleton Arts & Culture Award for her tireless contributions to the event.

Western Welcome Week is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization relying on the generosity of local donors, sponsors, 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.



Project Downtown Main Street Improvements: City Secures \$30 Million in Financing

Project Downtown, the city’s long-term initiative to reinvest in Downtown Littleton’s infrastructure and public spaces, is taking significant steps forward: city council approved key contracts supporting delivery of Phase 1, Main Street Improvements, and approved a \$30 million financing plan to fund the work.

Downtown is the heart of civic life in Littleton, and the forthcoming Main Street Improvements will modernize aging infrastructure while preserving the area’s historic character. The project will address deferred maintenance, restore trees and green infrastructure, and improve safety, walkability, accessibility, and the overall experience for residents, visitors, and businesses.

City council approved a plan to issue up to \$30 million in Certificates of Participation (COPs) to fund Project Downtown improvements. Certificates of Participation are a financing tool that allows cities to fund major capital projects. Investors purchase certificates and receive regular repayment from the city, subject to annual appropriation by city council. The source of repayment for the COPs is generally available revenues of the city.

This isn’t Littleton’s first time using COPs. In 1999, the city issued \$3.4 million in certificates to renovate the Littleton Municipal Courthouse, a historic building dedicated in 1908 that had sat vacant for over a decade. The courthouse was successfully renovated and re-dedicated in 2000. Since then, Littleton has also used COPs to fund renovations to the Littleton Museum, a fleet building, and the construction of a fire station. Littleton’s approach to debt — using it strategically for major projects and paying it off — has kept the city’s overall debt minimal while funding essential improvements.

When Littleton went to market with the COPs offering in July 2026, investors responded enthusiastically. The \$30 million offering attracted orders from major institutional investors including PIMCO, Vanguard, Goldman Sachs, and Northern Trust. This strong demand reflected investor confidence in Littleton’s financial health.

For the first time seeking a credit rating in over 20 years, Littleton received an AA+ issuer rating with an AA rating for the COPs from S&P Global — the firm’s second-highest rating. This is a strong endorsement of the city’s financial strength, reserves, and management.

The pricing was favorable: investors paid \$32.8 million for \$30 million of certificates. These additional proceeds create more funds available for the project.

To move the project from concept to construction, the city has assembled an integrated project delivery team that brings design, construction, project management, and cost-estimating expertise into the planning process from the start. This approach identifies risks early, improves cost certainty, and supports informed decision-making before construction begins.

The project team will now advance preliminary design, evaluate parking and curbside strategies, validate costs and constructability, and support stakeholder engagement. This initial design phase is critical to balancing long-term improvements with the day-to-day needs of Downtown Littleton.

This project reflects Littleton’s commitment to supporting a dynamic downtown while recognizing the complexity of delivering improvements in an active business district. The phased approach, combined with a project delivery team specifically assembled to manage risk, will help ensure that when construction begins, it is practical, well-planned, and aligned with downtown’s needs.

LDDA Celebrates Completion of New Downtown Mural

The Littleton Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) is proud to announce the completion of “Those That Carried Us Here,” a large-scale mural by Littleton artist Katy Casper and the first major installation in the organization’s new public art program.

Located on the west-facing wall of the building at 2490 Main Street, the approximately 2,420-square-foot mural transforms the historic downtown Crawford Saloon building into a colorful tribute to the people, places, and stories that helped shape Littleton.

Selected through a competitive public process, Casper’s design reimagines the building façade as a vintage Littleton trolley traveling through time, memory, and community identity. Inspired by the electric trolley that once ran along Downtown Littleton’s Main Street, the mural incorporates the building’s existing architectural features into the artwork, allowing the structure itself to become part of the story.

The mural was funded through a partnership between the LDDA, the property owners, David and Michelle Coe, and a City of Littleton Arts and Culture Grant. The project is protected with an anti-graffiti coating to help preserve the artwork for years to come.

Downtown Littleton Block Party Draws Nearly 19,000 Visits, Establishes Event as Regional Destination

The Littleton Downtown Development Authority’s (LDDA) 2026 Downtown Littleton Block Party delivered record-breaking results, drawing an estimated 18,500 visits to Historic Downtown Littleton on Saturday, June 13.

The free event, now in its second year under LDDA management, transformed Downtown Littleton into a community celebration featuring entertainment stages, live bands, food and marketplace vendors, roaming street performers, a Family Zone in Bega Park, and a dazzling fireworks show. More than 100 volunteers and 35 sponsors helped bring the event to life.

“The Downtown Littleton Block Party is one of the most visible ways we bring the DDA’s vision for a vibrant downtown to life,” said Ruth Graham, Chair of the LDDA Board of Directors. “When thousands of people gather on Main Street to enjoy local businesses, live entertainment and community experiences, we’re doing exactly what the DDA was created to do: support economic vitality, activate public spaces and create meaningful connections between people and place.”

The LDDA will evaluate community feedback and use insights from this year’s event to begin planning for the 2027 event.

Celebrate 250/150 at the Littleton Museum

What do a faithful recreation of the Declaration of Independence and a commemorative Colorado-themed bottle of Jim Beam have in common? They’re just two of the eclectic items showcased as part of the Littleton Museum’s “America 250 — Colorado 150” exhibit, on display through the end of the year.

The Littleton Museum’s indoor galleries host a dizzying array of artifacts from Littleton’s journey from frontier farm town to bustling modern small city.

Many seldom-seen, interesting, and whimsical items are showcased as part of the anniversary exhibit, presented in the museum’s main lobby and in a case in the History Gallery.

The Pikes Peak-shaped Jim Beam bottle, by the way, commemorates the nation’s 1976 Bicentennial — but also a moment when the federal government levied heavy taxes on aged liquor in glass bottles. The answer? Package them in porcelain bottles instead!

Learn more at LittletonMuseum.org.

Littleton Events

Recurring Events

- Aspen Grove Farmers Market | every Friday through September 25
- Paris Street Market at Aspen Grove | first Saturday of every month through October
- Downtown Littleton Farmers Market | every Saturday through September 26
- Downtown Littleton Wine Walks | Final Friday of each month through September | July 31, August 28 and September 25, 4:30 – 7:30 PM | Downtown Littleton

August

- 2** Outdoor Craft Fair | 9 AM – 3 PM | Arapahoe Community College
- 7, 13** Downtown Historic Walking Tour | 6 – 7:15 PM | Depot Art Gallery
- 19** Meet, Greet, & Eat! | 4 – 6 PM | Southbridge Park, 7791 S. Windermere St.

WESTERN WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

- 7** Opening Night Concert and Little Jam | 5 – 10 PM | Sterne Park
- 9** Pancake Stampede 5K | 8 – 10 AM | Hudson Gardens & Events Center
- 9** Chris Janson at Hudson Gardens | 6 PM | Hudson Gardens & Event Center
- 12** Taste of Western Welcome Week & Silent Auction | 6 – 8:30 PM | Littleton Center
- 15** Festival Day | Maker/Crafter Fair | 8 AM – 4 PM | Downtown Littleton
- Grand Parade | 10 AM – 12 noon | Littleton Boulevard to Main Street

September

- 4** Downtown Historic Walking Tour | 6 – 7:15 PM | Depot Art Gallery
- 16** Meet, Greet, & Eat! | 4 – 6 PM | Charley Emley Park, 2301 W. Briarwood Ave.
- 11 – 20** Littleton Restaurant Week | Littleton
- 18 – 24** *Almost Heaven: Songs of John Denver* at Town Hall Arts Center



Visit Littleton Events

VisitLittleton.org



BOOKS & BEYOND

NEWS & EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEATURED PROGRAMS

Art is Play: Paint in Motion Workshop
Saturday, August 22, 1–3 p.m.

Dip, roll, spin and drip to paint and create together with open-ended art exploration stations in this all-ages workshop. For more hands-on learning, pair this program with a visit to the Littleton Museum to see the interactive exhibition “Gear Up: The Science of Bikes” developed by Carnegie Science Center.

Memoir Writing Workshop with Andrea Asali
Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m.

Join teaching artist Andrea Asali to talk about the people, pets, places, events, joys, and challenges that have defined life. Create word art, poems, and memoir to capture the stories. Registration Required.

Big Ideas Lecture Series
September 3, October 8, and November 5 at 6 p.m.

The Big Ideas Lectures Series returns, bringing faculty from the School of Arts, Culture, & Society at Arapahoe Community College into the community to share fresh insights around questions connected to the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Hosted by Bemis Library, each talk is free, public, and designed to spark thought and conversation.

Touch-a-Truck
Friday, September 25, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Bring the family to the library parking lot for a hands-on exploration of Littleton service vehicles! See Police, Utilities, and South Metro Fire trucks up close and discover how these big machines work. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and help kids learn more about the equipment that keeps the city running.

Legendary Ladies
Saturday, September 26, 2 p.m.

Travel back in time to hear the stories of real women who made a significant impact on the West. Meet Louise Sneed Hill, Rattlesnake Kate, Mary Rippon, Susan Shelby Magoffin, Mary Madeline “May” Bonfils Stanton, and Josie Bassett.

Adult Summer Reading continues through August 31. Return completed bingo cards by 8 p.m. to be entered in the prize drawing.

Find the full schedule of all programs and events at BemisLibrary.org/Calendar



THANK YOU SUMMER READING SUPPORTERS!



Bemis Public Library wishes to thank these local sponsors for their generous support of the 2026 Summer Reading Program:

• Andy’s Frozen Custard	• South Suburban Parks and Recreation
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• Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers	• Friends of the Library and Museum
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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. The museum is located at 6028 S. Gallup Street. There is no charge for admission, but donations are accepted. Find out more at LittletonMuseum.org.

Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visitors can purchase Halloween pumpkins and enjoy wagon rides, 1890s carnival games, historical demonstrations, photo opportunities, and a musical performance in the pumpkin patch. Admission is free. Snacks, wagon rides, pumpkins, and carnival games are available for purchase.





Route 66 Fitness Challenge

From now through August 31, make every mile count on South Suburban’s trails, parks and facilities, and pools with the Get Your Kicks: Route 66 Fitness Challenge. As participants log their progress, they’ll “travel” the iconic Route 66 while learning fun facts. All participants will earn a medal, and the top 10 mileage leaders will take home a challenge t-shirt. Learn more and register at Register.SSPRD.org.

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 2027 Budget
Get involved and learn more about South Suburban’s major goals for 2027! 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 SSPR’s Sports Complex, 4810 E. County Line Road on the following dates: August 12, September 9, October 14.
For additional information, call the South Suburban Administration Office at 303-798-5131, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Annual Maintenance Closure 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 weekly closures.
Buck Recreation Center will be closed August 17 through 21, and the pool will be closed August 17

through 23. Improvements include: facility deep clean, touch up painting, resurface wood floors, cabana door replacement, slide/water features replacement.

EVENTS

Chris Janson Concert at Hudson Gardens & Event Center
The Hudson Gardens & Event Center is excited to welcome multi-platinum country artist Chris Janson Sunday, August 9 for a summer night of live country hits, food and drinks. Janson brings his high-energy show to Hudson Gardens as part of the Western Welcome Week celebration. Find more information and purchase tickets at HudsonGardens.org.

Pancake Stampede 5K | Sunday, August 9
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 the Western Welcome Week celebration.

Rose Garden Maintenance Mornings
Volunteers can help the War Memorial Rose Garden continue to thrive throughout the year by attending weekly Maintenance Mornings. On Saturdays from April through October, drop by from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to help pull weeds and tend to the flower beds. Whether one is a seasoned gardener or just enjoy being outdoors, their time and effort will make a big difference! No RSVP required. For questions, contact Lisa Howell at LHowell@SSPRD.org.

Tacos, Tequila & Traditions! at Hudson Gardens & Event Center
Celebrate the rich flavors, traditions and culture of Mexico September 11 at Hudson Gardens & Event Center. Enjoy taco stations, tequila tastings, live mariachi music and vibrant dance performances. Find more information and register at HudsonGardens.org.

Enchanted Evening at South Platte Park
On September 25, enjoy South Platte Park after dark with a magical night of live music and refreshments, art projects, guided walks and special activities. Visit Register.SSPRD.org to learn more and register.

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Downtown Littleton Farmers Market

It's not August in Colorado without Olathe corn, Rocky Ford melons, and Palisade peaches. Pick up some of the Centennial State's finest produce and lots more at the new Downtown Littleton Farmers Market, organized by The Local Colorado, creators of the Parker Farmers Market. The market brings nearly 40 curated vendors in meat, dairy, produce, baked goods, and more to Downtown Littleton. Support local producers and take home some great groceries. The market operates every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through September 26 on Nevada Street between Main and Powers Avenues. For more information, or to apply to become a vendor, visit TheLocalColorado.com.

Cutting-Edge Award Nominations Now Open

Nominations are open for Littleton's 2026 Cutting-Edge Awards!

Residents and business owners are encouraged to nominate businesses located in the Littleton city limits that demonstrate characteristics such as creativity, economic growth, community engagement, and sustainability. The award winners will receive \$500 to support business operations, a commemorative award plaque for display, special mention in city media publications, and a complimentary one-year membership with the Littleton Business Chamber.

Nominations are open through August 31. Visit LittletonCO.gov/CEA.



Port of Subs

Got a hungry crew? Sail into Port of Subs, Littleton's new sandwich shop in the Littleton Square shopping center. Port of Subs offers a wide array of hot and cold sub sandwiches — roast beef, pastrami, salami, chicken melts, and more — as well as wraps, salads, and breakfast subs (think king-size sausage and egg sandwich). Don't forget cookies and brownies for dessert! Port of Subs also offers all sorts of catering options, including party subs and meat, cheese, and veggie trays. Littleton is the third Colorado spot for the Nevada-based company, which has locations in 10 states. Port of Subs also hosts fundraisers for local groups and causes. Port of Subs is at 40 W. Littleton Boulevard #204A. For more information, visit PortOfSubs.com or call 720-769-3261.



Hujra Kebab & Gyros

When that gyro craving hits, nothing else will do. Hujra Kebab & Gyros has the answer, with a menu loaded with Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine — authentic gyros, kebabs, falafel, grilled platters, rice plates, wraps, and a lot more. Don't overlook the scrumptious sides, like breaded mushrooms, zucchini sticks, and dolmas. Save room for desserts like baklava and tiramisu. Kids' meals available too. Hujra Kebab & Gyros is at 2897 W. Belview Avenue Suite A. For more information, visit HujraKebabGyros.com or call 720-703-0821.

Prime & Proper Butcher Shop

Want to be the hero at those late-summer cookouts? Check out Prime & Proper Butcher Shop, newly opened in south Littleton. Drawing from the small-town roots of expert butcher Mitch Peterson and mom-and-son team Tammy and Kiel Neuhaus, Prime & Proper aims to offer top-notch cuts with old-school customer service. The shop features a wide range of meats, including grass-fed beef, free-range poultry, all-natural pork, and housemade sausage. Check out the specialty meats, including lamb, elk, and more exotic fare — ever tried alligator or camel? Rounding out the shop are rubs, spices, marinades, cheeses, breads, condiments, desserts, and fresh produce from local farms. Don't leave Fido begging — Prime & Proper also offers homemade all-natural dog food. Prime & Proper is at 131 W. County Line Road. For more information, visit PrimeAndProperButcher.com or call 720-508-4976.



2026 Littleton Craft Fair Saturday, October 3

Shop more than 250 booths of handcrafted items and artisan foods at the 55th annual Littleton Craft Fair on Saturday, October 3 at Ketring Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Find great items for yourself and gift giving — pottery, paintings, jewelry, woodwork, lotions, candles, holiday décor, and much more! The fair is one of the primary fundraisers for the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, which supports programming that benefits the entire community.

The fair is still taking vendor applications. Crafters and shoppers can visit LittletonCraftFair.org to learn more.

