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City Council Approves SCHEELS Incentive

Littleton has been selected as the home of an exciting new retail destination, following city council's approval of an economic incentive package that clears the way for construction of a SCHEELS destination store at the Mineral Place development, which is expected to open in 2029.

SCHEELS is an employee-owned all-sports retailer. The 300,000-square-foot Littleton location will feature a 60-foot hubless Ferris wheel, Rollerball bowling lanes and a 16,000-gallon saltwater aquarium.

SCHEELS is also notable for its community involvement, with a culture of volunteerism and investment in community causes with an average commitment of 4% of profits back to the local community.

SCHEELS will bring more than 500 new retail jobs and hundreds of construction jobs to Littleton, as well as indirect benefits stemming from employee training, increased employment, tourism, lodger's tax, store events, community events, and more.

Littleton residents will enjoy the benefits of exciting attractions, a stronger tax base to support vital city programs and services for the long-term, a more vibrant local economy, and an enthusiastic partner in community-driven causes — caring for what residents love today, while thoughtfully preparing for the future.

The estimated economic benefit of a store of SCHEELS' magnitude under the incentive agreement far outweighs the potential economic benefit of an alternative retailer on the site without an incentive.

Learn more at LittletonCO.gov/ScheelsApproved.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All City of Littleton facilities will be closed
November 11 for Veterans Day and
November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

City Council Supports Traffic Calming and Retrofit Approach for Elati Corridor

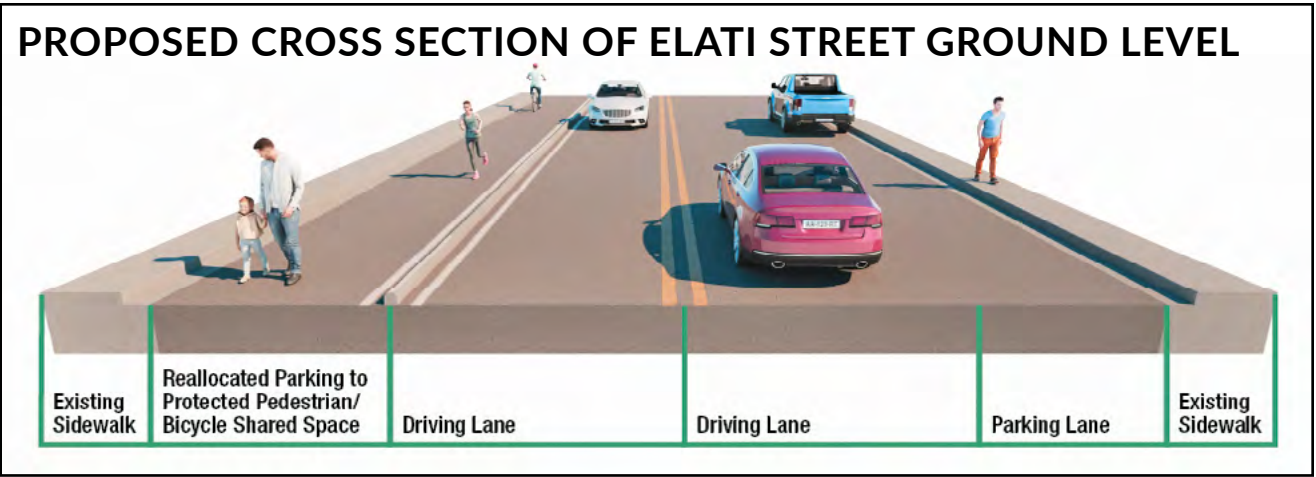
As part of the Safer Streets Littleton initiative, the Elati Street Corridor Study kicked off in spring 2025 with the focus of creating an actionable vision and plan to transform South Elati Street into a roadway that prioritizes safety and comfort for all users, whether driving, walking, biking, or rolling. On September 1, Littleton City Council unanimously supported the staff recommendation, and provided direction to move forward with traffic-calming measures and a near-term retrofit along a shared path corridor.

The decision takes an incremental implementation approach to improving the corridor. Rather than waiting for a larger, more expensive future project, the city will use planned pavement work as an opportunity to implement targeted changes.

Key changes on Elati, south of Caley Avenue, would include:

- Restriping of west side for a 10–12-foot protected shared pedestrian/bicycle space
- Physical buffer between shared path and travel lane using vertical separation materials
- Parking consolidated to east side; estimated 67% of total existing spaces retained

- Shared space implemented where pavement width allows
 - Coordination with 2028 pavement project to reduce cost and disruption.
- Construction is tentatively set to begin in spring 2028. Traffic-calming measures are intended to improve safety and encourage appropriate vehicle speeds, while the retrofit will provide an opportunity to test elements of the broader corridor vision within the existing roadway. The city will conduct additional outreach to property owners as implementation progresses.
- The approach also gives the city a chance to learn from implementation. Staff will assess the impacts and benefits of the traffic-calming and retrofit improvements, using that information to inform future corridor projects and identify additional opportunities for implementation.
- Elati Street, a north-south corridor in Littleton, spans approximately 2.5 miles, from north of Littleton Boulevard to the High Line Canal and provides access to three Littleton schools.
- For more information, including summaries of the three rounds of public engagement, visit the project webpage at LittletonCO.gov.



Littleton Earns Recognition for Employees, Projects and Public Works

The City of Littleton continues to receive recognition for the work of its employees and the quality of its community projects.

Littleton Police Department Public Information Officer Sheera Poelman took home the National Information Officers Association’s 2026 Leadership in Public Information award in August.

This national award recognizes an individual viewed as a leader in the profession who works to assist other public information officers and communication professionals, and has an established record of managing critical incidents and public education campaigns.

Poelman was nominated by her peers throughout Colorado for not only her work with the Littleton Police Department, but also her statewide public information leadership, mentoring, and volunteering efforts.

Senior Transportation Planner Emily Kleinfelter was named the 2026 Way to Go Commuter of the Year by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The annual Way to Go awards recognize individuals and organizations that help reduce the number of people who drive to work alone, supporting efforts to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

Littleton also received a 2026 Metro Vision Award from DRCOG for the Safer Streets Practice Park. The project, a partnership involving the City of Littleton, East Community Center and Littleton Public Schools, was recognized for excellence, innovation, collabora-



tion, and leadership in addressing community needs. The Practice Park at East Community Center provides an opportunity for community members to learn and practice safe transportation skills in a dedicated environment. In addition to the DRCOG honors, the American Public Works Association Colorado Chapter is recognizing the City of Littleton with two awards. The city will receive the 2025 Operations/Maintenance Award for the Littleton In-House Overlay, recognizing the city’s work on its roadway maintenance program. Jessica Stemley, a city engineer, will also receive the Professional Manager of the Year – Engineer award.

Thousands Celebrate Landmark Anniversaries in Downtown Littleton

Central Bank’s Illuminate Littleton presented by The Diamond Reserve lit up downtown with an unforgettable evening of art, music, food, and community celebration marking America’s 250th and Colorado’s 150th anniversaries. Despite an unexpected rainstorm, over 8,000 attendees embraced the weather and had a wonderful time!

The event was designed to bring something unique and special to the downtown area while celebrating the businesses and talented artists who make Littleton



special and driving new visitors to the city. Participants explored immersive illuminated art installations, kids enjoyed a sticker scavenger hunt across 15 local businesses, and everyone enjoyed art exhibits from local artists, roaming live performances, as well as drinks and flavors from local bars and restaurants. The night culminated in an epic drone show – and while it went off a little later than planned, it was well worth the wait! Thank you to the incredible volunteers, attendees, and sponsors whose generosity and dedication made this celebration possible. This was an event that had the full support of the community. Special thanks go to the title sponsor, Central Bank, and presenting sponsor, The Diamond Reserve, along with AdventHealth Littleton, The Melting Pot, Redstone Bank, Mobility Auto Group, Carboy Winery, Fenstersheib Law Group, SouthPark Owners Association, KDVR, Shift Workspaces, KOSI 101.1, Littleton Arts, Colorado Eye Consultants, ACC Foundation, PDA Road Gear, Cultivator Advertising & Design, Lift Up Littleton, and Staybridge Suites Littleton. The support of these sponsors helped prove that a little weather couldn’t dampen Littleton’s community spirit!

Report Finds Arts and Culture are Economic Engines

Littleton’s thriving arts and culture sector is also an economic powerhouse supporting hundreds of jobs and significant annual economic output, according to an Arts and Culture Economic Impact Report presented to city council July 28.

The arts and culture sector drives \$48.2 million in annual output, the report found, and supports 420 local jobs.

The sector also represents a sort of “economic fly-wheel” effect, with arts and culture visitors representing 5% to 10% of Littleton’s annual lodging tax revenues – funds which are then used to support further arts, culture and tourism efforts.

Arts and culture grants through the City of Littleton effectively pay for themselves, with 15% to 20% of distributed grant dollars directly recouped by the city via lodging taxes alone.

Major arts and culture anchors like Hudson Gardens and Town Hall Arts Center serve as the catalysts for surrounding downtown restaurant, retail, and late-evening hospitality spending.

Littleton’s arts and culture sector contributes 0.92% to the city’s gross domestic product, significantly beating the national average of 0.50% and the statewide average of 0.35%.

The report recommended that Littleton should pursue a formal Creative District Designation via the Colorado Office of Economic Development, which could unlock state-level marketing and technical resources, compounding the city’s current economic advantage.

The report concluded that active municipal stewardship of these cultural assets will stabilize the local tax base while ensuring Littleton remains a vibrant, premier destination to live, work, and visit.



Rate Study Final Report Set to Go Before Council

The City of Littleton is nearing completion of its Sewer and Stormwater Rate Study, which examines the utility system’s current and future financial needs and evaluates potential changes to customer rates.

The proposed rate structure is intended to provide more stable, sustainable funding for operating, main-

Sewer & Stormwater Rate Study Timeline*



*subject to change

taining, and improving Littleton’s sewer and stormwater systems. The study also considers how costs are distributed among different types of customers. Under the proposal presented at the summer open house and webinar, an average single-family customer inside Littleton could see an increase of approximately \$12 per month on their utility bill. A typical four-unit multifamily customer could see an increase of approximately \$17 per month. More information is available at LetsTalkLittleton.org, where applicable customers can view the Open House boards and Informational Webinar, and take the Billing Frequency Poll through Monday, October 5. The Rate Study Final Report is scheduled to be presented to Littleton City Council Tuesday, October 6.

Gene Enley Sworn in as Littleton Police Chief



Gene Enley was sworn in as Littleton’s new Chief of Police at a ceremony Wednesday, August 19. 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 confidence in his leadership during periods of transition.



Caring for What We Love, Preparing for What Comes Next

Littleton is on the move. From streets and sidewalks to downtown revitalization to aging facility replacement, the city is investing in the infrastructure and spaces that residents depend on and love. Littleton is ensuring reliable services, strong neighborhoods, and economic vitality for decades to come. Here’s a look at the work underway right now: how tax dollars are being thoughtfully invested, how community voices are shaping what comes next, and why planning ahead avoids emergencies later.

Project Downtown Moving Forward

The City of Littleton is moving forward with the Main Street Improvements Project, the first phase of implementation of Project Downtown, the city’s adopted plan for improving mobility, streetscapes, and the downtown experience.

Work is now underway to advance the adopted Main Street vision into preliminary design. This phase will explore how improvements can enhance the pedestrian experience, support downtown businesses and activity, add trees and landscaping, provide flexibility for events and public spaces, and underscore the unique identity of historic Downtown Littleton. As the design progresses, the city will continue working with downtown businesses, property owners, the Littleton Downtown Development Authority, and the broader community.

Because the project will continue to evolve throughout preliminary design, Let’s Talk Littleton is the best source for the most current Main Street information, including project updates, upcoming engagement opportunities, presentations, and key milestones. Visit LetsTalkLittleton.org.

New Vision for Belleview Service Center Taking Shape

City officials are making headway on plans for a modern facility to replace aging and inadequate buildings at the Belleview Service Center. The replacement will help ensure vital services can be delivered effectively and reliably for decades to come.

The Belleview Service Center is a critical City of Littleton operational hub, housing city vehicles including snowplows, utility trucks, sewer maintenance vehicles, and more. The buildings support street maintenance, utilities operations, facilities and grounds maintenance, and other essential Public Works services. Buildings 2 and 3, constructed in 1948 and 1961, have exceeded their useful lives and no longer adequately support modern operations.

The aging buildings present numerous operational and facility challenges, including inefficient layouts, limited clearances for modern city vehicles and equipment, aging building and electrical systems, inadequate ventilation and temperature control, roof and drainage issues, and other safety and operational limitations. Rather than continue investing in aging facilities that no longer adequately support city operations, the city is planning for replacement of Buildings 2 and 3 with a modern facility designed around current needs.

Over the past year, the city has been developing a “Basis of Design” — a planning framework that defines operational and space requirements, evaluates site and facility needs, and establishes preliminary cost and schedule considerations for a future replacement facility.

Following a staff presentation exploring three program options, city council unanimously expressed support for the “Full Expansion” option recommended by staff, which envisions an approximately 46,000-square-foot facility and addresses core requirements identified through the planning process.

The facility would provide additional capacity for vehicles and equipment, pull-through bays to improve vehicle circulation, solar-ready infrastructure, electric vehicle charging capabilities, appropriate office and staff support space, and modern building systems designed to improve safety, efficiency, durability, and long-term adaptability.

Council’s direction establishes the Full Expansion program as the basis for the next phase of project planning and future design, but does not authorize construction, establish a final budget, or approve future project expenditures.

The current estimated cost of the facility is \$33 million, within the range previously es-

tablished by city leaders for the project. Staff will soon begin conducting a financial analysis of the proposal, including possible funding mechanisms.

These crucial building replacements will help ensure Littleton is prepared for growth, change, and uncertainty now and far into the future.

Geneva Village: Planning for the Future

City leaders are exploring the future of Geneva Village, a property near Downtown Littleton that was previously home to an age-restricted apartment complex. City council held a study session August 11 to hear about potential pathways forward for the site.

The City of Littleton made the difficult decision to sunset residency at Geneva Village following evaluations showing the facility was struggling with safety concerns and excessive maintenance costs. The departure of the last residents was an important milestone, but it was not the beginning of an immediate redevelopment project. The city has completed its immediate responsibility of relocating residents and is now working through a much larger question: how should this property contribute to the future of Downtown Littleton and the community as a whole?

The property has been city-owned since 1975. The 28-unit housing complex is now unoccupied, with utilities disconnected. Rather than moving directly toward a development decision, the city is taking an intentional approach to understand the site’s potential, establish a vision, identify the resources and funding that would be required, and complete the necessary community and planning work before announcing development decisions or timelines.

The site represents a rare opportunity at the northern gateway to Downtown Littleton, part of a much larger opportunity to strengthen the connection to downtown, complementing the downtown neighborhood as the heart of community life in Littleton.

As part of that planning process, city staff commissioned a technical assistance report from the Urban Land Institute (ULI). The ULI Technical Advisory Panel was an early step in helping the city understand the site’s opportunities and challenges. Its recommendations call for a walkable, connected, inclusive community that honors the site’s historic and natural assets.

Four redevelopment scenarios have been presented for consideration: all residential, mixed use, all commercial, or civic-oriented. All scenarios would preserve the historic Geneva Lodge and integrate Geneva Park and Slaughterhouse Gulch into the design.

City council is also considering what role the city should play in redevelopment: selling the land outright for one-time proceeds, ground-leasing to generate ongoing revenue, partnering as a master developer for maximum control, or pursuing public-private partnerships.

Potential financing tools include tax increment financing through the Littleton Downtown Development Authority, fee waivers, and special districts.

The August 11 study session provided an opportunity for city council to learn from other peer city experiences, discuss the site’s direction, priorities, and potential next steps without implying that a final redevelopment concept or timeline has been selected. A second discussion is planned for late October to outline next steps in 2027.

Approaching Geneva Village methodically ensures the city understands the financial and development considerations to include the community in the necessary planning and engagement before moving toward a redevelopment decision. The goal is not simply to redevelop a city-owned property, but to determine how this important Northern Gateway can contribute to Littleton’s future and honor the top priority that residents and businesses named Downtown in the city’s 2040 Envision Littleton Plan.



Prince Street Link Project Brings Improvements, and Temporary Traffic Impacts, to Downtown

Construction on the City of Littleton's Prince Street Link project is expected to begin soon and continue through February 2027. The project will make safety, accessibility, and multimodal improvements along South Prince Street between West Lake Avenue and West Alamo Avenue, including a significant reconstruction of the South Prince Street and Church Avenue intersection.

While the improvements will provide long-term benefits for people walking, biking, driving, and accessing transit, construction will mean temporary changes to traffic and travel patterns in and around downtown Littleton this fall and winter.

Drivers should expect construction activity, lane and intersection impacts, and possible delays along South Prince Street as work progresses.

The timing of the project also means that some impacts will occur during the busy fall and holiday season and continue into the winter. Residents and visitors heading downtown are encouraged to plan ahead.

The Prince Street Link project is designed to improve connections between Downtown Littleton and several important destinations, including Arapahoe Community College, the Colorado Center for the Blind, and the RTD Downtown Littleton light rail station.

The project will reconstruct portions of the roadway and sidewalks, install wider and more accessible sidewalks where possible, add ADA-compliant curb ramps and bicycle lanes, and upgrade traffic signal equipment. The signal improvements will provide additional crossing time and improved pedestrian safety.

The project is funded through a Colorado Department of Transportation Safer Main Streets grant, as well as local funds.

Project timing and traffic controls may change due to weather impacts. For more information and updates, visit LittletonCO.gov/Prince-Street-Link or contact the Public Works project team at 303-795-3863 or PWProjects@LittletonCO.gov.

Littleton Begins Update of Transportation Master Plan

In October, Littleton City Council will consider a services agreement to begin updating the city's Transportation Master Plan (TMP), an important step in shaping how people will move around Littleton in the years ahead.

The city's current TMP was adopted in 2019 as part of Envision Littleton, the community's long-range comprehensive plan. It established a vision for a transportation system that connects people to community resources and opportunities while supporting safety, accessibility, economic vitality and environmental sustainability.

The plan takes a multimodal approach to transportation, looking beyond roadways and automobiles to consider the full network of streets, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, trails, transit, and other ways people travel throughout the community.

Now, Littleton is preparing for a comprehensive update. The city has identified a full update of the TMP as a 2026 priority, with the goal of ensuring the plan continues to reflect current community needs, transportation conditions and Littleton's long-term vision.

The updated plan will provide an opportunity to take a fresh look at the city's transportation network and identify priorities for future investments. This includes considering how the city can improve connections for people walking, biking, driving and using transit, while also addressing transportation safety, congestion, infrastructure needs, and accessibility.

Community input will be an important part of the process. The updated TMP engagement effort will kick off over the next few months. It is anticipated to take 18 to 20 months with a goal of plan adoption in early 2028. To learn more about the TMP, visit LittletonCO.gov/TMP. Later this year, a community engagement page will launch on LetsTalkLittleton.org.

Littleton Moves Forward with Hauler Licensing Ordinance

As part of the South Metro Waste Diversion Plan, the City of Littleton is developing a hauler licensing ordinance designed to improve waste and recycling services, increase accountability, and help the community track progress.

Littleton and the City of Centennial recently used the Colorado Circular Communities Technical Assistance Program to conduct a joint hauler engagement project. With assistance from consultant Resource Recycling Systems, the cities worked with waste haulers providing trash, recycling, and organics services in both communities.

A hauler licensing program can provide several benefits, including standardized data collection, greater transparency for residents and businesses, a more level playing field among haulers, clearer accountability, defined insurance requirements, and increased access to recycling services. Several neighboring communities, including Englewood, already have hauler licensing programs.

Littleton staff presented key recommendations to city council on August 18:

- Annual standardized reporting: Haulers provide information such as tonnage by material type and service data to help the city track waste diversion.
- Free curbside recycling: Curbside haulers would be required to provide recycling at no additional cost to residents, provided the Colorado Producer Responsibility Program is active.
- Volume-based pricing: Haulers would be required to offer residents in single-family homes and small multifamily units a "pay-as-you-throw" pricing option. Customers have greater control over their costs by paying based on the amount of trash they generate.

For most residents, the biggest change will depend on whether their current hauler chooses to participate in the licensing program. Beginning in January 2027, haulers operating in Littleton will need to be licensed. If a resident's current hauler chooses not to obtain a license, the resident will need to switch to a hauler that participates in the licensing program.

For more information, visit Littleton's Trash and Recycling Services webpage at LittletonCO.gov/Trash-Recycling. Questions can be directed to Sustainability@LittletonCO.gov.

You Bet Your Asphalt: Paving Program Rolling Along

Public works crews and contractors have been working hard this summer to improve roads across the city through strategic, preventive maintenance that keeps Littleton's transportation network safe and functional.

This year, more than 10% of the city's 364 lane miles are being addressed through multiple programs:

- Mill and Overlay (16 miles): This rejuvenation process grinds off and replaces the damaged top layer of asphalt, extending road life and smoothing driving surfaces.
- Surface Sealing (38 miles): A thin protective treatment applied to existing pavement to slow deterioration and extend usable life.
- Miscellaneous Concrete Program: Adding ADA-compliant curbs, repairing sidewalks and gutters, and improving pedestrian accessibility.
- Completion of the Euclid Avenue Multimodal Improvements Project, bringing Littleton's first "Complete Street" to the road in front of Euclid Middle School — offering comprehensive safety enhancements for pedestrians and bicyclists.

For detailed project information, a five-year map, and updates, visit LittletonCO.gov/Paving or check LittletonCO.gov/ConeZone for real-time construction alerts. All pavement programs are subject to change based on funding, capacity, or other city priorities.

Blueprint Boulevard Open House October 12

Littleton Boulevard is evolving, and hearing from the community is vital in shaping its future!

Throughout 2026, residents, businesses, and stakeholders have been weighing in on the future of this key corridor as part of Blueprint Boulevard, a master planning effort seeking to define the community's vision.

An upcoming open house event October 12 will build on community input received so far, and analysis of the current conditions of Littleton Boulevard.

The next phase of the planning process is the development of recommendations for each of the plan's focus areas, which will provide strategies to achieve the vision and goals for Littleton Boulevard and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Community feedback at the open house will help create the long-term vision and goals for Littleton Boulevard and the surrounding neighborhoods.

When: Monday, October 12, 4 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: EPIC Campus, 190 E. Littleton Boulevard

Can't make it to the open house? Find alternative ways to share feedback – and lots more about the project – at LetsTalkLittleton.org/LittletonBlvd.



Sparkle and Stroll Rewards Local Shopping All Season Long

This holiday season, get rewarded for shopping local by participating in "Sparkle and Stroll," presented by the Littleton Downtown Development Authority.

Shoppers can pick up a "Sparkle Card" from participating businesses and collect stamps every time they shop or dine in Downtown Littleton from November 27 to December 24. Upload a photo of the Sparkle Card or drop it off at the Town Hall Arts Center to be eligible to win gift cards all season long as well as a \$250 grand prize, announced in January.

Don't forget to use the Open Rewards app to earn 5% cash back from participating businesses! Learn more at VisitLittleton.org.



Lace Up! The 2026 Stride is Here

The Littleton Public Schools Foundation will host the 31st Annual Stride 5K, Kids Fun Run and Health & Wellness Expo Sunday, October 25 at the Littleton Museum.

A longtime Littleton tradition, The Stride brings together nearly 2,000 students, families, educators, volunteers, and community members for a morning focused on health, wellness and school spirit. Participants of all ages and abilities are encouraged to walk, run, or roll in the 5K, while younger participants can take part in the Kids Fun Run.

Registration is open for individuals and families.

Proceeds from The Stride support the Littleton Public Schools Foundation and its work to enhance educational opportunities and support students across Littleton Public Schools.

Event details and registration are available at RunTheStride.com.



Littleton Community Retreat and Nonprofit Day of Service set for November 6 and 7

The Littleton Community Retreat, founded over 50 years ago, has helped guide the future of Littleton ever since.

This year's retreat, titled "Local Nonprofits – The Next Generation," will be held at the Littleton Museum Friday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Speakers will examine the challenges facing nonprofits, strategies for adapting and growth, funding support, and more.

Then, on Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to noon, choose to help a Littleton nonprofit as they give

back to their community in an optional Day of Service.

Admission is \$25 and includes the full Friday program and Happy Hour at Littleton Brewing Company. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the entry fee.

To register, make out a check to the Littleton Community Retreat and send to Amy Conklin, 6795 S. Elati St., Littleton, CO 80120, or register online at LittletonCommunityRetreat.org. Contact Conklin with questions by emailing Amy.Conklin@Comcast.net.

Candlelight Walk Returns Friday, November 27

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season at the annual Candlelight Walk and holiday parade in the heart of Downtown Littleton, Friday, November 27!

Experience the charm of Main Street with festive entertainment before the parade, including performers, musical acts, small bites, and more.

New this year: the parade route will start at Alamo and Rapp Streets and end at Main and Sycamore Streets. The stage with performances will be located in front of Grande Station and the lighting of the holiday trees will take place in Bega Park.

Returning this year: attendees 21 and older can purchase a holiday cocktail to enjoy while strolling the event. Entertainment on Main Street will begin at 5 p.m., including photos with Santa. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Santa will light the trees following the parade, then a dazzling holiday drone show will illuminate the sky above the Melting Pot at the west end of Main Street.

Learn more at VisitLittleton.org/Candlelight.



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FEATURED PROGRAMS

Big Ideas Lecture Series
Thursdays, October 8, November 5, December 3 | 6 p.m.

The Big Ideas Lecture Series brings 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.

Costume and Dress-up Swap
Saturday, October 10 | 10-11 a.m.

Donate gently used costumes and dress-up clothes at the Children's Desk October 3 through 9. Each child and teen will get a ticket for one costume or outfit from the swap. Donations are not required to participate.



Active Minds: Colorado Ballot 2026
Monday, October 12 | 2 p.m.

Join Active Minds for an objective review of the current initiatives and referenda on the Colorado statewide ballot this fall. Arguments on both sides will be presented for each proposal along with a review of the referendum and initiative process in Colorado.

Nature in the Neighborhood with Denver Zoo*
Thursday, October 15 | Timed Entry

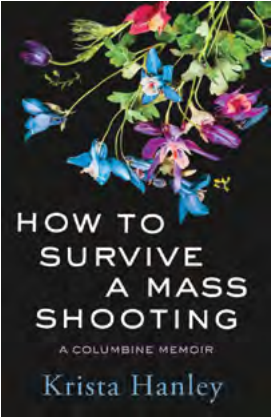
Join the Denver Zoo outreach team for hands-on exploration, nature-based play, sensory activities, and opportunities to build early science skills through curiosity and discovery. Meet small animals up close during live demonstrations and see what wonders the natural world has to offer! For children ages 5-11.

Art is Play: Stacking Sculpture Challenge
Saturday, October 24 | 10 a.m.

Artists of all ages are invited to collaborate and create an open-ended cardboard sculpture challenge, with artwork to be displayed during the Community Art Show in November and then recycled.

Local Author Talk with Krista Hanley
Saturday, October 24 | 2 p.m.

Meet local author Krista Hanley as she discusses her recently published book, *How to Survive a Mass Shooting: A Columbine Memoir*. This event is free to attend. Books will be available for purchase and signing from the author.



Poetry Writing Workshop with Arapahoe Community College*
Thursday, November 12 | 5 p.m.

Poetry belongs to everyone. In this generative workshop, explore how the music of language can shape meaning and spark new writing. Writers of all ages and experience levels are welcome. Please bring a notebook.

Digital Discovery: Online Consumer Safety*
Thursday, November 19 | 2 p.m.

In our 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 Online Consumer Safety. Participants will get an overview of online safety and learn practical tips from a staff expert.

*Registration Required

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



Final Public Hearing 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 they'd like prioritized at public hearings for next year's budget. The final public meeting will be held October 14 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the Sports Complex, 4810 E. County Line Road.

Hole-O-Ween at Colorado Journey

Hole-O-Ween is back October 1 through 31! Ghosts, fairies, witches, spiders and more are out to ensure the entire group has a frighteningly good time. Hole-O-Ween provides a fun experience for all visitors, featuring Halloween-themed holes and spooky kid-friendly decorations. Daily admission rates apply; learn more at SSPRD.org.

Registration for Winter Classes, Events and Leagues Opens

Registration for all winter classes, camps, and programs opens October 20. Visit Register.SSPRD.org to view a full list of available programs and secure a spot.

Hudson Holidays

Hudson Holidays is back for the 2026 holiday season! The festivities kick off on Friday, November 27, with shows running on select dates through January 3, 2027. Take a spectacular stroll through the gardens, explore the lighted maze and admire the larger-than-life themed exhibits. The family-friendly event features theme nights, warm beverages and cocktails for purchase, Santa photo opportunities and special events throughout the season. The ticket presale is from November 6 at 10 a.m. until November 8 at mid-

night. General sale tickets are available beginning November 9 at 10 a.m. Learn more and purchase tickets at HudsonGardens.org/Hudson-Holidays.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Magic of the Jack O'Lanterns

Visit Hudson Gardens to experience a glowing trail of more than 7,000 magnificent, hand-carved pumpkins. Now through November 1, a magical light show illuminates a nautical seascape, a pirate ship, dinosaurs, dragons and so much more! Find more information and purchase tickets at MagicOfTheJackOLanterns.com.

Try Hockey for Free

October 3 at South Suburban Sports Complex

Children ages 4 through 9 are invited to participate in USA Hockey's annual Try Hockey for Free coed event October 3. Aspiring players of all ability levels can learn the basics of hockey in a fun and safe environment. Learn more and register at SSPRD.org.

Pumpkin Plunge

October 24 at Buck Recreation Center

Take a plunge to find the perfect pumpkin! Swimmers of all ages can plunge for pumpkins in the Buck Recreation Center pool and turn them into spooky masterpieces at the decoration station. Learn more and register at SSPRD.org.

Halloween Creature-fest

October 31 at Carson Nature Center

Before heading out to Trick-or-Treat, swing by the Carson Nature Center during the day to discover the fascinating "creatures" that call the South Platte River ecosystem home. This free event is packed with hands-on, non-scary activities for all ages. Costumes are highly encouraged. Learn more and register at SSPRD.org.

Littleton Museum

Harvest Festival

The annual Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the living history farms of the Littleton Museum. Visitors can purchase Halloween pumpkins and enjoy wagon rides, 1890s carnival games, historical demonstrations, and other fun, family-friendly activities. Admission is free. Snacks, wagon rides, and carnival games require an additional fee.

'David Ocelotl Garcia: Energy & Movement of Public Art' Opening Reception

The Littleton Museum will host the opening reception for artwork by David Garcia Thursday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. No RSVP is required. All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

'Cover to Cover: The History and Craft of Books' Opening Reception

The Littleton Museum will host the opening reception for Cover to Cover: The History and Craft of Books on Thursday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. No RSVP is required. All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Holiday's Evening

Holiday's Evening will be held Sunday, December 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Littleton Museum. Costumed interpreters will transport visitors back to the winter holidays of the 19th century through demonstrations and historical activities. Tickets go on sale Friday, November 13. The event sells out every year, so visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets early. All activities and refreshments are included in the ticket cost.

Littleton Museum
6028 S. Gallup Street 80120
Saturday, October 10, 2026
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Littleton Businesses Honored for Sustainability Work

Six Littleton businesses will be honored for their strides toward sustainability this year by the Colorado Green Business Network (CGBN).

Breckenridge Brewing, Bridget’s Botanicals, Carboy Winery, DIRT Coffee, and Juniperseed Mercantile all achieved CGBN Silver recognition in 2026, which “recognizes organizations that have begun to integrate sustainability into multiple aspects of their organization with regard to both policy decisions and completed efficiency upgrades.”

Littleton Meats achieved CGBN Bronze status, which “recognizes organizations that have begun to take strides in implementing sustainability into daily operations, and have started to see tangible reductions in resource use as a result.”

All the recognized Littleton businesses are members of Littleton’s Green Business Program, part of the Sustainable Business Partnership of Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan. Learn more at LittletonCO.gov/GreenBusinessProgram



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.

Check Out Littleton’s Business and Development Newsletter

Subscribe to the City of Littleton’s monthly Business and Development Newsletter for the latest on the people, places, and policies that keep Littleton moving forward! To subscribe, visit LittletonCO.gov/DevelopmentNewsletter.



Hodgepodge Market

Talk about truth in advertising: Hodgepodge Market, an eclectic new boutique at the Aspen Grove shopping center, lives up to its name. The shop exudes a classy vintage aesthetic, and features antiques, men’s and women’s apparel, furniture, decor, snacks, gifts, books, jewelry, and lots more. The hodgepodge continues online, with handmade stained glass, vintage glass panels, fused glass, and other unique items. Hodgepodge Market is at 7301 S. Santa Fe Drive #110. For more information, visit Hodgepodge.Market or call 720-985-9421.



The Midnight Toad

Once upon a time, people said Littleton rolled up the sidewalks at night. There’s a lot more nightlife these days, with a hot new addition: The Midnight Toad, offering beer, cocktails, and pool in the midst of a lively event venue. Think karaoke, trivia, stand-up comedy, line dancing, pool tournaments, live music, and a lot more. Check out the local art for sale on the walls, or drop by the La Jefa Tamales truck outside for a spicy bite to eat. Private parties available too. The Midnight Toad is at 5302 S. Federal Circle, Suite A. Learn more at TheMidnightToad.com or call 720-487-6225.

Leaves On Main

Got a green thumb, or wish you did? Check out Leaves on Main, the classy new showcase of indoor plants on Main Street. Leaves on Main aims to make plant care approachable for everyone, from first-time plant owners to experienced collectors. The shop also provides personalized guidance for selecting plants suited to different spaces and lifestyles. The shop believes plants not only brighten a room, but “bring life, beauty, and a sense of calm to every home.” In addition to beautiful houseplants, find handcrafted pottery, curated gifts, and home decor. Leaves on Main is at 2699 Main Street. Find more information at LeavesOnMain.com or call 720-938-7182.



Lewis & Cluck Feed & Supplies

Littleton’s emporium for all things fowl is under new ownership and back in its old scratching grounds. Founded in 2016 on Prince Street, the premier local shop for backyard chickens later moved to South Broadway. Enter recently-retired Littleton Police Commander Steve Skundberg, who traded his badge for a feed scoop, buying the shop and bringing it back to Downtown Littleton. The shop features a wide variety of premium feed, beginner to high-end coops, wild bird feed, and lots of other accessories and supplies. Services include special orders, local delivery, and loading assistance. Looking to start or grow a flock? Keep an eye out for “chick season” in the spring. Coming soon: backyard chicken-keeping classes. Lewis & Cluck is at 5827 S. Rapp Street. For more information, visit LewisAndCluckFeed.com or call 303-797-4818.