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Infrastructure Upgrades on the Way, Thanks to Voters

Thanks to voter support of the 2021 Ballot Issue 3A, which raises funds for an increased pace of capital projects paving the way for transportation improvements, economic growth, and innovation, Littleton’s public works team is gearing up for a busy year of large-scale road and infrastructure upgrades.

Keep an eye out for detours and give crews space on the roadway! For more information, go to [BigThingsLittleton.com](http://BigThingsLittleton.com). Here is a look at what is coming in 2025:

- The Santa Fe and Mineral Improvement Project is scheduled to begin construction late spring and will reduce congestion and improve safety with a realignment known as a quadrant roadway. This project will remove left-turn movements from the intersection, allowing for more “green time” at the traffic signal. The project will provide new traffic signals, lane configurations, signal re-timing, and mobility improvements at this intersection and surrounding areas. This will be the largest scale construction project within the city in the past several decades continuing through 2026 and potentially into 2027.
- The Mineral Mobility East Improvements Project Phase 1 will begin this spring, to provide safety and mobility upgrades along Jackass Hill Road, Mineral Avenue, and the Mineral Avenue Trail. The project includes upgrading existing bike lanes to buffered bike lanes, paving and providing designated space for pedestrians and bicyclists

along the all-season Mineral Avenue Trail, and improvements to two of the High Line Canal Trail crossings in the area. The work is anticipated to be completed this fall.

- The Euclid Avenue Reconstruction Project will bring “complete street design” components to West Euclid Avenue between South Elati Street and the High Line Canal, part of the Safer Streets Littleton initiative.  
Design elements include a 12-foot-wide shared-use path along the north side of the corridor, widened sidewalks along the south side, three raised pedestrian crossings, curb extensions at intersections, and other traffic-calming elements. For more information, visit [LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets](http://LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets).
- The Platte Canyon Road Intersections Improvements Project focuses on the intersections of South Platte Canyon Road with West Mineral Avenue and West Bowles Avenue. The project will enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety with new crossings, resolve traffic conflicts with expanded turn lanes, improve bus stop access with pedestrian ramps, and upgrade signal equipment. The project started in March.
- The Prince Street and Church Avenue Intersection Reconstruction Project will improve deteriorating infrastructure at the intersection of South Prince Street and Church Avenue with improvements to sidewalks and ramps, as



well as pedestrian and vehicular signals to ensure compliance with ADA guidelines. Additionally, the work will replace concrete and asphalt through the intersection, upgrade guardrails, and improve landscaped shoulders. Project activities are scheduled to start in summer.

- West Euclid Avenue between South Gallup Street and South Windermere Street and several adjacent streets will be reconstructed this summer to create a stronger, smoother driving surface. This project will also create a safe and accessible pedestrian route on the northern side of Euclid Avenue, as well as connecting sidewalk gaps on several streets running north to south. This project will begin in mid-summer.

Critical Broadway Repair Will Close Lanes, Open Opportunities

An upcoming critical infrastructure repair project requiring lane closures and delays on South Broadway will also provide a unique opportunity to improve neighborhood connectivity and cyclist and pedestrian safety by adding a pedestrian underpass.

Last year, crews determined an aging metal culvert beneath Broadway just north of Jamison Avenue was deteriorating. While city engineers and specialists with Mile High Flood District have been able to temporarily stabilize the culvert, they also confirmed it must be fully replaced to ensure long-term safety and stability.

Replacing the culvert will require digging a 30-foot-deep trench to remove the old, damaged material and replace it with a more durable concrete pipe. This will require reducing traffic to one lane in each direction on Broadway for the duration of the project, expected to begin in April and be complete in early fall.

While digging into a thoroughfare as heavily traveled as Broadway is rare, it also provides an opportunity to tackle a long-desired project: adding a pedestrian underpass beneath

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## Safer Streets Strategic Plan Under Development

The City of Littleton's Safer Streets initiative has made significant strides toward improving pedestrian and cyclist safety, aiming to make the city safer for all who walk, bike, or drive.

City staff is developing a strategic plan for promoting and advancing Safer Streets Littleton as a sustainable program. The strategic plan is being developed to build upon the base program established in 2024, including direction from city council and input and feedback provided by the Littleton community.



As a result, a vision, mission, and goals have been developed based on key philosophies:

**Strategic plan philosophy:** a change in safety begins with the city establishing a sustainable program; public engagement and education is critical to the program messaging; and future changes must put safety first.

**Vision:** reimagining Littleton's streets as safe, connected, people-first places.

**Mission:** the City of Littleton is dedicated to fostering a culture of safety through community-wide education, collaboration, and forward-thinking transportation solutions that continuously prioritize its commitment to the community's safety.

**Goals:**

- People-first streets: testing, adapting, and building out projects that are focused on all users.
- Culture change: utilizing education, programming, and events to achieve community support of a culture of safety.
- Data-driven decision making: guidance of the program should be based on data and public input.
- Collaboration and resources: focused efforts working with internal and external partnerships, as well as creating a sustainable program.

Once completed, the Safer Streets Strategic Plan will be posted to the City of Littleton website at [LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets](https://LittletonCO.gov/SaferStreets).



## Encouraging Results for the Restorative Justice Program Partnership with Englewood

The Littleton Municipal Court has seen success with its trial of a Restorative Justice Program partnership with Englewood.

Defendants whose cases are referred to the program by the city attorney's office can either choose to enter the program or go through the regular court process of appearing before a judge. In 2024, the program's first year, 19 cases were referred to the program, with seven successful completions, two unsuccessful, and 10 still in progress as of February 2025. The program is administered by the Englewood Municipal Court.

When a defendant enters the program, affected parties in the case meet for a mediated discussion called a "restorative justice conference," after which an "accountability contract" is developed that the defendant must complete within a set time frame. The contract is tailored to each specific case and can include tasks such as paying restitution for any damages caused by the crime, or community service based on the defendant's interests or strengths.

"Structuring accountability agreements to align with offenders' individual circumstances not only helps repair harm within the community but also acknowledges their potential for growth and the value of their contributions to society," said municipal court administrator Danielle Trujillo.

Once the contract is completed, the charges against the defendant are cleared and their criminal record related to the case can be sealed or expunged. It typically takes about six months to go through the program.

Littleton's court staff is encouraged by the results of the 2024 trial program and are hoping to sign an intergovernmental agreement with Englewood this year to secure funding for a formal pilot program.

## Gear up for Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day

The City of Littleton invites children, families, school officials, and community leaders across the city to participate in Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day Wednesday, May 7. Lace up those shoes or strap on a helmet and walk, bike or roll to school alongside friends and family. This national event highlights the joys of active travel and the need for safe routes to schools.

Explore resources for walking, biking, or rolling to school in Littleton by searching "School Route Planner" at [LittletonCO.gov](https://LittletonCO.gov).



## Littleton Cyclists Celebrate Bike Love

Littleton's bicyclists poured their hearts out for the Bike Love Letters contest that asked locals to submit love letters to their beloved two-wheeled friends for Valentine's Day.

Congratulations to Chris Wootten, one of three winners who won a \$130 gift card to Pedal bike shop for his ode to Peyton, the bicycle that got him rolling:

*Peyton!*

*Odd name for a bicycle, and Peyton is no longer my bicycle. My first bike was purchased when Peyton Manning was our quarterback.*

*Since the days of Peyton, I got into riding a bike for pleasure. Somehow, this pleasure allowed me to participate in organized rides such as the MS150, Elephant Rock, and the Copper Triangle.*

*I have probably ridden on every bicycle path within 40 miles of my Littleton home.*

*I discovered my 15-mile commute to work could be lengthened to 25, 40 and even 60 miles depending on weather and legs.*

*Somehow my bad back went away. My fussing over my knee issues went away. My health is surely better now than when Tim Tebow was our quarterback. Someone once told me riding a bicycle is the fountain of youth. Yup.*

*How to (pay) forward a bicycle hobby? I joined Cycling Without Age (CWAL). I have logged over 300 volunteer hours pedaling our trishaws and passengers along the Platte and the High Line Canal.*

*So Peyton, thank you for being you and making me who I am today. I love you. – Chris*

Other Love Letter winners were Clinton Biggs and Holli Reyes. Thanks to everyone who entered!



## Littleton's Economy Gets a Boost from Incentive Programs

Economic incentives offered to qualifying businesses by Littleton's Economic Development team are helping boost the city's quality of life and support important services.

The goal of the incentive program is to foster partnerships between business owners and the city. By incentivizing well-planned business development, the city is able to strengthen its tax base, allowing for further investments in city infrastructure, public services, and city programs and bring new retailers to the city.

Here's a look at some of the accomplishments the incentives program saw in 2024:

- Number 38, a restaurant and bar planned for Littleton Village, received a sales tax rebate incentive to help encourage the company's decision to build on a vacant parcel. The project will provide nearby residents with an attractive new community gathering place, and projections show the city receiving strong sales tax revenues as a result.
- Mineral Place, a mixed-use retail and residential development in south Littleton that will be anchored by a Costco, received a sales tax rebate incentive to help offset high land acquisition and site work costs. Projections predict sizable sales tax revenue that will help support city services — revenue currently lost to nearby municipalities that offer more large-scale retail.
- Fifteen local businesses received Revitalization Incentive Grants, which help pay for exterior improvements like landscaping, lighting, signage, ADA compliance, and other additions to improve the overall aesthetic of the community.
- Eight businesses received COVID Recovery Grants, which help cover the cost of infrastructure improvements to businesses impacted by the pandemic in the Downtown Historic District. Improvements partly funded by the grant include the outdoor patio seating area at Denver Beer Co.



Broadway Repair

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Broadway to connect the east and west sections of the Lee Gulch Trail, offering residents on the east side of Broadway safer access to the High Line Canal Trail on the west side.

Currently, pedestrians and bicyclists traveling along the Lee Gulch Trail must detour 800 feet to cross Broadway at the high-traffic intersection with Jamison Avenue, and cross an access route to AdventHealth Littleton Hospital, risking conflicts with vehicles.

A pedestrian underpass at this location has been identified for decades as a goal in numerous local planning efforts, including the public-led Broadway Corridor Study and the Littleton Linkages Trail Study, but was generally considered a long-shot due to the challenges of major work beneath Broadway.

The City of Littleton is working with local partners to secure funding to complete the underpass project alongside the culvert replacement.

Littleton has recent experience with culvert replacements, owing to some city infrastructure reaching the end of its operational life. In 2023, crews replaced a failed metal culvert beneath Jackass Hill Road, and later completed a similar project beneath East Mineral Avenue.

The City of Littleton will provide ongoing updates to this project as they become available, via channels including the city's website at LittletonCO.gov, social media, the *Littleton Report Online* e-newsletter, and the *Littleton Report* print newsletter.

City Email Addresses Changing in April

City of Littleton email addresses have changed domains, switching from “@littletongov.org” to “@LittletonCO.gov.” The change brings city email addresses in line with the City of Littleton’s updated website domain, LittletonCO.gov, which changed from littletongov.org in 2022. Emails sent to the old email addresses will automatically be forwarded to new addresses for the near future.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

All city offices and facilities including the Littleton Center, Bemis Public Library, the Littleton Museum, and Littleton Municipal Court will be closed **Monday, May 26** in observance of Memorial Day.

Mayor Schlachter to Give State of the City Address

Join Littleton mayor and fellow city leaders as they share Littleton’s accomplishments over the past year and look at the challenges and opportunities on the horizon. The program will be followed by the Littleton Business Chamber’s annual awards presentation, including Business of the Year.

- When: Wednesday, May 14, 7 to 9:30 a.m.
- Where: Ashley Ridge event center, 8199 Southpark Court

Tickets to the event are \$36.40 per person and include breakfast. For more information or to buy tickets, visit LittletonBusinessChamber.org.

City Secures Grant to Look to the Future at Geneva Village



The City of Littleton was selected in January as a recipient of the Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel (ULI TAP) program to explore revitalization efforts for Downtown Littleton’s northern gateway which includes the Geneva Village property. TAPs are volunteers with expertise who help communities address pressing land use issues, brainstorm potential opportunities, and provide recommendations to help inform next steps.

This panel will bring together volunteer experts from various fields to explore creative possibilities and recommend short-, medium-, and long-term steps for the site’s future.

About the Study Area

The Geneva Village site is part of a larger 28-acre area in downtown Littleton that includes the historic Geneva Lodge, Geneva Park, and the Littleton Center. Originally designed in 1964 by Eugene Sternberg as affordable housing for retirees, Geneva Village has been under city ownership since 1975.

Looking to the Future

This effort aligns with the city’s long-term vision for downtown, as outlined in Envision Littleton 2040, the Transportation Master Plan, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan. Key goals for the site include:

- Expanding diverse housing options to support residents at all stages of life.
- Enhancing downtown connectivity and walkability.
- Preserving historic design elements that emphasize natural light, green space, and community-focused design.
- Strengthening public-private partnerships to foster a vibrant and sustainable community.
- Supporting the idea of giving Littleton a “northern gateway” as outlined in Littleton Downtown Development Authority’s (LDDA) Plan of Development.

City council has set a December 31, 2025, deadline for ceasing residential operations at Geneva Village. The city has been assisting residents with relocation support, and most have secured new housing within Littleton.

New Communications Director Selected



The City of Littleton is excited to welcome Jessica Bixenman as its new Director of Communications, Marketing, and Events.

Bixenman comes to Littleton from 11 years at Aurora’s department of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, most recently as the Manager of Marketing and Communications. In this role, she honed her skills in strategic initiatives, crisis communication, media relations, event management, and community engagement.

Prior to Aurora, Bixenman worked as a special event coordinator for Arapahoe County, and as a national event coordinator for the Arabian Horse Association. She holds certifications from the International Association of Public Participation and Federal Emergency Management Agency Incident Command System training. She is a member of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association and the National Recreation and Park Association.

Bixenman holds a bachelor’s degree in agricultural business from Colorado State University. She is a graduate of Littleton’s Heritage High School.

Littleton City Manager Jim Becklenberg said Bixenman stood out from the many strong candidates for the position.

“Jessica brings a solid background in communications skills and experience through her roles with the City of Aurora,” Becklenberg said. “Her credentials, experience, and demonstrated commitment to genuine community engagement distinguished her most clearly from the other outstanding finalists. Our community is facing some big questions about how to embrace the future, and Jessica will be a leader with energy and instincts to help us ensure all can be heard as we do that.”

Bixenman said she is enthusiastic about her new role.

“I’m thrilled for the opportunity to be a part of Littleton’s talented team, leveraging my communications experience to help further connect and foster community pride in the charming and unique city where I too was raised,” Bixenman said. “I look forward to engaging with Littleton’s residents and partners, promoting collaboration and creating memorable experiences to enhance the quality of life for all.”

Bixenman replaces former Communications and Marketing Director Kelli Narde, who retired from the role in September 2024 after 33 years with the city.

Resource Central Offers Deals on Water-Saving Landscaping



Residents looking to lower their water bills and be kind to Mother Earth can transform their thirsty lawns into beautiful, low-water landscapes with Resource Central’s Water Conservation Program. The City of Littleton partners with the organization to create stunning yards with native plants by offering discounts on removing lawn sections and discounted Garden In A Box kits. Find program info and applications at ResourceCentral.org.

Council Members to Host Community Meeting April 12

Littleton residents are invited to attend a community meeting hosted by Council Members Pam Grove and Andrea Peters. The meeting will review information on current city projects, followed by open dialogue for concerns or questions. Light refreshments will be served.

- When: Saturday, April 12 from 10 to 11:15 a.m.
- Where: Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura Street
- No RSVP necessary

Questions? Contact Grove at pgrove@LittletonCO.gov or Peters at apeters@LittletonCO.gov.

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## Permit Center Changes Help Increase Efficiency

Littleton's Permit Center is now operating under new hours designed to increase efficiency for customers. Walk-in visits are available Mondays from 1 to 4:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

In-person appointments with city planners and development engineers may be reserved during walk-in hours or through the city's online scheduling system, and are available on Mondays and Thursdays. The Permit Center is closed on Fridays. Setting appointments allows planners and engineers to research questions before a customer arrives, increasing productivity.

The new hours allow permit technicians to focus solely on the customer during open hours, while enabling them to concentrate on permit processing at all other times.

Several types of transactions are available at the counter, including payments, picking up approved parking permits or public notice signs, obtaining over-the-counter permits for appliance installations such as water heaters and furnaces, or asking permit or code questions.

Customers can also call or email the Permit Center for simple questions, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call the Permit Center at 303-795-3751 or email [Permits@LittletonCO.gov](mailto:Permits@LittletonCO.gov). For more information or to make an appointment, search "Permits, Review Guides, and Requirements" at [LittletonCO.gov](http://LittletonCO.gov).

## Elati Street Corridor Study to Launch Soon

Littleton's transportation planners and engineers are launching the Elati Street Corridor Study, aiming to develop a vision and plan for Elati Street from Littleton Boulevard to the High Line Canal Trail. The goal is to transform Elati into a multimodal roadway that encourages more people to walk and bike.

The study will focus on improvements in transportation safety and accessibility that are appropriate to surrounding land use. This project will include extensive public engagement to help drive recommendations. This will include opportunities for all residents to provide feedback, focused engagement with those who live directly along the corridor, a student ambassador program with Euclid Middle School and Runyon Elementary School, a walk/bike audit to assess the safety, accessibility, and comfort of the existing infrastructure, and multiple in-person and virtual engagement opportunities.

Stay tuned for more information — including a project webpage, opportunities to get involved, and project updates.

## Homelessness Action Plan Moves into New Phase

A long-term plan to address homelessness in Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan is moving into a new phase after Littleton City Council approved the 2025-2026 Tri-Cities Homelessness Plan of Action at its January 21 meeting.

In 2021, Littleton, Englewood, and Sheridan launched the Tri-Cities Homelessness Plan of Action, which ran through the end of 2024. The second iteration of the plan includes action items from the original plan that were yet to be completed, new action items focused on developing a long-term financial and governance model, and performance metrics to track success.

Goals of the Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative include:

- Understanding the homeless situation in the Tri-Cities;
- Ensuring legislation is supportive and consistent in each city;
- Creating a coordinated approach with numerous groups and agencies to implement promising strategies;
- Supporting community education to ensure communication and learning.

The initiative has seen success. In 2023 and 2024, 57 individuals receiving services from Tri-Cities agencies were housed, representing a 34% exit rate from homelessness, well above the 22% state average. Tri-Cities also initiated the Homelessness Navigation Center and Bridge House Ready-to-Work program, scheduled to open this spring. A co-responder program was launched, connecting people experiencing homelessness with service providers.

Moving forward, areas of focus include:

- Developing a long-term governance model with financial sustainability;
- Expanding housing opportunities for single adults through models that could include permanent supportive housing, shared housing, and landlord outreach;
- Streamlining services for families experiencing homelessness, including helping prevent families from becoming homeless, partnering with service providers and school districts, and expanding housing vouchers;
- Sharing performance metrics, including action items completed and numbers of people receiving services, Navigation Center use, and Ready-to-Work participation and graduation rates.

Learn more about the Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative at [TriCitiesHomeless.com](http://TriCitiesHomeless.com).



## South Platte Renew Earth Day River Clean-Up Event

Celebrate Earth Day with neighbors by cleaning up trash along the South Platte River and Mary Carter Greenway. South Platte Renew (SPR), the region's wastewater treatment agency, will host its annual River Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 26.

Picking up discarded trash and recyclables helps keep green spaces and waterways looking great and improves public health and the environment by preventing pollution from seeping into vital water sources.



Littleton's meet-up spot is the Riverside Downs parking lot, near Pedal Bike Shop. For those unable to attend the April 26 cleanup day, South Platte Renew coordinates a virtual clean-up from April 13 to 26, inviting groups to clean up an area important to their community and submit photographs and the number of bags of trash and recycling collected on SPR's website. The virtual clean-up can be conducted anywhere worldwide.

Participants for both virtual and in-person attendance must register ahead of time at [SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov/community-event/river-clean-up](http://SouthPlatteRenewCO.gov/community-event/river-clean-up).

## "Root & Renew" Parks Vision Plan Adopted

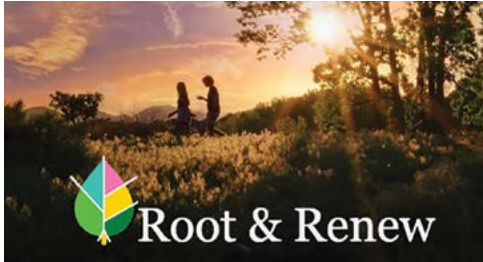
After nearly two years of planning and community engagement, Littleton City Council adopted the Root & Renew Vision Plan at its March 4 meeting, providing an outline for the future of the city's parks, open space, and trails.

The plan focuses on four themes, based in equity, that give guidelines for projects and improvements the city can undertake in the next few years. Those four themes are:

- Parks and Open Space — providing desired amenities in city districts that are currently lacking those amenities;
- Activities and Trends — seeking to provide new recreational activities, including water play and recreation, as well as other opportunities in line with national trends such as pickleball and disc golf;
- Resiliency and Nature — recognizing parks as a strategy for climate resilience and the importance of low-water landscaping where feasible, and increasing the tree canopy for both residents and wildlife;
- Community and Culture — sees parks as an opportunity for neighbors to connect with each other and the natural landscapes and seeking to increase opportunities for community connection through local partnerships and enhanced park design.

Root & Renew is largely based on two rounds of community engagement conducted in 2023 and 2024. These engagement periods collected input from nearly 1,000 Littleton residents, and included two online surveys, nine pop-ups at community events, parks, and recreation centers, and multiple community meetings.

For more information, search "Root & Renew" at [LittletonCO.gov](http://LittletonCO.gov).



## BUSINESS LEADERS: Learn More About Sustainability at "Waste Wise on the Green"

Business owners, managers, and local leaders looking to improve their environmental sustainability are invited to Broken Tee Golf Course for "Waste Wise on the Green," an engaging event to learn more about waste and water resources.

Hosted by the Sustainable Business Partnership Program of the Tri-Cities (Littleton, Englewood and Sheridan), the event features expert speakers who will share insights into innovative sustainability initiatives. Lunch provided.

When: Monday, April 14, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Broken Tee Golf Course, 2101 W. Oxford Avenue, Englewood

To register, search "Green Business Program" at [LittletonCO.gov](http://LittletonCO.gov) or contact Green Business Program Coordinator Aidan Lawton at 303-762-2315 or [alawton@englewoodco.gov](mailto:alawton@englewoodco.gov).

## Sewer/Storm Drainage Bills Available

The City of Littleton's 2025 Sewer and Storm Drainage Utility Bills were mailed to residents in February and March. Households that did not receive a bill should contact the City of Littleton Finance Department at 303-795-3772 or 303-795-3778, or by email at [UtilityRates@LittletonCO.gov](mailto:UtilityRates@LittletonCO.gov).

A reminder letter will be mailed in June to accounts with outstanding balances. Full payment is due by August 15 before a 15% late penalty is applied.

The city accepts cash, check, credit/debit cards and bill pay. Payments by phone are not accepted. Check the back of bills for more information, including fees and payment deadlines.

For information on current rates, paperless billing (eNotices Online), and online payments, search "Sewer/Storm Drainage Rates" at [LittletonCO.gov](http://LittletonCO.gov).



# Littleton Events SPRING 2025

## APRIL

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### Once, Town Hall Performance

Town Hall Arts Center  
See website for dates and times | [townhallartscenter.org](http://townhallartscenter.org)



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### "Here, the Cliffs," Littleton Symphony

Littleton United Methodist Church | 7 – 9 p.m.  
[littletonsymphony.org](http://littletonsymphony.org)

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### Rockin' on the River 5k

Hudson Gardens | 9 a.m. | [ssprd.org/raceseries](http://ssprd.org/raceseries)

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### Women's Leadership Conference

Ashley Ridge | 11:45 a.m. – 5 p.m. | [littletonbusinesschamber.org](http://littletonbusinesschamber.org)

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### Platte River Half Marathon

Reynolds Landing | 7 a.m. | [platteriverhalf.com](http://platteriverhalf.com)



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### Spring Craft Fair

Arapahoe Community College | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
[arapahoe.edu/events](http://arapahoe.edu/events)



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### Earth Day Community Event

Nevada Street between Powers and Main | 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
[juniperseedmercantile.com](http://juniperseedmercantile.com)

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### Venardos Circus

Aspen Grove | See website for dates and times | [venardoscircus.com](http://venardoscircus.com)

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### "Scheherazade," Littleton Symphony

Littleton United Methodist Church | 7 – 9 p.m.  
[littletonsymphony.org](http://littletonsymphony.org)



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### Sheep to Shawl

Littleton Museum | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | [littletonmuseum.org](http://littletonmuseum.org)

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### Littleton Business Chamber's State of the City

Ashley Ridge | 7 – 9:30 a.m. | [littletonbusinesschamber.org](http://littletonbusinesschamber.org)

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### Ladies Only Sample Tour

Downtown Littleton | 4 – 8 p.m. | [ladiesonlysampletour.com](http://ladiesonlysampletour.com)



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### On Your Feet, Town Hall Performance

Town Hall Arts Center  
See website for dates and times | [townhallartscenter.org](http://townhallartscenter.org)

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### Downtown Littleton Farmers Market

Nevada Street, north of Main | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. | [littletonQ.com](http://littletonQ.com)



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### Memorial Day Ceremonies

presented by Littleton VFW  
8 a.m. | Littleton Cemetery Veterans Circle  
10 a.m. | WWII Memorial, Ketring Park



Visit [Littleton.org](http://Littleton.org)







## LITTLETON MUSEUM EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

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](http://LittletonMuseum.org).

**Exhibit: "Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed"**

*Through April 6, 2025*

Come see the dinosaurs before they move on to their next stop! "Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed" explores the bones and fossils of giant creatures that once roamed the earth. Guests can get up-close looks at fiberglass molds and foam models of skulls, arms, feet, and everything in between. The exhibit features six life-size skeletal molds of well-known dinosaurs like Triceratops, Tyrannosaurus Rex, and Velociraptor.

**Exhibit: "Running West"**

*Through Saturday, April 19*

This contemporary art exhibition by artist Chuck Brenton delves into the profound experience of navigating mountain landscapes while capturing the essence of memory and the visceral impact of nature. The exhibition features a collection of polished and painted hybridized bronze works, ranging from two to five feet in height.

**Event: Sheep to Shawl**

*Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

How does a wool sweater come to be? See wool transformed from freshly shorn fleece into the woolen items everyone knows and loves. Watch the wool process in action through demonstrations of sheep shearing, as well as skirting, washing, dyeing, and more.

**Exhibit: "Port de Banana"**

*Friday, May 30 to Sunday, August 10*

"Port de Banana," an exhibition of work by Lio-Bravo Bumbakini, invites viewers to the small coastal seaport of Banana. At the mouth of the Congo River, it's the symbolic first point of contact between the western world and the Bantu Tribes inhabiting the region known as the Democratic Republic of Congo today. This mixed media exhibition tells Banana's history through a lucid dream-like metaphysical lens steeped in abstractions and surrealism.

## Arts and Culture Grants Support Creativity

Arts and cultural organizations that would like to play a bigger role in the cultural scene can apply for the Arts and Culture Grant, offering up to \$30,000 to support stabilization funding, collaborative programming, matching funds, capital improvement projects, or staffing.

Supported with revenue from the Littleton Lodgers Tax, this grant program aims to build a vibrant, collaborative, and creative Littleton where arts and culture are defining features of the community's identity and unique character. Applicants must:

- Be a registered nonprofit located within the Littleton city limits;
- Have a minimum of three consecutive years in operation;
- Offer publicly-accessible programming to Littleton residents.

Grant applications are open through Friday, April 11, with funding available in January 2026. Search "Arts & Culture Grant" at [LittletonMuseum.org](http://LittletonMuseum.org).



## Step Into the Past with Historic Downtown Walking Tours

Discover the rich history of Littleton's Downtown Historic District with a guided walking tour presented by Historic Littleton, Inc. Explore the stories behind the district's historic buildings, their architectural significance, and the people who shaped Littleton's past.

Tours take place on first Fridays (except July 4) at 6 p.m. on the following dates: May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5, and October 3. Additional tours will be offered during Western Welcome Week on Thursday, August 14, at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

All tours begin inside the Depot Art Gallery at 2069 W. Powers Avenue. Arrive early to explore the historic train depot and caboose, as well as the gallery's latest art exhibits. Walking tours are free, with no reservations required, though donations are appreciated. Learn more at [hlinc.org](http://hlinc.org).



### South Suburban Board Election

The next regular election of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District will be held May 6. Three out of five board positions will be filled, each to serve a four-year term. This will be a polling place election, with the option of obtaining an absentee ballot. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is April 29. Find all the information about the upcoming election at [ssprd.org/elections](http://ssprd.org/elections).

### Summer Catalog

The South Suburban Summer 2025 Catalog will be available online for registrations April 15, and the printed version will hit mailboxes the third week of April. View and register for summer programs at [register.ssprd.org](http://register.ssprd.org).

### Matching Gifts Program

Each year, South Suburban's Matching Gifts Program helps individuals, neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses, and other organizations turn their ideas into reality. Applications for 2025 projects are open. Submit an application by May 31 to share ideas for improvements across the district. Learn more at [ssprd.org/matching-gifts-program](http://ssprd.org/matching-gifts-program).

### Annual War Memorial Rose Garden Pruning Workshop

*Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m. to noon | War Memorial Rose Garden, 5804 S. Bemis Street*

Join South Suburban, Master Gardeners, Denver Rose Society and other gardeners for a fun-filled and educational day at the annual Rose Pruning Workshop. The event is free, but registration is required. Learn more at [ssprd.org](http://ssprd.org).

### Active Adult Healthy Living Expo

*Thursday, May 1, 9 to 11 a.m.*

Take advantage of health checks, enjoy interactive demos and learn about local resources at the Active Adult Healthy Living Expo, sponsored by McGirl Insurance. More than 50 exhibitors will offer a variety of services and support to help older adults live happier and healthier. Free, registration not required.

### South Suburban Race Series: Rockin' on the River 5K

*Sunday, April 6 | Hudson Gardens*

Take in the view along the beautiful South Platte River on the Mary Carter Greenway for this annual 5K, which starts and ends at The Hudson Gardens & Event Center. To learn more and register for races, visit [ssprd.org/raceseries](http://ssprd.org/raceseries).

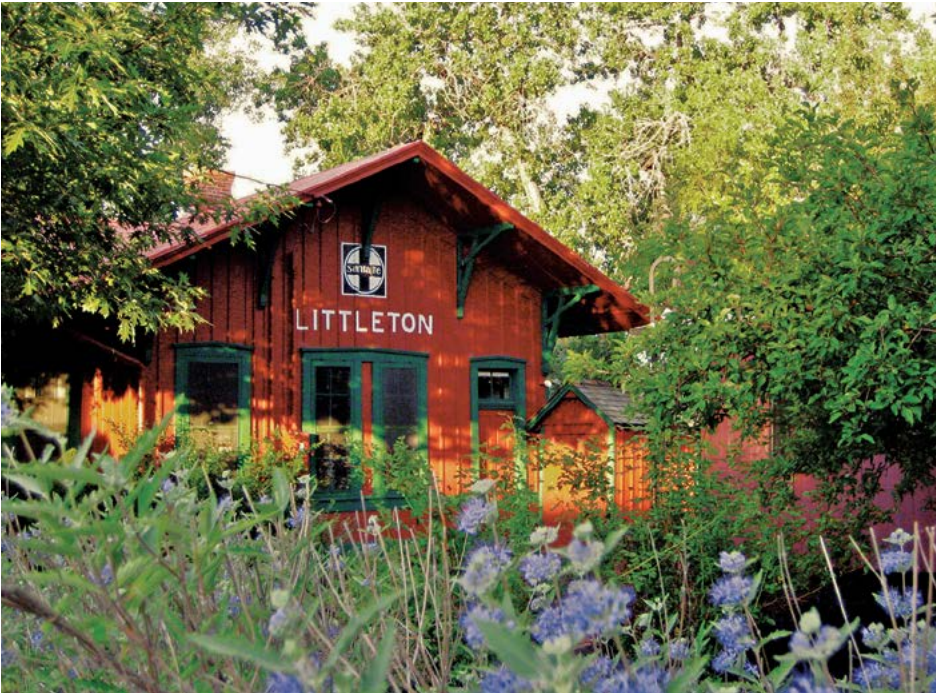
## Explore "Road Trip" and "Colorado Beauty" at Depot Art Gallery

Check out two art shows at Depot Art Gallery this spring: "Road Trip" and "Colorado Beauty."

Award-winning Colorado artist Gene Youngmann will jury "Road Trip," on display from April 1 to 27. As part of the exhibit, Denver mystery author Kate Grayson will host a reading from her mystery novel *Misfortune* on Wednesday, April 9 at 4 p.m.

"Colorado Beauty" will take center stage from April 29 to June 1, featuring stunning artistic interpretations of the Centennial State.

Depot Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2069 W. Powers Avenue. Admission is free. Learn more at [DepotArtGallery.org](http://DepotArtGallery.org).





# BEYOND BOOKS

## EVENTS AT BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### FEATURED PROGRAMS

#### Active Minds

This series of lectures covers a variety of current, historical, and biographical topics.

- **Mount Everest** — Monday, April 7, 2 p.m.
- **Puerto Rico** — Monday, April 28, 2 p.m.
- **Georgia O’Keefe** — Monday, May 19, 2 p.m.

#### An Evening with William Shakespeare

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Join storyteller Kurtis Kelly for a program spotlighting the famous sonnets from the world of Shakespeare. Kelly will step into the role of a costumed actor from the Globe Theatre, sharing an assortment of the Bard’s enduring verse along with lore and trivia.

#### Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble Spring Concert

Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate spring with the Smithtonian Handbell Ensemble, featuring songs of Shenandoah, ragtime classics, festive dances, and more.



#### Protect Yourself: Understanding and Preventing Fraud

Tuesday, April 22, 2 p.m.

Learn practical strategies to protect personal information and finances, such as enabling account alerts, updating passwords, and more, as well as essential steps victims of fraud should take.



#### Spring Plant Swap

Saturday, April 26, 1 p.m.

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. Please ensure plants are healthy and clean.

#### Rocky’s West Side Stories

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.

Join Dave Lively for an immersive journey into the western side of Rocky Mountain National Park. Hear stories of human nature encountering Mother Nature and be inspired to preserve the wilderness, wildlife and wonder of Rocky Mountain National Park’s west side.



### BOOK CLUBS AT BEMIS

#### Afternoon Book Club

Attend in the Conference Room or online via Zoom.

- Wednesday, April 2, 1 p.m.  
**The Great Divide** by Cristina Henriquez
- Wednesday, May 7, 1 p.m.  
**The House in the Cerulean Sea** by TJ Klune



#### Right to Read Book Club

The Right to Read Book Club celebrates the freedom to read and engage in thoughtful, respectful conversations about difficult topics, censorship, and why libraries fight to protect the right to read freely. Participants are invited to read the selected titles or ask a librarian for other books that fit the month’s theme.

- Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.  
**A Light in the Attic** by Shel Silverstein
- Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.  
**The Things They Carried** by Tim O’Brien

#### Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club meets monthly to develop community by discussing a variety of fiction (and occasionally nonfiction) in a welcoming, relaxed environment. Light refreshments will be served.

- Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.  
**Beautiful Ruins** by Jess Walters
- Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.  
**The Red Address Book** by Sofia Lundberg

### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Teen Advisory Group

Second Wednesdays, 5 p.m.  
For Grades 6-12

Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, and have fun while earning community service credit. Participants of the current school year are invited to an exclusive Laser Tag event in May. Snacks will be served.

#### Teen Takeover: DinoRama

Wednesday, April 16, 5 p.m.

Create a diorama-style “book nook” and put your own major twist on a minor extinction event.



#### Teen Takeover: Summer Reading Program Poster Party

Wednesday, May 21, 5 p.m.

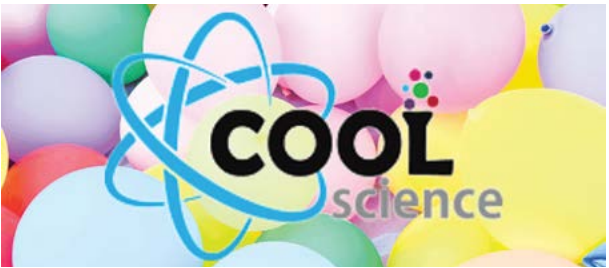
Design and decorate large-scale posters to promote the summer reading program and theme, Color Our World.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Drop-In and Build at Bemis

Friday, April 18, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
For families with children 5th grade and younger

Bring the whole family and stop by anytime during our construction hours for an open build session. Create and construct with the materials provided such as Lego, Duplo, Lincoln logs, Marble Run, Tinker Toys, foam blocks and large wooden blocks.



#### Cool Science Presents Balloon Science

Monday, April 21, 11 a.m.  
For families with children of all ages

Be amazed by super cool science experiments and demonstrations featuring colorful balloons in this interactive performance.

Visit [BemisLibrary.org](https://BemisLibrary.org) for more information about everything happening at the library including book clubs, storytimes, technology classes, and more.

\* Registration required.  
Call 303-795-3961 or sign up through the Events Calendar at [BemisLibrary.org/calendar](https://BemisLibrary.org/calendar)



### Summer Reading Program Begins May 27!

**Summer Reading Kickoff**  
Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Celebrate the start of summer reading with colorful activities for all ages. Try squeegee painting, sidewalk chalk, and window markers, or personalize a summer reading tote bag (while supplies last). Visit [bemismarmot.org](https://bemismarmot.org) for more information about programs and activities throughout the summer.





# COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## Fresh Market & Community Kitchen



Foodies rejoice: Littleton is now home to a world-class international food market. Fresh Market & Community Kitchen opened in the Woodlawn Shopping Center in February, offering an amazing variety of fresh meat and produce, organic and natural items, and foods from around the globe.

Fresh Market features a halal-certified meat counter, offering surprisingly good deals on locally-sourced beef, lamb, chicken and more. The sprawling produce section boasts a wide variety of organic and conventional fruits and vegetables.

Shelves are packed with unique and hard-to-find items from the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Europe and beyond.

Shoppers with dietary restrictions will find lots to like, too: Fresh Market is a great source for vegan and gluten-free items.

“I wanted to bring the tastes of the world to Littleton,” said owner Husain Abdulla, who also runs Mecca Market in Aurora. “When people sit down around a table for a good meal together, many of our differences disappear.”

As Fresh Market grows, Abdulla has big plans. Think monthly cooking classes, teaching flavorful foods like shawarma, kabobs, or Moroccan couscous. Also: a bakery with an in-house tandoor oven for fresh-made flatbreads.

Fresh Market & Community Kitchen is at 1500 W. Littleton Blvd., Unit 106. For more information, email [fresh.market.littleton@gmail.com](mailto:fresh.market.littleton@gmail.com), call 720-825-7741, or follow the store on Facebook.

## Celebrate Entrepreneurship During Small Business and Economic Development Weeks

Littleton’s Economic Development team is celebrating Small Business Week, May 5 to 9, and Economic Development Week, May 12 to 16. Throughout both weeks, the team will light up the City of Littleton’s social media accounts with the success stories of local small businesses and entrepreneurs.

On May 8, Economic Development will join forces with the Littleton Business Chamber for an event at Kiln coworking space, featuring seminars on important topics for small business leaders and opportunities for networking. Learn more at [LittletonBusinessChamber.org](http://LittletonBusinessChamber.org).



### Shop Local, Get Cash Back!

Shopping and dining local comes with its own rewards — finding unique items or eating great food while supporting Littleton businesses. Now, shoppers can get cash back for shopping and dining local with the Open Rewards app.

Get 5% cash back at participating retailers and restaurants. Search “Open Rewards: For Shoppers” at [LittletonCO.gov](http://LittletonCO.gov) to sign up!

Want more reasons to support local business? During Small Business Week from May 5 to 9, customers who shop or dine at participating local businesses can earn a 10% cash-back reward through the Open Rewards app!

## Littleton Brewing Company

The wait is over — Littleton Brewing Company is now open on West Littleton Boulevard, bringing a new hangout with a serious cool factor to northeast Littleton.

The brainchild of father-and-son team Ray and Troy Beer (yes, Beer), Littleton Brewing joins recent arrivals like Lost Coffee and Cherry Cricket that are revitalizing Littleton Boulevard, providing a welcoming gateway for visitors and residents alike into Downtown Littleton.

Littleton Brewing will offer a full menu of beer brewed in-house under the direction of veteran brewmaster Wayne Waananen. The menu will be “lager-centric” and

“very drinkable,” Waananen said, with few beers exceeding 7 or 8% alcohol.

Also on deck: a full menu of burgers, wood-fired pizza, and more.

Littleton Brewing offers indoor and outdoor seating, including multiple fire pits. But the real stunner is the rooftop deck, featuring a breathtaking view of the Rockies.

The brewery will offer a variety of events, including trivia nights, adult spelling bees, and more to come.

Littleton Brewing Company is at 1201 W. Littleton Boulevard. For more information, visit [LittletonBrewCo.com](http://LittletonBrewCo.com).



## Southwest Veterinary Hospital Celebrates 35 Years in Littleton

Much has changed in veterinary medicine in the last 35 years. Back in 1990, all records were on paper, x-rays were on film, and few veterinary practices could conduct lab work in-house. Southwest Veterinary Hospital is a lot more modern than when they moved into their Littleton location 35 years ago, but some things haven’t changed.

Southwest is still independently owned, even as waves of consolidation have left many veterinary practices under distant corporate ownership.

“That means we can still provide customized care and

better relationships,” said Dr. Sara Mark, who leads the practice. “It’s not about squeezing every penny out of you.”

Southwest has a staff of 15, including four doctors. The practice hosted nearly 10,000 visits last year. Southwest provides a wide range of services, primarily for cats and dogs: everything from x-rays to ultrasounds to nutrition counseling and end-of-life care. But their main offering is trustworthy, time-tested guidance.

“I’ve been here long enough that I’ve seen people’s kids grow up, and now they’re bringing their pets to me,” Mark said. “We’re here for you.”

Southwest Veterinary Hospital is at 250 E. Dry Creek Road #106. For more information, visit [SWvet.com](http://SWvet.com) or call 303-794-2697.

