



Littleton Economic Notes

August 2008

Littleton Businesses

Crown Trophy of Littleton was named **Franchise of the Year for 2008** at the awards industry national convention. Owner John Movius has been in the Woodlawn Shopping Center (2100 W. Littleton Blvd.) for 12 years and also has a second store outside the city.

Curtice Street Studio Gallery has opened at 5780 S. Curtice St. Sue Croy and 14 other artists offer workshops in all media at their co-op.

A Comfort Dental office recently opened at 209 W. Littleton Blvd. offering general and cosmetic dentistry, including low cost first-time exam and x-rays, patient services, membership insurance plan, online coupons and more from owner/partner dentists.

The July “Top of the Town” issue of 5280 listed Pinon Fine Art (2510 W. Main St.) as a place to go for “some of the best landscape oils by Western artists” and Kai restaurant (699 W. Littleton Blvd.), which serves Japanese cuisine, in their list of favorite restaurants.

This month, 5280 featured Old Glory Antiques (2500 W. Main St.) in an article detailing its transformation with its move from Connifer to Littleton by new owner, Holly Kuhn, a veteran Denver antique dealer.

Hana Designs Wig Studio and Aveda Salon (1086 W. Littleton Blvd.) will hold its 8th Annual Community Service Day Open House designed to assist any person in need of a wig due to hair loss issues, whose financial situation prohibits a purchase. Along with wigs, all services including makeovers, chair massages and customized healing scalp massages will be provided free of charge on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

ADA-Environmental Solutions (8100 SouthPark Way) announced it has been selected by the Department of Energy to be the prime contractor to develop a technology that will capture carbon dioxide from coal-fired power plants. It will work with the DOE’s National Energy Technology Laboratory and several industry producers on what is expected to be a multimillion-dollar project lasting three years.

Zynex, Inc., a provider of pain management systems and electrotherapy products for medical patients with functional disability, has reported a record profit and a record increase in revenue (235%) for the second quarter of this year. The company is located at 8022 SouthPark Cir.

Rick Lawrence has announced that Lawrence Architecture, Inc.(2686 W. Alamo Ave.) is the architect of one of the homes that can be viewed at this year's Parade of Homes.

The Colorado Center for the Blind (2233 W Shepperd Ave.) will celebrate its 20th anniversary this September. If you would like to support the center with a silent auction donation, please call Julie Dedon at (303) 778-1130.

Aspen Grove (7301 S. Santa Fe Dr.) is hosting the Denver Farmers Market on Wednesdays through Oct. 29 and A Paris Street Market on Saturdays through Oct. 4.

New Development

The owner of The Shoppes at Columbine shopping center (Platte Canyon and Bowles, south side, formerly Platte Canyon Square) is continuing to remodel the center and has announced that My Favorite Muffins will be a new tenant for the center.

Hilltop Vista submitted a proposal for a 31,200 s.f. office condo building next to Harley Davidson on County Line Rd.

Other

John Jantsch of Duct Tape Marketing will be returning to Littleton to give an informative seminar on marketing best practices at the City Center on September 19 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Called by many across the nation the World's Most Practical Small Business Expert, John consistently delivers real-world, proven small business marketing ideas and strategies. This is a free seminar to any business within the city limits. RSVP to jricca@littletongov.org. (John's seminars have filled up early in the past.)

The Finance Department has received resignations from Kim Boutelle and Elizabeth Norgren, both of whom are leaving for career advancement positions in their fields.

Per the Liquor Enforcement Division of the Colorado State Department of Revenue:

- If any business does not have a liquor license, a Special Events Permit, or a City-issued Permit to Consume, they may NOT serve complementary spirits, wine or malt liquor to customers, either during business hours or after closing.
- A Special Events Permit is required any time there is an event being held by a nonprofit, fraternal organization, or political candidate and there will be a charge to purchase alcohol and/or the general public is invited.
- Alcoholic beverages may be served (not sold) after obtaining a City issued "Permit to Consume" at **private, invitation only** parties in nonresidential locations that are not advertised and not open to the public.

Calendar

HDLM: Sept. 3, 2008, 8:00 A.M., Town Hall Arts Center

WOODLAWN: No meeting scheduled for September.

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

This week's best quote: "Email is for old people." If you just caught up to the fast moving world of technology, consider this—are you familiar with Twitter, Facebook, del.icio.us, wikis, Second Life, blogs, and podcasts?

Very few young people read a newspaper or own a landline telephone. There is a whole generation that never knew a time without email (now considered to be for old people). The new media is social media, and young people live and communicate on fast-moving networks and consider newspapers and landline phones to be as ancient history as the first gulf War (which happened before they were born).

These people are tomorrow's markets.

The mission of the Business/Industry Affairs department is to grow our economy by helping Littleton entrepreneurs be competitive. Call B/IA at 303.795.3749 if we can help.

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