

Littleton Economic Notes

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Littleton Businesses

Novus Biologicals, Inc. was ranked 22nd in Deloitte's "Colorado Technology Fast 50" companies. The award program ranks technology, media, telecommunications and life sciences companies located in Colorado by percentage revenue growth over five years. Those companies chosen for the list "have demonstrated the vision, tenacity and strength to succeed in today's very competitive technology environment."

Karl & Robin Tanke, owners of Henri's Jewelry Company, recently held a grand opening and ribbon cutting at their beautiful new location in the Southbridge Shopping Center (191 W. Mineral Ave.). Henri's has been in Littleton for 74 years, first in several different places in the downtown area, followed by 52 years in the Woodlawn Shopping Center.

Ambiance de Provence has moved from its original Main St. location to 5743 S. Prince St., right next to the post office.

Littleton Antiques & Such held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the store at 2677 W. Alamo St. Owner Karen Farestad has created a "shop of shops" under one roof with shopkeepers who offer a variety of antiques, collectibles, decorative wares, etc., as well as a variety of classes.

Floyd Rogers has opened The Rogers Law Firm at 1150 W. Littleton Blvd. The practice handles cases dealing with Mediation, Family Law, Estate Planning, Business Law, Personal Injury, and DUI/Traffic.

Gaylene Unruh has relocated her hair salon, Hair Quest (formerly G n T'z) from the Woodlawn Shopping Center to the Broadway Estates Shopping Center at 6504 S. Broadway, directly behind the new McDonald Automotive Group building and next door to Solid Grounds Coffee Shop.

A recent ribbon cutting marked the opening of Oh, So Charming Cottage at 5684 S. Datura St. Owners Melissa Bragg, Gwen Arnold and Marianne Baldwin offer their vintage furnishings and accessories on the first weekend of every month and by appointment in the recently renovated gray house with the bright pink door.

The law offices of Eisenstein & Kouch, LLP have recently moved into the professional building at 1150 W. Littleton Blvd. Jake Eisenstein and Tina Kouch handle Business and Tax Law, Estate Planning, Family Law, Personal Injury, and Criminal Defense.

New Development

Merle's Restaurant is scheduled to open in November. It should fill a big gap in the restaurant scene in downtown as have the five new restaurants in the Riverside Downs project across the river at W. Belleview and Prince St.

Construction on the Alexan upscale apartment project is proceeding briskly. The project is on the former Electron Iron Foundry site situated between S. Santa Fe and S. Rio Grande St. near W. Belleview Ave.

Although Lisa Schomp's stunning new BMW facility is just outside the city limits, she has been a great corporate citizen in Littleton for decades and we wish her the best at that new location as well as continued success at Ralph Schomp Automotive at 5700 S. Broadway.

Other

A Community Blood Drive is being held on Thursday Nov. 6 at the office of Dr. Jodie Moreland (5590 S. Windermere St.). The Bonfils Bus will be there from 11:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You can make an appointment by using site code 6546 at www.bonfils.org.

The City's "economic gardening" program won the national award for entrepreneurship from the International Economic Development Council. The IEDC is the worldwide professional organization for economic developers. Economic Gardening is generally considered to have changed the profession by adding a fourth focus on entrepreneurship.

Council has finished its budget workshops. The proposed budget for 2009 is available to the public at <http://www.littleton.gov/finance/files/budget-proposed-2009.pdf>

The BIAAC has two vacancies with the resignations of Lisa Schomp of Ralph Schomp Automotive and Doug Hauck of Austin Hauck.

The City Manager decided not to refill the Community Development Director position at this time. Dennis Swain will remain as Interim Director as well as the Long Range Planner.

The Littleton Housing Authority has purchased three apartment buildings with a total of 69 apartments located on W. Powers Circle. The goal of Littleton Housing is to upgrade the buildings and offer citizens affordable housing alternatives within the city.

Littleton's Town Hall Arts Center (THAC) has announced the appointment of Nancy Stalf as Executive Director and has named Catherine Lambert the new Director of Operations.

Calendar

HDLM: Nov. 5, 2008, 8:00 A.M., Town Hall Arts

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

Start up businesses in Littleton will shortly have access to superb web-based assistance. We have reviewed a number of national sites for best practices and information and will shortly put links to these sites on the Littleton web page. These will include business plan outlines and samples as well as templates for a number of business-related forms and sheets. Stay tuned for an announcement of this new feature.

*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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